

Achievement award banquet recognizes 4-H'ers efforts

On Nov. 7, 4-H club members, their families and friends meet on the Cheyenne County Fairgrounds in the 4-H exhibit building for the annual 4-H Achievement Banquet to give recognition and awards for 4-H'ers efforts throughout the year.

The banquet began with Marty Fear, Cheyenne County Extension agent, welcoming the members and their families to an event of presenting awards and thanking sponsors for their support. Following the dinner, county achievement awards were announced. Also assisting with the event was Linda Elfers, assistant Extension agent.

First-year membership pin
The pin is given to 4-H'ers that have attended over half of the regular club meetings. Receiving pins were Joseph Augusta, Jesse Baxter, Shadryon Blanka, Garin Cooper, Brady Dinkel, Bradey Hansen, Dominique Johnston, Brody Kaup and Brady Schoenrogge.

Bronze pin
A 4-H'er must meet four requirements in addition to attending over half of regular club meetings to receive the bronze pin. They were awarded to Karly Bandel, Cody Baxter, Emileigh Dinkel, Ivan Kemp, Jylian Laten and Katie Wurm.

Emerald pin
To receive the emerald pin a 4-H'er completes nine requirements and attends over half of club meetings. Martin Beikman, Jake Faulkender, Christina Schoenrogge, Taylor Rogers and Travis Rogers received a pin.

Silver pin
The silver award is presented to the 4-H'er who meets 10 requirements and attends over half of the club meetings. This pin was awarded to Celine Isely.

Silver guard pin
The silver-guard pin was

awarded to Taylor Archibald, Mariah Beikman, Emily Elfers and Jude Faulkender for completing 12 requirements and attending a majority of club meetings.

Leadership pin
In order to receive the leadership pin, a 4-H'er must attend over half of club meetings and achieve 16 requirements. This pin was awarded to Kyla Bandel, Shakotah Blanka and Valerie Wurm.

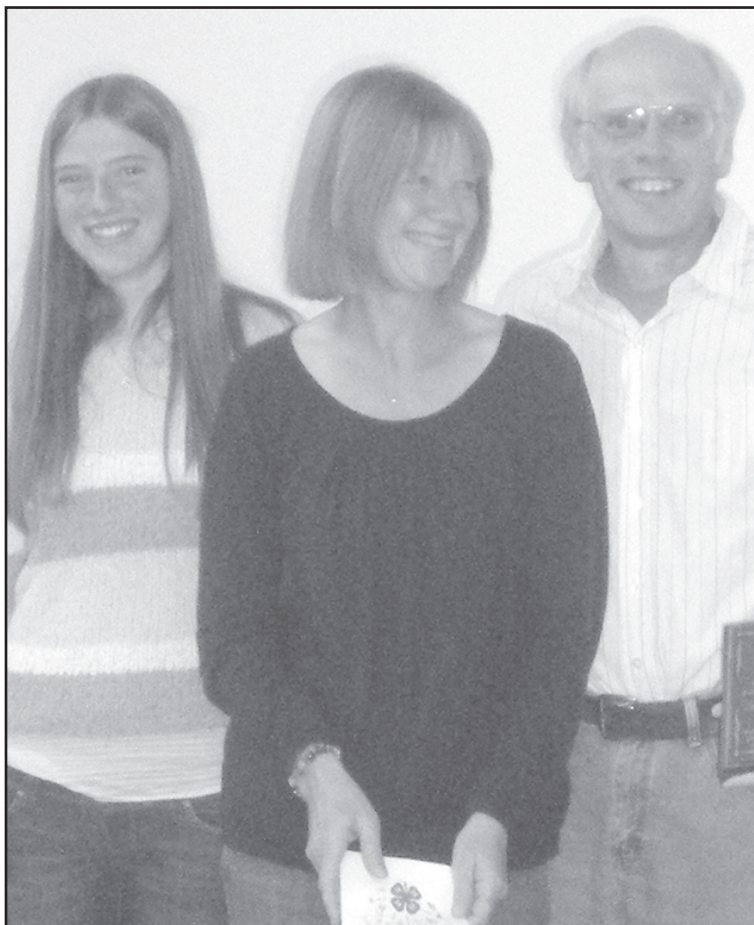
Gold Guard pin
Requirements for the gold guard pin are the 4-H'er must attend over half the club meetings and achieve 20 requirements. Jandy Dunn and Allison Grice were awarded this pin.

Tag-a-Long Project
This program is for ages 5-7 and a younger sibling or friend of a 4-H'er. They must attend club meetings with their tag-a-long partner and can exhibit at the county fair. This year's award went to Hadleigh Hilt.

Club Seals
The following clubs met multiple requirements to obtain their seals: Go-Getters, Lawn Ridge, Pleasant Hill and Plum Creek.

Leader Recognition
Without the supports, hard work and time given by volunteers, 4-H clubs and their many activities would not be possible.

County-wide leaders are Francis O'Leary, shooting sports, 6 years; Richard Walters, shooting sports, 5 years; Rodney Radcliffe, shooting sports, 5 years; Josh Moberly, shooting sports, 1 year; Dr. Becky Allard, shooting sports, 2 years; Mary Lou Douthit, photography, 35 years; Amy Hathaway, horse, 1 year; Penny Archibald, dog, 1 year; Shawn Blanka, goats, 3 years; Shawna Blanka, goats, 3 years; and Margaret Poling, knitting, 5 years.



THE JETER ISELY family receives the 4-H Family of the Year award.

Club Leaders
Go-Getters, Nina Isely, 2 years and Linda Schneider, 2 years.
Lawn Ridge, Penny Archibald, 4 years and Aimee Northrup, 2 years.

Pleasant Hill, Leslie Beims, club leader, 3 years; Tye Faulkender, club leader, 3 years; Mary Lou Douthit, arts and crafts, 35 years; Mike Bandel, beef, 8 years; Tye Faulkender, beef, 3 years; Julie Brunk, horse, 8 years; Tammy Grice, fiber arts, 6 years; Roger Faulkender, wood working, 6 years; Kaye O'Brien, clothing, 36 years.

Plum Creek, Sue Zimbelman, club leader, 10 years; Mary Beik-

man, arts and crafts, 6 years; and Shawn and Shawna Blanka, goats, 3 years.

Special Awards
The Herdsmanship Award is judged to the County Fair exhibitors on four species of animals, in areas of alley cleanliness, stall condition, exhibit arrangement, appearance of animals and stall cards. The award went to the Lawn Ridge 4-H Club.

The Tillie Schlepp Memorial Gardening Award is given to the top 4-H gardener by her family. The award went to Ivan Kemp.

The 4-H Style Revue Champion Award is presented in memory of Paul Sr. and Vera Gorthy

by Jack and Ann Gorthy Maring, along with their children, Jeanne and Jo Anne. It is awarded to the Senior Style Revue Champion, Lauren Bandel.

The Dale Shoemaker Memorial Award is sponsored by the Lawn Ridge 4-H Club and is awarded to the outstanding 4-H Junior Leader. Guidelines are set by the Shoemaker family and Lawn Ridge 4-H Club. The award was presented to Valerie Wurm.

The Kevin Wright Award was established by the Bird City Go-Getters 4-H Club in Kevin's memory and awarded to a sixth grade or younger member. Jude Faulkender received the award.

The Robert Pianalto Memorial Award was presented to Savannah Isely.

The 4-H Family of The Year is awarded to the 4-H family that has at least one member that is a leader or member. It recognizes a family for their involvement and accomplishes in the county 4-H program. The Jeter Isely family received the award.

The Friend of 4-H Award is presented to the person(s) who strengthens the 4-H Program. Their hard work and caring attitude is felt all year long. The award was presented to Pat and Vicki Cress.

Individual Achievement Awards
In the beef division: Mariah

Beikman, Allison Grice and Kyla Bandel. Bucket calf division, Shadryon Blanka and Karly Bandel.

Buymanship: Shakotah Blanka and Shadryon Blanka.
Family Studies: Allison Grice.
Fiber Arts: Allison Grice.
Foods: Allison Grice and Karly Bandel.

Goats: Shakotah Blanka, Valerie Wurm, Cody Baxter and Jesse Baxter.

Horse: Allison Grice, Emily Elfers, Jesse Baxter and Shadryon Blanka.

Leadership: Allison Grice.
Photography: Allison Grice.
Sheep: Jandy Dunn.

Shooting Sports: Shakotah Blanka and Valerie Wurm.

Swine: Valerie Wurm, Martin Beikman and Kyla Bandel.
Visual Arts: Allison Grice.

Wood: Jude Faulkender.
Tag-A-Longs: Hadleigh Hilt.

Top Record Books: junior girl, Katie Wurm; junior boy, Shadryon Blanka; intermediate girl, Valerie Wurm; intermediate boy, Shakotah Blanka; senior girl, Jandy Dunn.

Club Record Books: secretary's book, Lawn Ridge, Dale Northrup; treasurer's book, Lawn Ridge, Valerie Wurm; reporter's book, Go-Getters, Ivan Kemp; historian's book, Lawn Ridge, Caitlin Northrup and Katie Wurm.

Conservation service program available

"Many landowners and producers ask 'Is Conservation Service program (CSP) Right for Me?'" says Keith D. Kisner, Supervisory District Conservationist on the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) staff, at the U.S. Department of Agriculture Service Center in Atwood. The current Conservation Stewardship Program (CSP) signup deadline is Jan. 7.

Mr. Kisner says landowners and producers can play a large role in determining whether or not the program is right for them and explains how.

"First, can they answer 'yes' to the following three questions?"

- Are you willing to commit time to inventory and document your conservation activities and production system to determine eligibility and ranking?
- Do you have records of your farming activities and are you willing to continue maintaining records to document your conservation activities? (Records will be used during Natural Resources Conservation Service field visits to verify the accuracy of application information before contracts are approved.)
- Are you ready to enter into a 5-year contract requiring you to apply additional conservation activities and to improve, maintain, and manage existing conservation activities?

"Second, if they can answer

"yes," then they need to complete the Conservation Service Program Self-Screening Checklist," continued Mr. Kisner. "It is available on the Internet at http://www.nrcs.usda.gov/programs/new_csp/2010/ranking_period_two/jobsheet_pdfs/special/CSP_Producer_Self-Screening_Checklist.pdf.

The Self-Screening Checklist can be downloaded or can be requested at the local Natural Resources Conservation Service office.

"The checklist doesn't have to be turned in to Natural Resources Conservation Service," said the district conservationist. "It's there to help landowners and producers determine if the program is right for them."

This is a voluntary program that encourages land stewards to improve their conservation performance by installing and adopting additional activities; and improving, maintaining, and managing existing activities on agricultural land and nonindustrial private forest land.

If you have questions regarding the checklist and Conservation Service Program or other conservation programs, please contact your local Natural Resources Conservation Service staff, at the St. Francis field office, 614B West Business US Highway 36 in St. Francis, KS.) or call at 785-332-2341 and visit with us.

Public Notices

Notice of hearing set for final settlement

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IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF CHEYENNE COUNTY, KANSAS
In the Matter of the Estate of
ROYCE D KELLNER, Deceased.
No. 10 PR 03

Petition Pursuant to K.S.A. Chapter 59
NOTICE OF HEARING ON PETITION FOR FINAL SETTLEMENT
THE STATE OF KANSAS TO ALL PERSONS CONCERNED:
You are hereby notified that a Petition for Final Settlement was filed in this Court by Elmer N Kellner and Wayne A Kellner, duly appointed, qualified and acting co-administrators of the Estate of Royce D Kellner, deceased, requesting that petitioners actions be approved; account be settled and allowed, the heirs be determined; the estate be assigned to the persons entitled to it pursuant to the Laws of Intestate Succession; fees and expenses be allowed; costs be determined and ordered paid; administration of the estate be closed; co-administrators be discharged and released from further liability.
You are hereby required to file your written defenses thereto on or before the 23rd day of December, 2010, at 10:30 o'clock A.M., on said day, in said Court, in the City of St. Francis, in Cheyenne County, at which time and place said cause will be heard. Should you fail therein, judgment and decree will be entered in due course and upon said petition.

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Petition filed for the Betty Orth estate

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IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF CHEYENNE COUNTY, KANSAS
In the Matter of the Estate of
BETTY J. ORTH, Deceased
Case No. 09-PR-29
(Petition Pursuant to K.S.A. Chapter 59)

NOTICE OF HEARING
THE STATE OF KANSAS TO ALL PERSONS CONCERNED:

You are hereby notified that a petition has been filed in this Court by Roger Orth, duly appointed, qualified and acting Executor of the Estate of Betty J. Orth, deceased, praying Petitioner's acts be approved; account be settled and allowed; the heirs be determined; the Will be construed and the Estate be assigned to the persons entitled thereto; the Court find the allowances requested for attorneys' and executor's fees and expenses are reasonable and should be allowed; the costs be determined and ordered paid; the administration of the Estate be closed; upon the filing of receipts the Petitioner be finally discharged as the Executor of the Estate of Betty J. Orth, deceased, and the Petitioner be released from further liability.

You are required to file your written defenses thereto on or before December 28, 2010, at 2:00 P.M. in the District Court, in St. Francis, Cheyenne County, Kansas, at which time and place the cause will be heard. Should you fail therein, judgment and decree will be entered in due course upon the petition.

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Petition filed for the Bluford Kellner estate

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IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF CHEYENNE COUNTY, KANSAS
In the Matter of the Estate of
BLUFORD V KELLNER, Deceased
No. 09 PR 09

Petition Pursuant to K.S.A. Chapter 59
NOTICE OF HEARING ON PETITION FOR FINAL SETTLEMENT
THE STATE OF KANSAS TO ALL PERSONS CONCERNED:
You are hereby notified that a Petition has been filed in this court by Elmer N Kellner and Wayne A Kellner, duly appointed, qualified, and acting Co-administrators CTA of the Estate of Bluford V Kellner, deceased, requesting that petitioner's acts be approved, account be settled and allowed; the heirs be determined; the will be construed and the estate be assigned to the persons entitled thereto; the court find the balances requested for executor and attorney fees and expenses are reasonable and should be allowed; the costs be determined and ordered paid; the administration of the estate be closed; and upon the filing of receipts the petitioners be finally discharged as the Co-Administrators CTA of the Estate of Bluford V Kellner, deceased and the petitioners be released from further liability.

You are hereby required to file your written defenses thereto on or before the 23rd day of December, 2010, at 10:00 o'clock A.M., on said day, in said Court, in the City of St Francis, in Cheyenne County, at which time and place said cause will be heard. Should you fail therein, judgment and decree will be entered in due course and upon said petition.

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Petition filed for the Gordon Orth estate

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IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF CHEYENNE COUNTY, KANSAS
In the Matter of the Estate of
GORDON G. ORTH, Deceased
Case No. 09-PR-28
(Petition Pursuant to K.S.A. Chapter 59)

NOTICE OF HEARING
THE STATE OF KANSAS TO ALL PERSONS CONCERNED:

You are hereby notified that a petition has been filed in this Court by Roger Orth, duly appointed, qualified and acting Executor of the Estate of Gordon G. Orth, deceased, praying Petitioner's acts be approved; account be settled and allowed; the heirs be determined; the Will be construed and the Estate be assigned to the persons entitled thereto; the Court find the allowances requested for attorneys' and executor's fees and expenses are reasonable and should be allowed; the costs be determined and ordered paid; the administration of the Estate be closed; upon the filing of receipts the Petitioner be finally discharged as the Executor of the Estate of Gordon G. Orth, deceased, and the Petitioner be released from further liability.

You are required to file your written defenses thereto on or before December 28, 2010, at 2:00 P.M. in the District Court, in St. Francis, Cheyenne County, Kansas, at which time and place the cause will be heard. Should you fail therein, judgment and decree will be entered in due course upon the petition.

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Public Notice

Petition filed in court for the Bressler estate

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IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF CHEYENNE COUNTY, KANSAS
In the Matter of the Estate of
CORA HOPE BRESSLER, Deceased.
Case No. 10-PR-05
Pursuant to K.S.A. Chapter 59

NOTICE OF HEARING
THE STATE OF KANSAS TO ALL PERSONS CONCERNED:

You are hereby notified that a petition has been filed in this Court by Diana Weinstein, duly appointed, qualified and acting Executor of the Estate of Cora Hope Bressler, deceased, praying Petitioner's acts be approved; account be settled and allowed; the heirs be determined; the Will and First Codicil be construed and the Estate be assigned to the persons entitled thereto; the Court find the allowances requested for executor's and attorneys' fees and expenses are reasonable and should be allowed; the costs be determined and ordered paid; the administration of the Estate be closed; upon the filing of receipts the Petitioner be finally discharged as the Executor of the Estate of Cora Hope Bressler, deceased, and the Petitioner be released from further liability.

You are required to file your written defenses thereto on or before December 28, 2010, at 1:30 p.m. in the District Court, in St. Francis, Cheyenne County, Kansas, at which time and place the cause will be heard. Should you fail therein, judgment and decree will be entered in due course upon the petition.

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