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TAG-A-LONG 4-H'ers received certificates at the awards banquet on Sunday. Pictured, I to r, are Jessie Baxter, Shadryon Blanka, Joseph Augusta and Brady Dinkel. Not pictured was Garin Cooper. Herald staff photos by Linda Schneider

4-H'ers recognized at banquet

The Cheyenne County 4-H Clubs held their 2009 Achievement Awards Banquet on Sunday in St. Francis. The 4-H members and their families sat down to a potluck lunch before the ceremony

Clubs represented at the banquet were from St. Francis; Pleasant Hills, Lawn Ridge, and Plum Creek, and Bird City Go-Getters.

The program began with members reporting on the different 4-H activities they attended, photoadventure camp, citizenship in action, discovery days, and from the campers who went to Rock Springs 4-H Camp.

Following the reports were the County Achievement Awards given to members who complete the necessary requirements and received a pin for first year membership - Cassie Cooks, Karly Bandel, Cody Baxter, Kattie Jenik, Ivan Kemp and Kattie Wurm; Cover pin - Mandi Cooks, Martin Beikman, Reagan Beims, Jake Faulkender, Taylor Rogers, Travis Rogers, and Christina Schoenrogge; Emerald pin - Tristan Archer, Payton Beims, Cateline Isely, and Savannah Isely; Silver pin - Taylor Archibald, Mariah Beikman, Shakotah Blanka, Emily Elfers, Jude Faulkender, and Bailey Merklin; Silver guard pin - Kyla Bandel, Brianna Cooks, and Valerie Wurm; Leadership pin - Allyson Northrup; Gold pin- Jandy Dunn and Caitlin Northrup.

Northrup.

Included were special recognition to the tag-a-longs, ages 5 through 7 years old, Joseph Augusta, Jesse Baxter, Shadryon Blanka, Garin Cooper and Brady Dinkel, for their participation for

Also recognized were the leaders of each club. Without their support and hard work, 4-H would not be possible. The program continued with special memorial and individual awards.

The Herdsmanship Award is given to county fair exhibitors and based on four species of animals,



FRANCIS O'LEARY was given the Friends of 4-H award on Sun-

in areas of alley cleanliness, stall and is awarded to an outstanding appearance of and and stall cards. Dale Northrup. The award went to Pleasant Hill

The Tillie Schelpp Memorial Gardening Award is presented in memory of Tillie Schlepp. She was a 4-H'er and friend. She enjoyed and promoted the gardening project. The award went to Ivan Award is presented to a 4-H'er foods, leadership, photography,

The 4-H Style Revue Champion Paul Sr. and Vera Gorthy by Jack and Ann Gorthy Maring, along with their children Jeanne and Jo Anne. The award was presented to Caitlin Northrup.

In memory of a couple that gave unselfishly of their time and support, the Paul and Bernice Gorthy Memorial Award is presented to a 4-H horse person that displays outstanding personal quality of sportsmanship that Paul and Bernice considered invaluable. The family of Bird City. award went to Laura Brunk.

condition, exhibit arrangement, 4-H junior. The award went to

The Bird City Go-Getters 4-H Club established an award in Kevin Wright's memory. This award is given to a sixth grade or younger 4-H'er. The award was presented to Brianna Cook.

of four categories, herdmanship, Awards is given in memory of citizenship, leadership, and work performance. The livestock superintendents are asked to help select the recipient. The award was presented to Courtney Douthit

> The 4-H Family of the Year Award is presented to a family that has at least one member that is a leader or member. The award recognizes a family for their involvement and accomplishes in the county 4-H program. The award went to the Rod Sturgeon

A friend to 4-H is someone who The Dale Shoemaker Award is strengthens the program, is a hard Reporter's Book for Go-Getters sponsored by the Lawn Ridge 4-H worker and a caring attitude that 4-H Club.



is felt all-year long. This year's Friend of 4-H Award went to Francis O'Leary.

Individual awards went to Jandy Dunn for sheep, beef, heifer, and horse; Shakotah Blanka for beef, buymanship, goats, horse, and visual arts; Martin Beikman for beef, swine, wood, and self-determined; Mariah Beikman for beef, fiber arts, swine, and self-determined.; Karly Bandel for bucket calf and foods; Valerie Wurm for buymanship, citizenship, fiber arts, goats, shooting sports, swine, visual arts, and Top Record Book for junior girl.

Other individual awards went to Kyla Bandel for buymanship, foods and recreation; Emily Elfers for buymanship, photography, shooting sports and swine; Matthisen Witzel for buymanship and rabbits; Jylian Laten for clothing; Taylor Archibald for dog, goats, and photography; Allison Grice The Robert Pianalto Memorial for family studies, fiber arts, that is considered by the criteria visual arts and Top Record Book for senior girl.

> More awards went to Allyson Northrup for foods and treasurer's book for the Lawn Ridge 4-H Club; Jake Faulkender for heifer, photography, shooting sports, space technology and Top Record Book for junior boy; Bailey Merklin for leadership; Miranda Cooks for performing arts; Jude Faulkender for photography and Top Record Book for junior boy; Tristan Archer for photography and reading; Dale Northrup for Secretary's Book for Lawn Ridge 4-H Club; Savannah Isely for



DALE NORTHRUP was awarded the 4-H Key Award at the annual achievement banquet on Sunday.

Herald staff photo by Linda Schneider

4-H'er receives Kansas honor

Dale Harley Northrup, St. receive a 2009 Kansas 4-H Key

The award is unique to Kansas 4-H and is given to recognize leadership, citizenship and service to 4-H programs and the community, said Gary Gerhard, coordinator of the state's 4-H awards program.

"Recipients are selected through an application and evaluation process, he said.

Mr. Gerhard is a Kansas State University Research and Extension professor of 4-H youth development.

To be considered for the award, a 4-H member must be at least 16 years old, have been a 4-H member for four or more years, enrolled in the 4-H leadership project for four or more years and clearly have demonstrated leadership, citizenship and concern for others in the 4-H programs and their community.

The award was introduced in 1952 and is given annually.

The goal, Mr. Gerhard said, Francis, has been selected to is to encourage young people to explore opportunities for community service and begin building leadership skills as they contribute to their com-

> Exploring such opportunities, he said, can lay a foundation for a lifelong commitment to citizenship and service that leads to building and improving community close to home and in the larger world.

> Dale, a member of the Lawn Ridge 4-H Club, has helped with collecting food for the Food Pantry, has been a goat leader and a rabbit superintendent at the county fair, just to name a few of her accomplish-

She received the award at the 4-H Achievement Banquet held Sunday in St. Francis. She is the daughter of David and Aimee Northrup.

The award is underwritten by the Farm Credit Associations of Kansas and the Kansas 4-H Foundation.

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