

4-H members receive pins, awards at banquet

Many 4-H members were rewarded for the year's hard work at an Achievement Award Banquet last month.

Project awards, perfect attendance awards, membership pins and other awards were given out at the banquet Sunday, Nov. 6.

County awards included: overall first year boy, Hiram Hendrich; overall first year girl, Dani Mangus; junior outstanding record books, Jonah McClung and Sydney Winston; senior outstanding boy, Devin Mangus; senior outstanding girl, Kaleen Rietcheck; overall livestock, Clayton Schilling.

The Sunflower Club had the best secretary book and the best treasurer's book, while the Glendale Livewires had the best historian's book, and the Ruleton Eager Beavers had the best reporter's book.

The Farm Credit Association trophies went to: overall record book (boy), Devin Mangus, (girl) Sydney Winston. Aaron Duell and Kaleen Rietcheck each got "Key Awards" and "I Dare You Awards."

County project awards went to: Clayton Schilling, beef; Devin Mangus, Dani Mangus and Chantel Coates, citizenship; Sydney Winston, Nicole Hendrich and Kristina Stasser, clothing construction; Winston and Dani Mangus, clothing buymanship.

Darrick Ihrig, Winston, Hiram Hendrich, Christy Studer, Nicole

Hendrich, Jonah McClung and Lacie Cowan, dog care and training; Chantel Coates, entomology; Hiram Hendrich and Dani Mangus, exploring 4-H.

Brennen Clouse, Winston, Christy Studer, Nicole Hendrich, Michael Pettibone, Hannah Sanderson, Sarah Johnson, Jessica Johnson and Shayley Miller, foods; Hope Cochran, goats; Winston and Garrett Nemechek, horse.

Brooke Lockhart and Elizabeth House, knitting; Aaron Duell, Jonathan McClung and Ryan Irvin, leadership project; Winston, needle arts; Carlee Cooper, pets-aquarium; Winston and Dani Mangus, pets-cats; Colton Cooper, pets-hand pets.

Jessica Johnson and Kristina Stasser, photography; Winston, plant science; Dani Mangus and Adam Duell, poultry; Sarah Johnson and Jessica Johnson, reading; Jed Gray and Colton Cooper, rocketry; Jonah McClung and Cochran, sheep; John Hendrich and Cochran, shooting sports.

Paige Phillips, Austin Rains, Winston, Cody Hooker, Jonah McClung, Shyanne Austin and Saige Vandiver, swine.

Winston, Phillips, Milan Brannick, Cooper Slough, Cienna Brannick, Gerell Miller and Dani Mangus, visual arts and crafts.

John Hendrich and Jason Cowan, visual arts and crafts-Legos; Chantel Coates, wildlife; and Milan

Brannick, Jonah McClung and Gerell Miller, woodworking.

Camp recognition went to Shelbi Herl, Kelsi Ihrig, Connie Johnson, Brett Meissinger, Kade Sheldon, Melissa Schritter and Adrienne West. State Fair Lifeskills Judging teams were (intermediate) Brennen Clouse, Michael Pettibone and Sydney Winston and (senior) Jonathan McClung, Kali Rietcheck, Megan Sheldon and Stephanie Sheldon.

Family and Consumer Science awards went to Ana McClung (senior) and Sydney Winston (junior).

Ambassadors Emily Burkett, Aaron Duell, Jason Krayca, Ana McClung, Jonathan McClung, Sami Philbrick and Kali Rietcheck were recognized.

Those with perfect attendance were: from Beaver Valley: Felicia Arnold, Tanicia Arnold, Shelby Arnold, Shyanne Austin, Miranda Hernandez, Paige Phillips and Andrea Roeder.

From Country Clovers: Milan Brannick, Hope Cochran, Cienna Brannick, Breanna Nemechek and Samantha Philbrick.

From the Glendale Livewires: Ian Bonsall, Julica Bonsall, Carlee Cooper, Cassie Cooper, Colton Cooper, Jesse Cooper, Mikail Freeman, T.J. Freeman, Drew House, Elizabeth House, Michael Johnson, Hannah Sanderson, Jordan Siruta, Megan Siruta, Kristina Stasser,

Cooper Slough, Dayne Webring and Kaleb Zwick.

From Prairie Dale: Shaylee Miller and Gerell Miller.

From the Ruleton Eager Beavers: Katelyn Coon, Aaron Duell, Adam Duell, Dani Mangus, Cody Hooker, Devin Mangus and Sydney Winston.

From Sunflower: Dusti Chadwick and Christi Studer.

County Achievement Pins went to: Membership Pins: Shyanne Austin, Cienna Brannick, Chantel Coates, Jesse Cooper, Hiram Hendrich, Miranda Hernandez, Drew House, Sarah Johnson, Shelby Johnson, Stetson Johnson, Dani Mangus, Garrett Nemechek,

Ryleigh Paxton, Chandler Pettibone, Hannah Sanderson, Nicole Sederstrom, Connor Simpson, Jordan Siruta, Megan Siruta, Kristina Stasser, Saige Vandiver, Dayne Webring and Kaleb Zwick.

Bronze Pins: Tanica Arnold, Shelby Arnold, Milan Brannick, Chantel Coates, Carlee Cooper, John Hendrich, Drew House, Jessica Johnson, Jonah McClung, Gerell Miller, Shaylee Miller, Garrett Nemechek, Cooper Slough and Kaleb Zwick.

Clover Pins: Hope Cochran, Colton Cooper, Mikail Freeman, Taolor Freeman, Cody Hooker, Elizabeth House, Michael Johnson,

Jarod Lake, Cy Paxton, Austin Rains, Cooper Slough and Holly Wilkening.

Emerald Pins: Lacie Cowan, Jed Gray, Brooke Lockhart, Paige Phillips and Sydney Winston.

Silver Pins: Cassie Cooper, Jason Cowan, Nicole Hendrich, Michael Pettibone, Kendra Promise, Kayler Rietcheck and Corbin Townsend.

Silver Guard Pins: Dusti Chadwick, Darrick Ihrig, Ryan Irvin and Christy Studer.

Leadership Pins: Brennen Clouse, Chelsie Gausman and Devin Mangus.

Gold Pins: Adam Duell, Clayton Schilling, Courtney Sheldon and Alicia Studer.

Dealership closes after 58 years

The Western Times

Sharon Springs

The Sharon Springs John Deere dealership long known as Van Allen Implement closed Nov. 15, 2005.

The dealership has been doing business in Wallace County since its founder, Cecil Van Allen, opened in January 1947.

The staff was told that last Tuesday, Nov. 15, would be their last day. The closing left 11 employees scrambling to find new jobs.

Owner Richard Van Allen — brother of Robert Van Allen, who recently sold his dealership in

Wheeler to Goodland Greenline — said John Deere's corporate office felt that the dealership was not netting enough sales and they didn't have enough volume.

He said that the corporate office felt that the dealers they had in surrounding communities could take up the slack and that a dealership wasn't needed in Wallace County.

"We just got tired of fighting it," he said. "We became resigned to the fact that this is how it's going to be."

Van Allen said that both he and his son Kevin will be staying on

until all the parts and inventory are taken care of, but after that he has no idea what he wants to do. They plan to keep the doors open to sell items currently in stock until Dec. 31, he said.

The Van Allens own the buildings and grounds that house the dealership.

He said that they are going to explore some options and see what they can do with the property.

Van Allen said that several of his employees have some possibilities for jobs, but he didn't know if they've found anything.

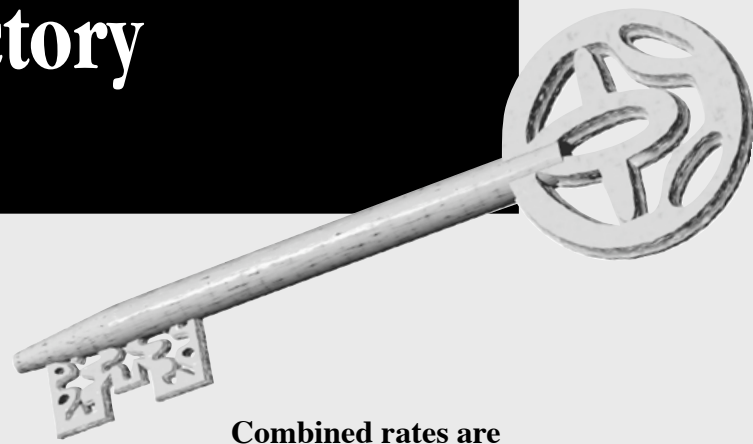
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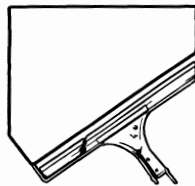
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