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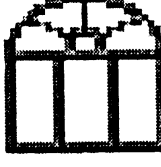
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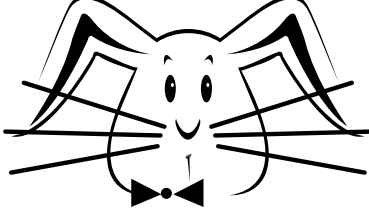
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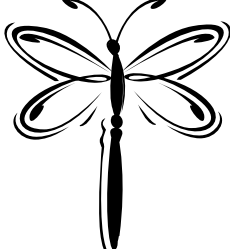
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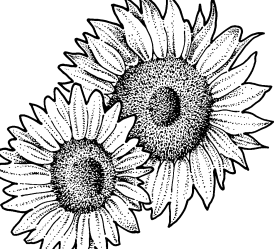








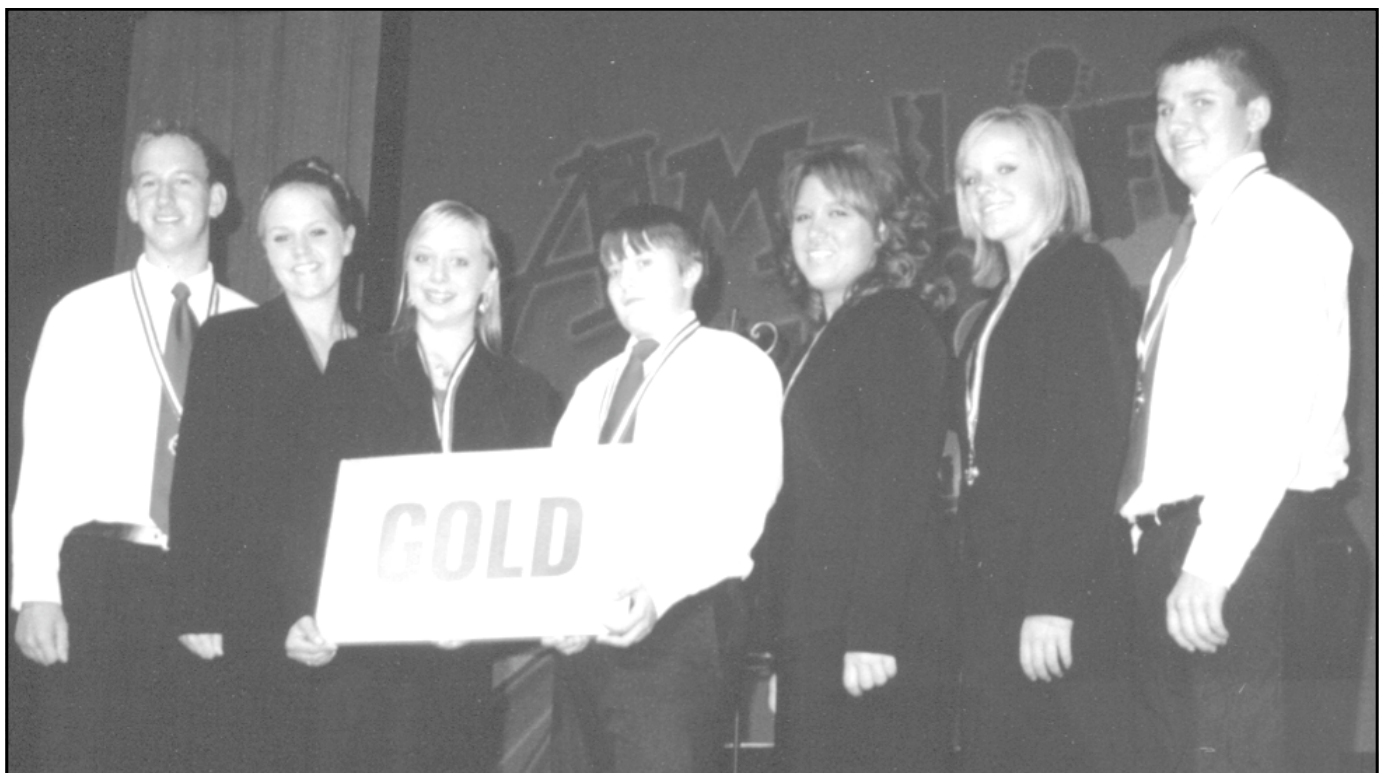




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Congratulations, FCCLA, on gold medal at nationals for parliamentary procedure!



Members of the gold-winning Parliamentary Procedure Team are (top from left): Brennan Clouse, Chelsie Gausman, Courtney Sheldon, T.J. Freeman, Julica Bonsall, Shelbi Herl and Rory Kling. The Goodland Ambassadors gave "goodie bags" to members of Family, Career and Community Leaders of America as they left for the national meeting.

Team's Sunday night practice sessions paid off in gold

By Sharon Corcoran
The Goodland Star-News

All those Sunday nights of practice paid off. The Family, Career and Community Leaders of America Parliamentary Procedure Team earned 99 of 100 possible points, receiving a gold medal in national competition.

The team competed in the STAR (Students Taking Action with Recognition) Events at the organization's 2006 National Leadership Meeting July 9-13 in Nashville, Tenn.

The team consisted of Courtney Sheldon, Brennen Clouse, Shelbi Herl, Rory Kling, Chelsie Gausman, Julica Bonsall and T.J. Freeman. The event recognizes FCCLA chapters that develop a working knowledge of parliamentary law and the ability to conduct a business meeting.

Each time they compete, they get a list of nine business items to deal with in a 20-minute meeting, said Aaron Duell, president of the Goodland High School club the last two years.



Duell



Smith



Short

They have to decide how to handle each item, he said, for example, to take action or refer it to a committee.

The Goodland team practiced on Sunday evenings, Duell said, starting in January. Duell said he and Michael Smith, Goodland club member who was elected national president at the national meeting, worked with the team on parliamentary law rules and federal FCCLA rules.

"I would create mock meetings," Duell said.

They competed at district and state,

he said, and qualified for national. They reached that goal by the determination to continue to improve each time, he said.

"I am proud of each member for their hard work and determination to reach that goal and shine among the stars," he added.

The club's advisors are Gwen Cebula and Sarah Short. Short received the 2006 Spirit of Advising Award at the national meeting.

Only one chapter advisor from each state receives the award. They are nominated by their state advisors.

Mrs. Short has put in many hours, many years of hard work, Duell said. She has had several state officers from the chapter over the years, he said, but Smith is the first national officer she has worked with. She is the national leadership advisor to Smith, Duell said, and they will both have a lot of traveling ahead of them.



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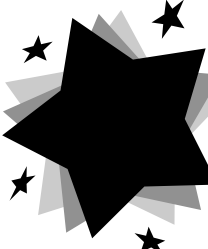
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