

FFA banquet celebration of accomplishments

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Gothenburg FFA'ers celebrated its accomplishments during the school year and recognized several individuals and groups.

The banquet was on April 15 in the Gothenburg High School cafeteria followed by awards in the performing arts center.

Ag teacher and FFA adviser Dan Scherer noted how well the organization performed at state earlier this month, winning six events and placing in the top 10 in others.

“We had a good year,” Scherer said.

Receiving appreciation awards for their support and involvement in FFA were David Jobman, Gary Kowalewski, Josh Cool, Barb Wheeler, Eastside Animal Center and the Lexington High School administration.

The star chapter farmer was Blake Ristine while Rebecca Anderson received the star agribusiness award. Jessica Schmidt won the workhorse award and star greenhands were Jessie Rudolph, Ebony Anderson and Josee Hotz.

Carson Messersmith received a star placement award.

Officers were also named for the 2014-15 school year. They are Amanda Kowalewski, president; and vice-presidents MaKaela Franzen, Faith Rickertsen, Emily Keiser, Bailey Aden, Mady Vogel, Tanner Borchardt and Jacob Clark. Secretary is Hailey Maline.

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Salesperson of the year was Ashley Eskew.

Earning state FFA degrees were Jessica Schmidt, Blake Ristine, Carson Messersmith, Rebecca Anderson, Courtney Brown and Kelsey Kuhlman.



First-place awards were presented to the livestock evaluation team, with Patrick Peterson, Karleigh Kleinknecht, Emily Keiser and Jessie Rudolph, and the livestock management team.

Members are Carson Messersmith, Rebecca Anderson, Josee Hotz, Blake Ristine, Ross Ostendorf and Jessica Schmidt. They won the horse and dairy categories.

Also earning gold was the meats evaluation team of Karleigh Kleinknecht, Herschel Foster, Olivia Lafleur and Faith Rickersten.

The junior parliamentary procedure team also won gold. They include Mady Vogel, Sarah Brown, Patrick Messersmith, Olivia Lafleur, Herschel Foster, Kylee Beyea and Dylan France.

A junior-high quiz bowl team, comprised of Arleigh Costello, Natalie Kennicutt, Sidnee Ostendorf and Cheyenne McVay also took first.

Several individuals also took home gold. They were Carson Messersmith in extemporaneous speaking and Jessica Schdmit in small animal care proficiency.

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Rebecca Anderson was in the gold tier for job interview.

Other results are as follows:

State FFA officer finalist—Carson Messersmith

Discovery speaking—Silver, Arleigh Costello, Keith Kuhlman.

Senior public speaking— 2. Amanda Kowalewski, 4. Kelsey Kuhlman.

FFA creed speaking—Bronze, Josee Hotz; silver, Ebony Anderson



Natural resource speaking—Bronze, Kyann LeViner

Biotechnology—3. Team; individuals: 4. Jessica Schmidt; 6. Amanda Kowalewski; blue, Stuart Moore; red, Roman Schmidt.

Agricultural sales—2. Team; individuals: 3. Bailey Aden; 8. Hailey Maline; purple, Kelsey Kuhlman; blue, Myles Mendell

Agricultural sciences—4. Team; individuals: purple, Alex Meyer, Jessie Rudolph, Jaci Teahon; blue, Georgina Dishman

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Agronomy—Zach Wolf, Archer Jensen, Levi Tripp, Jake Peterson

Floriculture—8. Kylee Beyea; Ebony Anderson, Shae Brown, McKinley Harm

State FFA assembly—Jordan Lauer, Jacob Clark.

Veterinary science—5. Team; individuals: blue, Jessica Schmidt, Tanner Borchardt; red, Kaitlyn Aden; white, Blaire Gibbens.

Senior parliamentary team #2—Silver, Amanda Kowalewski, Hailey Maline, Bailey Aden, McKinley Harm, MaKaela Franzen, Kyann LeViner.

Junior parliamentary team #2—Silver, Ebony Anderson, Jessie Rudolph, Josee Hotz, Myles Mendell, Tate Bartlett, Will Healey, Alex Meyer.

Agricultural demonstration—Silver, Roman Schmidt, Conner McCoy, Josh Reinhardt.

Agricultural issues academy—Rebecca Anderson, Amanda Kowalewski, Faith Rickertsen.

Junior high quiz bowl #2—2. Jocelyn Kennicutt, Delaney Harm, Brady Harrison, Kori Kowalewski, Ali Bartels.

Junior high quiz bowl #3—Patrick Hudson, Madison Coulter, Noah Larson, Kayla Weyers.

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Welding—Blue, Curtis Andres; Brandon Bilhmaier, Herschel Foster, Pete Peterson.

Food science—9. Team; individuals: 4. Amanda Kowalewski; red, Blaire Gibbens; white, Jaci Teahon; Destiny McVay, McKinley Harm.

