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News Release

WEST LYON FFA WINS IOWA FFA AGRICULTURAL MECHANICS & TECHNOLOGY CDE

The West Lyon FFA Chapter from Inwood was named the Champion Team in the annual Iowa FFA Agricultural Mechanics Career Development Event held at Iowa State University in Ames in ISU, Ames on June 4, 2015. Members of the first place team included: Derek Dubbelde, Trey Kramer, Tristen Schemmel, and Lane Te Slaa. Their agriculture education instructors and FFA advisors are Mrs. Cathy Doorneweerd and Mr. Craig Winquist. They will represent Iowa at the National Agricultural Mechanics & Technology Career Development Event at Louisville, Kentucky, in October. The Holland FFA Chapter from Orange City was named the Reserve Champion Team. Members of the second place team included: Daniel Van Klompenburg, Michael Dekker, and Collin Van Donkelaar. Their agriculture education instructor and FFA advisor is Mr. Bob DeHaan. Kyle Post, Forest City FFA, Forest City, was named the High Individual Overall in the competition.

FFA teams including 89 individuals from 27 chapters participated in this year's Career Development Event designed to provide the student an opportunity to display their agricultural knowledge and skills in the area of Agricultural Mechanics & Technology. Activities included demonstration of skills, problem solving, and knowledge application in agricultural machinery equipment, metals and welding, structures, environmental and natural resources, and electrical systems.

The Iowa FFA Agricultural Mechanics & Technology Career Development Event was made possible with support from Caterpillar Dealers of Iowa through the Iowa FFA Foundation. The Firestone Agricultural Tire Company and Caterpillar, Inc. sponsored the State Winning Team plaque through the National FFA Foundation. The Agricultural Mechanics & Technology Career Development Event was hosted by the Iowa State University Ag 450 Farm and was coordinated and conducted by Dr. Ryan Anderson and the Agricultural Education & Studies Department at Iowa State University in Ames. The Iowa FFA Association would like to thank the Lincoln Welding Company for providing each student with a welding projects book and a MIG welder to the top three teams, Lemar Manufacturing for providing steel for the welding activity, and to Huber Supply Welding Outfitter for the refreshment break provided to all participants.

Listed below are the top teams and individuals in the various parts of the career development event.

Top 10 Teams

- 1 West Lyon FFA, Inwood
- 2 Holland FFA, Orange City
- 3 Forest City FFA, Forest City
- 4 St. Ansgar FFA, St. Ansgar
- 5 Gilbert FFA, Gilbert
- 6 LaPorte-Dysart FFA, LaPorte City
- 7 Osage FFA, Osage
- 8 MVAO FFA Chapter, Mapleton
- 9 Monticello FFA, Monticello
- 10 Central Lee FFA, Donnellson

Top 10 Individuals

- Kyle Post, Forest City FFA, Forest City
Trey Kramer, West Lyon FFA, Inwood
Derek Dubbelde, West Lyon FFA, Inwood
Garrett Ament, Gilbert FFA, Gilbert
Wyatt Samuelson, LaPorte-Dysart FFA, LaPorte City
Jared Popp, Osage FFA, Osage
Samuel Ransom, St. Ansgar FFA, St. Ansgar
Collin Van Donkelaar, Holland FFA, Orange City
Jacob Lorenzen, Monticello FFA, Monticello
Ben Bierschenk, Nashua Plainfield FFA, Nashua

Specialty Areas -- Top Team/ Top Individual:

Structural Systems

Team: West Lyon FFA, Inwood **Individual:** Kyle Post, Forest City FFA, Forest City

Machinery & Equipment Systems

Team: West Lyon FFA, Inwood **Individual:** Trey Kramer, West Lyon FFA, Inwood

Environmental & Natural Resource Systems

Team: Forest City FFA, Forest City **Individual:** Kyle Post, Forest City FFA, Forest City

Electrical Systems

Team: MVAO FFA Chapter, Mapleton **Individual:** Wyatt Samuelson, LaPorte-Dysart FFA, LaPorte City

Metals and Welding Systems

Team: West Lyon FFA, Inwood **Individual:** Derek Dubbelde, West Lyon FFA, Inwood

General Knowledge Examination

Team: West Lyon FFA, Inwood **Individual:** Kyle Post, Forest City FFA, Forest City

Below is a list of chapters participating by medal group.

Gold Teams (10)

Score Range (486.5 to 426.5)

West Lyon FFA, Inwood
Holland FFA, Orange City
Forest City FFA, Forest City
St. Ansgar FFA, St. Ansgar
Gilbert FFA, Gilbert
LaPorte-Dysart FFA, LaPorte City
Osage FFA, Osage
MVAO FFA Chapter, Mapleton
Monticello FFA, Monticello
Central Lee FFA, Donnellson

Silver Teams (9)

Score Range (410.5 to 378.5)

South O'Brien FFA @ Paullina
Maquoketa Valley FFA @ Delhi
Oskaloosa FFA, Oskaloosa
Bellevue FFA, Bellevue
Unity Christian FFA
Muscatine FFA, Muscatine
Nashua Plainfield FFA, Nashua
Cascade FFA, Cascade
Guthrie Center Tiger FFA, Guthrie Center

Bronze Teams (8)

Score Range (369.5 to 148)

Panorama FFA, Panora
Dallas Center-Grimes FFA, Grimes
Southeast Polk FFA, Pleasant Hill
North Polk FFA, Alleman
Pella FFA, Pella
Brokaw FFA, Clarinda
Collins-Maxwell FFA, Maxwell
Little Switzerland FFA, Waukon

About Iowa FFA Association

The Iowa FFA Association is a youth organization of over 14,800 student members as part of 225 local FFA chapters across Iowa. The FFA mission is to make a positive difference in the lives of students by developing their potential for premier leadership, personal growth and career success through agricultural education. The Iowa FFA Association was organized by delegates from 23 schools at Iowa State College on May 17, 1929 and is an integral part of public instruction in agriculture. The Iowa Department of Education provides leadership and helps set direction for FFA as a service to local agricultural education programs. For more, visit the Iowa FFA Association online at IowaFFA.com, on Facebook, and Twitter.