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News Release

WEST DUBUQUE FFA CHAPTER AT EPWORTH WINS 2019 STATE FFA HORSE CAREER

The West Dubuque FFA Chapter at Epworth was named the Champion Team in the annual Iowa FFA Horse Career Development Event held at Kirkwood Community College on June 11, 2019. Members of the first place team included: Madison Strief, Grace Strief, Trenton Hammerand, and Regan Demmer. Their agriculture education instructor and FFA advisor is Mr. Luke Rauen. They will represent Iowa at the National Horse Career Development Event at Indianapolis, Indiana, in October. The Danville FFA Chapter was named the Reserve Champion Team. Members of the second place team included: Makenna Pidgeon, Samantha Schelby, BreAnn Yaley, and Cassidy Yaley. Their agriculture education instructors and FFA advisors are Mr. JP Van Buskirk and Ms. Gail Kunch. Madison Strief, West Dubuque FFA Chapter at Epworth, was named the High Individual Overall in the competition.

FFA teams from 33 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 Equine Science. The 103 individual contestants evaluated halter and performance classes. They also answered questions over the classes and gave oral reasons to explain their placings. A written examination was included along with a team problem solving competition.

The Iowa FFA Horse Career Development Event was made possible through the Iowa FFA Foundation. The Horse Career Development Event was coordinated and conducted by Rhonda Clough of Kirkwood Community College at the Iowa Equestrian Center.

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

Top 10 Teams

- 1 West Dubuque FFA Chapter at Epworth
- 2 Danville FFA Chapter
- 3 Cherokee FFA Chapter
- 4 Central Trail FFA Chapter at Leon
- 5 Muscatine FFA Chapter
- 6 Kingsley Pierson FFA Chapter
- 7 Indianola FFA Chapter
- 8 Atlantic FFA Chapter
- 9 Agri-Power FFA Chapter at Eddyville
- 10 Monticello FFA Chapter

Top 10 Individuals

- Madison Strief, West Dubuque FFA Chapter at Epworth
Grace Strief, West Dubuque FFA Chapter at Epworth
Kendra Husman, Cherokee FFA Chapter
Taylor McCreedy, Atlantic FFA Chapter
Chloe Hamaker, Central Trail FFA Chapter at Leon
Makenna Pidgeon, Danville FFA Chapter
Lauren Jaschke, North Polk FFA Chapter at Alleman
Jessica Umlauf, Agri-Power FFA Chapter at Eddyville
Riley Webber, Muscatine FFA Chapter
Madison Stief, Cherokee FFA Chapter

Specialty Areas -- Top Team/ Top Individual:

Halter Classes

Team: MFL MarMac FFA Chapter at Monona

Individual: Makenna Pidgeon, Danville FFA Chapter

Performance Classes

Team: Agri-Power FFA Chapter at Eddyville

Individual: Jessica Umlauf, Agri-Power FFA Chapter at Eddyville

Oral Reasons and Questions

Team: West Dubuque FFA Chapter at Epworth

Individual: Madison Strief, West Dubuque FFA Chapter at Epworth

Problem Solving

Team: Central Trail FFA Chapter at Leon

Below is a list of chapters participating by medal group.

Gold Teams (11)

Score Range (1415 to 1291)

West Dubuque FFA Chapter at Epworth

Danville FFA Chapter

Cherokee FFA Chapter

Central Trail FFA Chapter at Leon

Muscatine FFA Chapter

Kingsley Pierson FFA Chapter

Indianola FFA Chapter

Atlantic FFA Chapter

Agri-Power FFA Chapter at Eddyville

Monticello FFA Chapter

North Scott FFA Chapter at Eldridge

Silver Teams (11)

Score Range (1265 to 1140)

Fremont Mills FFA Chapter at Tabor

West Marshall FFA Chapter at State Center

MFL MarMac FFA Chapter at Monona

West Lyon FFA Chapter at Inwood

Mediapolis FFA Chapter

HLV FFA Chapter at Victor

Denison FFA Chapter

Unity Christian FFA Chapter at Orange City

West Branch FFA Chapter

Boone A&M FFA Chapter

Ballard FFA Chapter at Huxley

Bronze Teams (11)

Score Range (1103 to 386)

Clear Creek Amana FFA Chapter at Tiffin

Anamosa FFA Chapter

Western Christian FFA Chapter at Hull

CAM FFA Chapter at Anita

North Polk FFA Chapter at Alleman

Little Switzerland FFA Chapter at Waukon

Newton FFA Chapter

Vinton-Shellsburg FFA Chapter

Alburnett FFA Chapter

Adel DeSoto Minburn FFA Chapter

Linn-Mar FFA Chapter at Marion

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The Iowa FFA Association is a youth organization of over 15,600 student members as part of 242 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.