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News Release

CHEROKEE FFA WINS IOWA FFA VETERINARY SCIENCE CDE

The Cherokee FFA Chapter from Cherokee was named the Champion Team in the annual Iowa FFA Veterinary Science Career Development Event held at Iowa State University in Ames on June 20, 2019. Members of the first place team included: Maggie VandeLune, Malorie VandeLune, Avrey Knipper, and Noah Bouchard. Their agriculture education instructor and FFA advisor is Ms. Hannah Barnes. They will represent Iowa at the National Veterinary Science Career Development Event at Indianapolis, Indiana, in October. The Nevada FFA Chapter from Nevada was named the Reserve Champion Team. Members of the second place team included: Bianca Sponseller, Kennedy Steffes, Addison Anderson, and Avery Mather. Their agriculture education instructor and FFA advisor is Mr. Kevin M. Cooper. Bianca Sponseller, Nevada FFA, Nevada, was named the High Individual Overall in the competition.

FFA teams from 23 chapters participated in this year's Career Development Event designed to provide the students an opportunity to display their agricultural knowledge and skills in the area of Veterinary Science. The 91 individuals completed a general knowledge examination focusing on veterinary science. The team members also completed a written scenario and prepared a video focusing on proper veterinary clinical practices.

The Iowa FFA Vet Science CDE was made possible with support from Farm Credit Services of America through the Iowa FFA Foundation.

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

Top 10 Teams

- 1 Cherokee FFA
- 2 Nevada FFA, Nevada
- 3 West Marshall FFA, State Center
- 4 West Dubuque FFA, Epworth
- 5 Nashua Plainfield FFA, Nashua
- 6 GMG FFA Chapter at Garwin
- 7 Tall Corn FFA Chapter
- 8 Beckman Catholic @ Dyersville
- 9 East Buchanan, Winthrop
- 10 Midland FFA, Wyoming

Top 10 Individuals

- Bianca Sponseller, Nevada FFA, Nevada
Emma Kress, East Buchanan, Winthrop
Jaelyn Hickman, Tall Corn FFA Chapter
Megan Buyert , Pella FFA, Pella
Caitlin Sanderman, Waverly-Shell Rock FFA, Waverly
Brian Graves, Wilton FFA, Wilton
Matthew VanOtterloo, Western Christian FFA, Hull
Jordon Baker, Wilton FFA, Wilton
Brianna Christensen, Tall Corn FFA Chapter
Brylee Lindemier, West Dubuque FFA, Epworth

Specialty Areas -- Top Team/ Top Individual:

Team Clinical Procedure Video

HLV, Victor

Team Written Scenario Response

Nashua Plainfield FFA, Nashua

General Knowledge Exam

Team: Wilton FFA, Wilton

Individual: Bianca Sponseller, Nevada FFA, Nevada

Below is a list of chapters participating by medal group.

Gold Teams (13)

Score Range (223.33 to 203.83)

Cherokee FFA

Nevada FFA, Nevada

West Marshall FFA, State Center

West Dubuque FFA, Epworth

Nashua Plainfield FFA, Nashua

GMG FFA Chapter at Garwin

Tall Corn FFA Chapter

Beckman Catholic @ Dyersville

East Buchanan, Winthrop

Midland FFA, Wyoming

Jesup FFA, Jesup

Starmont FFA, Arlington

West Branch FFA, West Branch

Bronze Teams (2)

Score Range (138.8 to 127.83)

Waverly-Shell Rock FFA, Waverly

Vinton-Shellsburg FFA, Vinton

Silver Teams (8)

Score Range (191.5 to 171.3)

Diamond Trail FFA, Monroe

Aplington-Parkersburg FFA, Parkersburg

HLV, Victor

North Scott FFA at Eldridge

Pella FFA, Pella

Western Christian FFA, Hull

Wilton FFA, Wilton

Carroll Area FFA, Carroll

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About Iowa FFA Association

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.