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News Release

DAVIS COUNTY FFA CHAPTER AT BLOOMFIELD WINS 2023 STATE FFA HORSE CAREER DEVELOPMENT EVENT

The Davis County FFA Chapter at Bloomfield was named the Champion Team in the annual Iowa FFA Horse Career Development Event held at Kirkwood Community College on June 13, 2023. Members of the first place team included: Melana Followwill, Laney Weimerskirch, Cooper Mccarty, and Kaison Heemsbergen. Their agriculture education instructor and FFA advisor is Mrs. Amy Mosbey. The New Hampton FFA Chapter was named the Reserve Champion Team. Members of the second place team included: Tori Bearman, Kaylee Wertz, Aleah Eichenberger, and Jennifer Eichenberger. Their agriculture education instructor and FFA advisor is Mr. Jim Russ. Tori Bearman, New Hampton FFA Chapter, 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 112 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 with support through the Iowa FFA Foundation Gold Standard Donors. The Horse Career Development Event was coordinated and held at the Iowa Equestrian Center in Cedar Rapids. Kirkwood Community College also provided lunch to all participants. The official judge was Megan Humphrey, Equine Faculty at Ellsworth Community College.

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

Top 10 Teams

- 1 Davis County FFA Chapter at Bloomfield
- 2 New Hampton FFA Chapter
- 3 Sioux Central FFA Chapter
- 4 Brokaw FFA Chapter at Clarinda
- 5 AGWSR FFA Chapter at Ackley
- 6 Central Trail FFA Chapter at Leon
- 7 Northeast FFA Chapter at Goose Lake
- 8 Iowa River FFA Chapter at Garner
- 9 Central Community FFA Chapter at Elkader
- 10 Midland FFA Chapter at Wyoming

Top 10 Individuals

- Tori Bearman, New Hampton FFA Chapter
Karley Schaefer, Midland FFA Chapter at Wyoming
Laney Weimerskirch, Davis County FFA Chapter at Bloomfield
Reata Mullins, Northeast FFA Chapter at Goose Lake
Lacey Johnson, Sioux Central FFA Chapter
Melana Followwill, Davis County FFA Chapter at Bloomfield
Angie Knapp, West Lyon FFA Chapter at Inwood
Haley Smith, AGWSR FFA Chapter at Ackley
Aleah Eichenberger, New Hampton FFA Chapter
Macy Philipp, West Dubuque FFA Chapter at Epworth

Specialty Areas -- Top Team/ Top Individual:

Halter Classes

Team: Davis County FFA Chapter at Bloomfield

Individual: Melana Followwill, Davis County FFA Chapter at Bloomfield

Performance Classes

Team: Sioux Central FFA Chapter

Individual: Karley Schaefer, Midland FFA Chapter at Wyoming

Oral Reasons and Questions

Team: New Hampton FFA Chapter

Individual: Tori Bearman, New Hampton FFA Chapter

Problem Solving

Team: Brokaw FFA Chapter at Clarinda

Below is a list of chapters participating by medal group.

Gold Teams (11)

Score Range (1400 to 1290)

Davis County FFA Chapter at Bloomfield

New Hampton FFA Chapter

Sioux Central FFA Chapter

Brokaw FFA Chapter at Clarinda

AGWSR FFA Chapter at Ackley

Central Trail FFA Chapter at Leon

Northeast FFA Chapter at Goose Lake

Iowa River FFA Chapter at Garner

Central Community FFA Chapter at Elkader

Midland FFA Chapter at Wyoming

North Polk FFA Chapter at Alleman

Silver Teams (11)

Score Range (1277 to 1207)

West Lyon FFA Chapter at Inwood

Atlantic FFA Chapter

Boone A&M FFA Chapter

Beckman Catholic FFA Chapter at Dyersville

St. Ansgar FFA Chapter

Cascade FFA Chapter

Interstate 35 FFA Chapter at Truro

Muscatine FFA Chapter

Crestwood FFA Chapter at Cresco

Panorama FFA Chapter

Central Springs FFA Chapter at Manly

Bronze Teams (11)

Score Range (1186 to 876)

Louisa-Muscatine FFA Chapter at Letts

Mediapolis FFA Chapter

Alta-Aurelia FFA Chapter

South O'Brien FFA Chapter

Vinton-Shellsburg FFA Chapter

Clear Creek Amana FFA Chapter at Tiffin

Denison FFA Chapter

West Dubuque FFA Chapter at Epworth

Pella FFA Chapter

Adel DeSoto Minburn FFA Chapter

Wayne FFA Chapter at Corydon

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The Iowa FFA Association is a youth organization of more than 19,200 student members as part of 260 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 and on social media.