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News Release

AUDUBON FFA CHAPTER WINS 2015 STATE FFA HORSE CAREER DEVELOPMENT EVENT

The Audubon FFA Chapter was named the Champion Team in the annual Iowa FFA Horse Career Development Event held at Ellsworth Community College in Iowa Falls on October 3, 2015. Members of the first place team included: Taylor Nielsen, McKenna Nielsen, and Macy DeBower. Their agriculture education instructor and FFA advisor is Mr. Brittany Elmquist. They will represent Iowa at the National Horse Career Development Event at Louisville, Kentucky, in October. The Hudson FFA Chapter was named the Reserve Champion Team. Members of the second place team included: Alex Fouts, Madeline Herring, Meredith Williams, and Morgan Williams. Their agriculture education instructor and FFA advisor is Mr. Dennis Deppe. Lexi Estes, Muscatine FFA Chapter, was named the High Individual Overall in the competition.

FFA teams from 26 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 83 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 with support from Cargill Animal Nutrition, RAM Truck Brand, Tractor Supply Company, and Wahl Clipper Corporation through the National FFA Foundation, sponsored the Champion Team plaque.

The Horse Career Development Event was coordinated and conducted by Megan Gogerty at Ellsworth Community College Equestrian Center.

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

Top 10 Teams

- 1 Audubon FFA Chapter
- 2 Hudson FFA Chapter
- 3 Southeast Polk FFA Chapter at Pleasant Hill
- 4 Little Switzerland FFA Chapter at Waukon
- 5 Cascade FFA Chapter
- 6 Muscatine FFA Chapter
- 7 Central Lee FFA Chapter at Donnellson
- 8 Vinton-Shellsburg FFA Chapter
- 9 South Hamilton FFA Chapter at Jewell
- 10 Wapsie Valley FFA Chapter at Fairbank

Top 10 Individuals

- 1 Lexi Estes, Muscatine FFA Chapter
- 2 Taylor Nielsen, Audubon FFA Chapter
- 3 Josie Hill, Des Moines FFA Chapter
- 4 Holly Beringer, Cascade FFA Chapter
- 5 Meredith Williams, Hudson FFA Chapter
- 6 Macy DeBower, Audubon FFA Chapter
- 7 Nicole Morrill, Southeast Polk FFA Chapter at Pleasant Hill
- 8 Tasia Behnke, Louisa-Muscatine FFA Chapter at Letts
- 9 Afton West, Pleasantville FFA Chapter
- 10 Morgan Williams, Hudson FFA Chapter

Specialty Areas -- Top Team/ Top Individual:

Halter Classes

Team: Southeast Polk FFA Chapter at Pleasant Hill **Individual:** Meredith Williams, Hudson FFA Chapter

Performance Classes

Team: Little Switzerland FFA Chapter at Waukon **Individual:** Lexi Estes, Muscatine FFA Chapter

Oral Reasons and Questions

Team: Audubon FFA Chapter **Individual:** Lexi Estes, Muscatine FFA Chapter

Problem Solving

Team: Boone A&M FFA Chapter

Below is a list of chapters participating by medal group.

Gold Teams (9)

Score Range (1368 to 1255)

Audubon FFA Chapter
Hudson FFA Chapter
Southeast Polk FFA Chapter at Pleasant Hill
Little Switzerland FFA Chapter at Waukon
Cascade FFA Chapter
Muscatine FFA Chapter
Central Lee FFA Chapter at Donnellson
Vinton-Shellsburg FFA Chapter
South Hamilton FFA Chapter at Jewell

Silver Teams (7)

Score Range (1234 to 1191)

Wapsie Valley FFA Chapter at Fairbank
Boone A&M FFA Chapter
Des Moines FFA Chapter
Creston FFA Chapter
Washington FFA Chapter
Denison FFA Chapter
Agri-Power FFA Chapter at Eddyville

Bronze Teams (10)

Score Range (1145 to 341)

South Tama FFA Chapter at Tama
Pleasantville FFA Chapter
Maquoketa Valley FFA Chapter at Delhi
Louisa-Muscatine FFA Chapter at Letts
Pella FFA Chapter
North Scott FFA Chapter at Eldridge
Central Trail FFA Chapter at Leon
Atlantic FFA Chapter
Belmond-Klemme FFA Chapter
Oelwein FFA Chapter

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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.