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News Release

Wapello FFA Wins 2019 Iowa FFA Soils Career Development Event

The Wapello FFA Chapter from Wapello was named the Champion Team in the annual Iowa FFA Soils Evaluation Career Development Event held at Iowa State University on October 12, 2019. Members of the first place team included: Christopher Ewart, Lydia Fisher, Daniel Hemphill, and Emma Schoonover. Their agriculture education instructor and FFA advisor is Mrs. Danielle Wolfe. The South O'Brien FFA Chapter from Paullina was named the Reserve Champion Team. Members of the second place team included: Angela Nyunt, Bryce Rasmussen, Kaeley Einck, and Jack Farquhar. Their agriculture education instructor and FFA advisor is Mr. Eric Kumm. Katlyn Wiese, Ridge View FFA, Holstein, was named the High Individual Overall in the competition. The top five teams will represent Iowa at the National Land Judging Event in May of 2020 in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. Montezuma FFA Chapter from Montezuma, Ridge View FFA Chapter from Holstein, and Pilot Creek FFA Chapter from Pocahontas will join the top two teams in Oklahoma.

FFA teams including from 30 chapters, including 117 individuals 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 Soils Evaluation. The Soils Evaluation Career Development Event included the evaluation of four soil pits, plus a written exam about soils in Iowa. The score card used to judge the soil pits is divided into five parts: Surface Features, Soil Features – The Profile, Land Capability Classification and Productivity Potential, Evaluation of Management Practices, and Sustainability of Soils for Non-Agricultural Uses.

The Iowa FFA Soils Evaluation Career Development Event was made possible with support through the Iowa FFA Foundation. The Iowa State University Department of Agronomy served as the host for the event. Amber Anderson of Iowa State University coordinated the event.

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

Top 10 Teams

- 1 Wapello FFA, Wapello
- 2 South O'Brien FFA @ Paullina
- 3 Montezuma FFA, Montezuma
- 4 Ridge View FFA, Holstein
- 5 Pilot Creek FFA, Pocahontas
- 6 East Union FFA, Afton
- 7 Sigourney FFA, Sigourney
- 8 Keota FFA
- 9 Harlan FFA, Harlan
- 10 Brokaw FFA, Clarinda

Top 10 Individuals

- Katlyn Wiese, Ridge View FFA, Holstein
Emma Schoonover, Wapello FFA, Wapello
Bryce Rasmussen, South O'Brien FFA @ Paullina
Angela Nyunt, South O'Brien FFA @ Paullina
Alex Cheney, Montezuma FFA, Montezuma
Lydia Fisher, Wapello FFA, Wapello
Russell Brummer, Ridge View FFA, Holstein
Lauren Klos, Montezuma FFA, Montezuma
Christopher Ewart, Wapello FFA, Wapello
Dylan Peterson, Pilot Creek FFA, Pocahontas

Specialty Areas -- Top Team/ Top Individual:

General Knowledge Examination

Team: South O'Brien FFA @ Paullina

Individual: Russell Brummer, Ridge View FFA, Holstein

Pit Evaluation

Team: Wapello FFA, Wapello

Individual: Alex Cheney, Montezuma FFA, Montezuma

Below is a list of chapters participating by medal group.

Gold Teams (13)

Score Range (516 to 462)

Wapello FFA, Wapello

South O'Brien FFA @ Paullina

Montezuma FFA, Montezuma

Ridge View FFA, Holstein

Pilot Creek FFA, Pocahontas

East Union FFA, Afton

Sigourney FFA, Sigourney

Keota FFA

Harlan FFA, Harlan

Brokaw FFA, Clarinda

Audubon FFA, Audubon

AGWSR FFA, Ackley

Louisa-Muscatine FFA

Silver Teams (8)

Score Range (458 to 424)

Adel DeSoto Minburn FFA

Algona FFA, Algona

Sioux Central FFA, Sioux Rapids

Hawkeye FFA, West Bend

Hartley-Melvin-Sanborn FFA, Hartley

Southwest Valley FFA, Corning

Central Trail FFA, Leon

West Central Valley FFA, Stuart

Bronze Teams (9)

Score Range (412 to 298)

Nashua Plainfield FFA, Nashua

Grinnell FFA

Boyer Valley FFA, Dunlap

Edgewood-Colesburg FFA, Edgewood

Riceville FFA, Riceville

Independence FFA

Central Community FFA, Elkader

Wapsie Valley FFA, Fairbank

Starmont FFA, Arlington

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