

2014 Achievement Banquet Awards

Other awards presented at the 4-H Achievement Banquet Sunday Night were as follows: 4-H Clubs receiving seals were: Gem Dandys - purple; Pawnee Peppers - purple; Tiny Toilers - purple; Western Wranglers - purple; and Zook Zippers - purple.

Membership Pins were awarded to: Cordell Hammeke, Mark Hamrick, Naya Idrissa, Kale McCoy, Ashlee Miller, Kylie Miller, Creighton Murray, James Seeman, Kaysen Seidel, Jameson Smith, Rileigh Wagner, Aspyr Whittington, and Sebastian Whittington.

Bronze Pins were awarded to: Darby Eakin, Luke Fischer, Naya Idrissa, Ashlee Miller, Ava Mull, Jaidyn Pinkston, James Seeman, Kaysen Seidel, and Rileigh Wagner.

Clover Pins were awarded to: Kjersti Duerksen, Brett Kirby, Sarah Manry, Ella McNett, and Evan Toll.

Emerald Achievement Pins were awarded to: Wyatt Duerksen, Audrey

Manry, and Cierra Nord. Silver Achievement Pins were awarded to: Phillip Applequist, Colton Kirby, Kale McCoy, Reed McNett, and Christian Murray.

Guard for Silver Achievement Pins were awarded to: Katie Fischer, Cameron Murray, Jacob Smith, and Harrison VanMeter.

Leadership Pins were awarded to: Jennifer Applequist, Ross McNett, and Caleb Nord.

Gold Achievement Pin was awarded to: Spencer VanMeter.

Guard for Gold Achievement Pin was awarded to: Amanda Lessard.

The following 4-Hers received county champion awards:

GEM DANDYS: Brett Kirby - Visual Arts; Colton Kirby - Beef; James Seeman - Bucket Calf; and Jarett Seeman - Reading.

PAWNEE PEPPERS: Amanda Lessard - Achievement, Foods-Nutrition, and Leadership; Jacob Smith - Plant

Sciences; and Evan Toll - Meat Goats.

TINY TOILERS: Jennifer Applequist - Citizenship, Dog, Performing Arts, Pets, and Photography; Phillip Applequist - Photography and Visual Arts; Katie Fischer - Foods; and Ava Mull - Visual Arts.

WESTERN WRANGLERS: Megan Milch - Achievement, Clothing, Horse, and Leadership; Ty O'Neill - Swine; Ashlee Miller - Shooting Sports; Harrison VanMeter - Shooting Sports; and Spencer VanMeter - Shooting Sports.

ZOOK ZIPPERS: Ella McNett - Clothing, Foods-Nutrition, Health & Wellness, Sheep, and Visual Arts; Reed McNett - Clothing, Foods-Nutrition, and Rocketry; Ross McNett - Foods-Nutrition and Woodwork; Caleb Nord - Achievement, Crops, Entomology, Leadership, Plant Sciences, and Reporter's Book; Cierra Nord - Achievement, Foods-Nutrition, and Photography; and Jaidyn Pinkston - Clothing and Horse.

2014 4-H Alumni Award Winner

The winner of the 2014 4-H Alumni Award is Mrs. Keri Applequist. Keri Applequist is the mother of Jennifer and Phillip Applequist, both Tiny Toilers 4-H Club members. Keri belonged to the Winners 4-H Club for 10 years in Ellis County, and continues to support the program as a Tiny Toiler parent. Keri currently is employed as a Therapist at the Larned State Hospital. She is a huge help and leader for the Dog project here in Pawnee County. With this position she helps to organize the Community Dog show, she is the Dog Show superintendent, and helps to facilitate dog project practices throughout the year.

As a child, Keri was involved with volunteer projects at the local human society, vet clinics, and church. She was a member of the National

Honor Society in High School and played in the Fort Hays State University Orchestra.

Keri is also a great volunteer throughout the community helping out at the State Movie Theater, Pet Therapy at the nursing homes, and has planted pumpkins for fundraisers for the Orphan Grain Train. She is also on the Chapter Board for Thrivent, and helps with Vacation Bible School at her local church.

In 4-H, Keri was a very active member, participating in Discover Days, Sew it With Wool, and performed music solos and dance performances at 4-H Club Days. The projects she enrolled in were cooking, sewing, and arts & crafts. Keri was always involved at her county fair by helping run the concession stand and setting up for various activities.

Thank you for all your hard work over the years, getting your kids involved, and encouraging other to do their best.

This award is provided by the Pawnee County 4-H Foundation, Inc.



Keri Applequist was the winner of the Pawnee County 4-H Alumni Award given by the Pawnee County 4-H Foundation.

2014 County Bucket Calf Champion

James Seeman of the Gem Dandys 4-H Club is this year recipient of the County Bucket Calf Champion award. James is the son of Dale and Audra Seeman. This is James' first year in 4-H and the Bucket Calf Project. James' bucket calf's name was Shooter this year. His favorite part of the fair this year was getting to show Shooter off

to the people who came to watch the beef show. James plans on bringing Shooter back for the 2015 fair as a bucket feeder and is excited about the work that lies ahead raising a bigger calf.

James will receive a plaque and cash award made possible by the Wayne Miller Memorial of the Pawnee County 4-H Foundation.



The Bucket Calf Award was presented to James Seeman provided by the Wayne Miller Memorial of the Pawnee County 4-H Foundation.

2014 County Dog Record Champion

Tiny Toilers club member Jennifer Applequist is this year's Dog Record Champion. Jennifer is the daughter of Patrick and Keri Applequist. This was Jennifer's sixth year in the dog project and enjoyed using her German Short-hair Pointer, Poodle, Pomeranian mix Diva. Diva was adopted from the humane society after

being abandoned in a backyard.

Jennifer enjoys working year round with her dog and attending the Rock Springs Dog Conference. This past fall she attended the Kansas State fair exhibiting Diva and received a red in obedience and a purple in showmanship. Jennifer was a big help this year at the

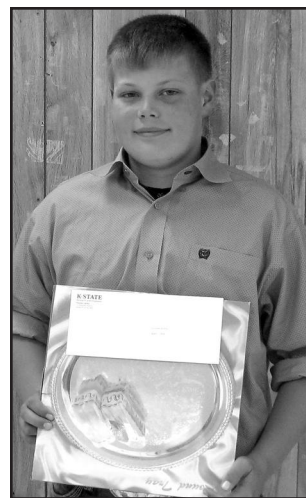
county level in setting up and getting all the minor details ready for the dog show. She also helped her mother in putting together little goody bags for all the dog project participants and their animal companions. Great work Jennifer and we hope you continue sharing your interest with the younger youth about this project.

2014 County Beef Record Champion

Colton Kirby, from the Gem Dandys 4-H Club, is this year's recipient of the Beef Record award. Colton is the son of Jamie and Debby Kirby. Colton exhibited a market steer and breeding heifer at this year's fair. He won Supreme beef female, champion lightweight crossbred steer, and champion intermediate showman. Colton said he has learned a lot this year working with his calves and preparing

them for the fair. He is extremely knowledgeable about what he is feeding his calves, how much, and why they are receiving the ration they are. Knowing proper vaccinations, and the cost of the project is a great learning opportunity in which Colton took full advantage of.

Colton will receive a silver tray and cash award provided by the Joe W. Lewis Memorial through the Pawnee County 4-H Foundation.



Colton Kirby received the Beef Award provided by the Joe W. Lewis Memorial of the Pawnee County 4-H Foundation.

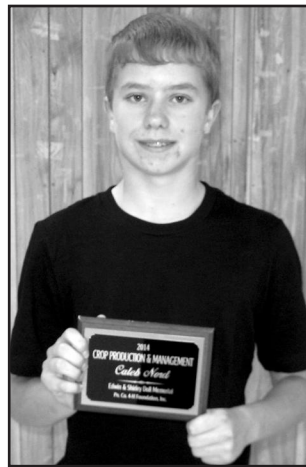
2014 County Crop Record Champion

Zook Zippers 4-H Club member Caleb Nord is this year's Crop Record Champion. This was Caleb's fifth year in the project and a successful year at that. Caleb's Wheat Variety Display titled "What's In Your Load?" earned the Reserve Grand Champion at the county fair and went on to place 4th overall at the Kansas State Fair. Caleb received a cash award as well as a very nice plaque for his accomplishments at the state fair. He also presented a gallon wheat jar which received a purple ribbon at the county fair and went on to receive a blue ribbon at the State Fair. Caleb also entered at the county level:

- Five corn stalks- Purple Ribbon
- Five sorghum stalks- Blue Ribbon
- Soybean Bundle- Purple Ribbon

Caleb thanks the late rain in May for such a successful crop.

He will receive a plaque and cash award made possible by the Edwin and Shirley Doll Memorial of the Pawnee County 4-H Foundation.



Caleb Nord was awarded the Crops Award provided by the Edwin & Shirley Doll Memorial of the Pawnee County 4-H Foundation.

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