

Jefferson County 4-Her members feted at poster, speaking contest

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JEFFERSON — The Jefferson County 4-H program held its annual Special Emphasis poster and speech contest on Tuesday evening, with 13 speakers competing in two different age divisions and 53 youngsters submitting posters.

Each year's speech and poster entry must relate to the 4-H Special Emphasis theme for the year, which is "Building Friendships and Memories with 4-H."

Achieving top Award of Excellence honors in the speaking contest were fourth-grader Oliver Small, 9, of the Ixonia Victory 4-H Club; fourth-grader Colton Brandel, 10, of the South Side Eagles, and third-grader Connor Price, 8, of the Sullivan Stars.

Winning Award of Excellence honors in the poster contest were, again, Oliver Small; high school junior Amanda Griebenow of the Maple Street Hustlers, high school freshman Hannah Mark of the Maple Street Hustlers, and high school senior Colleen Hann of the Ixonia Victory 4-H Club.

In addition, mall's poster was chosen to grace the cover of the program for the 2015 Special Emphasis banquet, which will take place in October.

Winning blue ribbons for their speeches were:

- Third-grader Connor Price, 8, Sullivan Stars, for his speech, "4-H: I Wonder If ..."
- Fifth-grader Drew Dettmann, 10, Watertown, a mem-(Continued from A1)

ber of the Farmington All-Stars, for his speech, "Making Friends and Memories in 4-H."

- Third-grader Alex Dettmann, 9, of Watertown, a member of the Farmington All-Stars, for his speech, "My Bunny Sunny."
- Seventh-grader Thomas van Zanten, 13, Jefferson, of the Jefferson Boosters 4-H Club, for his talk on "Building."
- Fourth-grader Tawney Hadler, 9, Fort Atkinson, a member of the Country Clovers 4-H Club, for her speech on going to 4-H camp.
- Receiving red ribbons for their speeches were:



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- Third-grader Ashley Brandel, 8, South Side Eagles, for her speech on friendship and memories in 4-H.
- Sixth-grader Kayla Price, 11, for her speech on “Friendship: The Way it Happens in 4-H.”
- Fifth-grader Nicole van Zanten, 10, of Jefferson, a member of the Jefferson Boosters, for her speech on “My 4-H Memories.”
- Third-grader Ella van Zanten, 8, Jefferson, a member of the Jefferson Boosters, for her talk on “4-H Friends and Memories.”

Cloverbuds, the youngest 4-Hers, who are in kindergarten through second grade, do not receive ratings as do the older 4-H members. Rather, they receive Cloverbud ribbons.

Participating in this category were:

- Second-grader Trace Hadler, 8, Fort Atkinson, a member of the Country Clovers, for his talk on “Building Friendship and Memories through 4-H.
- Kindergartner Katie Brandel, 5, a member of the South Side Eagles, for her talk on the year’s theme.

The remaining participants in the poster contest received either Cloverbud ribbons, for the youngest members of 4-H, or blue (High Honors), red (Honors), or white (Merit) ribbons.

Cloverbud poster artists included Elaina Bagdassian, a second-grader from the Ixonia Victory 4-H Club; Quentin Heinecke, a first-grader from the Ixonia Victory 4-H Club; Nathan Bavuso, a kindergartner from the Ixonia Victory 4-H Club; Christine Ratzow, a kindergartner from the Ixonia Victory 4-H Club, Lilian Small, a first-grader from the Ixonia Victory club; Elliot Small, a second-grader from the Ixonia Victory Club; Jessica Besch, a second-grader from the Country Clovers 4-H Club; Rylee Brattlie, a second-grader from the Rock Lake Troopers 4-H Club, Molly Wiedenfeld, a first-grader fro the South Side Eagles 4-H Club, Tyler Wollin, a kindergartner from the South Side Eagles 4-H Club; Katie Brandel, a kindergartner from the South Side Eagles 4-H Club; Caytie Shaw, a first-grader from the Cream of the Crop 4-H Club; and Michael Wilson, a first-grader from the Farmington All-Stars 4-H Club.

Receiving high honors ribbons were: Chynarose Degner, a junior in high school, from the Hubbleton Hustlers 4-H Club; Alyssa Chwala, a seventh-grader from the Cream of the Crop 4-H Club; Meghan Splinter, a freshman in high school, from the Ixonia Victory club; Whitney Chwala, an eighth-grader from the Cream of the Crop 4-H Club; Connor Shaw, an eighth-grader from the Cream of the Crop 4-H Club; Morgan Bauer, a seventh-grader from the Maple Street Hustlers club; Ethan Degner, a fifth-grader from the Hubbleton Hustlers 4-H Club;

Also, Dylan Holloway, a sixth-grader from the Rock Lake Troopers; Ava Oleniczak, a third-grader from the Farmington All-Stars 4-H Club; Nathan Griebenow, a fifth-grader from the Maple Street Hustlers; Kaiden Bavuso, a fourth-grader from the Ixonia Victory club; and Dean Loppnow, a seventh-grader from the Ixonia Victory club.

Receiving Honors were: Colleen Wilson, 10, Watertown; a fourth-grader from the Farmington All-Stars 4-H Club; Teagan Gray, a seventh-grader from the Cream of the Crop club; Jason Gruenwald, a sixth-grader from the Hubbleton Hustlers 4-H Club; Jenna Degner, a third-grader from the Hubbleton Hustlers 4-H Club; Emily Charter, an eighth-grader from the Maple Street Hustlers; MaKenzie Guckenberger, a fourth-grader from the Hebron

Helping Hands; Alex Shaw, a fifth-grader from the Cream of the Crop 4-H Club; Matthew Griebenow, a sophomore in high school, a member of the Maple Street Hustlers; Desiree Savath, a sophomore in high school and a member of the Ixonia Victory club; and Makayla Loppnow, an eighth-grader and a member of the Ixonia Victory club.

Receiving merit awards were: Adriana Bavuso, a fifth-grader with the Ixonia Victory club; Alex Dettmann, 9, Watertown, a third-grader and a member of the Farmington All Stars; Drew Dettmann, 10, Watertown, a fifth-grader and a member of the Farmington All-Stars; Ashley Brandel, a third-grader with the South Side Eagles; Taylor Wollin, a third-grader with the South Side Eagles; Emma Wiedenfeld, a third-grader with the South Side Eagles; Emily Wollin, a third-grader with the South Side Eagles; Sara Mark, a high school senior with the Maple Street Hustlers; Maddi Besch, a seventh-grader with the Country Clovers 4-H Club; Benjamin Ratzow, a fourth-grader with the Ixonia Victory club; Alyssa Ratzow, a sixth-grader with the Ixonia Victory club; Bianca Bavuso, a sophomore in high school and a member of the Ixonia Victory club; and Kaitlin Flood, a third-grader and a member of the Ixonia Victory club.