

## **Kimball-Banner County 4-H Announces Award Winners**

On Sunday, during the annual 4-H recognition banquet numerous members were acknowledged for their achievements. 4-H members who completed their first year include: Adryanne Anderson, Brice Bagley, Ayden Cross, Jadyn Cross, Shauntae Daily, Shayla Douthit, Sheyanne Elsen, Brian Evertson, Shakeeya Frye, Paycen Harroun, Ali Hunsaker, Clay Keller, Alana Kelsch, Hannah Marks, Ruth Mathson, Andrew McCloud, Jordan McGinnis-Cluff, Bryce Olsen, Tayla Schutz, Hope Shepard, Spencer Shields, Taylor Terrill, Melany Widner, Greg Wilke and Jaren Winstrom.

The following members completed their third year in 4-H: Paige Cross, Danielle Flick, Wrangler Frye, Jadyn Golding, Arica McCloud, JC Thurin, Vanessa Thurin and Monica Wasielewski. Completing five years in the 4-H Program were: Michael Ferguson, Jennaya Frye, Katie Klinginsmith, Jack May, Justin Mohr, Cody Simms, Hesten Soule and Preston Thurin. 4-H members who have completed ten years include: Tyler Gifford, Jessica Klinginsmith, Erin Knicely and Cole Wyatt.

Shane Dickerson, Rebekah Knaub and Vanessa Thurin were recognized for the time that they spent as members of the 4-H Council. Andrew Barrett was awarded the Catch-A-Calf award.

Youth who completed their 4-H Career Portfolio are able to apply for project area awards. Those who were recognized in the Junior Division include: Wyatt Long and Trenton Elsen. In the Senior Division awards went to: Preston Lukassen, Kayla Lukassen, Robert Olsen, and Bailey Long.

Kimball-Banner County will be represented at the State Record Book Competition in the area of Animal Science by: Preston Lukassen, Robert Olsen and Bailey Long. Robert Olsen will also be competing in the Environmental Education and Earth Sciences area. Winners from each project area will represent Nebraska during National 4-H Congress in Atlanta, Georgia.

4-H is blessed by the involvement of parents, leaders and community volunteers. The 2009 Friend of 4-H has been able to overcome unexpected challenges. The KEEC Home Extension Club has been providing the buyer's meals for meal years, this year they were forced to move from the 4-H Building to the FFA Stand in order to be able to provide this meal. Thank you for helping to make 4-H and the Kimball-Banner County Fair one of the best to be involved with.

This year we have chosen to recognize another outstanding individual. There are many events that would not be possible without his assistance. He is always the first to volunteer to help out when needed and make sure that everything is complete. Klent Schnell is an asset to the 4-H Program as well as his community. Klent was also awarded a 2009 Friend of 4-H Award.

4-H is made up of a group of exceptional young people. They are leaders in the activities they are involved in. Each year we are challenged to select one outstanding 4-H member. This year's recipient has been an active member of 4-H since he was 8 years old. He has held numerous offices in the clubs he has been involved with. He has also been active in a variety of areas at school and through his church. Brady Baker received the 2009 Outstanding 4-H'er award.