

Clay County 4-H results from South Dakota State Fair

The 2009 South Dakota State Fair was held Sept. 3-7 in Huron. Three hundred ninety entries were exhibited by Clay County 4-H members through static and livestock exhibits and Youth-In-Action contests.

Fifteen county judging teams participated in their respective State Judging Contests. Three teams and three individuals placed in the Top Ten of their respective contests. Erika Fallan placed fifth in the state in the Junior FCS contest, Pearl Gaidelis placed fifth in the state in the Senior Photography contest while Virginia Bergman placed third in the state in the Senior Visual Arts contest.

Judging teams placing in the Top Ten were Junior FCS, Senior Photography and Senior Visual Arts. Team members on the Junior FCS team were Brittany Hanson, Marley Hanson, Erika Fallan and Megan Vlasman. The Senior Photography judging team members were Virginia Bergman, Ellen Hanson, Kelsy Fallan and Pearl Gaidelis. Members of the Senior Visual Arts judging team were Virginia Bergman, Ellen Hanson, Pearl Gaidelis and Kelsy Fallan.

Ellen Hanson participated in the State Fashion Revue contest and was awarded a purple ribbon.

Kelsy and Erika Fallan participated in the State Special Foods contest and both received purples on their dishes, Cheesy Veggie Rice Bake and Green Eggs and Ham.

Participating in the Public Presentation contests were Blaine Bottolfson, Shannon Sokolowski, Pearl Gaidelis, Taylor Geu and Erika Fallan. Blaine received a blue on his Illustrated Talk as did Shannon on her Demonstration. Giving illustrated talks were Taylor Geu, Pearl Gaidelis and Erika Fallan. Taylor and Pearl both received purples and Erika was awarded a blue ribbon.

Pearl also did a Public Speaking presentation and received a purple ribbon for her efforts.

4-H members and the ribbon placings they earned at State Fair are as follows:

Virginia Bergman, Meckling Livestock 4-H Club
Biological Sciences - red
Home Environment - blue
Horticulture - blue
Self-Determined - blue

Blaine Bottolfson, Meckling Livestock 4-H Club
Computers & Technology - blue
Home Environment - purple
Visual Arts - blue

Megan Bottolfson, Meckling Livestock 4-H Club
Visual Arts - purple

Dean Christensen, Clay County Cubs 4-H Club
Market Beef - blue
Clothing - red
Electricity - blue
Foods & Nutrition - blue
Plant Science - blue
Visual Arts - red

Kaysee Christensen, Clay County Cubs 4-H Club
Breeding Beef - purple
Breeding Beef Showmanship - purple
Child Development - purple, blue
Clothing - blue
Foods & Nutrition - purple (2)
Home Environment - purple
Visual Arts - purple, blue

Taylor Christensen, Clay County Cubs 4-H Club
First Aid - purple
Photography - blue
Visual Arts - purple (3), red

Tyler Christensen, Clay County Cubs 4-H Club
Market Beef - blue
Market Beef Showmanship - purple
First Aid - purple
Visual Arts - purple (2)

Erika Fallan, Meckling Livestock 4-H Club
Aerospace & Rocketry - purple (2)
Child Development - blue
Clothing - purple, red
Computers & Technology - blue
First Aid - blue
Foods & Nutrition - purple
Leadership - purple
Market Swine - purple
Photography - red

Kelsy Fallan, Meckling Livestock 4-H Club

Clothing - blue
Hobbies & Collections - purple
Home Environment - blue
Leadership - purple (2)
Market Swine - purple

Pearl Gaidelis, Young Producers 4-H Club
Dog Rally Novice - blue
Economics - blue
Photography - purple (2), red
Rabbit - purple
Rabbit Showmanship - purple
Self-Determined - purple
Visual Arts - blue
Wood Science - purple

Taylor Geu, Member at Large
Cat - purple (2)
Cat Showmanship - purple
Photography - purple (3), blue (2)
Writing - purple (2)

Alicia Geuther, Young Producers 4-H Club
Breeding Beef - blue

Brady Geuther, Young Producers 4-H Club
Breeding Beef - blue
Breeding Beef Showmanship - purple

Cody Geuther, Young Producers 4-H Club
Breeding Beef - purple, blue
Breeding Beef Showmanship - purple

McKenna Gylfe, Clay County Cubs 4-H Club
Clothing - purple
Photography - blue

Brittany Hanson, Jolly JJ's 4-H Club
Home Environment - purple
Visual Arts - blue

Ellen Hanson, Jolly JJ's 4-H Club
Child Development - purple
Home Environment - blue, purple (2)
Photography - red (2), purple
Visual Arts - purple, blue

Marley Hanson, Jolly JJ's 4-H Club
Home Environment - purple (3), blue
Photography - blue
Visual Arts - purple, blue (4)

Tyler Hauck, Meckling Livestock 4-H Club
Clothing - blue
Computers & Technology - purple
Foods & Nutrition - purple
Home Environment - purple, blue
Visual Arts - purple

Rebecca Hawley, Meckling Livestock 4-H Club
Breeding Beef - blue

Market Beef - blue

Allison Heine, Meckling Livestock 4-H Club
Foods & Nutrition - red
Market Sheep - purple (4)

Andrew Heine, Meckling Livestock 4-H Club
Market Sheep - blue, purple (2)

Gerrit Heine, Meckling Livestock 4-H Club
Market Sheep - purple, blue

Seth Heine, Meckling Livestock 4-H Club
Market Sheep - purple (3), blue (2)

Emily Holoch, Member at Large
Child Development - blue
Drama & Theatre Arts - purple
Photography - blue (2), purple (2)
Visual Arts - purple (2)

Morgan Hower, Dog 4-H Club
Dog Rally Advanced - blue
Dog Novice Obedience - purple
Dog Showmanship - blue

Brianna Huot, Clay County Cubs 4-H Club
Hobbies & Collections - red
Horticulture - blue, red

Kevin Huot, Clay County Cubs 4-H Club
Hobbies & Collections - red
Horticulture - purple, blue (4)

Sadie Huot, Clay County Flyers 4-H Club
Clothing - purple

Seth Huot, Clay County Flyers 4-H Club
Hobbies & Collections - purple
Visual Arts - blue

Shelby Jensen, Young Producers 4-H Club
Clothing - blue
Dog Rally Novice - blue
Dog Novice Showmanship - purple
Foods & Nutrition - purple
Photography - blue, purple

Taylor Kayl, Burbank Feeders 4-H Club
Clothing - purple (2)
Home Environment - blue
Photography - purple (2)

Shayla Kiertzner, Meckling Livestock 4-H Club
Clothing - purple
Home Environment - blue

Cody Killian, Clay County Flyers 4-H Club
Foods & Nutrition - purple (4)

Jackie Killian,

Clay County Flyers 4-H Club
Foods & Nutrition - purple (3)

Jessie Lovett, Burbank Feeders 4-H Club
Dog Rally Novice - white
Dog Novice Showmanship - purple

Taylor Lyso, Young Producers 4-H Club
Citizenship - purple
Foods & Nutrition - red
Home Environment - purple
Market Swine - purple (2), blue
Plant Science - purple

Tristan Meadows, Clay County Flyers 4-H Club
Cat - purple
Cat Showmanship - purple

Haleigh Melstad, Young Producers 4-H Club
Foods & Nutrition - purple
Home Environment - purple
Visual Arts - purple (2)

Kyleigh Melstad, Young Producers 4-H Club
Home Environment - purple
Safety - purple
Visual Arts - purple (2)

Audry Miller, Meckling Livestock 4-H Club
Photography - blue (3)

Elly Miller, Meckling Livestock 4-H Club
Photography - purple, blue, red

Caleb Nelson, Clay County Cubs 4-H Club
Clothing - blue
Photography - blue

Makayla Nelson, Clay County Cubs 4-H Club
Cat - purple
Clothing - purple
Home Environment - purple

Katlynn Noteboom, Burbank Feeders 4-H Club
Visual Arts - purple

Shauna Noteboom, Burbank Feeders 4-H Club
Drama & Theatre Arts - blue

Shelby Noteboom, Burbank Feeders 4-H Club
Clothing - purple
Foods & Nutrition - blue
Visual Arts - blue

Nick O'Connell, Clay County Cubs 4-H Club
Electricity - purple

Madison O'Connor, Meckling Livestock 4-H Club
Clothing - purple
Foods & Nutrition - purple
Horticulture - purple (3), blue

Market Beef - blue
Market Swine - blue (2)

Abby Ouellette, Meckling Livestock 4-H Club
Clothing - blue

Ashley Ouellette, Meckling Livestock 4-H Club
Safety - blue

Chad Peterson, Young Producers 4-H Club
Market Sheep - blue (2)
Market Swine - purple, blue (2)
Poultry - purple (2), blue
Wood Science - purple (2)

Alexis Reich, Dog 4-H Club
Dog Rally Novice - purple

Emily Rolfe, Burbank Feeders 4-H Club
Clothing - purple
Foods & Nutrition - blue (2)
Home Environment - blue
Horticulture - blue (2)
Visual Arts - purple (3)

Samantha Smith, Young Producers 4-H Club
Dog Rally Novice - purple
Dog Pre Novice Obedience - blue
Dog Open Showmanship - purple

Andrea Sokolowski, Young Producers 4-H Club
Market Swine - purple, blue

Brendan Sokolowski, Young Producers 4-H Club
Market Swine - purple (2)

Daniel Sokolowski, Young Producers 4-H Club
Market Swine - purple (3)

Lauren Sokolowski, Young Producers 4-H Club
Market Swine - Division Reserve Champion, blue

Shannon Sokolowski, Young Producers 4-H Club
Market Swine - purple (2), blue
Market Swine Ultrasound - purple

Ashley Sorenson, Jolly JJ's 4-H Club
Home Environment - purple
Visual Arts - red

Kayla Stammer, Dog 4-H Club
Dog Rally Novice - purple
Dog Pre Novice Obedience - blue
Dog Novice Showmanship - purple

Abby Weiss, Jolly JJ's 4-H Club
Visual Arts - purple

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begun in 1989. The award is named after South Dakota native and USD graduate Al Neuharth, who founded "USA Today."

The award presentation was broadcast on South Dakota Public Television and will be re-broadcast Sunday afternoon.

As part of her USD visit, Couric appeared at a Thursday afternoon press conference. The reporters included USD students who weren't even born when Couric began her career. And those USD students included young women who have never known a world where females didn't play a prominent role in journalism.

Now, women will solo anchor two network evening news programs when Diane Sawyer takes over ABC News' "World News" anchor spot in January. She will replace Charles Gibson, who is retiring from the position at the end of the year.

At Thursday's press conference, Couric was asked her feelings on leading the way for Sawyer.

"Diane Sawyer doesn't need me to break any glass ceilings for her," Couric said. "She is accomplished and very deserving."

The time has come for women to take their place as solo anchors, Couric said. "Women make up more than half the country," she said. "It's only right that women anchor two of three network news programs."

When asked about her move from NBC's "Today" co-anchor spot to "CBS Evening News," Couric said the transition wasn't difficult. She said many viewers may not have realized the body of hard news that she covered on "Today" that prepared her well as CBS anchor.

"There were lighter moments on the 'Today' show. I had a lot of fun doing the 'Today' Show, but those were emphasized the most," she said. "I also did pieces on 9/11, the Oklahoma City bombing and the O.J. Simpson trial. I also interviewed CEOs, congressional leaders and policy makers."

Couric noted that she also covered the Pentagon during her career.

"I enjoyed the versatility of 'Today,' but I was ready to roll up my sleeves and do more serious reporting," she said.

Couric's coverage of the historic 2008 presidential race included an interview with then-Alaska Gov. Sarah Palin, the Republican vice presidential candidate. Many observers considered the interview a defining moment in the campaign.

The interview provided one of the first major insights into Palin as a person and politician. Some persons denounced the interview as a "gotcha" moment designed to embarrass or trap Palin. Others praised the interview and said it showed Palin was ill-prepared for the vice presidency.

Couric said she approached the interview with a historical perspective. She saw it as an opportunity — and obligation — to inform Americans about a candidate that the general public didn't know well.

"I wanted it to be revealing, perceptive and peel the layers away from the onion," she said.

Palin also received the opportunity to present herself to the American public, Couric said. "It was a vehicle that allowed Gov. Palin to express her viewpoint and positions on various issues," she said.

Couric said she sought to ask a variety of questions to provide insights on Palin. "I asked what the American people wanted to know about (Palin) as a person and a policy maker," she said.

"I covered critical issues, but I also wanted to know what (Palin) read to see what shaped her world view," she added.

In a world with a 24-hour news cycle, Couric still sees an important role for the 30-minute nightly news.

"It's challenging in the media business," she said. "We are in an increasingly fragmented media landscape. The evening news plays an

important and significant role."

Round-the-clock news coverage sometimes leaves journalists scrambling to fill air time with anything, Couric said. "Twenty-four-hour news is an insatiable monster, and the monster has to be fed," she said.

In contrast, "CBS Evening News" spends the day polishing stories to present a half-hour package, she said. But even that format carries limitations, she said.

"It's frustrating to have 22 minutes, including commercials, and not have a longer period of time (on the air) to flesh out stories," she said.

Gone are the days when the traditional family gathers around the television for the nightly news, Couric said. But that doesn't mean that the nightly network news lacks an audience, she said.

On the contrary, she said, the evening news allows in-depth reporting, she said.

For example, CBS recently spent three days covering all aspects of Afghanistan and the difficult decisions facing President Obama, Couric said. The series of Palin interviews also allowed

more coverage of the candidate, and expanded formats are used in other ways, she said.

CBS holds a tradition of solid journalism, Couric said, citing "60 Minutes" and "Face The Nation" as well as the "CBS Evening News," she said.

"60 Minutes" is a platform for some of the finest journalism you will see today on a weekly basis," she said.

Couric also cited predecessors such as Edward R. Murrow, Walter Cronkite, Dan Rather and Bob Schieffer. "CBS has a lot to be proud of. I try to uphold the standards that they produced," she said.

Today's advocacy journalism contrasts with objective, old-fashioned reporting, Couric said. Audiences tend to seek out news they agree with, which creates a "myopic" view, she said.

"If you hear your own view reflected back to you, it's not exactly helpful to understanding the world," she said.

Networks should educate and create awareness, Couric said. Today's broadcasts include those blurring news and views, she said.

"As Walter Cronkite said, the difference between news and commentary is like the difference between the Bible and Playboy magazine," she said.

Couric said she has sought to embrace the Web, social networking and other sites as a way to reach audiences.

"You can't really go back and change things. There have been seismic shifts in the media the last five years," she said. "I try to embrace new media. There is such a revolution going on."

Couric said she views her USD visit as an important way to learn about the rest of the nation.

"I don't believe the world ends at the Hudson River," she said. "It's important to get out. I like to talk to students and hear what they

have to say. It's an exciting opportunity to be here (in Vermillion)."

Couric advised college students to never give up.

"My advice is to be persistent and not let the turkeys get you down. They have their insecurities and don't want you to do well," she said. "Be persistent and achieve your goals. Do something that you're passionate about, and it won't be work. It will be gratification."

Above all, give your best effort, she said.

"The importance of hard work is often misunderstood," she said. "Be a self-starter. Work weekends, and offer to work hard. It's appreciated, and it will help you rise to the top."

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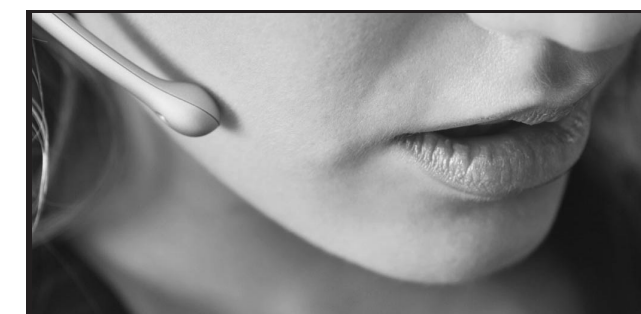
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