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2023 Grant County 4-H Awards Banquet

The Grant County 4-H Awards Banquet was held January 23, 2024 at the Grant County Extension Office. Once members had arrived and found their seats, Jessica and Lauren began the welcome. Tucker Gatlin led everyone in the American pledge, then Allie Miller led everyone in the 4-H pledge. Lastly, before everyone had made their plates, Sarah Gardner led us in the invocation.

Once members were seated with their meals, we began handing out the awards. We started awards by recognizing the club leaders and the 2023 Outstanding 4-H Club Leader Award. Local 4-H clubs are managed by the club leaders and assistant leaders. These volunteers are one of the key ingredients to success of a 4-H club and serve an important role in being a significant adult role model for youth.

The club leaders also give leadership to recruiting other volunteers to help provide quality 4-H projects and activities for the membership. The club leaders are responsible for forming a team with the club officers and creating a strong youth-adult partnership. Club leaders Bill and Becky Sorrell from the Lone Mountain 4-H Club, Liz Gardner and Lori Moon from the White Signal 4-H Club, Ann Pavlackovich from the Wranglers 4-H Club, Lela Goar from the Spurs 4-H Club, and Jolynne Massengill from the Silver Shooters 4-H Club were each awarded with a 4-H bag and a cup. The Outstanding 4-H Club Leader Award was given to Ann Pavlackovich from the Wranglers 4-H Club, she was awarded with a plaque.

Then we moved onto the 2023 Outstanding 4-H Club. The purpose of a 4-H club is to provide positive youth development opportunities to meet the needs of young people to experience belonging, mastery, independence, and generosity and to foster educational opportunities tied to the Land Grant University knowledge base. This award was presented to the Wranglers 4-H Club, the club was awarded a plaque.

Next, we had moved onto the 2023 Outstanding 4-H Volunteer Award. Volunteers and parents are valuable partners in the 4-H program, and their contributions can have a profound impact on the lives of 4-H members long after they reach adulthood. Volunteers have a vital role to play in 4-H clubs, after-school programs, community service and project work. The 2023 Outstanding 4-H Volunteer Award was given to Michael Meyer, he was awarded with a plaque. Next, we gave out the 2023 Outstanding 4-H Member Award. The Outstanding 4-H Member Award



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recognizes individuals who have actively participated in 4-H activities and served as role models to others. Many activities that enhance a successful 4-H experience include modeling good citizenship and leadership to others. 4-H'ers pledge to serve, not only their club, but also their community, their country and their world. Members were nominated by other members, leaders and volunteers. This award was presented to Cayden Lopez, he was awarded with a plaque.

Next, we handed out the 2023 Grant County Friend of 4-H Award. The Grant County friend of 4-H award is a long time award that has gone to community members for their support and help with the local 4-H program. The nominees cannot have any family members that are currently enrolled in the program. Nominees are nominated at the council meeting and voted on by the youth members only. This award was presented to Michelle and Eugene Munoz and they were awarded with a plaque.

Then, we moved onto record book awards. 4-H record books are a standard record of youth activities in 4-H projects, activities, events, skills development and learning experiences. The 4-H Record Book helps youth improve their skills in record keeping, goal management and reflection on their achievements and growth in 4-H. Each member who has participated in competing with 4-H record books were awarded with pins that represented what exactly they had accomplished and shown on their record book, along with a pin that represents the amount of each year they presented a record book.

Each age division in 4-H had a separate awardee. The 2023 Outstanding Senior Record book was awarded to Allie Miller. The 2023 Outstanding Junior Record book was awarded to Dusty Waters. The 2023 Outstanding Novice Record book was awarded to Kayden Smith. And lastly, the 2023 Outstanding Cloverbud Record book was awarded to Raeli Mounyo. The best record book for each age division was awarded with a 4-H jacket with their name embroidered on them.

Before the 2023 Grant County Awards Banquet had come to an end, we had begun our installation of new 2024 Council Officers in a candlelight ceremony. A 4-H County Council member is a self-motivated, enthusiastic leader who promotes 4-H using skill, knowledge and leadership abilities acquired in 4-H with 4-H members, area residents, community leaders, elected officials and other youth. A 4-H Council Member serves as a role model and mentor to younger 4-H members through interactions at activities/events and sets an example. A 4-H Council Member serves to strengthen the 4-H program through public relations.

The new council officers of 2024 4-H Council President Tucker Gatlin, 4-H Council Vice-President Kayleigh Massengill, 4-H Council Secretary Krysten Jones, 4-H Council Treasurer Christopher Bennett, 4-H Council Reporter Allie Miller, and 4-H Council Recreation Leader Juan Martinez. And with that, the 2024 4-H awards Banquet had come to an end.

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2023 Outstanding 4-H Club

Left to Right: Dayna Jones, Lauren Baker, Hank Pavlackovich, Kayden Smith, Tucker Smith, Ann Pavlackovich, Kayleigh Smith, Krysten Jones, Allie Miller, Brian Miller, Jessica Massengill



2023 Friend of 4-H Eugene and Michelle Munoz

Left to Right: Lauren Baker, Eugene Munoz, Michelle Munoz, Jessica Massengill



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2023 Grant County Outstanding Volunteer Michale Meyer

Left to Right: Lauren Baker, Michael Meyer, Jessica Massengill



2023 Outstanding Senior Record Book Allie Miller

Left to Right Allie Miller, Jessica Massengill



2023 Outstanding Novice Record Book Kayden Smith

Left to Right Kayden Smith, Jessica Massengill



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2023 Outstanding 4-H Club Leader Ann
Pavlackovich
Left to Right: Ann Pavlackovich, Jessica Massengill



2023 Outstanding Cloverbud Record Book Raely Mounyo
Left to Right: Raely Mounyo, Jessica Massengill



2024 Grant County 4-H Council Officers
Left to Right
Recreation Leader Juan Martinez
Secretary Krysten Jones
Vice-President Kayleigh Massengill
Treasurer Christopher Bennett
President Tucker Gatlin
Reporter Allie Miller