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## CASPER FFA WINS 2014 HORSE EVALUATION STATE CHAMPIONSHIP



CHEYENNE— The Casper FFA Chapter was named Wyoming’s top chapter in the 2014 Horse Evaluation Career Development Event on April 10, 2014, at the Wyoming FFA State Convention in Cheyenne.

Horse Evaluation is a competitive activity that tests the student's ability to select and evaluate horses. Event components include selection classes that consisted of halter classes and performance classes. Students also present sets of oral reasons to justify their placings.

Team members were Katelyn Chapin, Taylor Cotton, Lacey Washut and Sade Wilson. The team’s FFA advisor and coach is Brock Burch. The team also won the team halter portion of the competition. Cotton and Chapin finished in the top ten individuals.

Burch said he is extremely proud of the team for upholding their commitment to one another.

“The girls are extremely talented,” he explained. “We knew coming into the spring that we would be competitive as a team. We didn’t have any high individuals – we did it as a team. That is what they did and I am proud of that.”

This event is one of many educational activities at the state FFA convention in which FFA members practice the lessons learned in agricultural education classes.

The team has been working together for three years toward earning a horse evaluation championship, including attending practice competitions across the state and even a clinic in Texas to develop their skills.

“Participation helps FFA members further develop their interest in equine selection, management and production, while simultaneously advancing teamwork, leadership and communication skills,” said Stacy Broda, State FFA Advisor. “This event is popular among students who raise and show horses, or are interested in pursuing a career in the equine industry in the future.

Other Horse Evaluation Results were as follows:

HIGH INDIVIDUAL HALTER	Pamela Gandy, Snowy Range FFA
THIRD HIGH TEAM HALTER	John B. Kendrick FFA
SECOND HIGH TEAM HALTER	Riverton FFA
HIGH TEAM HALTER	Casper FFA
HIGH INDIVIDUAL PERFORMANCE	Claire Streeter, Burns FFA
THIRD HIGH TEAM PERFORMANCE	Riverton FFA
SECOND HIGH TEAM PERFORMANCE	Casper FFA
HIGH TEAM PERFORMANCE	Snowy Range FFA
THIRD HIGH INDIVIDUAL REASONS	Clair Streeter, Burns FFA
SECOND HIGH INDIVIDUAL REASONS	Nikki Copenhaver, John B. Kendrick FFA
HIGH INDIVIDUAL REASONS	Jamie Walker, Riverton FFA
THIRD HIGH TEAM REASONS	Casper FFA

SECOND HIGH TEAM REASONS	Snowy Range FFA
HIGH TEAM REASONS	Riverton FFA
THIRD HIGH INDIVIDUAL HORSE EVALUATION	Masey Tippetts, Lovell FFA
SECOND HIGH INDIVIDUAL HORSES	Claire Streeter, Burns FFA
HIGH INDIVIDUAL HORSE EVALUATION	Jamie Walker, Riverton FFA
SIXTH HIGH TEAM	Lovell FFA
FIFTH HIGH TEAM	John B. Kendrick FFA
FOURTH HIGH TEAM	Southeast FFA
THIRD HIGH TEAM	Snowy Range FFA
SECOND HIGH TEAM	Riverton FFA
CHAMPION TEAM HORSE EVALUATION	Casper FFA

The Casper team now looks forward to representing Wyoming at the national competition, to be held at the National FFA Convention in Louisville, Ky., in October. The champion team will receive a travel sponsorship from the Wyoming FFA Foundation. Other Horse Evaluation awards were sponsored by the Lander FFA and LCCC Agriculture Department.

“Now we are representing Wyoming and that is huge,” said Wilson. “We have believed in ourselves and each other for a while but we haven’t had any evidence to back it up.”

The Wyoming FFA Association is part of the National FFA Organization, formerly known as Future Farmers of America. This youth organization has more than half a million student members nationwide, and more than 2,000 in 50 chapters in Wyoming. The FFA mission is to make a positive difference in the lives of students by developing their potential for premier leadership, personal growth and career success through agricultural education.

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