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CHIEF WASHAKIE FFA WINS VETERINARY SCIENCE CDE STATE CHAMPIONSHIP



2014 Veterinary Science Career Development Event State Champion Team – Chief Washakie FFA

Pictured in photo from left to right are Chief Washakie FFA members Callie Klienhagen, Danae McGarvin, Annie Butterfield, Ricardo Martinez and FFA advisor Grace Godfrey.

CHEYENNE— The Chief Washakie FFA Chapter was named Wyoming's top chapter in the 2014 Veterinary Science Career Development Event on April 8, 2014, at the Wyoming FFA State Convention in Cheyenne.

The Veterinary Science event is a competitive activity that allows students to apply classroom knowledge to real-life situations. The event tested students on their knowledge of small and large

animal anatomy and physiology, clinical procedures, health and safety and medical terminology. Members completed a written exam and identification test, as well as completed a team activity.

Team members were Danae McGarvin, Annie Butterfield, Callie Klienghagen and Ricardo Martinez. McGarvin finished as the high individual on the written exam and the top individual overall, earning her a 1-year tuition scholarship to Eastern Wyoming College. The team's FFA advisor is Grace Godfrey.

All of the team members work in vet clinics in Worland and plan to use that experience and skills learned in the competition in the future.

"It gives me more confidence because I have been told that vet school is rough and getting into it is rough," said McGarvin. "It gives me confidences that I will be able to succeed. "

"It just boosted my confidence," explained Martinez. "I feel real confident to go to college and do great. Be the next Dr. Poll."

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 competition was held at Eastern Wyoming College, with EWC instructors serving as judges and contest organizers. This is the second year the full competition has been part of the Wyoming FFA convention.

"This event promotes college and career readiness by providing students opportunities to develop technical knowledge and demonstrate practical skills in the field of science," explained Stacy Broda, State FFA Advisor. "The event is ideal for students who plan to pursue a career in veterinary medicine or animal science, or work in a hands-on field in livestock or small animal production."

The 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 was sponsored by Chamberlain Farms. Other awards were sponsored by Eastern Wyoming College.

Other Veterinary Science results were as follows:

HIGH INDIVIDUAL-- WRITTEN TEST	Becca Weber, Shoshoni
HIGH INDIVIDUAL-- ID	Danae McGarvin, Worland/Chief Washakie
THIRD HIGH INDIVIDUAL	Katie Forton, Lander
SECOND HIGH INDIVIDUAL	Abbi Faxon, Casper
HIGH INDIVIDUAL	Danae McGarvin, Worland/Chief Washakie
HIGH TEAM-- TEAM ACTIVITY	Riverton

SIXTH HIGH TEAM	Buffalo
FIFTH HIGH TEAM	Riverton
FOURTH HIGH TEAM	Lander
THIRD HIGH TEAM	Snowy Range
SECOND HIGH TEAM	Casper
CHAMPION TEAM VETERINARY SCIENCE	Worland/Chief Washakie

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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