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4-H ABA EXTRAVAGANZA WAS A GREAT SUCCESS

More than 25 Glenn County 4-H Youth Members participated in the annual 4-H ABA (Anything But Animals) Extravaganza, which included several components: Food Fiesta Contest, Creative Arts & Skills Day Contest, ABA Judging, Interview Contest, and a 4-H Presentation opportunity. This event was held Saturday, March 25, 2023, at the Glenn County Fairgrounds, reports Glenn County 4-H Community Education Specialist, Christine Kampmann.

The adult chair for the event was Marci Sanchez, Key Leader of the Schaffert 4-H Club and the youth chair for the event was Gracie Cloyd of the Schaffert 4-H Club. The adult committee members were, Michelle Dobbs and Meghan Rogers of the Schaffert 4-H Club and Abby Alves of the Willows 4-H Club and the Glenn County 4-H Council ABA Vice President.

The 4-H members brought wonderful food dishes, beautifully crafted centerpieces, and displays to be evaluated at the Food Fiesta event. Each member was also required to set a proper table setting and provide a nutritionally balanced menu with a sample of an item from their menu. All the primary members (5-8 years old) who received participation ribbons and certificates for the Food Fiesta were: Rylee Dobbs, Kate Goss, Trent van Tol – Schaffert 4-H Club. Food Fiesta Traditional Table Setting Junior Division Gold Medal winner was Emma Rodgers – Schaffert 4-H Club. Food Fiesta Traditional Table Setting Intermediate Division Gold Medal winner was: Madileine Lefor – Capay 4-H Club; and Diego Mojica and Mellanie van Tol – Schaffert 4-H Club.

4-H members also competed in the Food Fiesta Commodity Category receiving special awards with their food dishes. Those categories included Beef, Dairy, and Honey this year. In the Beef Commodity Category, Diego Mojica of Schaffert 4-H Club was the Intermediate Division Winner. In the Dairy Commodity Category, the winner for the Junior Division was Emma Rodgers of Schaffert 4-H Club

and the winner for the Intermediate Division was Mellanie van Tol of the Schaffert 4-H Club. In the Honey Commodity Category, the winner for the Intermediate Division was Madileine Lefor of the Capay 4-H Club.

4-H members could also compete in the Creative Arts and Skills event category where they made an educational display, on an item they made in a 4-H project and explained the process of how the item was made. The Educational Display Junior Division Gold Medal winner was Megan Lohse of the Clover 4-H Club, and the Intermediate Division Gold Medal winner was Danica Pool of the Willows 4-H Club.

4-H Members also judged a variety of 4-H “Anything, but Animals” topics such as basic 4-H, safety, sewing, leadership, cooking, and finances. The judging is a process to help 4-H Members grow in their abilities to think, reason, and make logical and scientific judgments. Members then orally present reasons to an evaluator. All the primary members who received participation ribbons and certificates for the ABA Judging were: Kate Goss and Rylee Dobbs of the Schaffert 4-H Club; and Jackson Pool of the Willows 4-H Club.

ABA Judging Junior Division winners were: Sawyer Flowers of the Willows 4-H Club – 1st place; Grace Hobbs of the Willows 4-H Club – 2nd place; and Madalyn Sigala of the Willows 4-H Club – 3rd place. ABA Judging Intermediate Division winners were: Adriana Hurlburt of the Willows 4-H Club – 1st place, Eli Wheeler of the Schaffert 4-H Club – 2nd place, and Maddisen Pool of the Willows 4-H Club – 3rd place. The ABA Judging Senior Division winner was Emily Karle of the Lake 4-H Club – 1st place.

The third annual Interview Contest took place at the event as well. The youth had to select a job from the State 4-H designated job descriptions, create a resume and cover letter, and participate in a mock interview. The Interview Contest Senior Division Gold Medal winners were: Emily Karle of the Lake 4-H Club and Ryan Chapman of the Willows 4-H Club. Receiving a Blue and winning the Intermediate Division was Adrianna Hurlburt of the Willows 4-H Club.

Youth members were also given the option to present their presentations at the county level. The purpose of a 4-H presentation is to help 4-H youth learn how to research a subject, organize their ideas in a logical order and then communicate the idea by showing and/or telling. Danica Pool of the Willows 4-H Club and Adrianna Hurlburt of the Willows 4-H Club, both gave 4-H presentations.

Thank you to the local businesses who donated food items as gifts for recipients and evaluators for the event. Those who made these donations for the event were: Sierra Nevada Cheese Company, Olivarez Honeybees, Inc., and Andy’s Butcher Block. A special thank you goes out to our evaluators who

took time out of their busy schedules. The evaluators were: Barbara Warner, Karrie Silveira, Cheryl Massa, Ken Sanchez, Gene Massa, Lynnette Corning, and Mitch Corning. A big thank you is extended to all the community members, leaders, youth, and parents who helped with the ABA Extravaganza event.



Figure 1: 4-H Member presenting their Food Fiesta entry.



Figure 2: 4-H Youth Members participating in ABA Judging.



Figure 3: 4-H Youth Member with Food Fiesta entry.



Figure 4: Junior Member with Educational Display entry.

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