

2003 FFA Banquet was best one yet

Submitted

The Rockcastle County FFA Chapter held its 2003 Banquet on March 1 to round out a great year of FFA success.

The banquet began with a dinner, provided by KFC, Kerns, Pepsi and Southern Bell. The food was prepared by County Extension Agent Tom Mills and Geoff McGuire and was served by the Rockcastle FFA alumni.

Shortly afterwards, the crowd moved into the auditorium where a talent group, composed of Donald Sowder, Brian Powell, Jordan Hall and Daniel Bustle, were playing.

After the entertainment, the ceremonies began with the officer team marching in and conducting opening ceremonies. Chaplain Jordan Hall gave the invocation, vice president Heather Adams welcomed all the special guests and alumni president Duane Adams gave a greeting on behalf of the alumni. During this time, three \$500 scholarships were awarded by the alumni to outstanding seniors who plan to attend college. Recipients were: Jamey Robinson, Bryanna Bussell and Heather Pingleton.

Following introductions, the awards ceremony took place, with each recipient announced as they accepted their award. An appreciation plaque was given as well to Chris McGuire.

Advisors Roy Reynolds and Jeff Hayes gave out the special awards, which was the highlight of the ceremony.

Receiving the Star Farmer Award was Nick Alcorn and the Star Agribusinessman award went to Trenton Harding.

Star in Agriculture Placement was Heather Pingleton. Zach Hale was Star Greenhand. Outstanding Committee Chairman was Heather Adams. Daniel Bustle received the 110% Award. Jamey Robinson received the Outstanding Service Award and Bryanna Bussell was named the Outstanding Leader and also received the coveted Dekalb Award.

Following the awards program, Honorary Degrees were awarded. This year's recipients were the parents of Jamey Robinson, Kathy and Edwin Robinson and, Bryanna Bussell's parents, Bryan Bussell and Becky Bussell. Also receiving an Honorary Degree was former Rockcastle FFA vice president Zach Gentry.

The FFA newscast, which was the climax of the evening, was conducted by the agriculture communications class and headed up by chapter reporter, Jamey Robinson.

The installation of new officers was the last order of business. Each officer and assistant was presented with their pin and escorted to their new position by the retiring officer.

Plaques were given to the retiring officers and the senior officers gave their farewell speeches.

Rounding out the evening's ceremonies was a tribute to the seniors. It was a very emotional moment for those seniors who will be leaving this year to achieve new heights.

All in all, the 2003 banquet was one of the best banquets we have ever had and we hope to make the 2004 banquet even better.

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tribution to this year's FFA banquet: Adams Feed Supply, B&I Grocery, Dairy Mart, Dennis Bare, Becky Bussell, Donald Sowder, Herd's National Bank, Dowell & Martin Funeral Home, Brodhead Tobacco Barn, Duane Adams, Carolyn & Eddie Hamm, Food World, Chris McGuire, Geoff McGuire, Ford Brothers, Citizens Bank, Garard Co. Stockyards, Rockcastle Co. FFA Alumni, Clontz & Cox Law Office, Jeff Burdette, Community Trust

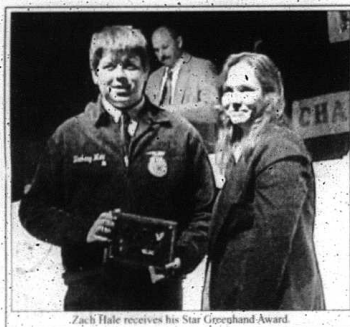
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Jenny Taylor presents Bryanna Bussell her Outstanding Leader Award.



Daniel Bustle receives his 110% award.



Zach Hale receives his Star Greenhand Award.



Donald Sowder received the Outstanding Assistant Officer Award.



Jamey Robinson receives his Outstanding Service award.



Honorary degree recipients from left: Zach Gentry, Becky Bussell, Bryan Bussell, Kathy Robinson and Edwin Robinson.



Heather Pingleton receives her Outstanding Committee Chairman award.

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