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Wright County 4-H Holds Annual Awards Dinner

By Edward Lynn
Editor

DOWS, Iowa – The Wright County 4-H program celebrated its annual awards dinner on Saturday, Nov. 23, at the Dows Community Center, with more than 100 people in attendance. The event, hosted by the Wright County 4-H Teen Council, featured walking tacos and lemonade for dinner.

The evening celebrated achievements across various categories, recognizing members for their hard work and dedication throughout the year.

- County Council Awards**
- Rookie of the Year Award: Keegan Eientrager
 - Butterfly Award: Kali Wharton
 - Wise Owl Award: Harley Charlson
 - Cheerleader Award: Belle Wharton
 - Yes Man Award: Owen Sweeney
 - Big Brother Award:

- Quinn Whaley
- Handy Helper Award: Hannah Wharton
 - Silly Goose Award: Logan Legleiter
 - Most Competitive Award: Ethan Schreiber
 - Always 100% Award: Lea Charlson

- Record Book Completion Award**
- Lea Charlson, Harley Charlson, Ethan Schreiber, Olivia Holmes, Ciaran Holmes, Hannah Wharton, Samantha Seaba, Ember Howell, Jack Schreiber, Logan Legleiter, Owen Sweeney, Tate Jackson, Robert Nastruz, Jacob Wharton, Caleb Seaba, Lola Melandez-Zeiger, Gracyn Schmelling, Zion Marshall, Kayleigh Marshall, Belle Wharton, Kali Wharton, and Adelynn Howell.

- Star Award**
- Lola Melandez-Zeiger, Hannah Wharton, Jacob Wharton, Zion Marshall, Robert Nastruz, and Ciaran Holmes.

- Achievement Award**
- Kayleigh Marshall, Caleb Seaba, Samantha Seaba, Lea Charlson, Harley Charlson, Owen Sweeney, Logan Legleiter, Gracyn Schmelling, Ethan Schreiber, Kali Wharton, Belle Wharton, Ember Howell, Adelynn Howell, Olivia Holmes, and Tate Jackson.

- Junior Project Award**
- Olivia Holmes, Ciaran Holmes, Lola Melandez-Zeiger, Zion Marshall, Kayleigh Marshall, Jack Schreiber, and Gracyn Schmelling.

- Intermediate Project Award**

- Lea Charlson, Ethan Schreiber, and Samantha Seaba.
- Senior Project Award**
- Harley Charlson, Logan Legleiter, Owen Sweeney, and Kali Wharton.

- Club Awards**
- Lake Clovers:
- Outstanding Junior: Kayleigh Marshall, Gracyn Schmelling
 - Club Leadership Award:

- Lea Charlson, Belle Wharton, Northeast Wright (N.E.W.):
- Outstanding Junior: India Ostendorf
- Wright County P.I.G.:
- Outstanding Junior: Avyn Morgan
 - Club Leadership Award: Randi Rae Anderson, JD Morrical, Ashlynn Smith, Cooper Nosbush
- Wright Warriors:
- Outstanding Junior: Jack Schreiber

- Club Leadership Award: Ethan Schreiber, Reece Demuth, Quinn Whaley
- Special Awards**
- Honorary 4-H Member: Leroy Jensen
 - Alumni 4-H Member: Lillian Swanson
 - Outstanding Intermediate: Ethan Schreiber, Lea Charlson

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Council Resolves Rec Center Obligations, Approves Rotary Club Housing Incentive

By Edward Lynn
Editor

Council members unanimously passed Resolution 2024-139, transferring \$150,000 to an escrow fund to finalize obligations for the Rec Center. City Administrator Bryce Davis clarified the funds are designated for notices to cure if necessary.

“All the city has signed its documents, all the Rec Center people have signed... once we transfer the money tomorrow, everything will be done,” Davis said, indicating the project is nearing completion.

Additionally, the council authorized a \$60,000 grant to the Rotary Club of Eagle Grove for a townhome construction project under the Commercial Construction Incentive Program. The development added \$856,000 in investment and increased the property’s assessed value by \$600,000.

Davis explained the grant was adjusted from \$80,000 to \$60,000 due to the lower individual unit values compared to single-family homes. “It meets the qualifications for the grant process,” noted City Attorney Lynn Seaba.

Council Moves Forward on Neighborhood Revitalization Plan, Finalizes 2024 Street Project

By Edward Lynn
Editor

The Eagle Grove City Council on Monday reviewed a \$1.75 million grant proposal for the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Neighborhood Revitalization Program, targeting infrastructure, housing, and park improvements in Ward 1.

The plan prioritizes stormwater management, road and sidewalk repairs, and upgrades to Fish Pond Park, including new trails, a playground, and basketball court. Bryce Davis, City Administrator, emphasized the competitive nature of the grant, stating, “This is a point-based grant... only one of the three communities applying will get it.”

Proposed projects include stormwater retention cells, housing rehabilitation capped at \$24,999 per home, and extensive road overlays. “Stormwater will be our biggest conversation,” Davis noted, explaining the city’s focus on mitigating flooding issues in the area.

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