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“CRAZY FOR QUILTING” 4-H QUILT SHOW

There were 13 participants for the Glenn County 4-H Quilt Show held at the Federated Church in Orland, reports Christine Kampmann, Glenn County 4-H Community Education Specialist. The event took place on Saturday, April 15, 2023, and the “Crazy for Quilting” themed event was enjoyed by all who participated and attended.

The purpose of this event is to provide educational activities for youth who are learning and growing in citizenship, leadership, and life skills and for them to be inspired with an appreciation of textiles, where they can promote self-esteem through individual expression shown in their quilts. The Quilt Show provided an opportunity to express what the 4-H members in the quilting project have learned and made. Male or female youth, ages 5-18 years old, currently enrolled in the quilting project were all eligible to compete in this showmanship event and be evaluated on the presentation of what they have created. After evaluations took place, there was a Quilt Show open to the public. Members’ commentaries were read, introducing each participant, where they found their inspiration, sharing their experiences during the process, including some highlights and challenges they had to overcome to complete the quilt.

In the Junior Quilting Division, gold medals were awarded to: Megan Lohse, Kinsley Runge, and Kinlie Vasquez of the Clover 4-H Club; Emma Rodgers, Alessandra Hernandez, and Madison Jones of the Schaffert 4-H Club, and Bonnie Werlhof of the Stoney Creek 4-H Club. The Quilting Junior Division’s top score medallion winner was Megan Lohse of the Clover 4-H Club.

In the Intermediate Quilting Division, gold medals were awarded to Madiline Lefor of the Capay 4-H Club; Olivia Vasquez and Ripley Springstead of the Clover 4-H Club; Evelyn Choe of the Schaffert 4-H Club and Danica Pool of the Willows 4-H Club. The Quilting Intermediate Division’s top score medallion winner was Evelyn Choe of the Schaffert 4-H Club.

In the Senior Quilting Division, a gold medal was awarded to Emma Lepp of the Schaffert 4-H

Club. She also earned the Quilting Senior Division's top score medallion and was the recipient of the sewing machine placing as the Top Overall Quilting Award winner.

Debbie Storz was the County-Wide Quilting leader and chairperson for this event. Debbie Storz and her Co- Project leader, Sharon McDaniel have both dedicated many hours teaching these members all about quilting as well as preparing for the event. This project has gained the attention it deserves and has over doubled the number of youth participation since last year. Without all of Debbie's hard work, this event would not have happened. A special thank you also to the evaluators: Janis McClintock, Cyndy Wright, and Connie Uhyrek, and Emcee Katie McDaniel who took time out of their busy schedules to help with this event. Thank you to Honey Run Quilters in Chico, Quilt Corral in Willows, and the Quilt Basket in Corning as these businesses were all community sponsors allowing the 4-H Youth Development Program to provide each participant with incentives and awards to further inspire them in the quilting project. Thank you to all the volunteers and parents who helped at this event, as well as the Federated Church for the use of their facilities.



Figure 1: First-year 4-H member proud of her accomplishments.



Figure 2: Top Overall Award Winner and recipient of sewing machine.



Figure 3: 4-H Youth Member and relative standing next to her quilt.



Figure 5: 4-H Youth Member with Project Leader displaying her quilt.



Figure 4: 4-H Youth Member as a 2nd year member with her Tossed Nine Patch quilt.



Figure 6: 4-H Age Division Award Winners receiving their medallions.

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