

### 4-H'ers are Recognized for their Hard Work and Dedication

The Henderson County 4-H Awards Banquet was held September 11<sup>th</sup> honoring and recognizing the 4-H youth of Henderson County for their hard work and dedication for the 2010-2011 year. In honor of 9/11 a portion of the program was dedicated to those who serve our country and to the remembrance of lives lost that dreadful day 10 years earlier. “It was one of the best banquets I have been to so far”, says Matt Tyler. Tyler is the Regional Vice President/Branch Manager for Heritage Land Bank of Athens and also the recipient of the “Honorary 4-H'er” award for being a true asset to the youth of Henderson County by offering much of his time to the 4-H program. United Way board member Mary Waddel has never said, “No” to a 4-H request and received the “Friend of 4-H” award for her true love of kids and loyalty to Henderson County 4-H. Several club leaders recognized their volunteers and youth for their dedication and hard work as well as every 4-H team that participated at the district and state level received a 4-H embroidered duffel bag. Individual participants of every 4-H competition received a plaque to honor their dedication and hard work also. Every 4-H'er from Henderson County who attended received an award or certificate in recognition for a great 4-H year.

The top county awards were presented to the 4-H'ers whom completed a record book, project goals, and an interview process. The “Community Service” award recipients were Brendan West and Anna McSwain. The “Rookie of the Year” award recipients were Maggie Groom and Emma Dingedine. The “Bronze Star” award was presented to Rylie Sanderson. The “I Dare You” Award was presented Presley Sanderson and the highest county achievement award, the “Gold Star” award was presented to Brady Tindel and Caleb Wise.

Special thanks goes to our sponsors who made the awards portion of the banquet a success,

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