

Perkins County 4-H'ers and their families celebrated their achievements for the past 4-H year Monday, Oct. 26 with a potluck meal and awards ceremony.

Grand and Reserve Champion awards from the county fair were presented.

Special inaugural state fair ribbons were given to all 4-H'ers who exhibited items at this year's first state fair in Grand Island.

The Perkins County 4-H Foundation was recognized for their contributions to 4-H in the county.

The county's 4-H leaders were also recognized for their service to 4-H with pins and certificates.

Receiving leader pins were Pat Aerni, Perkins County 4-H Archers, two years; Craig Clough, Perkins County Straight Shooters, 22 years; Jean Gregg, Rockin' Rabbits, one year; Tara Nodlinski, Trail Riders, five years; Nancy Reynolds, American Explorers, one year; Diana Pankonin, Paws for Kids, two years; Sarah Schrotberger, Lucky Clovers, one year.

Achievement awards were presented to 4-H'ers who participated in the fair and completed a career portfolio.

Achievement award pins were earned by Tanner Burge for beef, foods and nutrition, photography, poultry and swine; Brady Mailand for aerospace, electricity and forestry; Calla Mailand for home environment, plant science and visual arts; Amanda Osler for clothing and textiles, foods and nutrition and home environment; Craig Wilkinson for horse.

Diamond Clover Recognition certificates were earned by Tanner Burge and Bailey Johnson. Both completed the amethyst—level 1 for the program.

The Lucky Clovers 4-H Club was awarded the Club of Excellence certificate.

The 4-H Council announced their recognition award winners.

2010 Perkins County 4-H Council award winners were Heart of 4-H: Hatch's Super Foods; Outstanding 4-H Alumni: Cecil Hendricks; Outstanding 4-H'er: Leslie Burge and Mitchell Cornelius tied for this award.

The evening was concluded by handing out membership pins to 4-H'ers who had completed one, five and 10 years of 4-H membership.