 Holyoke's FFA chapter gathered on Tuesday, May 12 for their annual awards ceremony in the HHS auditorium. Members were recognized for their efforts and achievements throughout the year.

 Local chapter awards were presented as well as those for district and state contest. Appreciation was also noted for those who have supported the chapter this year.

 Greenhand FFA degrees were awarded to Reid Baumgartner, Laura Gerk, Erin Lebsack, Coleton Spitz, Mariah Struckmeyer, Brent Vasa, Marissa Smith, Preston King and Sarah Heermann.

 Reid Baumgartner was selected for this year's Star Greenhand award for being the first-year member who is most active in the chapter, who demonstrates leadership and who has a strong supervised agricultural experience program.

 Recipients of the Chapter FFA Degree include Skyler Dittmer, Perry Garrett, Emma Adams, Dustin Carrick, Patricia Adams, Molly Fricke, Janna Smith and Brian Strong.

 The Star Chapter Farmer award, presented to a second-year student who shows outstanding leadership and progressive agricultural skills, was awarded to Janna Smith.

 Honorary FFA degrees were awarded to parents who have made outstanding contributions to the chapter. Recipients of the honor were Jeff and Theresa Tharp, Casey and Hollie Gerk and Rich and Yolanda Wittman.

 Holyoke Vet Service and STC Corp. were presented with certificates of appreciation for the donation of their time, services and that extra boost of support for the Holyoke FFA chapter.

 Senior Austin Tharp was honored with the DeKalb award. This award is often considered the highest honor an agricultural student can receive on the local level. Each year a senior FFA member receives the DeKalb award for excelling in scholarship, leadership and their supervised agricultural experience program.

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