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HUGO — Cody Waugh turned leadership over to his younger sister, Katelyn Waugh Saturday evening at the Hugo FFA banquet.

The 2009-2010 officers made a grand entrance on the back of a brand new Ford pickup, provided by Ed Wallace, that drove into the Agriplex with a blast of rock and roll music.

After introductions, and a meal of barbecue pork provided by Kenny Daniels — who has been cooking for Hugo FFA since 1979 — the officers honored the family of their advisor with special gifts. Mike Morphis' wife, Jennifer and daughters, Maddie, Hannah and Emily were recognized for the times they have to be without their father because of his commitment to FFA students. Mike Morphis later received a gift too — a framed collage from the officers, and Daniels was given a canopy as thanks for his volunteered time.

Greenhand bronze pin awards went to freshmen Weston Bates, Tara Dobbs, Walker Inge, Tala Jones, Jessica Koonce and David Mills.

Receiving chapter farmer degrees were Brittany Cahill, Brittany Folsom, Sarah Thompson and Kena McGhee.

Cody Waugh and David Carlile were recognized for earning their state FFA degrees and received the Star Chapter Farmer awards. The Star Greenhand award went to David Mills.

Blue & Gold Pride, an award Morphis said recognizes behind-the-scenes workers who "give of themselves selflessly" went to Cheyenne Methvin.

Methvin and Jacey Wallace each received the Blue & Gold Sausage award for selling the most sausage products during the year.

FFA Booster Club President Pam Waugh awarded \$250 scholarships to Alex Brannon, Cody Waugh, Brian James, Matt Foster and David Carlile.

"We feel it's important to help these kids continue their education," Pam Waugh said.

The booster club's silent auction, which occurred during the event, brought in more than \$700.

A unique western-style rocking chair went to top bidder Paul Waugh.

Not to be forgotten are the parents who volunteered their time throughout the school year and this year Tammy and Perry Thompson Jr. were given the Honorary Chapter Farmer award for their efforts.

"I appreciate these kids and I hope I have as great of an impact on their lives as they've had on mine," Morphis said to the seniors at the end of the night as he fondly spoke of memories of each one.