



**Arroyo Grande high School students, Kyle Perez (left) and Adam Sheets (right), took first place at the Mid-State Fair for their work restoring a 6,000 pound rusted 1937 Allis Chalmers tractor. This was the third year of entering the competition for Kyle whose previous two entries with fellow student Paul Driggers brought home third place in 2006 and first place in 2005.**

**Ken Dewar, President of J.B. Dewar Inc., who encourages high school students to improve and build their mechanical, writing and presentation skills as well as to work as a team, sponsors the tractor restoration project each year. Restoring the tractor included stripping, cleaning, rebuilding components, painting, and virtually rebuilding the entire tractor.**

**Community members Jim Bergman and Joe Bradbury helped the students by providing them with a working space, tools and encouragement for their restoration efforts. John McGrath donated the tractor. The prize-winning tractor was donated to the South County Historical Society where it will be displayed at the Barn Museum.**

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