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Getting to Know YOUR 2006-07 State Officers



**Benjamin Seidler
President**

Hello friends of the blue and gold! I'm Ben Seidler and I am extremely honored to serve you as the 2006-2007 State FFA President. I hope you are all doing well on readjusting to school life once again and are ready for another great year in the FFA.

I am excited to meet you all this year, so, to prepare you for our encounter, I will tell you a little about myself and my life. I grew up in Garrison, North Dakota on our family farm. I am the oldest of three children. My younger sister Samantha is currently a sophomore at

Garrison High School, and my brother Adam is currently in fifth grade at Bob Callies Elementary School in Garrison. My father, Steve, runs the family farm and ranch, and my mother, Karmen, works as an office manager at the Benedictine Living Center in town.

In high school I was involved in a variety of extra curricular activities such as track, football, speech, and drama. In FFA I was involved in Food Science, Farm Business Management, Nursery/Landscape, Parliamentary Procedure, Extemporaneous Public Speaking, and Crops Judging (all of which I enjoyed very much).

I have since graduated from Garrison High School and now reside in Jamestown where I am a freshman at Jamestown College. I am planning on majoring in biochemistry and go on to medical school to become a pediatrician.

I am also a fan of hunting and fishing (especially ice fishing) as well as long walks on the beach during sunset. Okay, so I made the last one up, but I like most anything having to do with the outdoors.

Enough about me, now I want to get to know you all. Feel free to stop and say "hi" to me or send me an e-mail at bseidler@jc.edu. Until I see you, good luck in all your endeavors and good luck in the upcoming District Leadership competitions. Take care and God bless.

Hello North Dakota FFA. I am Jessie Hendrickson, and I am proud to be serving as your 2006-07 State FFA Secretary. Here's a little information about myself for you to get to know me better. I was born and raised in Richland County. For about twelve years I lived on the family farm and for about eight of that my family had a swine operation. When I was twelve I moved into the rural community of



**Jessie Hendrickson
Secretary**

Abercrombie. I have always attended Richland Public School #44 (ask me about the number some time) and loved every minute of it. I am currently living in Fargo in an apartment with one of my high school buddies, and I am attending NDSU for Agricultural Education. On my spare time I love to hunt, read, watch movies and play video games. If you ever have any questions for me contact me (Jessie.hendrickson@ndsu.edu). I am looking forward to the year ahead and wish everyone a successful year in everything you do. Hendrickson out.





Sarah Perry
NW Region VP

Well hello FFA members!! I hope that you all had a tremendous summer and that you are excited for the upcoming year! I cannot seem to contain my excitement, for I, Sarah Perry, am honored to be serving as your 2006-2007 State NW Region Vice President.

I hail from the small town of Burlington, North Dakota. I grew up inside of a wonderful home which I still reside in for college! My father, Steve Perry is employed at First Western Bank and Trust in Minot. As for my mother, Carolyn Perry, she is the manager of the deli at Marketplace Foods in Minot. I am lucky to be the middle of three children. My older brother Chris (20) has completed one semester of college at UND, but he is currently serving with the 164th Engineer Battalion of the North Dakota National Guard in Iraq where he has been stationed for nearly a year. My little sister Amber (9) is just beginning her fourth grade year at Burlington Des Lacs Elementary.

I dove into FFA my freshman year; however, at the time, I didn't know much about the organization. Through the help of my home chapter of Des Lacs Burlington and my wonderful advisor, I soon found out about all the opportunities FFA had to offer. I enjoyed competing in a variety of CDE's and a few of my favorites include Nursery/Landscape, Floriculture, and Quiz. I also had a wonderful time gaining leadership skills at the numerous conferences I attending from Greenhand to WLC.

Aside from FFA, I was involved with numerous other activities in high school, including Basketball, Volleyball, Track and Field, National Honor Society, PALS, and FBLA. I am also currently, and for the past three years, a volunteer for the Burlington Fire Department. My income comes from my job at Speedway, a wonderful steak and seafood restaurant.

Currently I am attending Minot State University where I am studying math education.

I have had an amazing experience as a state officer so far, and I am excited to continue them throughout the year! Anytime you would like to chat, give me a call or drop me an email at sarah.perry@minotstateu.edu and I will be more than happy to hear from you! Good luck to all of you this year, and I cannot wait to meet you!

Hey there everyone! I am Erica Spangelo and I'm serving as your State Southwest Region Vice-President for the 2006-2007 year. This position has been quite the experience thus far; it has definitely taken a hold of me and strengthened the bond I have always felt with the FFA.

My parents, Bob and Cathy Spangelo, have always demonstrated the importance of service and hard work. My dad owns his own business where he works as a funeral director as well as being involved in other entrepreneurial ventures. My mom is a part-time computer/business teacher at Richardton-Taylor High School. I have a 14-year-old little brother—though he is taller than me— his name is Grayson, he is a freshman and he is excited about being in FFA! I also have a 3-year-old younger sister, Aubrey. They have both taught me what it means to be a role model.

Back in my high school days, I was always busy in different activities such as basketball, volleyball, track, golf, football, speech, drama, and of course, FFA. While active in the Hebron FFA, I was roped into many different events that I ended up loving such as, meats judging and range judging. Along with those CDE's, I participated in memorized public speaking, parliamentary procedure as the reporter for two years and vice-president for one, as well as, senior quiz. I was also awarded the State Star in Agribusiness this year for my entrepreneurial endeavor at the Mayer Theatre.

After my active high school career, I have now begun a more plain life at college. Dickinson State University is my current educational establishment, at least for this year. I am planning on making a career as a Secondary English teacher, as well as possibly getting my cosmetology license.

I wish you all the best of luck this year in everything you do whether it's a CDE, meeting new people, or just learning what the FFA is all about! Know this— if you ever need anything, don't hesitate to call or email me. My cell phone number is 260-8512 and my email address is Erica.spangelo@dsu.nodak.edu or rikkinikki2244@hotmail.com. I'm looking forward to meeting and hearing from all of you throughout the year! Have an awesome year and go have an adventure!



Erica Spangelo
SW Region VP



Jon Leadbetter
NE Region VP

HELLO FFA!!!! I am Jon Leadbetter and this year I am proud to be representing the ND FFA association as the 2006-2007 NE Region Vice President. I am so pumped about this year and look forward to meeting all of you.

I come from Finley, ND and was a member of the Finley-Sharon FFA Chapter. I lived with my parents Gerry and Linda and my sister Bethany. We live on a

farm where we raise beef cattle, swine, and we have a few horses.

I joined FFA my freshmen year of high school and competed in the greenhand

quiz CDE and the creed speaking CDE. I qualified for state in the creed competition and that first state convention is what sparked my passion for the FFA. Although my experiences didn't stop there I competed in the Ag. Sales CDE, Livestock Judging, Crops Judging, Parliamentary Procedure, Ambassador, and was a member of the National FFA Chorus for two years. Through all of this my travels and experiences is why I chose to run for a state office.

I am currently a freshman at Concordia College Moorhead and will be majoring in biology. I will be involved a lot in the science department and the music department where I will be a part of one of the many renowned choirs that Concordia has. I am looking forward to a great year and hoping to meet all of you and hear about your ideas for the FFA. My e-mail is jmleadbe@cord.edu so feel free to write or call me on my cell 701-789-1738 to chat. Get pumped this is going to be a great year.



Why hello there FFA members, I am Lucas Vangsness, your 2006-07 South East Region Vice President. The days have been flying by since June when we were elected and it has been a blast to serve you so far! A little about myself; I grew up on a commercial beef ranch just south of Leonard, ND and have a wonderful and supportive family! I help my Dad, Sam, run the family operation and you can often find him in the shop

Lucas Vangsness
SE Region VP

working on his next improvements ranging from swing gates to cattle chutes. Janet, my Mom, is a nurse at Innovis Hospital in Fargo, ND. Having a nurse available at all times tends to be very handy and efficient when it comes to being me! I also have two sisters that have helped to keep me in line throughout the years. Amanda is a 4th grade teacher at Kindred elementary and is currently busy as the football cheerleading coach. Ashley (the middle child) is a senior at NDSU majoring in agricultural education and loves to check up on me whenever she has free time.

I got my start in FFA as a seventh grader in livestock judging and haven't looked back since. I have competed in many CDE's throughout my FFA career. Some of my favorites include: Livestock Judging, Ag Sales, Ag Mechanics, Extemporaneous Public Speaking and Parliamentary Procedure. My proficiencies include Forage production, Forest Products management Swine and Beef Entrepreneurship. Besides FFA, my other high school activities included; track, football, wrestling, 4-H, speech, and SADD. My hobbies include showing and raising cattle and hogs. Currently, I am trying to start a registered Gelbvieh herd while continuing my education at North Dakota State University double majoring in Animal and Range Science and Ag Business.

District Leadership is coming fast and I wish you the best of luck! I would also like to invite all of you to drop me an email or give me a call, my email is Lucas.Vangsness@NDSU.edu and my cell phone is 388-7693. Until next time Happy Trails!!!!

So there I was, standing on a stage in front of hundreds of amazing FFA members, grazing shoulders with several dedicated people who were all striving for the exact same thing as me; the opportunity to serve as the 2006-07 ND FFA Ambassador. Just when I thought that I was either going to faint or explode in front of everybody, they called my name, signaling the start of my year in state office. There were tears, there was running, and there was a little bit of disbelief, but now I am proud to say that I am here to serve FFA members across North Dakota as the ND FFA Ambassador!!



Natalie Jo Reiser
Ambassador

Before I was a state officer, I grew up in Turtle Lake, North Dakota on a rural hobby-farm. My dad, Jerry, is the official Reiser cow-caretaker, alongside with working as an electrical lineman for MEC. Deb, my mom, works for Hallmark as well as keeps our Reiser home beautiful. I have one sister, Nichole Jean, and a brother-in-law, Michael. They both share my current residence of Fargo, where Nicky works for Meritcare, and Mike works as an architect.

I attended Turtle Lake-Mercer School, where I graduated as the valedictorian of my class. Academics were important to me, but I was involved with many other things. Choir, band, drama, Pep Club, speech, Danceteam, FFA (Yay!), yearbook, class government, Leo's Club, LYO, academic team,

cheerleading, and the Suicide Prevention/ Yellow Ribbon Team were all activities that I was very active in. As many activities that I included in my life, I only had room for one passion: FFA. When I began my sophomore year, I completely fell in love with the organization and I competed in anything I could, with contests ranging from Parliamentary Procedure, to Floriculture, to Crops Judging. I loved competing and meeting people across the state, but what I loved the most was contributing to my community through the FFA with the help of my incredible home chapter and my 2 awesome

advisors.

Now I live in Fargo, keeping myself busy by attending college at NDSU as a pre-med psychology major, and also by working at the YMCA as a swimming instructor. Most of all I keep myself busy as a ND FFA state officer. One of the joys of this position is the interaction that I am privileged to have with all of you members. I am very excited to get to know you, so don't be shy! Even if it's just to say hi, drop me an email at Natalie.Reiser.1@ndsu.edu. I'm looking forward to hearing from all of you, and I'll see you soon at the next FFA event!!

UPCOMING EVENTS

- October 2-5 - District Leaderships
- October 11 - State Parli Pro in Bismarck
- October 12 - National Convention subs deadline
- October 20 - Chapter Rosters due
- Oct 25-28 - National FFA Convention
- December 7 - ALD/GH/MFE Registration due

Ambassador Program

By Natalie Reiser

I hope everybody had an exciting summer, but now it is time to get ready for something even more exciting this fall! District Leadership is right around the corner, and I know there are several promising individuals out there that are perfect District Ambassador material.

Although I wish everybody could get the opportunity to experience the Ambassador competition, only 1 representative 16 and older from each chapter is allowed to compete at the district contest. Each chapter ambassador representative should have a two to four minute memorized speech ready to be given to a panel of judges. They should also be prepared for an interview by the judges, complete with a resume.

The Ambassador competition is truly a worthwhile experience, no matter what the ending result is. Win or lose, you still gain the abilities, skills, pride, and even friends derived from this awesome contest.

This years District Ambassadors will get the chance to represent the FFA across the state. It is up to you, although, to define your position. Whether it is spreading the FFA spirit, volunteering in your community, or helping that new, shy FFA member to adjust, it is your turn to lead.

If you have any questions concerning the competition, feel free to send me an email, and I'd be happy to help you out! I'm looking forward to seeing all of you at District Leadership! Good Luck!!



I thought we were done studying for the summer.



The name is exactly what it implies. Two days after being elected, barely having any rest from State Convention, all of us state officers

blasted off, right to the state capital. No, we didn't go on some journey to another world; BLAST-Off is a conference, Building Leaders and Strong Teams of Officers to be exact. During BLAST-Off, Kristin Woodrow from Lonoke, Arkansas taught all of us how to set personal goals, write

and perform speeches, develop social skills, get organized with planners, and work better as a team.

The experience was great and our team really started to pull together as we became more familiar with one another. We capped the experience off with a gift for Kristin on Wednesday and began preparing for NLC SO.



Spit that gum out, Erica.



Here fishy, fishy.

Give an Idea, Take an Idea

By Natalie Jo Reiser

Once again, it's the start of a new year, which means it's time to put on your thinking caps and think of fresh ideas to motivate your chapter and keep it at its highest level of excellence. This time of the year is especially important for getting those young, new members involved, so activities that focus on chapter recruitment are key to success. Try initiating an activity with a buddy system, such as pair a new member up with an older member to do community service together as a team. Another way to recruit new members is to plan an activity night focused for them. Food and games combined with stories and information about the FFA can be the perfect equation for building your chapter.

Strained for chapter meeting activities? It's the fall, which gives you a holiday with a wide variety of themes to work with. Holding a pumpkin carving contest is a great way to have fun after a long meeting. Then when you're done, you can deliver the pumpkins to your local hospital or retirement home. Another fun themed fall activity is a Thanksgiving Olympics. These games can range anywhere from turkey bowling, mashed potato eating contest, cranberry sauce straw suck, candy corn hunt, or even squash shot-put. I hope you find these ideas useful, and come up with your own inventive chapter activities too!

4th Annual Foundation Golf Scramble at Hawktree

By Lucas Vangsness



Ladies and gentlemen I am proud to say that the 4th annual golf scramble came and went without a hitch. You might even say that the golfers' performance was up to par (pun intended). On July 11th at Hawktree Golf course over a dozen teams attended representing many companies and sponsors. The tournament kicked off at 1 and there was an awards banquet shortly after 6. The winning team was an advisor team consisting of Duane Schmidt, Lane Moellenkamp, Neil Halley, and Randy Leinius. Second place honors went to First International Bank of Bottineau: Bob Little, Andy Freeman, Swain Benson, and Chad Strand. Thanks to those who attended and to our sponsors: Monsanto, Toyota Motor Sales, Coteau Properties Company, CHS Cooperatives, Bayer Crop Sciences, ND Grain Growers Association, ND Mill and Elevator and the ND Association of Agricultural Educators. Congratulation to everyone and if you missed the fun this year the scramble is tentatively scheduled for the same time in July so be there because the scramble is definitely worth the drive!

Maddock Officer Retreat

By Sarah Perry

Imagine over 40 chapter officers together roaming around a high school for an entire weekend! Well, this was a reality at the 6th Annual Maddock Officers Retreat! Chapter officers from all across the state, including those from the Minot, Napoleon, Carrington, and Hebron Chapters, just to name few, gathered in Maddock on August 4th and 5th. The weekend was definitely jam packed full of fun, learning, bonding, and adventure! The officers got to meet each other and share ideas on how to build their chapters while gaining knowledge about their respective chapter officers and what their duties are for the year. The chapter officer teams also got to work together to form goals for the upcoming year. It was also a perfect time for state officers and chapter officers to meet! Of course there were also wonderful activities to take part in during including a barbecue in the park, volleyball, basketball, a variety of card games, a dance, a team scavenger hunt, and a relay race! If you would like to attend the 7th Annual Maddock Chapter Officer Retreat, talk to your advisor so you can take part in the wonderful experience!



Fifty-two -52- to Receive American FFA Degree

Fifty-two FFA members will be awarded FFAs highest Degree at special ceremonies in Indianapolis on Saturday, October 28. They include: Derek Miller, Bottineau; Jared Higgins, Carrington; Timothy Kopp, Des Lacs/Burlington; Jordan Kimball, Divide County; Christopher Kappes & Robert Ruff, Gackle/Streeter; Heather Wells, Grant County; Jayme Fiesel, Sarah Seefeld, & Aaron Walsh, Harvey; Whitney Haux, Brooke Jameson, & Ashley Vangsness, Kindred; Justina Cooper & Steve Rotenberger, Lisbon; Cody Lunde & Mary Wald, Maddock; Rebecca Tokach, Mandan; Karissa Brobst, Alexis Freier, & Adam Reich, Medina; Christopher Duchscherer, Minot; Kenan Doll & Neil Horner, Napoleon; Andrew Dosch, Powers Lake; Zachary Axtman, Tyrel Cale, Alan Fosness, Adam Goldade, Justin Meier, Derek Shively, Chris Schmaltz, & Jason Stone, Rugby; Cody Clark, Stanley; Matthew Johnson, Turtle Lake/Mercer; Jordan Dobmeier, Eric Heger, Cole Julson, Jaclyn Lommel, Chelsey Rau, Jesse Stein, & Matt Vetter, Wahpeton; Michael Peterson, Washburn; Chase Carson, Watford City; Michael Bechtle & Kelly Jo Wald, Wishek; Billy Haberman, Lucas Mauch, Elizabeth McKay, Katrina Ritten, Brooke Smykowski, & Jon Strege, Wyndmere.

Fifteen Presented Honorary State FFA Degree

The North Dakota FFA Association recognized the efforts of 15 individuals for their support of the FFA in North Dakota by presenting them with the Honorary State FFA Degree. Sponsor of the Honorary Degree plaques was North Dakota Farm Bureau, represented by John Jacobson.

Recipients were recognized at the State FFA Convention Banquet held at the Thursday night session on June 8. Those honored were:

Front row: Ron Zimprich, Pam Montag, John Jacobson-ND Farm Bureau (Sponsor), Jackie Follman

Second row: Wayne Kutzer, Scott Thiel (standing in for Jim Haberman), Frank Schander, Dave Meyer, Steve Fritel

Top row: Dennis Dosch, Gordon Davis, Tony Boehm

Not pictured: Wayne Berry, Robert Carlson, Loren Jacobs, William Nelson



State President's Conference A New Era in Agriculture

By Ben Seidler



Outside a memorial, the Lincoln Memorial to be precise, there lays a stone engraved with the name of one of the most influential speakers of the century. You probably know him. You probably know the name of the speech he gave, and you can probably recite words from that speech.

Give up? His name was Martin Luther King Jr. and the speech was *I Have a Dream*. This summer State Secretary Jessie Hendrickson and I had the opportunity to go to Washington D.C. and stand on that very same stone that Martin Luther King Jr. stood on some forty years ago.

Jessie and I traveled to Washington D.C. July 24-30 to represent North Dakota at the State Presidents' Conference. The theme was "A New Era in Agriculture" and Jessie and I, as well as 98 other individuals from Puerto Rico and other states, were encouraged to be advocates in progress, heritage, and unity for the FFA and agricultural education.

Much of the time spent at SPC was devoted to delegate issues. At SPC all the delegate issues that are submitted by the states are considered. It was our job to decide which issues were important and send those important issues on to National Convention in October.

In between sessions we also got to do a lot of sightseeing. We went the Holocaust Museum, Arlington National Cemetery, and saw the Marine Bugle Corps. We also saw many memorials such as the Jefferson Memorial, World War II Memorial, Korean War Memorial, Vietnam War Memorial, and the Lincoln Memorial where Martin Luther King Jr. gave his famous speech.

We also got to rub elbows with some very influential people such as Senator Kent Conrad, Representative Byron Dorgan, Dr. Larry Case, and the "head hauncho", the "big cheese," the "main man," President George W. Bush. It was exciting, let me tell you.

Meeting FFA members from around the nation, seeing so many wonderful places, and getting to know the people that run our country is something that Jessie and I won't forget. The experiences we received were rewarding, and the friendships developed were one of a kind. If you ever go to D.C., try to find the stone where Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. stood. It is a marvelous site, and who knows, maybe you'll find some dreams of your own.

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This project provides members with the opportunity to earn an FFA jacket through an application process. Last year 46 new FFA jackets were given away to members.

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Please sign me up for _____ jacket(s).*

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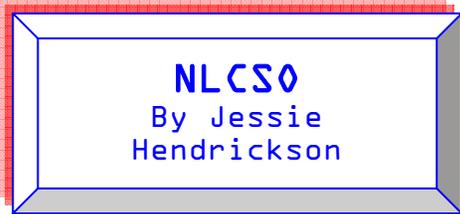
Ha Ha, We beat you guys.



I'm stumped!

For everyone else at state convention this year after Friday you went home for the rest of the summer. As for the state officer team we were flung into a wild ride. That Sunday the state officer team was to report to the north side of the state capital to begin the two week long training to be state officers. Although we spent a week in Bismarck at Blast Off, I am going to share with you the experience

we had the next week in Wyoming. Every team around the country has to attend a National Leadership Conference for State Officers (NLCSO). North Dakota along with Wyoming and Montana had their training in Wyoming just outside of Cody at a University Field Station. For one week we spent the majority of our time working on developing different skills to help us be more successful for the year ahead. We worked on teamwork abilities and our biggest project was developing a workshop, which we made to fit into chapter visits. The trip wasn't all work though. We got the opportunity to hone our skills at horseshoes, get a workout hiking and during one beautiful mountain morning, the officers got the opportunity to see the sunrise from horseback after a nice trail ride (ask me about my experience). All in all it was a wonderful experience that will prove valuable for the rest of the year.



Jessie & Ben decided to sing to get everyone's attention. UFFDA!

77th Annual State Convention

Convention session highlights included a great opening skit by the state officer team followed by North Dakota's biggest rock & roll artist, Mylo Hatzenbuehler. However, during the Strasburg Superstar's performance, there was a tornado warning and all 1000 + had to evacuate BBFH where most individuals moved to the basement there. Luckily, Mylo continued his serenading while we all sweat up a storm.

The Chevy Scholarship Program was once again successful and Chevrolet sponsored 2 Chevy jackets to the highest sellers of tickets for the chance to win a Chevy pickup. They were Casey Metcalf of Williston, and Jacob Niess of Minot. The winner of the pickup drawing was Rod Schilling of Mercer.

A total of 199 North Dakota FFA members were approved and presented the State FFA degree at this year's convention. State Stars were named including State Star Farmer John T. Rice of Maddock; State Star of Agribusiness Erica Spangelo, of Hebron; State Star in Ag Placement Austin Emerson of Minot; and State Star of Agriscience Molly Brag of Kindred.

Other Special Award winners at this year's convention were: State Agriscience Student – Kenan Layden of Scranton & runner-up Michelle Woodall, Granville; Environmental Protection Student Award – Molly Brag of Kindred; State Food for America Chapter – Williston; State SAE Record Book Chapter – Napoleon; and State Talent winner- Sarah Rupert, Des Lacs/Burlington. See the State convention results booklet on the state FFA website for more details and CDE winners.

A Re-Connect-Phone-A-Thon was organized to raise funds to purchase FFA jackets for members who were unable to purchase one on their own. A total of 47 were proudly received by students.



9th Grade Ag Mechanics – Hi Individual is Paul Buchholz, Napoleon. Sponsor is CHS Cooperatives Foundation.



10th Grade Ag Mechanics – Hi Individual is Rob Neubauer, Bottineau. Sponsored by CHS Cooperatives Foundation.



Advanced Ag Mechanics – The team selected to represent ND in the National Event is the Tappen FFA Chapter. Sponsors are Bobcat Ingersoll-Rand.



Ag Mech Sweepstakes – High Team is Bottineau FFA Chapter.



Dairy Cattle Selection – Team winner from the Carrington FFA Chapter. Hi Individual is Nickolas Hart, Fessenden/Bowdon. Sponsors are Capital Trophy of Bismarck, Milk Producers Assoc. of ND, MN Select Sires Coop., Inc., Associated Milk Producers, Inc., & Westfalia-SURGE.



Dairy Showmanship – State Champion is Aaron Doll of the New Salem FFA Chapter. Sponsors are ND Milk Producers Association, MN Select Sires Coop, Inc., & Cur-Vol Dairy.



Dairy Foods – State Team champs of from the Medina FFA Chapter. Hi Individual was Elizabeth Reich, Medina. Sponsors are Midwest Dairy Association-ND Division, Richland 44 FFA Chapter, N.D. Grocer’s Assoc., Associated Milk Producers, Inc., & Dairy Farmers of America.



Demonstration - Selected team is from the Napoleon Chapter which included Andrew Young & Lisa Gader. Sponsors are Capital Trophy and Basin Electric Power Cooperative.



Farm Management – Team winner from the Medina FFA Chapter. Hi Individual is Brandon Mattson, Carrington. Sponsors are ND Rural Rehabilitation Corp., Farmers Union Service Assoc., Ltd., & Les Gullickson Memorial Traveling Trophy.



Floriculture Event – Winning Team is the Minot FFA Chapter. Hi Individual is Lesley Kitzman, Granville. Sponsors are Steve Zimmerman, American Floral Endowment, ND FFA Assoc., Ag Workers Mutual Auto Ins., & National FFA Foundation, Inc.



Food Science – High Team is from Bottineau FFA Chapter. Hi Individual is Sarah Neubauer, Bottineau. Sponsors are Cavendish Farms, Inc., & Boehringer Ingelheim.



Horse Selection – Team from the Turtle Lake/Mercer FFA Chapter. Hi Individual is Sadie Wardner, TL/M. Sponsors are ND FFA Association, Mandan FFA, Evergreen Mills, Inc., & KENT Feeds, Inc..



Meats – Winning team is from the Hebron FFA Chapter. Hi Individual is Cody Wise, Rugby. Sponsors include ND Beef Commission, & Premium Standard Farms.



Nursery/Landscape – Selected team is of the Minot FFA Chapter. Hi Individual is Drew Haner, Minot. Sponsors are Steve Zimmerman, InterMountain Stihl, Inc., & Stihl, Inc..



Small Animal Care – The Team champs are from the Wyndmere FFA Chapter. Hi Individual is Melissa Quam, Wyndmere. Sponsors are ND FFA Association & US Bank-Private Client Group.



Quiz – The Team champs are from the Napoleon FFA Chapter. Hi Individual is Amanda Montgomery, Carrington. Sponsors are Rick & Sheila Vannett, Kevin Nelson, Kevin Vannett, & Red River Farm Network.



Agri-Science – Kenan Layden of the Scranton FFA Chapter. Sponsored by Barbara Mueller of the North Dakota Agri-Women & Monsanto Company.



Courtesy Corps – Three individuals selected to represent ND are Erica Odermann, Belfield; Gerald Goetz, Center; Garret Gorder, Richland 44. Alt. is Joel Clifford, Minot. Sponsors are the ND Game & Fish Dept.



Creed – The State Winner was Kylea Myers, Berthold. Sponsors are Papa’s Pumpkin Patch, CHS, & National FFA Foundation.



Environmental Protection – Molly Brag of the Kindred FFA Chapter. Sponsor is ND Weed Control Association.



Extemporaneous Public Speaking – Kevin Moch of the Napoleon FFA Chapter is the State winner. Sponsors are Dean Moos, US Bank Farm & Ranch Management, American Farm Bureau Federation, Land O’Lakes Foundation, & Brian Kenner.



Memorized Public Speaking – State winner is Isaac Engels, of the Maddock FFA Chapter. Sponsors are Michael Anderson, American Crystal Sugar Co., & New Dominion Farms.



Food for America – Williston FFA Chapter. Sponsored by the North Dakota Ag in the Classroom and the ND Department of Agriculture.



Ag Communications – Kenmare FFA Chapter. Sponsored by ND FFA Foundation, Dakota Plains Cooperative-Valley City, Litchville, & LaMoure; & Successful Farming-Agriculture.



Talent - Sarah Rupert, DL/B



Blue Jackets



Chevy Jackets – Casey Metcalf, Williston & Jacob Niess, Minot



Winter Show Sweepstakes – Carrington FFA Chapter. Sponsor is the North Dakota Winter Show.



Star of Agri-Business – Erica Spangelo, Hebron. Traveling Trophy sponsored by Busch Agricultural Resources, Inc.



Star Farmer – John T. Rice, Maddock. Traveling Trophy sponsored by ND Farmers Union.



Star Ag Placement – Austin Emerson, Minot. Traveling Trophy sponsored by Gustafson, LLC.



Star Agri-Science – Molly Brag, Kindred. Traveling Trophy sponsored by Fort Dodge Animal Health.

Additional sponsors for the Star Events are USDA Farm Service Agency; DuPont Agricultural Products; Williston Chamber of Commerce; Minot Chamber of Commerce; Roger, Jeanette, & Erika Kenner, Leeds; North Dakota Farmers Union; Bush Ag Resources; Jamestown Chamber of Commerce; and Dickinson Chamber of Commerce.

Chapter Presidents' Conference

By Sarah Perry

The 2nd Annual Chapter Presidents’ Conference was held in Carrington at the Chieftain Hotel. The conference was lead by Past National Officers Amber Haugland, North Dakota and Dane White, California with the help of Past State Officers Paige Haugland and Brooks Hetle. CPC is an opportunity for chapter presidents from across the state to get together and learn how to lead their chapters for the upcoming year. During the two days, the presidents were busy attending sessions to expand on their leadership skills, taking part in fun activities, and making new friends! One of the most interesting activities took part in the park where a water balloon toss, an egg toss, and bobbing for vegetables took place! One of the sessions even included tips for those planning on running for a state office! Those who attended the conference had a great time and are now better prepared to lead their chapters!



ND State Fair FFA Division is Largest in US



The 2006 State Fair was a huge success this year and that was quite exciting for the new State Fair manager Bob Wagoner. Wagoner, formerly from Montana, was in awe of North Dakota's large FFA division. This year the fantastic growth of the FFA Division, that has been continuous for the past 10 years, reached another all time high by exceeding the 21,000 exhibit plateau. A total of 21,216 exhibits were brought to Minot, July 21-29 for the 41st Annual North Dakota State Fair.



The top five chapters in both numbers of exhibits and total sweepstakes points were: Wahpeton, Minot, Colfax-Richland 44, Kindred, and Wyndmere.

New record numbers of exhibits were set in the Ag Mechanics, Educational and Horticulture Divisions. Ag Mechanics were at an all time high with 5,498 entries as was the Education exhibits with 1893 entries. Horticulture burst thru with 10,901 entries.

Crops came back up from last year with 963 entries. Poultry and Sheep were both up significantly.

Top chapters included Wahpeton FFA in Ag Mechanics & Horticulture; Granville FFA in Ag Produce, Horse, & Sheep; Minot FFA in Educational; Kenmare FFA in Beef; New Salem FFA in Dairy; Larimore FFA in Poultry; Bottineau FFA in Rabbits; Kindred FFA in Swine; and Velva FFA in Crops.



The Champion of the Round Robin FFA Showmanship competition was Lynsey Frey of Granville and Reserve Champion honors went to Taylor Freisz of New Salem.

1st place in the Basic Tractor Driving event went to Travis Lennie of New Salem, and the Advanced Tractor Driving Champion honors was won by Ryan Piatz of Napoleon.



Advanced Tractor Driving Champ - Ryan Piatz, Napoleon

Basic Tractor Driving Champ - Travis Lennie, New Salem



By Jon Leadbetter

The crowd is jumping and screaming as the 2005-2006 National Officers; along with National advisor Dr. Case emerge from a sea of blue jackets to perform opening ceremonies. The excitement and atmosphere of National Convention is here...well O.K. maybe not yet but I mean how can you hold back the excitement for National Convention? This year National Convention will be held in Indianapolis, IN for the very first time! A new city with so many new opportunities to share with other members of the National FFA Organization from across the U.S. Convention will be held October 25-28 this year. National Officers, speakers, advisors, friends, and contests will be showing us how to wear the Blue Jackets and live the Gold Standard.

This year Christopher Duchscherer will be competing for a chance to be named the National FFA Organization Star in Ag. Placement. Good luck Chris, we are very proud of you!

At this the 79th National Convention 52 members of the North Dakota FFA Association will be honored with the highest degree bestowed upon a member, the American FFA Degree. Congratulations to all who have achieved this great honor. Among those receiving the American FFA Degree is North Dakota's National Officer Candidate Brooke Jameson of the Kindred FFA Chapter. Brooke was the North Dakota State FFA President last year and we know that she will represent North Dakota well. Go get 'em Brooke.

The delegates at National Convention will also be working on national business and working with delegate issues. If you are interested in the work being conducted this year and want to learn more about the issues visit the National FFA website www.ffa.org or ask your advisor. Please represent your chapter and our state the best that you can. National Convention is a great opportunity and is a lot of fun so put on those Blue Jackets and make the Gold Standards.

RANGE JUDGING TO TAKE PLACE SOON!!!

By Sarah Perry

It's that time of year again for the Range judges to don their hats and gloves, or maybe their sunglasses and baseball hats. No matter what the weather is like on the 23rd of September, the range judging teams from across the state will gather at the Killdeer School to compete in this contest. For those of you unfamiliar with range judging, team members will identify and classify thirty plants found on the typical range. Along with identifying plants, members will determine the overall range health of three different sites. The winning team will have the opportunity to represent North Dakota at the national contest held in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. I can tell you from personal experience that judging in the national contest makes all the hard work put in at state worth the while! Good luck to all the teams and team members this year! I know you'll represent your respective chapters well!

Land Judging a huge success!!

By Erica Spangelo



On August 3rd, nine chapters and thirty-six members took part in the State Land Judging Contest in Lakota. It was a beautiful day to be outside for such a contest. I had the pleasure of announcing the results that day and everybody did a great job, but one team had to win and that team was from Lakota. Their team consisted of Kirsten Swenson, Mykal Ryba, Teri Hamel, Chelsea Stone, and Sophie Hoge. Kirsten Swenson also received the Baby Bison Trophy for her success as the high individual. Congratulations to Kirsten and the Lakota chapter!!

The FFA Alumni will be holding a raffle for a 2006 450 Polaris Sportsman and five (5) \$100.00 cash prizes.

Tickets are \$15.00 each. Contact your nearest Alumni representative for your ticket.

Drawing will be during the GH/MFE/ALD Conference January 6-7, 2007. Winners will be announced during the banquet.



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Alumni News



Alumni Executive Council

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Nathan Germundson, Tioga	Richard Berndt, Towner	Rod Romeriem, Wahpeton	Jimmy Huberman, Wyndmere	

The ND FFA Alumni would like to Thank everyone that donated to the FFA Alumni/FFA Foundation Auction. Also a big Thank You to all of the bidders for attending because without them, the auction would not be a success.

Wanted

Help start an FFA Alumni Chapter in your community. The ND FFA Alumni will be sponsoring \$150 to FFA Chapters who help establish a new FFA Alumni Affiliate in their community. The money should be used to present a scholarship to the FFA member(s) who played a significant part in getting the affiliate started.

What can your Chapter gain from an Alumni Chapter?

- Alumni Achievement Award – Three \$100 Awards
- Washington Leadership Scholarship
- Help with local contest teams
- Chaperone FFA Trips

What does the ND FFA Alumni Association do for the FFA in N.D.?

- Host the State FFA Alumni/Foundation Auction at the NDSF
- Scavenger Hunt for FFA Greenhand Conference
- Trivia Quiz at Made for Excellence
- State Land Judging Contest
- National Band and Chorus trip sponsors
- Sponsor Career Development Events State winners

How can we start an Alumni Affiliate? (How Do I Get \$150?)

- Talk to your FFA Advisor or advisory committee
- Contact Don Nygaard to help set up a meeting
- Don Nygaard
- RR 1 Box 8
- Sharon, ND 58277
- 701-524-1334

- Collect State and National dues from a minimum of ten members
- Submit a roster to State Alumni Secretary prior to the ND Winter Show
- Have an Alumni member attend State meeting at the Winter Show
- Pick up your check at the State FFA Convention in Fargo

\$150 Reward