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## Getting to Know YOUR 2008-09 State Officers



**Darin Spelhaug**  
President



**Levi Hall**  
Secretary

Hello, my name is Darin Spelhaug, and I will be your North Dakota State FFA President for the next year. Since there is a pretty good chance you've never met me or don't know much about me, I'll give you as much personal information as I feel is necessary. I grew up on a farm for a while, then it was no longer a farm so on surveys I always check the box that says, "Rural, non-farm". Currently, my dad, Erroll Spelhaug, works for a gravel company in Kindred, North Dakota and my mom, Gayna Spelhaug, is a dental assistant in Fargo. That pretty much means I was never allowed to eat Fruit Loops as a child. I also have a younger brother named Dylan who is in the seventh grade at Wyndmere Public School.

Before I graduated from Wyndmere, I was involved in speech and FFA. I thought speech was ok, but it didn't really compare to FFA. In FFA, I was involved in the quiz, crops judging, parliamentary procedure, demonstration, and a few other CDE's. As of right now, I am attending North Dakota State University, majoring in Crop & Weed Science and Ag Education.

So far being a state officer has proven to be quite an experience and I am definitely expecting an above average year. If you ever have a question or just want to chat you can email me at [darin.spelhaug.2@ndsu.edu](mailto:darin.spelhaug.2@ndsu.edu). Or if you get really ambitious, you could get my college address and send me a postcard.

Hello, my name is Levi Hall, and I am proud to be representing the North Dakota FFA Association this year as the State FFA Secretary. I am very excited to see what this year holds in store and plan on making the most of every minute I get to spend with everyone out there!

I am originally from Berthold, North Dakota where I was born and raised on a small beef operation. My three brothers (Zac, Noah and Ian) and I raise Angus and Angus influenced cattle along with my dad. My mom teaches third grade in Berthold while my dad is a foreman for Verendrye Electric Cooperative.

In high school, I was active in football, basketball, golf, student council, speech, band, jazz band, choir, jazz choir, and, of course, FFA. I got my start in FFA in the seventh grade and held my first chapter office as a freshman. Since that year I held the offices of Treasurer, Secretary, Reporter and President in that order. I also was the manager of the Pride of the Prairie show in Berthold, which is a show for the Berthold area businesses.

This year I am attending North Dakota State University in Fargo, pursuing a double major in Agribusiness and Business Administration.

As I said I am very excited about this year and look forward to meeting all of the members and friends of the FFA! If you need anything from me, feel free to send me an email at [Levi.Hall.1@ndsu.edu](mailto:Levi.Hall.1@ndsu.edu).





**Anna Moss**  
**NW Region VP**



**Aaron Steckler**  
**SW Region VP**

Hey, ND FFA!! I am Anna Moss, and I am very honored to be serving as your 2008-09 State NW Region Vice-President. I hope everyone is getting back into the swing of things as the school year is in full force.

I would like to share a little bit about myself with you - so here goes! I grew up in the small town of Kenmare North Dakota where I attended school all through my elementary and high school years. While in high school I was involved in band, chorus, FBLA, and FFA. In the FFA I did several different events such as agricultural communications, agricultural sales, ambassador program, food science, and parliamentary procedure.

My family consists of my parents, Ken and Judy Moss, and my brother Ryan and sister Amanda. My dad, Ken, works as a parts man at Magic City Implement and my mom, Judy, also works at Magic City Implement as a bookkeeper. My brother and sister are both married and have children.

I am currently going to Mayville State University and am undecided about what I would like to pursue but hope to decide soon! I enjoy spending lots of time with all of my nieces and nephews, which are quite a handful! I am excited about the year ahead and meeting all of you members! I wish you all the best of luck and always feel free to drop me a note at [anna.moss.1@mayvillestate.edu](mailto:anna.moss.1@mayvillestate.edu) ! Have a great year and I will see you at District Leadership!

Greetings FFA members! My name is Aaron Steckler and I am extremely excited to be serving as your State Southwest Region Vice-President for the 2008-2009 year. I am definitely looking forward to meeting many of you as the year progresses, and I hope that you are as excited as I am about all the great activities and events coming up this year.

Just to let you know a little bit more about myself, I grew up on a farm and ranch about 20 miles southwest of Mandan near the small town of St. Anthony, ND. My parents, John and Gloria, both manage the family farm. My older sister Emily is currently attending NDSU to become an agricultural education instructor! As for myself, I am furthering my studies at Bismarck State College where I am pursuing a double major in Farm and Ranch Management and Agricultural Industry and Technology.

I am a proud product of the Mandan FFA Chapter where I served as the chapter secretary and president. As an FFA member, I was involved in activities such as livestock judging, dairy cattle judging, extemporaneous public speaking, parliamentary procedure, rangeland judging, and farm/business management. Aside from FFA, I am also involved in 4-H and PAS (Post-secondary Agricultural Students). In my spare time, which is minimal, I love to go hunting, ride dirt bike, and hang out with my good friends.

Once again I would like to wish everyone luck in the upcoming year and welcome those new members as well! If you have any questions for me or would just like to say hello, you can always send me an email at [Aaron.J.Steckler.2@bsc.nodak.edu](mailto:Aaron.J.Steckler.2@bsc.nodak.edu). I am excited to hear from you! See you soon!



# Happy Halloween



**Tyrell Martin**  
**NE Region VP**

Howdy y'all! This is your buckaroo from the west, Tyrell D. Martin, serving you as your 2008-2009 North Dakota FFA State Northeast Regional Vice President! What can I say, it's a thrill and an honor to have been selected to serve as a state officer for the organization that I've grown to love, and I look forward to a year filled with premier leadership, personal growth, and career success!

As a younger member, you might've seen me running around, usually up to no good, in a blue corduroy jacket sporting the words KILLDEER on the back and decked out in cowboy boots and a black felt hat. I grew up in a family of five about 25 miles north of Killdeer down in the badlands (good hunting, wonderful scenery, excellent range land, and you'll never find my house out there) on a cattle ranch. We run Angus livestock and a couple horses on land that was once homesteaded way back before my time--I think I'm like the fourth or fifth generation on the ranch. My dad, Ron, along with running the ranch, works in a local oilfield as a "pumper," which is technical jargon for someone who goes around to each oil well site and checks and maintains machinery and equipment on site. My mom, Esther, works part-time at a day care in Killdeer when my brother Jordan, who is a fifth grader, is in school, and she also takes care of things around the house. Amanda is my older sister by three years, and she's a senior at Dickinson State University.

Here is a little bit about me. Well, District Leadership pretty much swept me up in the craze of Blue and Gold back when I was an eighth grader, and I've been heavily active ever since. I've served as historian and secretary in my chapter and I've been in CDEs such as ag sales, horse judging, quiz, ambassador, and parli pro, just to name a few. I've been to National Convention in Louisville and Indy, and this year I'm totally pumped for representing North Dakota as an official delegate at the National Convention. I wasn't really involved in high school activities outside of slaving away in front of a hot pencil, scribbling down notes in class and FFA. I did participate in Jr. and Sr. High Acalympics and put in my two-bits in a math meet contest held in Minot every year. I lived too far out of town to be able to get to sport practices, with my parents being busy at home all the time. However, I started taking a martial arts class called "Tae Kwon Do" in third grade, and I became a blackbelt just days before I graduated from high school. Yes, you read that right, I am a blackbelt.

At home, I did a variety of work on the ranch that I used for SAE programs. I first started out with raising three halter-broken yearlings when I was a freshman, and my line of work slowly grew from there which now includes welding in the oilfield, farming, raising bottle calves from my dad's livestock, and performing miscellaneous farm and ranch work. There's always something to do out on the ranch, and I think it's affected me just a little... I'm pretty much a redneck, and I love

it. Before going to NDSU majoring in Civil Engineering, I got to drive around in a 3/4 ton Chevy Silverado truck which was almost always dirty. I love taking an ATV through a mud puddle or just about anywhere... hence the name "All Terrain Vehicle," I suppose. Woot. I'm big into hunting and I also have a huge passion for horses. In between work and fun (which encompasses working cattle, wrestling calves, and avoid being trampled by a disgruntled full-grown Black Angus bull), I enjoy eating, sleeping, and brushing my teeth. Reading and rocking out to country music always finds a way to squeeze into my schedule, along with computer gaming and general time-wasting and tom-foolery on my "beast," my HP laptop.

But I guess that's me in a nutshell. I can't wait for Districts to roll around, and I get to meet everyone. Feel free to catch me on Facebook or shoot me an email via [Tyrell.D.Martin@nds.edu](mailto:Tyrell.D.Martin@nds.edu) any time. Good luck to everyone in another successful year of school and FFA, and I'll see y'all real soon!

## Chapter Presidents' Conference

By Anna Moss

Once again chapter presidents from across the state traveled to Carrington for the 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Chapter Presidents' Conference. Right away Friday afternoon the presidents started in on developing the many important skills they would need to lead their chapters in the year ahead of them. After a few hours in workshops everyone headed down to the park to enjoy a barbeque and then enjoyed some vegetable bobbing, sponge throwing, and a water balloon toss. Bright and early Saturday morning workshops started, and before we knew it, it was time to head home. Everyone who attended the conference had a great time and left excited to go home and lead their chapters!



**Give Thanks Today and Everyday**

**Happy Thanksgiving**



**Robert Vallie**  
**SE Region VP**



**Andrew Young**  
**Ambassador**

Hello, North Dakota FFA. My name is Robert Vallie, and I am proud and honored to serve as your 2008-2009 Southeast Region Vice-President. Here's a little bit about myself for you to get to know me.

I grew up most of my life in Christine ND, where I attended school at Richland 44 in Colfax. During my school years I was always known for a few things: always being active in school, one that could never be counted out, and a person that was always there. I was an active participant in student government, speech, debate, student congress, MUNA, academic challenge, American Legion Oratorical Contest, band, and of course FFA. In my years of FFA I was involved in several different events, including memorized speaking, parliamentary procedure, ag sales, ambassador, and (my favorite) extemporaneous public speaking.

While it was a lot of work and took a lot of energy, I was able to achieve a reputation of one that could not be counted out. I hold to my name a few accomplishments including first place in extemporaneous public speaking two years in a row for FFA, and three years in a row in Class B speech, as well as the state title in the American Legion Oratorical Contest, and in Student Congress.

But while I try to work hard I try to have a bit of fun every now and again. In my spare time I love to read, write, draw, play, talk politics or philosophy, play chess as well as a good video game and get in the occasional board game in, especially Risk or Axis and Allies. So if you ever want to talk current events or need an extra player in a Halo match, you can count me in.

My life has always been about the idea of serving the greater good, which has allowed me to pursue my degree at NDSU for a double major in History Education and Political Science. Eventually I hope to teach in the classroom and to eventually serve the greater good in public office.

But I guess that is me. Anyways, if there is anything that you ever want to know or have a question on anything (no matter how small) or just need to talk to someone you can get ahold of me at [bobvallie@wtc-mail.net](mailto:bobvallie@wtc-mail.net), or [robert.vallie@ndsu.edu](mailto:robert.vallie@ndsu.edu). My door is always open. Well, I hope you are doing well, and I'll see you around the bend. Have a good one.

I can tell you that there is not a better feeling than this June when I stood before thousands of FFA members as I was announced as the 2008-2009 State FFA Ambassador. Standing on stage, I had no idea what was to become of the next year...but I was excited. So far I have had amazing experiences, good times, and have had a lot of fun meeting all you FFA members. I am extremely excited for the upcoming year to get a chance to get to know more of you.

My name is Andrew Young, and before I represented the state of North Dakota, I represented the Napoleon FFA Chapter. My mom, Charlotte, is a pharmacist in Napoleon and my dad, Than, is a paraprofessional at Napoleon Public School. Both of my parents are proud owners of Napoleon Drug in Napoleon. Along with being the proud owners of the drugstore they are proud parents of my sisters: Mikayla, Mia, Alexa, Alyssa, and our dog Riley. My sisters are all in Napoleon, living with my parents where they also go to school.

I attended Napoleon Public School where I was active in FCA, speech, and golf. I was also on the Napoleon technical team. However, there was only one organization that all my time, energy, and love went into: the FFA. I joined FFA as a freshman. My first contest I competed in that got me hooked to FFA was the Agricultural Sales CDE. From there I competed in parliamentary procedure, memorized public speaking, demonstration, food science, and talent. My favorite part of FFA was going to all the contests with my friends from Napoleon and meeting up with friends from other chapters. I also loved the thrill of competition. I also loved meeting new people, and that is what I am most excited for throughout this next year.

Besides school, I was an active member in my church's youth choir where I played the bass guitar. Before I left for school, you could find me working in the drugstore, at the Napoleon Care Center, or at First Community Credit Union in Napoleon. Another big hobby of mine is magic. Since I was 14 years old I have been performing magic shows all across the state. Next time you see me you will have to ask to see a trick!

This summer I moved to Fargo to work at First Community Credit Union where I still work as well as attend North Dakota State University, majoring in communications.

If you ever need to get a hold of me you can email me at [Andrew.j.young@ndsu.edu](mailto:Andrew.j.young@ndsu.edu). I am very excited to meet many more of you and look forward to seeing old faces throughout the year. Good luck in everything you try this year. I am going to end with something I always write in cards, notes, or letter to friends and family. Live the Dream.



## UPCOMING EVENTS

Sept. 29 – Oct. 2	- District Leaderships
October 8	- State Parli Pro in Bismarck
October 9	- National Convention subs deadline
October 20	- Chapter Rosters due
Oct 22-25	- National FFA Convention
December 9	- ALD/GH/MFE Registration due



Summer has ended. With summer ending so does going to the lakes on weekends, hanging out with friends until all hours of the night, and not worrying about school. But you know what they say, “The end of something good is the start of something better.” The start of District Leaderships is coming up! And with District Leaderships comes the start of the 2008 District Leadership Ambassador Program.

I am extremely excited to see this year’s participants, and I strongly encourage you to participate. To participate remember you have to be 16 years old or older, have a 2-4 minute speech ready, a resume on hand, and be ready for an interview with a panel of judges. I can guarantee this program is extremely worthwhile and is something everyone eligible should give a try. By being selected as a district ambassador, you get a change to represent not only your chapter, but you receive the honor to represent North Dakota. There is no greater honor than representing your home state of North Dakota.

If you have any questions or just want to talk about the contest, feel free to give me an email or a call! I am always there to help with anything you need.

Advancing on to the state competition is also a possibility at the district contest, where you could even be our *next* 2009-2010 State FFA Ambassador. So, one question for you; Are you *next*?

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After finishing up a long, busy week of state convention, it's usually nice to take a break and relax for a while. The newly elected state officers got a refreshing 48 hours of rest before a trip to Bismarck for some training. BLAST Off is a leadership program that allows state officers to take some time to develop some personal leadership skills and get to know each other a little better. This year, our presenter's name was Seth, but we called him Paul. Whatever his name was, he taught us a lot about ourselves and helped to set the tone for the year. As a team, we developed a set of expectations for each other and helped one another with speech writing. All in all, it was a great experience, and we all left feeling great.

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## **Maddock Officer Retreat**

By Anna Moss



Why would any high school student in their right mind want to spend a weekend in the summer at a school? Well, this summer there were about 40 chapter officers from chapters across the state that made a decision to do that, and I think they would agree it was the best time of their lives! While at the 8<sup>th</sup> Annual Maddock Officer Retreat these members learned about many different keys to leadership that they could take back to their chapter and use over the next year. Besides learning these great new techniques the members got to meet other officers and get to know some better! Once again, we all went to the park and had some fantastic food and took part in many activities. Another highlight from this year's retreat was the concert given by the local band, Night Prowlers. I think fun was had by all and many are excited about going back to their chapters and implementing these great ideas. If you would like to attend the 9<sup>th</sup> Annual Maddock Officer Retreat, talk to your advisor so you don't miss out on this amazing experience!



## **Thirty-two -32- to Receive American FFA Degree**

Thirty-two FFA members will be awarded FFAs highest degree at special ceremonies in Indianapolis. They include: Mitchell Becker, Minot; Jennifer Behm, Des Lacs/Burlington; Chelsie Berndt, Towner; Michael Bjertness, Kindred; Denise Bodensteiner, Wahpeton; Gary Brossart, Rugby; Kylie Cirks, Richland 44; Ashley Doll, New Salem; Brock Enderson, Wahpeton, Nikki Fideldy, Hebron; Robert Foertsch, Wyndmere; Cody Friesz, Garrison; Melanie Haugen, Garrison; Bradley Heger, Wahpeton; Richie Heinrich, Medina; Jessie Hendrickson, Richland 44; Courtney Jorgenson, Rugby; Amanda Kopp, Des Lacs/Burlington; Kevin Leier, Rugby; Jared Miller, Bottineau; Amanda Montgomery, Carrington; Jared Peterson, Lakota; Joseph Peterson, Lakota; John Rice, Maddock; Kyle Shively, Rugby; Carissa Steinert, McClusky; Scott Stroh, Tappen; Justin Topp, Carrington; Mark Vetter, Wahpeton; Jeffrey Wald, Maddock; Jeffrey Wieser, Wahpeton; and Michelle Woodall, TGU-Granville.

## Seventeen Presented Honorary State FFA Degree

The North Dakota FFA Association recognized the efforts of 17 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 5th.



Front Row: (L to R) John Jacobson representing ND Farm Bureau (state sponsor of plaques), Amanda Huettl, Vicki Dougherty accepting on behalf of Bruce Dougherty, Daryl Lies, Scott Thiel

Second row: Mary Froelich, Tracey Hartwig, Jim Dunnigan, Roger Skiftun, Gary Martens

Top row: Wayne Beckman, Jeff Lind, Dan Stave, Arnold Jordan, Lance Van Berkom

Not pictured: Edward T. Schafer, Warren Froelich, and Scott Dieterle

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# NATIONAL FINALISTS

Kyle Rzaszutak - Diversified Crop Production -  
Entrepreneurship

Tiffany Stoppler - Diversified Horticulture -  
Entrepreneurship/Placement

Cole Vculek - Vegetable Production -  
Entrepreneurship/Placement

# State President's Conference

By Levi Hall & Darin Spelhaug

Since Darin and Levi aren't into boring people, they decided to take a different approach to explaining NLCSO. The following is a late-night dorm room conversation about the conference.

"Hey Levi," Said Darin, "do you remember the trip we took to Cody, Wyoming?"

"Do you mean National Leadership Conference for State Officers?" replied Levi.

"Yeah, it was a fantastic trip, what was your favorite part?"

"Hmmm, I'd have to say the scenery."

"If you're talking about that stupid hill we climbed..."

"No, I meant I really enjoyed the beautiful mountain sunsets."

"Seriously? Levi, the big tough football player enjoys sunsets?"

"Hey, I'm a real sensitive guy. Plus, girls love it. What was your favorite part?"

"It was definitely not the drive through the mountains where Z nearly took the van over the edge at every turn. My favorite part would certainly have to be hanging out with our officer team and looking forward to the year."

"I hear you clucking big chicken; those were some pretty good times."

"Actually, the conference was a great learning experience where we got to meet officers from Wyoming and Montana."

"And, I really enjoyed hanging out with the national officers. Zach and Tyler were pretty cool people who taught us how to make an impact, rather than just making an impression."

"We really got a lot out of the conference and met a lot of really neat people. Any last thoughts, Levi?"

"We also learned a lot of practical skills like workshop development and team building that will help us throughout the year."



September 20<sup>th</sup>, Range Judging was held in Carrington. High individual award: Gabriela Henson of Carrington.



Gold Teams: Carrington and Hebron  
Silver Teams: South Heart, Rugby, Scranton,  
New England, and Center  
Bronze team: Belfield



# North Dakota FFA Foundation

Special Project — Jacket Fund



## Sponsor an FFA Jacket for \$55

Do you remember . . .  
The first time you zipped up an FFA jacket?  
The pride of wearing the jacket?  
The confidence you see developed in members?

**Now you can give that excitement to a new member.**

## Who can sponsor?

Individuals  
FFA Chapters  
Agriculture Teachers (groups or individuals)  
Organizations  
Advisory Councils  
and more

This project provides members with the opportunity to earn an FFA jacket through an application process. Last year 90 new FFA jackets were given away to members.

*\*\*\* Yes, I want to support ND FFA members and help them experience the magic of the jacket.  
Please sign me up for \_\_\_\_\_ jacket(s).*

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*“Learning to Do  
Doing to Learn  
Earning to Live  
Living to Serve”*



# ND State Fair

By Tyrell Martin



WOO! What a Ride! Another awesome North Dakota State Fair has come and gone, and I hope everyone enjoyed it as much as I did! My NDSF experience got to kick off on the Wednesday before things got underway to help set up things in the FFA Hall. It was hard to imagine, but in a few days, that huge room was going to be packed with projects from classrooms and shops from around the state built by FFA members and ag ed students alike. Thursday and Friday was absolutely crazy with all the projects that flooded FFA Hall and all the state officers and assisting FFA members and advisors helped disperse them. Congratulations to everyone who submitted projects to

the state fair; they were awesome!

Saturday was my shining day at the state fair with the parade and the ND FFA Foundation events. MAGIC CITY IMPLEMENT in Minot sponsored an array of farm machinery (Anna's got the right connections) for the state officers to drive in the ND State Fair parade that morning, ranging from the smaller yard-type tractors to the big 12-wheel tractors (manned by the birthday boy, Darin!), and Aaron manned the controls behind a "bumblebee" yellow New Holland combine. I personally got to man a TD5050 model which is a smaller tractor (I never got to run a tractor of that scale at home), and it was a great time driving in downtown Minot in official dress waving to thousands of people. Thanks again to Magic City for sponsoring the machinery for us! It was so cool!

After returning the machinery to Magic City, the state officers went over to the State Fair Center and got ready for the foundation meeting. I got to meet the director of the State Fair, who in turn brought me over to meet Governor John Hoeven, who was at the fair center to speak at a seminar. I've wanted to meet Governor Hoeven since I was a high school sophomore, and I finally got to meet him; it was a real treat!

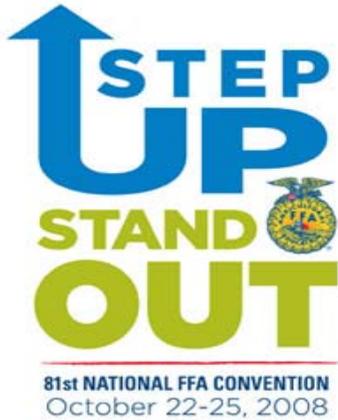
I helped out at the FFA Foundation silent and live auctions and it was a really good time there. At the live auction, a lot of FFA advisors and foundation members were there, along with past state officers. Everybody pretty much knew everybody so, of course, it was going to get a little crazy. Those two auctions brought in a LOT of money in for the foundation and the alumni. Thank you to everyone who participated!

All in all I had a blast! The officers got to help out at various shows throughout the week (Darin and Levi left for State Presidents Conference in D.C. on Tuesday morning) and I stuck around Minot for a week and headed home where lots of work and chores awaited me on Wednesday. That was a week that I'll never forget: Andrew driving a tractor for the first time, Darin learning how to hold a chicken the right way, me meeting the Governor, Magic City for letting us drive brand-new New Holland tractors, and visiting and working with members from around the state in FFA Hall, setting up projects. It was great, I loved it! See you next year on July 24 to kick off the greatest State Fair in the USA – NDSF 2009!



By Aaron Steckler

HERE WE GO! It's time to Step up and Stand Out! National FFA Convention is closer than you think, and the excitement is greater than ever before! From October 22-25th, Indianapolis, IN will be filled with over 50,000 blue jackets from across the country. The 81<sup>st</sup> FFA Convention is definitely something to get excited about with so many new attractions, and a few old ones as well, taking place this year. Those attending will get the chance to see members from across the nation step up and stand out.



A brand new attraction this year will be the Lucas Oil Stadium where the concerts, American Degree Ceremony, Stars Over America Pageant, state photos, and Agriscience Fair will take place. This year there will be concerts by Taylor Swift, James Otto, Michael Peterson, and Living Illusions. The career show promises to be big and exciting this year with many great attractions for FFA members to see.

We would also like to wish luck to those competing at the 81<sup>st</sup> FFA Convention this year. Good luck to Jon Leadbetter of the Finley-Sharon FFA Chapter, who is North Dakota's National Officer Candidate this year. Jon was the 2006-2007 State Northeast Region Vice-President. Good luck, Jon! Robert Foertsch of the Wyndmere FFA Chapter has been selected as a finalist for this year's National Star in Agriscience, and we wish him well!

Aside from all the fun and attractions, the delegates will be working hard on some of the issues being brought forth at this year's convention. If you would like to learn more about some of the issues, you can visit the National FFA website [www.ffa.org](http://www.ffa.org) where you will also find more information about the 81<sup>st</sup> National FFA Convention. Hope to see you there!

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## Land Judging

By Robert Vallie

On July 31<sup>st</sup>, nine chapters competed in the annual State Land Judging Contest in Medina. It proved to be an eventful day for observers and participants alike, as well as a beautiful day for the event. It was a tough competition, but in the end Carrington would have what anyone would consider a good day. Carrington would come out as the champs in both the team event and Chase Rosenau would take high individual. Congratulations to Chase and to Carrington.



## Heading for National Convention

### State Winning Individuals:

#### Prepared Speaking:

Kelse Hanson, Garrison

#### Extemp Speaking:

Robert Vallie, Richland 44

#### Creed:

Ethan Bohn, Beulah

#### Job Interview:

Stephanie Bechtle, Wishek

#### Dairy Handler:

Danelle Hoff, Hebron

### State Winning Teams:

Ag Mech - Napoleon

Ag Sales - Napoleon

Food Science - Napoleon

Livestock - Napoleon

Ag Communications - Scranton

Agronomy - Hebron

Dairy Cattle - Mandan

Dairy Foods - Carrington

Farm Business Mgmt - Carrington

Floriculture - Minot

Horse - Kindred

Meats - Medina

Nursery Landscape - Wishek

#### **National Chorus:**

**Will Feldman, Stanley**  
**Rachel Lasher, McClusky**  
**Emily Lasher, McClusky**

#### **National Band:**

**Laura Juelfs, Tappen**

#### **Star in Agriscience:**

**Robert Foertsch, Wyndmere**

#### **Agriscience Teacher Award:**

**Tony Boehm, Richland 44**

*FFA Honorary Degrees  
and Awards*

*Beth Bakke Stenehjelm  
Daniel Stave  
Jeffrey Missling*

## NATIONAL CHAPTER AWARDS

**Three Star** 

**Finley-Sharon FFA Chapter**  
**Napoleon FFA Chapter**  
**Rugby FFA Chapter**  
**Turtle Lake-Mercer FFA Chapter**  
**Carrington FFA Chapter**  
**Richland 44 FFA Chapter**

**Two Star** 

**Maddock A.S. Gibbens FFA Chapter**  
**Wyndmere FFA Chapter**