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FFA Timberwolves Event

In March over 200 ND FFA members, advisors, and parents attended FFA Day with the Timberwolves at the Target Center in Minneapolis. The Timberwolves took on the Dallas Mavericks and, unfortunately, lost but the game was still exciting for the members who attended from Wisconsin, ND, SD, Minnesota, and Iowa.

North Dakota FFA members attending were from the following chapters: Turtle Lake/Mercer, Wahpeton, Finley/Sharon, New Salem, Scranton, Wyndmere, McClusky, Elgin/New Leipzig, and Mott/Regent.

After the game FFA members gathered on the court for a ND photo and a Free-Throw Shootout.



ND Winter Show in Valley City

Contests in Valley City

The Carrington FFA Chapter came away from the ND Winter Show with smiles on their faces. Their chapter took the high team award for both the State Crops Career Development Event and the State Livestock Career Development Event. Winning team members for the Crops CDE were Justin Topp, Angela Kubal, Taylor Mattson, Brandt Lemer (alternate) and Bobby Henson (alternate). The coaches were Joel Lemer and Bruce Bachmeier. Carrington team members for the Livestock CDE were Brandon Loenig, Amanda Montgomery, Heather Hallwachs, Jenny Vandehoven (alternate), and Kelsey Hesch. The State Crops CDE was sponsored by Pioneer Hi-Bred International and the State Livestock CDE was sponsored by ND Rural Rehabilitation Corporation. Carrington's coaches were Wendy Bengochea and Joel Lemer.

The State Ag Sales Career Development Event was sponsored by the ND Post Secondary Agriculture Student Organization (NDPAS). The Kindred FFA Chapter took away the high team award with Amy Vangsness, Brooke Jameson, Whitney Haux, and Luke Vangsness as team members. Coaches were Curt Leslie and Ted Johnson.

The 2005 Crops Show was also a success with over 650 exhibits. Results from the 2005 Crops Show can be found at the FFA website at http://www.edutech.nodak.edu/ndffa/ffa_index.htm This contest is sponsored by the ND Winter Show.

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SAE FOCUS

She Loves Her Pigs

Brooke Jameson is a high school senior at Kindred High School where she has been very active in FFA and agriculture education classes. Some of the activities she's been involved in are livestock judging, parliamentary procedure team, quiz team, ag sales contest, meats judging, demonstration contest, extemporaneous public speaking, horse judging, dairy foods contest, food science and technology contest and ag communications contest. But her FFA advisor, Curt Leslie, said that he's most impressed by Brooke's entrepreneurial spirit in raising and showing hogs. Leslie said, "Brooke is an amazing student. She has spent countless hours researching the type of pigs she wants for show pigs. In fact, she has done the artificial insemination for several of the hogs being shown by students in Kindred."



Brooke has been raising feeder pigs for five years and started focusing on raising show pigs from farrow to finish two years ago. Last year one of her sows had 16 pigs and she sold eight of them to area 4-H and FFA exhibitors.

"It was really neat to watch how all of them did at the shows. It turned out to be a very successful summer for all my pigs because all of them received places and blue ribbons at at least one show during the summer," said Brooke. She added, "At our county's 4-H Achievement Days, six of the top eight pigs came from my litter. It was really neat to watch the pigs grow and be successful for the students showing them. I also enjoyed showing them myself because it gives you a little bit more sense of pride to raise them from birth."

Although her pigs, goats, horses, and chickens take up much of her time; Brooke also is involved with SADD, FCCLA, volleyball, track, band, student council, National Honor Society, and drama. She also teaches Sunday school and mentors young students through the FFA PALS program.

Brooke added that, "FFA has benefited me in so many different ways. When I first got involved in FFA, I never thought it would lead me to where I am today. But the thing about this organization is that there are so many opportunities for everyone and each one leads to another. FFA has taught me so many different things, but most of all it's shaped me into the person and leader that I am today."

After high school, Brooke plans to attend NDSU and major in animal science or microbiology and then go to veterinary school.

Winter Show Photos



Ag Sales Winning Team from Kindred: L-R Whitney Haux (high individual), Brooke Jameson, Amy Vangness, Luke Vangness, advisor Curt Leslie



Crops CDE Winning Team from Carrington: L-R Taylor Mattson, Justin Topp (high individual), Angela Kubal, Brandt Lemer, Bobby Henson and Bruce Thomas from Pioneer Hi Bred.



Livestock Winning Team from Carrington: L-R Heather Hallwachs, Coach Wendy Bengochea, Brandon Koenig, Amanda Montgomery, Advisor Joel Lemer, and Jenny Vandehoven

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Would you or your organization consider sponsoring the following activities or awards?

State Convention Activities (June)

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Floriculture CDE supplies	\$675
Ag Mechanics Contest supplies	\$250
Horse	\$450
Quiz CDE (partial)	\$200
Band	\$200
Chorus	\$200

Proficiencies (June at state convention)

Fruit Production	\$200
Poultry Production	\$200
Food Science & Technology	\$200
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Swine Production Placement	\$200

Land Judging & Range Judging (August)

Land Judging (partial)	\$200
Range Judging	\$250
National travel for Land Judging	\$750
National Travel for Range Judg.	\$750

District Leadership (Sept./Oct.)

Extemporaneous Public Speaking	\$200
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Demonstration	\$100

National Leadership Conference for State Officers \$1,400

State Officer Scholarships (\$500 each) \$3,500

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SAE FOCUS

Arbor Girl

Four years ago, Kristine Larson from the Rhame FFA Chapter began working for the Bowman-Slope Soil Conservation District. Her position required her to plant seedlings for shelterbelts and then lay fabric over them.

Kristine has planted thousands of trees each spring with a tree planter and then returned in the summer to help lay fabric over them with a fabric layer to help control the weeds and keep in the moisture. Chip Fischer, Kristine's step dad, got her interested. He is the District Technician for the Bowman-Slope Soil Conservation District and one of his responsibilities are the shelterbelts. In the summer, Kristine also helps her step dad hay.

When asked what she has learned, Kristine replied, "When I first got the job, I couldn't give any names for the types of trees. By the end of my job, I could identify all of the trees and how far apart each one should be planted. Also, I learned to be responsible and organized. I learned what leadership really means and that people who work with me depend on me when I'm working."

Kristine has been very involved with FFA during her high school years. She has competed in the following FFA career development events: crops judging, range judging, food science, parliamentary procedure, quiz, floriculture, and agri-science fair. In the fall, Kristine plans to attend the University of North Dakota and major in biology or chemistry. Her long-term goal is to become an orthodontist.

Kristine has also participated in a service project last summer in the desert of Moab, Utah at Arches National Park. The groups mission was to restore the Delicate Arch Trail, which is the most used trail in the U.S. She spent time there from June 17 to July 16.

She also had a Agriscience fair project entitled "How willow sprigs stop Erosion." Kristine won top honors at the ND State FFA Convention and participated at National Convention.



SAE FOCUS



Hebron's Answer to Entertainment

Erica Spangelo's Supervised Agricultural Experience (SAE) program for the FFA is entertaining. In 1998 she convinced her family to help her renovate a rundown theater in her hometown of Hebron. The theater had not been in operation for 30 years and was in desperate need of refurbishment. The renovation took six months and was opened in April of 1999.

Erica said that the actual renovation has been the most challenging aspect of her SAE. She now has the full responsibility of running the theater and keeps it open Friday, Saturday, and Sundays nights with two different show times each night. Kevin Nelson, the Hebron FFA advisor, said, "The renovation of that theater would never have happened without Erica working towards her goal."

A junior at Hebron High School, Erica is very involved with the FFA. She has competed in career development events such as memorized public speaking, meats judging, range judging, 9th grade ag mechanics, and quiz. She has been a chapter officer and has attended numerous leadership conferences. In her free time, she is also involved in basketball, volleyball, football, golf, speech, mentorship program, student council, band, and is the junior class president.

After graduating from high school, Erica plans to attend college and pursue a degree in secondary English education or cosmetology.

There's Not Enough Time for Chad

If you need welding to be done in Rhame, you better make friends with Chad

Hlebechuck. Although he is a senior in high school, Chad has been employed at Randy's Welding for five years. He not only welds agricultural machinery such as hay feeders, bunk feeders, and cattle guards and panels; but he also has welded on oil rigs. "Chad is very responsible and is willing to try any new mechanics task," replies, Mrs. Steeke, Rhame's agricultural education instructor.

The days are long with school until 3:00 PM and work until 11:00 PM, but Chad has decided to take time to learn other trades as well. He has been helping neighbors with other mechanical operations and with their haying and cattle. Chad has even designed new lamb feeders for his mother who has over 50 bum lambs to help make the feeding easier. He has also made and designed hay feeders for their yearling horses that they purchased last fall. "I enjoy helping out the farmers and ranchers in our area to maintain their farm equipment" says Chad.

It should not come as a surprise that Chad has done very well in the ag mechanics contests in the FFA. He enjoys helping friends overhaul their vehicles and putting new transmissions and front ends in their vehicles. He has even done quite a bit overhauling for himself on his 1972 Chavelle.

In the fall, Chad plans to attend a trade school in master machining.



ND FFA Alumni News

The ND FFA Alumni gave 5 — \$100 Achievement Awards away. Winners were Wade Bomber from Finley/Sharon, Jessica Schwab from Lisbon, Rebecca Tokach from Mandan, Jacob Wagner from Beulah, and Heather Wells from Carson. Thanks to the other applicants.

The ND FFA Alumni will be holding a drawing for 3 — \$100.00 cash prizes during the July meeting. This drawing is open to all FFA Chapters, Collegiate FFA Chapters and FFA Alumni Chapters. To qualify you must consign an item with a \$100.00 or more (retail value) to the ND FFA Alumni / Foundation Auction. The item must be listed with Glen Huettl by May 31, 2005. Glen's e-mail address is ghuettl@restel.com. Along with consigning, also remember to attend the auction; there are many interesting items already for this year's auction. You never know, might be something you need, (credit cards are accepted).

FFA Alumni, WLC Scholarships will be due in April. Watch the FFA Alumni web link on the FFA Foundation web site for details.

The FFA Alumni is still giving \$150.00 cash rewards to new affiliates started this year. We would like to welcome Bowman County and Wishek to the ND FFA Alumni.

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State Convention -- June 6-10, 2005 in Fargo

**FFA Day with the Twins -- June 19, in
Minneapolis**

This Sunday game will be filled with fun for FFA supporters and members. For more information or for tickets, call Scott O'Connell at 612-375-7450. There will be a picnic and other activities held in conjunction with this event.

JULY ACTIVITIES

ND State Fair - July 22-30, 2005

**FFA Alumni/Foundation Auction in Minot
during the State Fair - July 23**

The Annual Auction helps raise funds for awards, scholarships and convention travel for FFA members. The silent auction will begin at 11:00 AM at the Magic Space Entry 11 and the Live Auction will be at 2:00 PM in the ND State Fair Center Theater Room

AUGUST ACTIVITIES

FFA Foundation Golf Scramble - August 11th

August will bring the ND FFA Foundation Golf Scramble at Hawktree Golf Course near Bismarck. If you would like more information, look on our website at www.ndffaoundation.com or call 701-224-8390. It's time for you to start to put together teams for this exciting event!

A Note from the President



Greetings to everyone on behalf of the FFA Foundation Board! A very successful year is well underway as we watch our students earning successes in contests, scholarships and their SAE's. At the FFA Foundation, we are excited about the work that is happening to raise money to support our student FFA activities. And we are also very excited to be celebrating our 25th anniversary. In 25 years, our Foundation has grown from a desk in the basement of our state FFA advisor's home to our own office facilities and the ability to raise generous dollars in support of our FFA students.

The FFA Foundation Board invites each of you to participate in our 25th anniversary events during 2005. Please mark your calendars to attend the parents and sponsors banquet at 5:00 PM on Wednesday, June 8, 2005 at the State FFA Convention. Please contact Beth at 701-224-8390 if you would like to attend. We look forward to the opportunity to thank you personally for all the support each of you has given to the FFA Foundation. We also invite each of you to share in the exciting spirit of the FFA by participating as judges in our state and local events. It is a wonderful opportunity to see the FFA on a firsthand basis and see where your support dollars are used. Thank you to those who already serve as judges, and we hope that you are able to continue participating.

We extend our very heartfelt thank you to the sponsors and supporters of our FFA organization over our 25 year history. As we look to the future, we hope to make it another very successful 25 years for our FFA students.

Meeting Notice

North Dakota FFA Foundation Annual Meeting

Date: Saturday, July 23, 2005

Time: Approximately 3:00 PM

Location: All-Seasons Arena, Theater Conference Room, North Dakota State Fair Grounds

The annual meeting of the North Dakota FFA Foundation, Inc. will be held on Saturday, July 23, 2005 following the Fourth Annual FFA Foundation & Alumni Auction. Mark your calendar and plan to attend. Your input is vital as we continue to design, plan and fund educational programs for FFA members in our state.

There will be a business meeting, attention to special considerations, election of board of director members and election of officers for the coming year. Election of board members will include one representing business and industry, two representing agriculture education instructors and one representing FFA Alumni members. All board member terms are for two years.

LEADERSHIP CONFERENCES IN BISMARCK

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With over 415 FFA members attending the Greenhand Conference in January and record numbers of members at the Advanced Leadership Conference and the Made for Excellence Conference, there were close to 1,000 members and guests in Bismarck for the conferences. The ND State Officers and Amber Haugland presented topics to the freshmen for the Greenhand Conference. They worked on skills to becoming a good member in the organization. For sophomores, the Made for Excellence Conference focused on the development of basic leadership skills, and the objective of the Advanced Leadership Conference for juniors and seniors was to acquaint the members on how to become leaders in their community and their state.

The Tom and Francis Leach Foundation sponsors the Greenhand Conference, and the Made for Excellence Conference is sponsored by Nodak Mutual Insurance.



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25 Years!



SAE FOCUS

Lisbon – SAE is not for the birds

Jessica Schwab, Vice President of the Lisbon FFA Chapter, is in the business of birds. But it's not chickens she's raising on her farm; it's pheasants. In fact, she is raising 1500 pheasants this year and plans to expand her flock to 3000 by next year. The name of her business is Prairie Wind Gamebirds.

Jessica and her family live south of Englevale. She's a junior and is the vice president of the Lisbon FFA. She has been in the FFA since she was an eighth grader, which is the year she started raising pheasants. Her neighbor, Brad Swenson, indicated to Jessica that raising pheasants was a good business to become involved with and one that would provide Jessica with some income.

During the summer of 2003, Jessica registered her business in North Dakota and took out a loan to further increase her operation and establish a credit rating. She took out a youth loan through FSA, designed for students under the age of 18 that want to start an agriculture related business. Jessica said, "After meeting with FSA loan officer, Sue Hanning, I was able to borrow \$5,000 with a 5 year loan period."

Jessica said that the biggest challenge to raising pheasants is keeping them alive when they're chicks. At that age, they're very temperamental with varying temperature changes. The pheasants live in the barn until they are six weeks old. From then on, Jessica puts rubber blinders on them and at six weeks lets them outside. "You have to keep the blinders on until they're sold so they won't peck out the tail feathers of the other pheasants," said Jessica. "If this happens, the pheasants will bleed to death."

Game farms in South Dakota are Jessica's main customers with some of the birds being released into the wild. Pheasants aren't the only interest for Jessica. She also has horses that she cares for and is involved in football cheerleading, National Honor Society, 4-H, choir, speech, Tae Kwon Do, the Sheyenne Valley Archery Shooters, and drama.

Jessica gives much credit to FFA in helping her develop leadership skills that will help her in her future. "By practicing many of the skills needed to be a good leader in the FFA, I have been able to accomplish much and also learn a lot about my ability to succeed. I believe it is important to have these skills when working with others and while teaching," said Jessica. "These skills are helpful in being successful in the workplace and in my everyday life. I plan to use the skills that I have developed from FFA in my future job as an agriculture teacher."



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