

ND FFA State Officers 2023 - 2024

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Welcome

The ND FFA Association welcomes you to the 95th ND FFA State Convention! We are very grateful to North Dakota State University as the host for the numerous CDEs and entertainment this week. ND FFA is fortunate to have the support of NDSU employees, sponsors, workshop presenters, judges, and local school administrators to provide you with an inspiring four-day convention! We hope that you take advantage of the opportunities to learn, network, and compete to enhance your appreciation and understanding of agriculture!

Policies and Expectations

Representing your FFA chapter and school in a professional and courteous manner is an expected characteristic of an FFA member and advisor. The ND FFA State Convention is a showcase of ND FFA in a fun and professional environment to guests, volunteers, sponsors, and NDSU.

Members and advisors are accountable to each other to obey the FFA Code of Ethics, FFA State Convention Policies and Expectations, North Dakota FFA Student Permission Form, and NDSU Waiver Form.

FFA wristbands are required for access to all components of convention.

Members and advisors are to be appropriately dressed for all convention events and activities.

No headgear may be worn by members and advisors in the convention hall, or during any CDEs. FFA official dress for members and business casual dress for advisors is expected for all convention sessions.

Communication devices at CDEs are prohibited by members unless directed by superintendents.

Residence halls and lounges contain posted procedures to follow in case of emergencies and are designated as male or female housing. Everyone is to be in sleeping rooms 15 minutes prior to lights out.

Illness should be reported immediately to the FFA Office. After hours, Sanford Medical Center can be reached at (701) 417-2000. In emergencies, call 911.

NDSU and the ND FFA Association are not responsible for damaged, lost, or stolen personal items. Individuals will be held responsible for damage to NDSU facilities.

All modes of transportation will be parked in designated parking lots.

FFA Code of Ethics

FFA members conduct themselves at all times to be a credit to their organization, chapter, school, community, and family.

As an FFA member, I pledge to:

- 1.Develop my potential for premier leadership, personal growth, and career success;
- 2. Make a positive difference in the lives of others;
- 3. Dress neatly and appropriately for the occasion;
- 4. Respect the rights of others and their property;
- 5.Be courteous, honest, and fair with others;
- Communicate in an appropriate, purposeful, and positive manner;
- 7.Demonstrate good sportsmanship by being modest in winning and generous in defeat;
- Make myself aware of FFA programs and activities and be an active participant;
- 9.Conduct and value a supervised agricultural experience (SAE) program;
- 10.Strive to establish and enhance my skills through agricultural education in order to enter a successful career; and
- 11. Appreciate and promote diversity in our organization.

Dress for Success

Looking your best is a critical part of being an FFA member. To receive your awards on stage, a member must be in full official dress, as outlined below.

Official Dress for an FFA Member

- An official FFA jacket zipped to the top;
- Black slacks and black socks/nylons or black skirt and black nylons;
- White collared blouse or white collared shirt;
- Official FFA tie or official FFA scarf; and
- · Black dress shoes with closed heel and toe.



EMILY GOSSETT

2023- 2024 NATIONAL FFA

WESTERN REGION VICE PRESIDENT

Hometown: Silver City, New Mexico

FFA Stats

Chapter: Silver City FFA

SAE: Agricultural Communications

State Office: 2020-2021 New Mexico State

Vice President, 2021-2022 State Secretary



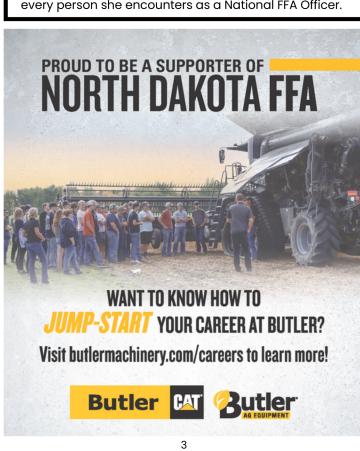
Emily Gossett was thrown into an ag class and soon found a passion for agriculture.

In high school, she found she was passionate about communicating with others about agriculture. "Through many different avenues – podcasts, local newspapers, and local radio shows — I was able to be a voice for an often-misunderstood industry."

During her time in FFA, her supervised agricultural experience focused on agricultural communications, where she worked with local publications to spread the message of agriculture effectively.

While in FFA, she participated in state finals for Creed speaking, where she learned how to get up, dust herself off, and keep going!

This year, Emily wants to love, serve, and celebrate every person she encounters as a National FFA Officer.







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Swing Dance Lessons

Tuesday, June 4 @ 9:15 pm Memorial Union - Oceti Sakowin Ballroom A

Cornhole Tournament

Tuesday, June 4 - Sign-Up @ 9:30 pm Tournament @ 10 pm Memorial Union - Oceti Sakowin Ballroom B

Dance/Social Dude Walker's Music on Wheels

Tuesday, June 4 @ 10 pm Memorial Union - Oceti Sakowin Ballroom A

Comedy Magician - Tim Gabrielson

Wednesday, June 5 @ 10 pm Memorial Union - Oceti Sakowin Ballroom A

NDSU Bookstore/Herd Shop

(Closed on Weekends) 7:30 am - 4:00 pm Memorial Union - Main Level

FFA Store

Tuesday, June 6 from 9 am - 4 pm & 9 - 11 pm Wednesday, June 7 from 9 am - 4 pm & 9 - 11 pm Memorial Union - Peace Garden Room

Memorial Union Food Shops

Caribou Coffee: June 3-5: 7 am - 4 pm June 6: 7 am - 3 pm Hoagie Hut: 9 am - 3 pm

Twisted Taco: 10:30 am - 2:30 pm Union Marketplace: 11 am - 1 pm Memorial Union - Main and Lower Level

Thundar's Game Room

Memorial Union - Lower Level

Monday <u>Tuesday</u> 11 am - 10 pm 11 am - 11:30 pm

Wednesday 11 am - 11:30 pm





WEDNESDAY | JUNE 5 10:00 PM

MEMORIAL UNION OCETI SAKOWIN - BALLROOM A

Over the 18 years and thousands of shows that followed, Tim came to realize that the impact he left on his audiences lasted far longer than the 30 or 60 minutes of his sets. In fact, it was quite the opposite. Tim used magic and comedy as a vehicle to drive audience members beyond their present hardships and take them on a journey of perspective that lasted for years to come.



This is **NOT** the average Career Fair!

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1:00 PM | Tuesday, June 4 Churchill Field - East of Memorial Union



Come dunk some familiar faces at the dunk tank!



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Tuesday, June 4th

Churchill Field | 1:00 - 2:00 pm

1:10 Sean Rolle, Glen Ullin FFA

1:20 Brian Quam & Loretta Quam,

Wyndmere FFA

1:30 Bethany Enander, Stanley FFA

1:40 Blake Larson, Hettinger FFA

1:50 Jenner Johnson, Rugby FFA





ND FFA State Officer Candidates 2024-2025



Dawsyn Malkowski Belfield FFA Chapter



Hannah Schantz Beulah FFA Chapter



Joe Lindberg Carrington FFA Chapter



Forrest Sears Central Cass FFA Chapter



Samantha Burchill Central Cass FFA Chapter



Samuel Green Grafton FFA Chapter



Mariah Lovro Granville FFA Chapter



Grant Anderson Harvey FFA Chapter



Anna Palmer Hebron FFA Chapter



Tevya Vogle Hebron FFA Chapter



Emanuell Weber Kindred FFA Chapter



Kara Siemieniewski Lidgerwood FFA Chapter



Shelsey Brandvold Max FFA Chapter



Teagan Erbele Napoleon FFA Chapter



Bailey Urlacher New England FFA Chapter

ND FFA State Officer Candidates 2024-2025 Continued



Evan
Olson
Oakes-Sargent CentralEllendale FFA Chapter



Jadyn Juntunen Rolla FFA Chapter



Emily Dickinson Tioga FFA Chapter



Gina Quamme Wahpeton FFA Chapter



Julya Seibold Wahpeton FFA Chapter



Grace Mehlhoff Wing FFA Chapter









ND FFA Foundation & Alumni Online Auction

June 1-5th (closes at 10 pm on the 5th)

Go to NDFFASCA24.givesmart.com

- · Create a Free Account
- · Verify phone number and credit card for bidding
- Search for ND FFA Foundation / Alumni Auction (QR code at the top)
- · Scroll through and select an item to bid on
- · Enter the desired bid
- The Max Bid allows the bidding system to bid up to the bid amount selected. The bidding system will place bids for you, when needed, to keep you in the lead, until your Max Bid amount is exceeded.
- Click Submit

The all items on the online auction will close at 10 pm on Wednesday.

- You will receive a text message stating you've won an auction item and asked to submit payment with the card on file (optional).
- If you win an auction item, please contact the Foundation staff to assist in coordinating your item(s) delivery.
- We accept cash, credit cards, and checks. Payments can be mailed to the ND FFA Foundation, PO Box 6022, Bismarck, ND 58506.

2024 ND FFA Camp

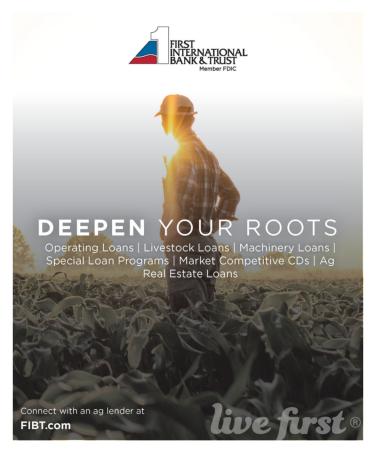


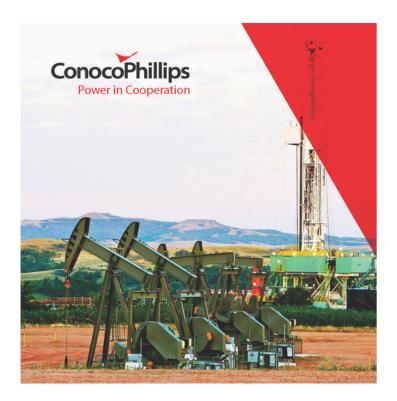
August 8th-10th Cost: \$175

Location: Wesley Acres Camp & Retreat Center Dazey, ND

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2024 FFA State Convention Schedule

Monday, June 3

11:00 - 2:00 **Registration**

Bentson Bunker Fieldhouse (BBFH) - Room 203

12:30 Screening Committee

Memorial Union (MU) - Badlands Room

1:30 State Officer Candidate Meeting

MU - Hidatsa Room

2:30 - 3:30 Delegate Chairpersons & Delegate Advisors'

Meeting

MU - Sahnish Room

3:00 - 4:15 Agriscience Fair Exhibitor Meeting (mandatory

MU - Anishinaabe Theater attendance)

4:00 - 5:30 Chorus Organization and Rehearsal

Music Education (MEB) - Room 122

4:15 Advisors' Meeting

Loftsgard Hall - Room 114

4:15 -6:15 Dinner

West Dining Center (WDC)

5:15 Delegate Orientation Session & Committee

Meetings BBFH

RRFH

5:30 Courtesy Corps Orientation

BBFH Foyer

6:30 BBFH Doors Open

7:30 First Convention Session

Delegates To Be Seated

BBFH



- Presiding Ty MacDonald, ND FFA State President
- Reflections Teagan Erbele, Napoleon FFA
 - Presentation of Colors Maddock A.S. Gibbens FFA
- National Anthem Lilly Solemsaas, Mohall FFA
- Welcome from Honored Guests
- Honorary Degree Ceremony
- Chartering of New FFA Chapters (Drake-Anamoose & Hankinson)
- Teach Ag Recognition
- National Officer Address Emily Gossett, National FFA Western Region Vice-President
- AWARDS Food for America, Superior Chapter, National Chapter, and Premier Chapter
- Retiring Address Jack Stoppleworth, ND FFA State Secretary

10:00 Floor Meetings (mandatory attendance)

10:45 Lights Out

Tuesday, June 4

6:30 - 8:15 Breakfast

WDC

7:30 Advanced Agricultural Technology & Mechanical

Systems CDE

Van Es - Room 101

Agriscience Fair

MU - Oceti Sakowin Ballroom B

Dairy Cattle Evaluation & Management CDE

Gate City Bank Auditorium

Dairy Cattle Handlers Activity CDE

Shepperd Arena

State Officer Candidate Interviews

MU - Badlands Room

8:00 Agricultural Communications CDE

A. Glenn Hill - Room 112

8:30 - 9:15 Student Success Workshop: Teaching Ag is Out of

this World! – McKayla Carlson-Hughes & Jared

Lovro, NDSU Teach Ag MU - Hidatsa/Sahnish

9:00 - 10:30 Chorus Rehearsal: MEB - Room 122

9:00 - 4:00 FFA Shopping Mall

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MU - Peace Garden Room

9:15-10:00 Student Success Workshop: College 101 -

Maggie Wertish, NDSU Ag Ed Society

MU - Hidatsa/Sahnish

10:15 - 11:00 Student Success Workshop: What the Heck is

AgTech? – Stetson Urlacher, Grand Farm

MŪ - Hidatsa/Sahnish

10:30 - 12:00 Chorus Solo Auditions (as needed)

MEB - Room 122

11:00 - 1:15 Lunch: WDC

12:00 - 4:00 Agriscience Fair Poster Showcase

MŪ - Hidatsa

12:15 Food Science & Technology CDE

MU - Oceti Sakowin Ballroom A

State Officer Candidate Interviews Continued

MU - Badlands Room

1:00 Career & Education Fair

Churchill Field – East of A. Glenn Hill Center

<u>Tuesday, June 4 cont.</u>

1:00 ND FFA Talent Stage

Churchill Field - East of Memorial Union

1:15 Agricultural Communications CDE: Team

Presentations

A. Glenn Hill - Room 112

1:15 - 2:45 Chorus Rehearsal: MEB - Room 122

3:00 Farm & Agribusiness Management CDE

Sudro Hall - Room 21

NDSU Campus Walk - Landscape/Nyrsery)

CDE Practice

Loftsgard Hall - Main Entrance

4:15 - 6:30 Dinner: WDC

6:00 BBFH Doors Open

7:00 Second Convention Session

Delegates To Be Seated

BBFH



 Presiding – Jack Stoppleworth, ND FFA State Secretary

Opening Ceremony

- Reflections Emanuell Weber, Kindred FFA
- AWARDS Agriscience Fair
- Retiring Address Ty MacDonald, ND FFA State President
- Officer Candidate Introductions
- AWARDS Dairy Cattle Evaluation & Management, Dairy Cattle Handlers Activity
- Proficiency Awards Section Á
 - Talent
 - Proficiency Awards Section B
 - Delegate Roll Call
- Committee Reports
- New Business
- Closing Ceremony

9:00 - 11:00 FFA Shopping Mall:

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MU - Peace Garden Room

9:15 Swing Dance Lessons

Brought to you by NDSU Western Swing Dance Club

MU - Oceti Sakowin Ballroom A

9:30 Cornhole Tournament Sign-Up

MU - Oceti Sakowin Ballroom B

10:00 Dance - Dude Walker's Music on Wheels

MU - Oceti Sakowin Ballroom A

Cornhole Tournament

Brought to you by NDSU Ag Ed Society MU - Oceti Sakowin Ballroom B

11:30 Dance/Cornhole Tournament Ends

12:00 Lights Out

Wednesday, June 5

6:30 - 8:15 **Breakfast: WDC** 7:30 Floriculture CDE Loftsgard Hall - Room 114 Intermediate Agricultural Technology and **Mechanical Systems CDE** Van Es - Room 101 8:00 **Environmental & Natural Resources CDE** A. Glenn Hill - Room 112 8:00-8:30 Student Success Workshop: Rooted in Discovery -Agriscience Fair 101 - Dr. Brooke Thiel, NDSU Ag Éd MÜ – Hidatsa 8:30 - 9:15 Student Success Workshop: Failing Forward – Emily Gossett, National Western Region Vice President MU - Oceti Sakowin Ballroom B 8:30 - 11:30 Agriscience Fair Poster Showcase MŬ - Hidatsa 9:00 - 4:00 FFA Shopping Mall Brought to you by the ND FFA Foundation MU - Peace Garden Room 9:30 - 10:15 Student Success Workshop: An Attitude of Gratitude – Emily Gossett, National Western Region Vice President MU - Oceti Sakowin Ballroom B 10:30 - 11:15 Student Success Workshop: Cultivating Community – Emily Gossett, National Western Region Vice President MU - Oceti Sakowin Ballroom B 11:00 - 1:15 Lunch: WDC 11:30-12:00 Student Success Workshop: Rooted in Discovery -Agriscience Fair 101 - Dr. Brooke Thiel, NDSU Ag Ed MŬ - Hidatsa 12:00 Milk Quality & Products CDE A. Glenn Hill - Room 112 12:00 - 4:00 **Titan Teachers Lounge** MU - Sahnish 1:30 **Basic Agricultural Technology and Mechanical** Systems CDE: Van Es - Room 101 Nursery/Landscape CDE Loftsgard Hall - Room 114 3:00-4:30 Corduroy Continuum: Celebrating the Legacy of

MU - Nueta

Past State FFA Officers - Invite Only

Wednesday, June 5 cont.

Meats Evaluation & Technology CDE Practice 3:00-5:00

Shepperd Arena (optional)

4:15 - 6:15 **Dinner: WDC**

4:30 ND FFA Foundation Parents' & Sponsors'

Reception/Dinner

MU - Oceti Sakowin Ballroom

6:00 **BBFH Doors Open**

7:00 **Third Convention Session**

Delegates To Be Seated



Presiding Ireland Watterud, ND FFA Parliamentarian and Ian Dukart, ND FFA State Vice President

Opening Ceremony

Reflections - Tate Norby, Killdeer FFA State FFA Chorus

Retiring Address - Anna Hauge, ND FFA State Treasurer

- Introduction of American Degree Candidates
- State FFA Degree Ceremony

State FFA Chorus

- State Star Awards: Star in Agribusiness, Star in Agricultural Placement, Star in Agriscience, Star
- Screening Committee Report
 - Nomination Speeches
- Closing Ceremony

9:00-11:00 **FFA Shopping Mall**

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10:00 Comedy Magician - Tim Gabrielson

MU - Oceti Sakowin Ballroom A

11:30 **Lights Out**



Thursday, June 6

6:30 - 8:15 Breakfast: WDC

7:00 BBFH Doors Open

8:00 Meats Evaluation & Technology CDE

Shepperd Arena

Small Animal Care CDE Gate City Auditorium

8:00 Fourth Convention Session

Delegates To Be Seated

BBFH



- Presiding Annaliese Rauschenberger, ND FFA State Reporter
- Opening Ceremony
- Reflections Connor Johnson, South Prairie FFA
- AWARDS Agricultural Communications and Nursery/Landscape
- State FFA Chorus
- Retiring Address Ryan Slaubaugh, ND FFA State Sentinel
- AWARDS Floriculture, Food Science & Technology, Agricultural Technology and Mechanical Systems CDEs (Basic, Intermediate, Advanced & Sweepstakes)
- Retiring Address Ireland Watterud, ND FFA State Parliamentarian
- AWARDS Farm & Agribusiness Management, Milk Quality and Products, and Environmental & Natural Resources
- Closing Ceremony

10:15 Pack and Checkout of Dorms

11:00 - 1:00 Lunch: WDC

12:00 BBFH Doors Open

1:00 Fifth Convention Session

Delegates To Be Seated

BBFH



- Presiding Anna Hauge, ND FFA State Treasurer, and Ryan Slaubaugh, ND FFA State Sentinel
- Reflections Paige Anderson, Medina FFA
- Delegate Roll Call
- State FFA Chorus
- 2024–2025 State Officer Elections
- Retiring Address Ian Dukart, ND FFA State Vice President
- AWARDS Talent, Small Animal Care, Meats Evaluation & Technology
- Retiring Address Annaliese Rauschenberger, ND FFA State Reporter
- Courtesy Corps Awards
- Installation of New Officers, Presentation of Past State Officer Pins





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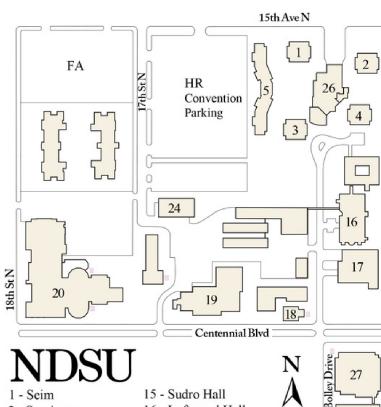
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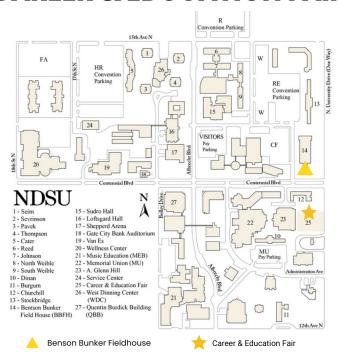


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- 12 Churchill
- 13 Stockbridge
- 14 Bentson Bunker
 - Field House (BBFH)

- 16 Loftsgard Hall
- 17 Shepperd Arena
- 18 Gate City Bank Auditorium
- 19 Van Es
- 20 Wellness Center
- 21 Music Education (MEB)
- 22 Memorial Union (MU)
- 23 A. Glenn Hill
- 24 Service Center
- 25 Career & Education Fair 🚖
- 26 West Dinning Center (WDC)
- 27 Quentin Burdick Building (QBB)



CAREER & EDUCATION FAIR



WHERE

Churchill Field - East Side of the A. Glenn Hill Center

WHO

All ND FFA Members & Convention Guests

WHEN

Tuesday, June 4th 1:00 - 4:00 PM

WHY

Meet businesses in the AG industry, visit with colleges and learn about different career paths.

GET YOUR CONVENTION T-SHIRT

Attend the career fair to receive a free 2024 ND FFA t-shirt!

PRIZES

Win a Kodak camera, Bluetooth speaker, or a gift card to the ND FFA Foundation Shop. Drawings to be held at 2, 3, and 4 pm.

Enter to win at ndffa.co/careerfairprizes

Must be present to win!









Agriscience Poster Showcase

Tuesday, June 4 | 12:00 - 4:00 pm Wednesday, June 5 | 8:30 - 11:30 am MU - Hidatsa

Walk through the Agriscience Gallery to learn more about Agriscience Fair, the projects conducted this year, and how you can get involved in the future!



Agriscience Student Success Workshop

Wednesday, June 5

8:00 - 8:30 am & 11:30 am - 12:00 pm

MU - Hidatsa

Students can also attend one of the Student Success Workshops: Rooted in Discovery - Agriscience Fair 101 hosted by Dr. Brooke Thiel on Wednesday June 5!



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SENIORS: ENTER TO WIN

The ND FFA Foundation is giving away a 32" Smart TV to one lucky senior! All seniors are eligible to win. Drawing will be held on the last day of convention, and you do not need to be present to win.

THE PRIZE

32" Smart TV

WHO CAN WIN

All seniors eligible

ENTER

Enter your name at ndffa.co/senior or scan the QR code before 11 am on Thursday, June 6th.







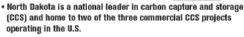
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ND FFA Premier Chapter Finalists Growing Leaders

Drug-Free Activities Napoleon

The Need. Napoleon FFA wanted to promote safe and fun activities for members while increasing meeting attendance and motivating members to make good decisions.

The Idea. The chapter provided a variety of safe, drug/alcohol-free recreational activities and food after each meeting.

The Result. The activities brought in new members and grew meeting attendance and non-active member participation.

College Game Day Rolla

The Need. The Rolla FFA chapter wanted to create an easier way for junior and senior students to research North Dakota post-secondary options.

The Idea. College Game Day combines researching North Dakota colleges with a fun scavenger hunt. Junior and senior FFA members raced around the school, finding clues to learn about different colleges.

The Result. Five colleges were represented through the three-staged scavenger hunt by junior and senior members.

Seventh Grade Life Skills Workshop South Prairie

The Need. The South Prairie FFA chapter wanted to visit seventh-grade Agricultural Education classes to teach them valuable life skills.

The Idea. The Seventh-Grade Life Skills Workshop included problem-solving, teamwork, and goal-setting lessons.

The Result. 43 seventh graders from two agricultural education classes participated.

ND FFA Premier Chapter Finalists Building Communities

Date Night Abroad Beulah

The Need. Beulah FFA members wanted to partner with other CTSOs to raise money for a cancer-related organization and showcase their CTSO's to the local community.

The Idea. Beulah FFA, FCCLA, and DECA joined forces to host Date Night Abroad, a meal to raise money for the Ronald McDonald House. FCCLA prepared the food, FFA and DECA served the meal, and DECA managed the project's finances.

The Result. 40 tickets were sold, and \$1,700 was donated to the Ronald McDonald House.

Bird Feeders at the School Killdeer

The Need. The Killdeer FFA chapter wanted to increase environmental and natural resources awareness at the new Killdeer High School building.

The Idea. Based on recommendations from a wildlife biologist, the Killdeer FFA chapter created a plan to build and install bird feeders at Killdeer High School to attract and diversify the bird population around the school.

The Result. Bird feeders will be built and installed around the school to attract desirable bird species.

Living Off a Budget Rolla

The Need. Rolla FFA members often don't consider the cost of food, personal items, and bills.

The Idea. To help Rolla FFA members understand living off a budget, members were divided into families with a shopping list, a budget, and a time limit. The items purchased were then donated to the Rolla Backpack Food Program and Locker Dash.

The Result: 41 members, split into 19 families, purchased \$973.29 worth of food and personal items to donate to the Backpack Food Program and Locker Dash.

ND FFA Premier Chapter Finalists Strengthening Agriculture

Fun Food Facts Max

The Need. Max FFA members wanted to educate elementary students about where their food comes from.

The Idea. Max FFA used the Fun Food Facts program to educate elementary students about food production and farm-to-fork with hands-on demonstrations and visual aids.

The Result. 73 elementary students were exposed to the agriculture industry and the origin of food.

Hero's Garden Rolla

The Need. Eighth-grade Rolla FFA members wanted to showcase the men and women of the Rolla community and Rolla graduates who served in the military.

The Idea. The Rolla FFA eighth-grade members created the Hero's Garden, consisting of red, white, and blue flowerpots with QR codes featuring community members and Rolla graduates who have served in the military.

The Result. The Hero's Garden consisted of 15 red, white, and blue flowerpots featuring 30 QR codes that highlighted individuals in the military.

Farm and Home Safety Event South Prairie

The Need. South Prairie FFA sought to teach younger students important safety information and techniques.

The Idea. South Prairie FFA members taught fifthgrade students about farm and home safety through hands-on activities, visual aids, and experiments.

The Result. 10 FFA members taught 41 fifth-grade students and two adults about farm and home safety with five stations over 1.5 hours.



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State Star Finalists

This year 14 North Dakota FFA members met the qualifications for the State Star Award. The following individuals were selected as state finalists and are recognized as Stars based on their exceptional Supervised Agricultural Experience (SAE). The State Star in each area is announced during the 3rd convention session.



STAR IN AGRIBUSINESS

Sarah Jeffers Bowman County FFA

Sarah's SAE started when she earned an SAE grant in her freshman year of high school. She then took her love for baking and pizzas and created her own business, Sarah's Slices.

She makes take-and-bake pizzas for her community, which showcase ingredients that she grows in her garden over the summer. Using her homegrown ingredients, family recipes, and production equipment, she makes custom pizzas for her customers.

She has learned many things in her SAE but feels that ensuring the freshness of her product, creating a shelf-stable sauce, and packaging have been a large part of it. As the owner of a business, she has also learned how to keep financial records and market a product.

Sarah is a member of the Bowman County FFA Chapter. Her chapter advisor is Mr. Steeke. She plans to attend North Dakota State University and major in Family and Consumer Sciences Education.

STAR IN AGRIBUSINESS

Joe Lindberg Carrington FFA

Joe's SAE focused on the trapping and selling of minnows in the local area. His SAE started after he heard a story from a woman about her husband and sons trapping and selling bait.

From there, Joe worked with her and the Game and Fish Department to begin his business. He now owns 22 traps and sells to bait shops around the Jamestown area. He also has purchased other necessary equipment like coolers, pails, and aerators. His business has expanded outside of his capacity, so he has hired help to increase efficiency and trap more minnows for the stores.

Through his SAE, Joe's role has changed because it started as a partnership with his brother. Once his brother graduated, he bought out his brother's half of the business and all the responsibilities were on him. This SAE has helped him learn how to identify lake health, understand trapping rules and regulations, and develop relationships with businesses and the Game and Fish Department.

Joe is a member of the Carrington FFA Chapter. His chapter advisors are Mrs. Hansen and Mr. Becker. His parents are Travis and Tammi Lindberg and Stacy Hagel. He plans to attend Northern State University and major in Business Administration.

State Star Finalists



STAR IN AGRIBUSINESS Karissa Mann Napoleon FFA

Karissa's SAE focuses on raising and selling pheasants. Depending on the outlook, she raises 300-1,000 pheasants annually. She started her SAE to increase the pheasant population because she learned from Pheasants Forever that the population was decreasing. Once the pheasants reach eight weeks of age, she sells the bounty on them, but she keeps some of them to adulthood for specific customers. Most of her pheasants are released locally for hunting.

Through her SAE, Karissa has increased her knowledge about pheasants. It has also taught her excellent problem-solving skills because many factors go into raising birds, and you have to pay close attention to detail and act quickly if things are not going right. She has also improved her communication skills by dealing with customers.

Karissa is a member of the Napoleon FFA Chapter. Her chapter advisor is Mr. Schneider. Her parents are Mike and Shelly Mann. She plans to attend the University of Mary and major in Nursing.

STAR IN AGRIBUSINESS Nicholas Wulfekuhle Richland 44 FFA



Nicholas' SAE project began in 2017 when he worked for his brother mowing lawns. In 2019, he took over the business from his brother, and his role as owner began. Nicholas focuses on turf-grass management for 20 properties around the area. He utilizes equipment like lawnmowers, weed trimmers, and a Ranger. He uses this equipment in town; any out-of-town properties allow him to use their equipment.

Nicholas learned how to manage a business financially and complete tasks like writing bills, managing finances, and balancing his schedule. He also learned how to maintain and repair equipment.

Nicholas is a member of the Richland 44 FFA Chapter. His chapter advisor is Mr. Boehm. His parents are Tom and Cassie Wulfekuhle. He plans to attend North Dakota State University for Agricultural Engineering.





STAR IN AGRICULTURAL PLACEMENT

Kylie Skadberg Carrington FFA

Kylie started working for Barton Meats in Carrington as a freshman in high school. She was interested in working here because she wanted to learn new skills and grow as a person. She remembers growing up and processing animals on her grandparents' farm, so she is interested in meat processing. Barton Meats processes beef, pigs, and lambs year-round and does deer, elk, and moose seasonally.

Her skills have grown from simply wrapping, helping customers, stuffing burgers, etc., to learning the different machines and equipment to provide a quality product for customers. She has also learned to take custom orders and assist at the retail counter.

Kylie is a member of the Carrington FFA Chapter. Her chapter advisors are Mrs. Hansen and Mr. Becker. Her parents are Jason and Tara Skadberg. She plans to attend Bismarck State College and major in Agribusiness, with the hopes of becoming a meat inspector someday.

STAR IN AGRICULTURAL PLACEMENT

Emma Aberle Carrington FFA



Emma is employed by the North Dakota State University Research Extension Center (CREC) in Carrington in the Pathology Department.

She started working at the CREC in 2020. Her tasks include packaging seed, weeding fields, working with PVC irrigation systems, taking plant notes, filling harvest bags, and more. She occasionally works at other research stations as well.

She started by weeding plots, taking basic plant notes, and setting up irrigation systems. Her student leader supervisor ensured her work was correct. Over the years, Emma has become a leader of her 3-4 person crew.

Emma is a member of the Carrington FFA Chapter. Her chapter advisors are Mrs. Hansen and Mr. Becker. Her parents are Ezra and Sarah Aberle. She plans to attend North Dakota State University and major in Agricultural Education.





STAR IN AGRICULTURAL PLACEMENT

Gavin Mason Fessenden-Bowdon FFA

Gavin's SAE focuses on his involvement in his family farm where he focuses on diversified crop production. His job includes a variety of tasks like field prep, planting, harvesting, and maintaining equipment. His SAE started with him doing things like rock picking, rolling beans, and running grain cart and has grown to him helping his dad operate the planter and combine.

Through his SAE, Gavin learned to use more equipment each year and had more important roles. He also grew his knowledge of how to maintain and repair equipment.

Gavin is a member of the Fessenden-Bowdon FFA Chapter. His chapter advisor is Mr. Moellenkamp. His parents are Matt and Kimberly Mason, and Monica and Jeff Larson. His future plans are to attend Bismarck State University for Agribusiness.

STAR IN AGRICULTURAL PLACEMENT

Taylor Pritschet Rugby FFA



Taylor's SAE consists of working for Lazy SK Ranch for the past five years and at the Rugby Farmer's Elevator and Feed Store in 2023. The ranch has 200 commercial Simmental/Black Angus crosses near Willow City, ND. In addition to livestock, the ranch raises crops and forage. Taylor is a sales associate at Rugby Farmer's Elevator and Feed Store, where she organizes driver tickets and invoices, helps customers with questions, and helps them with purchases.

A prominent change in her responsibilities shifted when her employer got COVID in 2020, and she had to run the entire operation while they were sick. After learning to run all the equipment, she began taking on more roles. At the Elevator and Feed Store, she has learned new skills to help farmers and ranchers be successful.

Taylor is a member of the Rugby FFA Chapter. Her chapter advisors are Ms. Tonnessen and Mr. Ripplinger. Her parents are Holly and Daryl Pritschet. Taylor plans to attend Bismarck State College and major in Farm and Ranch Management.





STAR IN AGRISCIENCE Samantha Burchill Central Cass FFA

Samantha's SAE project started with investigating which oil was best for frying rosette cookies for a sensory panel at her school. She continued to advance her research integrating different methods and topics throughout her time in FFA.

What started as a basic experiment related to her baked goods business then turned into two other research projects that helped her learn how to write a research report, increase her knowledge about plants, and analyze data to conclude.

Samantha is a member of the Central Cass FFA Chapter. Her chapter advisor is Ms. Gress. Her parents are Dustin and Sarah Burchill. Her future plans are to attend North Dakota State University for Agricultural Education.

STAR IN AGRISCIENCE Shelsey Brandvold Max FFA



Shelsey started her SAE project in the 8th grade by diving into the public's perception of beef production and consumption. She continued to create surveys and compete in the social sciences category of agriscience throughout her FFA Career.

Over the years, her research projects focused on agricultural topics that were controversial to the public. She started with basic knowledge and needed a lot of guidance from her peers and advisors. She can now analyze data and turn that into sound research papers independently.

Shelsey is a member of the Max FFA Chapter. Her chapter advisor is Mrs. Huettl. Her parents are Lee and Julie Brandvold. She plans to attend North Dakota State University and major in Animal Science.





STAR FARMERDelaney Erfle
Fessenden-Bowdon FFA

Delaney started her SAE in 2019 when she purchased 4 steers for showing with the hopes of raising them for homegrown beef. In 2022, she purchased 31 head to finish, along with 8 head she owned. Over time, she grew her herd to 39 heifers that she bred and sold.

Her main responsibilities are feeding her cattle daily, checking waterers, monitoring herd health, and making decisions on who to cull and sell. Delaney started with a lot of help for her cattle, but now she has grown to make the important decisions and feels confident in them.

Delaney is a member of the Fessenden-Bowdon FFA Chapter. Her chapter advisor is Mr. Moellenkamp. Her parents are Mike and Brenda Erfle. She plans to attend Bismarck State College and major in Agronomy and Agribusiness.

STAR FARMERGrant Anderson
Harvey FFA



Grant's dream for his SAE started as a young kid and consists of 150 acres of rented cropland where he grows corn and pinto beans, a beef breeding herd, and a beef market herd. He has a labor exchange with his parents to rent their equipment and ground for his SAE project. Grant's beef herd started at 9 head in 2019 and has increased to 45 head in 2023.

Grant had minimal knowledge of cropland management and followed his father's management choices, but as he learned more, he began to take on the leadership role with his land. Once his sister graduated from high school, Grant took on the management choices with the livestock.

Grant is a member of the Harvey FFA Chapter. His chapter advisors are Ms. Free and Mr. Deck. His parents are Paul and Vanessa Anderson. His future plans are to attend North Dakota State University and major in Agricultural Economics.





STAR FARMER Lily Solemsaas *Mohall FFA*

Lilly's SAE consists of raising and selling club lambs. She sold her first club lambs at the Top of Dakota sale six years ago. Lilly has a 25% ownership of 70 ewes along with having 100% ownership in 10 rambouillet ewes. She does the daily chores, along with marketing the lambs, customer relations, and managing the nutrition.

Lilly started with low level responsibilities, with her sister making most of the choices, but her responsibilities have changed as she has gotten older. Over time, Lilly has increased her lamb sale price from \$400 to \$1,125 per lamb. She attributes this to learning more about marketing, building customer relationships, and increasing the quality of her lambs.

Lilly is a member of the Mohall FFA Chapter. Her chapter advisor is Ms. Dukart. Her parents are Gus and Wendy Solemsaas. She plans to attend Northeastern Junior College and then transfer to South Dakota State University to major in Agricultural Education.

STAR FARMER Jackson Brossart Rugby FFA



Jackson began his SAE in 2019 with 5 yearling heifers that he purchased from a family friend. His operation has grown to 30 cows, 20 of which are registered with the National Red Angus Association and the other 10 are commercial. His interest in beef cattle started when he was young and would help hold gates or carry water hoses. Once he bought his own herd, he became the manager of those animals.

Jackson performs many tasks on a daily basis to run his operation, but he has focused on his mineral program, putting up hay, and taking care of the calves in the winter.

Jackson is a member of the Rugby FFA Chapter. His chapter advisors are Ms. Tonnessen and Mr. Ripplinger. His parents are Jen and Dan Brossart. His future plans are to attend Bismarck State College for Farm and Ranch Management.



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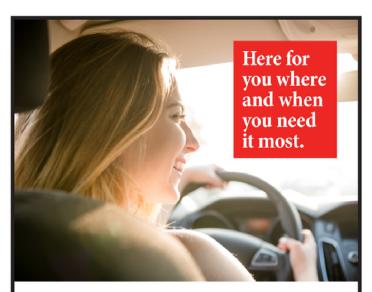
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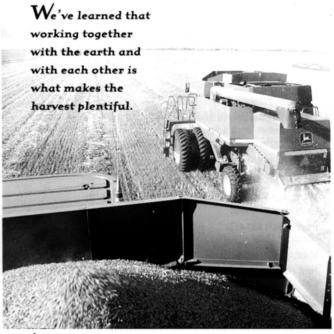
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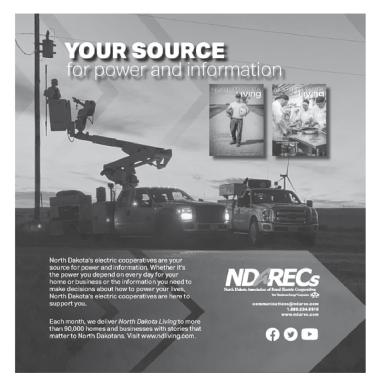
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Milk Quality & Products:
Nursery/Landscape:
Parliamentary Procedure: Killdeer FFA
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Small Animal Care:
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Student Success Workshops

Tuesday, June 4

8:30 - 9:15 Teaching Ag is Out of this World!

McKayla Carlson-Hughes & Jared Lovro,

NDSU Teach Ag MU - Hidatsa/Sahnish

9:15 - 10:00 College 101

Maggie Wertish, NDSU Ag Ed Society

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10:15 - 11:00 What the Heck is AgTech?

Stetson Urlacher, Grower Program

Coordinator, Grand Farm MU - Hidatsa/Sahnish

Wednesday, June 5

8:00 - 8:30 Rooted in Discovery: Agriscience Fair 101

Dr. Brooke Thiel, NDSU Ag Ed

MU - Hidatsa

8:30 - 9:15 Failing Forward

Emily Gossett, National Western Region Vice

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9:30 - 10:15 An Attitude of Gratitude

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10:30 - 11:15 Cultivating Community

Emily Gossett, National Western Region Vice

President

MU - Oceti Sakowin Ballroom B

11:30 - 12:00 Rooted in Discovery: Agriscience Fair 101

Dr. Brooke Thiel, NDSU Ag Ed

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