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## Ag Adventure Center Brings Learning, Fun to State Fair

By Dalton Larson, State President

The summer came to a twisting end with the South Dakota State Fair, August 31-September 1, in Huron South Dakota. One main attraction was the FFA Ag Adventure Center. After being renovated last year, there were a few additions to the agricultural education building including; the Cargill Technology Center, a robotic milking display, NRCS showing, interactive games for kids, and engaging ag production videos. District FFA Officers from throughout the state did a phenomenal job working the center and managing the animals. The animals included chickens, chicks, dairy calves, and a cow/calf pair. However, one of the most exciting events of the week was the live births of piglets. We are happy to inform you that one sow is the happy mother of twelve piglets while the other is excited to announce the birth of her eleven. If you weren't able to join us this year at the Ag Adventure Center we encourage you to make the trip next year to experience modern agriculture. The fair food was enticing and tempting but the Ag Adventure Center was the real hit of the weekend!





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# South Dakota FFA members discover opportunities at summer leadership training

The South Dakota FFA Association conducted its annual Leadership Retreats June 27th - 30th at Swan Lake, Viborg and July 11th- 14th, at Camp Bob Marshall, Custer. National FFA Southern Region Vice President DeShawn Blanding attended the retreat at Swan Lake and National FFA Central Region Vice President Valerie Earley attended the retreat at Camp Bob Marshall.

The retreats centered on state sport of rodeo with their theme "Buckle Down!" FFA members developed and enhanced their leadership skills and self-confidence through interactive learning. The program featured workshops that helped members discover the value of servant leadership, character, attitude, a focused vision, communication, trust, and responsibility. They will use these new skills and ideas to benefit their local chapters and communities. Retreat attendees also participated in a service learning project.

The retreats were directed by the 2017-2018 State FFA Officers: President, Dalton Larson, West Central; Vice President, Clayton Sorum, Canton; Secretary, April Hamilton, Hitchcock-Tulare; Treasurer, Aaron Linke, Woonsocket; Reporter, Avery Gilchrist, Winner; and Sentinel, Elle Moon, Wall. Retreat staff also included Martee Larson, Stanley County; and Heather Kirkpatrick, Brandon Valley; SD FFA Ambassadors. Additional helpers were Sydney Swanson, Webster-Waubay; Nick Blare, Winner; Sadie Bingham, Deuel.

A special thanks to the retreat sponsors for making it possible: Twin City Northland Ford Dealers, Monsanto, US Army/Army ROTC, SD Department of Agriculture and the Custer Mile High Garden Club.



West River Leadership Retreat



East River Leadership Retreat

# SD FFA Members to Compete at National FFA Convention



## ICAN.WE WILL.

The 90th National FFA Convention theme 'I Can. We Will.' reminds us that 'together, we are stronger.' During the National FFA Convention scheduled for Oct. 25-28, 2017, in Indianapolis, I.N., FFA members from across the nation will be competing in a wide variety of areas. The following FFA members will represent the South Dakota FFA Association:

### National Officer Candidate

Alison Simon, Gettysburg

### Voting Delegates

Dalton Larson, West Central  
Clayton Sorum, Canton  
April Hamilton, Hitchcock-Tulare  
Avery Gilchrist, Winner

### Flag Bearer

Elle Moon, Wall

### National Chorus

Anna Schwader, Howard  
Nathan Loutsch, Milbank

### National Band

Chase Pinkert, Milbank  
Cassidy McWayne, Canton  
Makayla DeDeyne, De Smet  
Magally Aburto, Milbank

### AgriScience Finalists

Sydney Grasma, McCook Central  
Emma Heinz, McCook Central  
Madisen Koepsell, McCook Central  
Rylee Klinkhammer, McCook Central  
Tanner Peterson, McCook Central  
Catherine Whaler, McCook Central  
Megan Stiefvater, McCook Central  
Griffin Stoffel, McCook Central  
Gabby Feterl, McCook Central  
Sadye Roesler, McCook Central  
Kayle Lauck, McCook Central  
Hadley Stiefvater, McCook Central  
Abigail Blagg, McCook Central  
Sophia Kaffar, McCook Central  
Ella Stiefvater, McCook Central  
Jace Haven, Northwestern;  
Nathan Buisker, Sioux Valley  
Morgan Kohl, Watertown FFA  
Hunter Eide, Gettysburg  
Kadon Leddy, Milbank

### Proficiency Finalists

Jaclynn Knutson, Viborg-Hurley  
Kohl Miller, McCook Central

### Agricultural Communications

West Central: Carson Ulrich, Jacob Harden, Lauryn Riepma, Emma Lewis, Advisor Linda Petersen

### Agricultural Issues

West Central: Gabe Lorang, Branzon Underwood, Hunter Wilebski, Jared Miller, Tiffany Rausch, Ellie Krizan, Cossette Ulrich, Advisor Linda Petersen

### Agricultural Sales

Rapid City: Seth Shorb, Mason Kaup, William Riley, Cody Rausch, Advisor Bobbie Jo Donovan

### Agricultural Mechanics

Brookings: Nick Rudnik, Peder Haugan, Brock Manhanke, and Heath Bullington

### Agronomy

Highmore: Taylor Ashdown, Jharrett Bloomenrader, Blake Farstveet, and Halle Kroeplin

### Creed

Danika Gordon, Sturgis

### Dairy Cattle

McCook Central: Cait McGregor, Tanner Peterson, Blake Pulse, and Brianna Schock

### Dairy Cattle Handler

Steven Paulson, Groton

### Environmental and Natural Resources

Parkston: Jared Tiede, Trenton Weber, Brady Albrecht, and Nate Doering

### Extemporaneous Speaking

Matt Bogue, Beresford

### Farm Business Management

Miller: Dylan Fulton, Kyle Haiar, Evan Steers, Shaly Werdel

### Floriculture

Garrestson: Nobel Nothstine, Emily Malsom, and Angel Larson

### Food Science & Technology

McCook Central: Natalie Gottlob, Emily Bies, Ciara Rotherm and Jacy Pulse

### Horse Evaluation

Florence: Evie Kahnke, Allison Grygiel, Chantel Nelson, Callie Mueller

### Job Interview

Sadie Vander Wal, Northwestern Area

### Junior Conduct of Meetings

Highmore: Veronica Knipping, Dylan McDonnell, Blake Farstveet, Velvet Jessen, Emily Semmler, Sylvia Rodriguez, Lainey Aasby, Chesney Effling, Advisor Ken Jones

### Livestock

Lennox Sundstrom: Sarah Kroeger, Denver Nordmann, Sami Nordmann and Layne Lundstra

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### Parliamentary Procedure

Harrisburg: Alexander Auch, Connor McAllister, Noah Hovorka, Grace Aasheim, Sydney Wood, Ashlyne Beninga, Nicole Hudson, Advisor Todd Marks

### Prepared Public Speaking

Bridger Gordon, Sturgis

### Range Plant Identification

Sturgis: Lisa Williamson, Sydney Shaw, Breezy Paul, and Abigail Anderson

### Veterinary Science

McCook Central: Kally Pulse, Janelle Kobernusz, Kayla Mentele, and Phoebe Kaffar



Jaclynn Knutson  
Proficiency Finalist



Kohl Miller  
Proficiency Finalist

## New Ag Teachers say “I Can” and New Chapters say “We Will” Make an Impact

By Dalton Larson, State President

This year we are excited to welcome many new ag teachers and chapters to our association and we cannot wait to see what great things they accomplish.

### Cheyenne Leonhardt

**Aberdeen Central (New Chapter/New Advisor)**

Ms. Leonhardt grew up in Groton, SD and graduated from South Dakota State University. Her favorite thing about teaching is the students. She loves getting to teach them new things that they might not be familiar with. Her goal for the chapter is to get kids involved. Her hope is to grow the chapter and get kids willing to try new CDEs and Events.

### Lexi Smith

**Bennet County (New Chapter/ New Advisor)**

Mrs. Smith graduated from Viborg-Hurley High School and from South Dakota State University with a Bachelor's of Science in Animal Science. Her favorite part of teaching is interacting with students and learning what they are interested in within agriculture and FFA. She says the excitement students have about agriculture is contagious.

### Ken Kones

**Wilmot (New Advisor)**

Mr. Kones grew up in Castlewood, SD and graduated from Dakota State University. He enjoys many different aspects of teaching including the excitement students get when catching on to a new concept, and looking at problems through different points of view. Mr Kones is also looking forward to helping students realize that FFA isn't just for the traditional farmer anymore.

### Naomi Lermon

**Belle Fourche (New Chapter)**

Mrs. Lermon is originally from Franktown, Colorado and attended Ponderosa High School in Parker, CO. She also attended the University of Wyoming. Her favorite part of teaching is sharing her passion and love of the ag industry with her students. She is looking forward to re-building the ag program in Belle Fourche with the strong agricultural presence in the community.

### Katherine Newhouse

**Freeman (New Advisor)**

Ms. Newhouse grew up on an acreage outside of State Center IA. She attended South Dakota State University for two years, then transferred to Iowa State University. Her favorite part of teaching is seeing the students take initiative and pride in what they are doing. She is very excited to meet and get to know all her students and teach them the importance of agriculture!

### Taylor Krause

**Sisseton (New Advisor)**

Mrs. Krause grew up in Groton, SD and graduated from Groton Area High School. She attended college at South Dakota State University and graduated this May. Her favorite thing about teaching is the students and that each one is unique with their different talents. She is looking forward to help her students become more confident and more involved in the community.

### Brandon Wagner

**Yankton (New Chapter/New Advisor)**

Mr. Wagner grew up on a farm North of Yankton. He graduated from Yankton High School and attended University of South Dakota. His favorite part about teaching is getting the chance to pass on real-life information to so many students. He is looking forward to the amazing learning experience he is going to have this year and is very thankful for the opportunity.

### Brianna Larson

**Sturgis (New Advisor)**

Ms. Larson grew up in Hartford, SD and graduated from West Central. She attended the University of North Dakota and graduated with a degree in Elementary Education with a minor in Special Education. Her favorite part of teaching is when she sees a student who has struggled finally find success. Ms. Larson is looking forward to getting to know her chapter and all of its members!



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# Get to Know Your State Officers & Ambassadors

By Aaron Linke, SD FFA Treasurer



## Dalton Larson

**Office:** President  
**FFA Chapter:** West Central  
**Major:** Animal Science  
**Hobby:** Riding Horses  
**Two Fun Facts:** I am currently part-owner of a successful pony training business, and I am in the process of restoring a 1946 Oliver 70!



## Clayton Sorum

**Office:** Vice President  
**FFA Chapter:** Canton  
**Major:** Ag Business  
**Hobby:** Fishing  
**Two Fun Facts:** I am an only child, and I am the fifth generation to farm on my family farm!



## Aaron Linke

**Office:** Treasurer  
**FFA Chapter:** Sanborn Central/Woonsocket  
**Major:** Agronomy and Animal Science  
**Hobby:** Showing Cattle  
**Two Fun Facts:** I have been to Mexico five times and I once had a pet badger!



## April Hamilton

**FFA Chapter:** Hitchcock-Tulare  
**Major:** Exploratory Studies  
**Hobby:** Playing piano  
**Two Fun Facts:** My favorite home-cooked meal is my mom's steak, mashed potatoes, and sweet corn and I love going to drive-in movies in the summer!



## Avery Gilchrist

**Office:** State Reporter  
**FFA Chapter:** Winner  
**Major:** Ag, Education/Wildlife and fisheries  
**Hobby:** Fishing/hunting  
**Two Fun Facts:** I once owned a miniature pony named pony, and I ran a half marathon race and won because everybody else went the wrong way!



## Elle Moon

**Office:** State FFA Sentinel  
**FFA Chapter:** Wall  
**Major:** Animal Science-Pre-Vet  
**Hobby:** Rodeoing  
**Two Fun Facts:** My goal is to skydive, and I attended a country school (one room school house) from Kindergarten through fifth grade!



## Martee Larson

**Office:** State Ambassador  
**FFA Chapter:** Stanley County  
**Major:** Microbiology Pre-Vet Specialization  
**Hobby:** Taking late night walks around SDSU's campus to destress from a long day.  
**Two Fun Facts:** With the help of my Dad I still manage/operate my SAE dairy goat herd while attending college, and I got to help a sow farrow in the Ag Adventure Learning Center at the 2017 State Fair!



## Heather Ann Kirkpatrick

**Office:** State Ambassador  
**FFA Chapter:** Brandon Valley  
**Major:** Exercise Science/Pre-Physical Therapy  
**Hobby:** Hiking, Fishing  
**Two Fun Facts:** I have kayaked into Canada, and I like to take my dog Aro shopping!

## SD FFA members Earn Golden Key

Congratulations to the 38 SD FFA members who earned the American FFA Degree in 2017! The American FFA Degree is the highest degree a member can receive in the National FFA Organization, and requires members to have a Supervised Agricultural Education experience that they keep records on. They exemplify true leaders in agriculture.

**Clear Lake:** Rachel Baer, **Lemmon:** Bailie Jean Beer, **McCook Central:** Ryan Butzke, Kylar Hansen, Julia Loudenburg, Cara Rabenhorst, Hunter Rother, Jordan Scheier, Branden Ston, **Winner:** Calah Covey,

Peyton Eagle, Nickales Hossle, Samuel Hossle, Lucas Jedlicki, Lesley Soles, **Florence:** Zach Grygiel, Emily Kahnke, **West Central:** Quin Hanisch, Weston Hanisch, Austin Ideker, Rachel Kapperman, Alex Klein, Erica Lorang, Jordan Lueth, Cody Pearson, Braden Pirrung, Cory Smith, Ryan Titus, Kyle Vockrodt, **Huron:** Braedon Hinker, **Redfield:** Jordanne Howe, **Duebrook:** Jeanette Klein, **Elkton:** Matthew Leiferman, **Sanborn Central/Woonsocket:** Jonathan Linke, **DeSmet:** Andrea Schubloom, **Howard:** Brandon Schwader **Gettysburg:** Alison Simon, **Kimball:** Alex Toupal

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**Lane Miller • Howard**  
Reserve Champion Market Steer



**Chloe Hazel • Beresford**  
Champion Market Heifer



**Chesney Effling • Highmore**  
Champion Breeding Heifer



**Alexa Montagne • Viborg-Hurley**  
Reserve Champion Breeding Heifer



**Carter Calmus • Howard**  
Champion Market Gilt



**Tanner Van Asselt • Tri-Valley**  
Reserve Champion Market Gilt



**Delanie Tangen • Sioux Valley**  
Champion Market Barrow



**Abby Blagg • McCook Central**  
Reserve Market Barrow

# 2017 South Dakota State

Members of the South Dakota FFA participated in a wide range of educational activities during the 2017 South Dakota State Fair held August 31-September 3rd, in Huron. At the State Fair, there were 288 FFA members who exhibited 985 exhibits. Results were as follows:

## CHAPTER SWEEPSTAKES

**1st** McCook Central

## CHAPTER EXHIBITS

**1st** Howard

**2nd** Arlington

**3rd** McCook Central

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## TOP AG EXHIBITS CHAPTER

**1st** McCook Central

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## TOP AGRISCIENCE EXHIBITS

**1st** Morgan Kohl, Watertown Area, Ethanol from Barley

**2nd** Hadley Stiefvater, McCook Central, Hemoglobin in Pigs

**3rd** Sadie Vander Wal, Northwestern Area, Bull Viability

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## BEEF SHOW

### CHAMPION MARKET STEER

Makayla Nelson, Arlington

### RESERVE CHAMPION MARKET STEER

Lane Miller, Howard

### CHAMPION MARKET HEIFER

Madison Pankratz, Parker

### RESERVE CHAMPION MARKET HEIFER

Chloe Hazel, Beresford

### MARKET BEEF SHOWMANSHIP

**1st** McKenzie Gunderson, Harrisburg

**2nd** Chloe Hazel, Beresford

**3rd** Kylie Harriman, Parker

**4th** Lane Miller, Howard;

**5th** Kade Hellman, Bon Homme

### CHAMPION BREEDING HEIFER

Chesney Effling, Highmore

### RESERVE CHAMPION BREEDING HEIFER

Alexa Montagne, Viborg-Hurley

### BREEDING BEEF SHOWMANSHIP

**1st** Halley Becking, Florence

**2nd** Calah Covey, Winner

**3rd** Mitchell Schmidt, Willow Lake

**4th** Sawyer Naasz, Platte/Geddes

**5th** Ashlyne Beninga, Harrisburg

*Breeding and Market Beef Showmanship sponsored by Jakober Limousin, Aberdeen*

## SWINE SHOW

### CHAMPION MARKET GILT

Carter Calmus, Howard

### RESERVE CHAMPION MARKET GILT

Tanner Van Asselt, Tri-Valley

### MARKET GILT SHOWMANSHIP

**1st** Makayla Nelson, Arlington

**2nd** Carter Calmus, Howard

**3rd** Tate Johnson, Beresford

**4th** Tanner Van Asselt, Tri-Valley

**5th** Maizy Baldwin, Canton

### CHAMPION MARKET BARROW

Delanie Tangen, Sioux Valley

### RESERVE MARKET BARROW

Abby Blagg, McCook Central

### MARKET BARROW SHOWMANSHIP

**1st** Trevor Johnson, Beresford;

**2nd** Kaitlyn VanderWal, Milbank

**3rd** Abby Blagg, McCook Central

**4th** Brent Nelson, Arlington

**5th** Delanie Tangen, Sioux Valley

*Swine Showmanship sponsored by Thompson Family, Harrisburg*

## SHEEP SHOW

### CHAMPION BREEDING EWE

Zachary Roesler, Harrisburg

### RESERVE CHAMPION BREEDING EWE

Kasi Knutson, Viborg-Hurley

### CHAMPION RAM

Alison Knutson, Viborg-Hurley

### RESERVE CHAMPION RAM

Alison Knutson, Viborg-Hurley

### BREEDING SHEEP SHOWMANSHIP

**1st** Alison Knutson, Viborg-Hurley

**2nd** Logan Slack, Viborg-Hurley

**3rd** Kasi Knutson, Viborg-Hurley

**4th** Rigger Zelinsky, Brookings

**5th** Jaclynn Knutson, Viborg-Hurley

### CHAMPION MARKET LAMB

Sydney Tlam, Mitchell

### RESERVE CHAMPION MARKET LAMB

Hilary Albrecht, Howard

### MARKET LAMB SHOWMANSHIP

**1st** Sydney Tlam, Mitchell

**2nd** Jessica Kott, Kimball

**3rd** Zachary Roesler, Harrisburg

**4th** Colton Michalek, Kimball

**5th** Matthew Bogue, Beresford

*Breeding and Market Sheep Showmanship sponsored by Knutson Suffolks, Centerville*

# State Fair FFA Results

## GOAT SHOW

### CHAMPION BREEDING MEAT GOAT

Hanna Peterson, Howard

### RESERVE CHAMPION BREEDING MEAT GOAT

Kahli Gall, Freeman

### BREEDING MEAT GOAT SHOWMANSHIP

**1st** Colton Michalek, Kimball

**2nd** Brooke Heim, Northwestern

**3rd** Kahli Gall, Freeman

**4th** Tessa Pederson, Garretson

**5th** Callie Flemming, Willow Lake

### CHAMPION MARKET MEAT GOAT

Hanna Peterson, Howard

### RESERVE CHAMPION MARKET MEAT GOAT

Riley Larson, Wessington Springs

### MARKET MEAT GOAT SHOWMANSHIP

**1st** Tessa Erdmann, Groton

**2nd** Danika Gordon, Sturgis

**3rd** Layne Lunstra, Lennox-Sundstrom

**4th** Hadley Stiefvater, McCook Central

**5th** Ella Stiefvater, McCook Central

*Breeding and Market Meat Goat Showmanship sponsored by Lazy J Bar Ranch, Mina*

## DAIRY GOAT SHOW

### CHAMPION DAIRY DOE

Kayla Dumman, Sioux Valley

### RESERVE CHAMPION DAIRY DOE

Kayla Dumman, Sioux Valley

### CHAMPION DAIRY GOAT

Kayla Dumman, Sioux Valley

### RESERVE CHAMPION DAIRY GOAT

Blake Pulse, McCook Central

### DAIRY GOAT SHOWMANSHIP

**1st** Kayla Dumman, Sioux Valley

**2nd** Blake Pulse, McCook Central

**3rd** Colton Michalek, Kimball

**4th** Bailey Schlotterbeck, Watertown Area

**5th** Alana Howard, Miller

*Dairy Goat Awards sponsored by Clint and Kiersten Sombke, Conde.*

## RABBIT SHOW

### GRAND CHAMPION RABBIT

Corissa Sweeter, Lennox-Sundstrom

### RESERVE CHAMPION RABBIT

Alyssa Becker, Lennox-Sundstrom

### RABBIT SHOWMANSHIP

**1st** Corissa Sweeter, Lennox-Sundstrom

**2nd** Avery Miles, Doland

**3rd** Taylor McMartin, West Central

*Rabbit Showmanship sponsored by Rusty JAK, LLC/Jon and Alex Kahnke, Florence.*

## DAIRY SHOW

### SUPREME CHAMPION FEMALE

Steven Paulson, Groton

### CHAMPION HOLSTEIN FEMALE

Bethany Rennich, Sioux Valley

### SENIOR CHAMPION HOLSTEIN

Bethany Rennich, Sioux Valle

### SENIOR RESERVE CHAMPION HOLSTEIN

Sarah Jarman, Milbank

### JUNIOR CHAMPION HOLSTEIN HEIFER

Tessa Erdmann, Groton

### JUNIOR RESERVE CHAMPION HOLSTEIN HEIFER

Bethany Rennich, Sioux Valley

### CHAMPION ALL OTHER BREED FEMALE

Steven Paulson, Groton

### SENIOR CHAMPION ALL OTHER BREED

Steven Paulson, Groton

### SENIOR RESERVE CHAMPION ALL OTHER BREED

Sydney Triebwasser, Sioux Valley

### JUNIOR CHAMPION ALL OTHER

### BREED HEIFER

Steven Paulson, Groton

### JUNIOR RESERVE CHAMPION ALL

### OTHER BREED HEIFER

Riley Anderson, Dell Rapids

### DAIRY SHOWMANSHIP

**1st** Riley Anderson, Dell Rapids

**2nd** Bethany Rennich, Sioux Valley

**3rd** Cole Knutson, Deuel

**4th** Steven Paulson, Groton

**5th** Morgan Kohl, Watertown Area

*Dairy Showmanship and Supreme Champion Dairy Female sponsored by Valley Queen Cheese Factory, Milbank.*

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### ROUND ROBIN SHOWMANSHIP

**1st** Trevor Johnson, Beresford

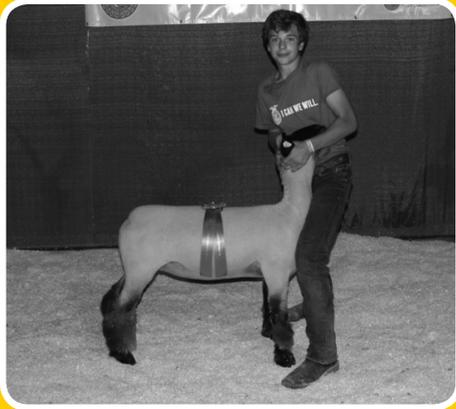
**2nd** Makayla Nelson, Arlington

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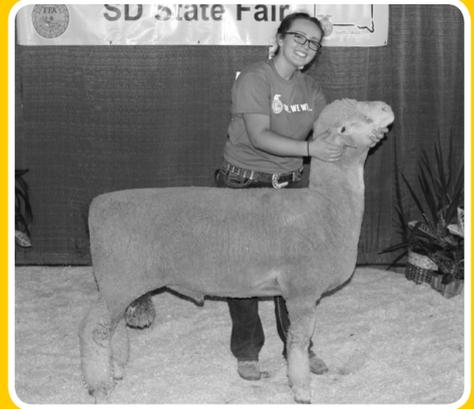
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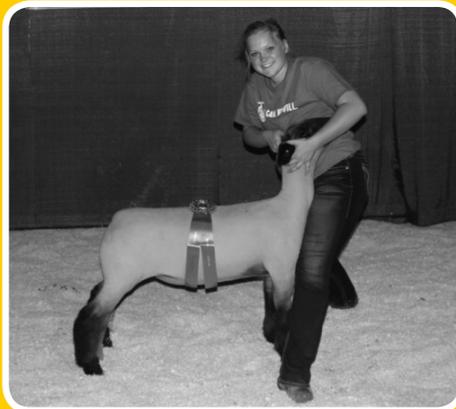
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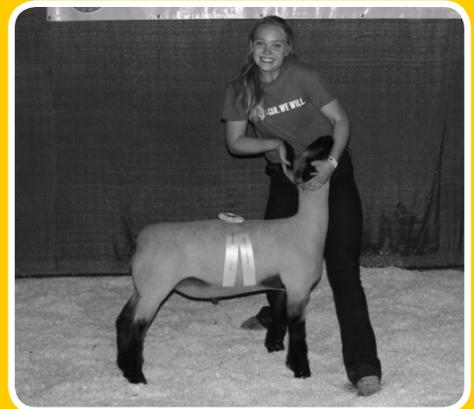
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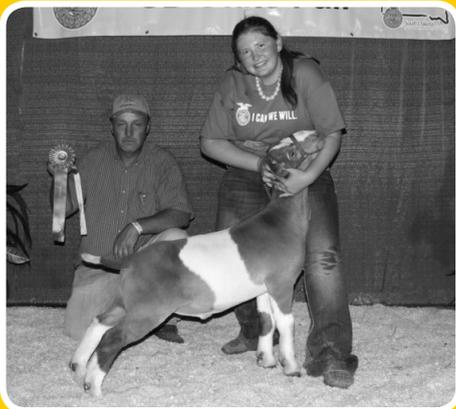
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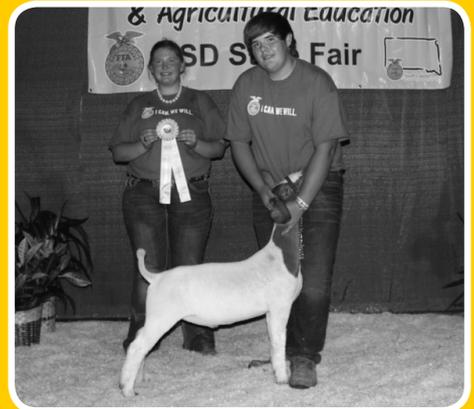
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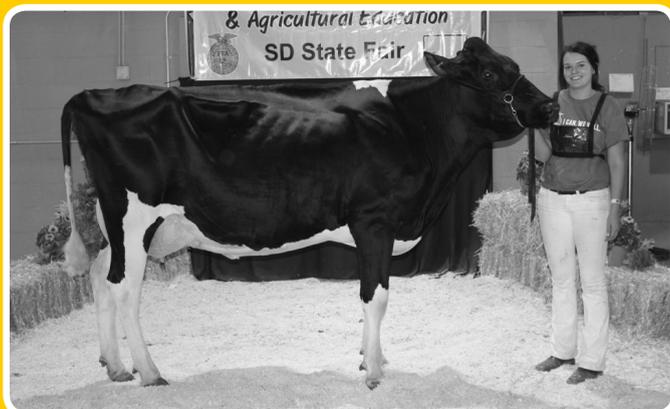
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Champion Breeding Meat Goat



**Hanna Peterson • Howard**  
Champion Market Meat Goat



**Riley Larson • Wessington Springs**  
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## Oklahoma or Bust!

It was sunny and seventy-five as the 66th annual National Land and Range Contest welcomed qualified participants from over thirty states. Over 150 4-H and FFA teams gathered near Oklahoma City to compete for the title of national champion. South Dakota FFA was well represented, sending three teams in the range division; Sturgis, Wessington Springs, and Clark; three teams in the land division; Lennox Sundstrom, Kadoka, and De Smet, as well as three teams in the homesite division; McCook, Highmore, and Lennox Sundstrom.

During early May, contestants spent a week in Oklahoma practicing and competing in the national contest. Contestants from South Dakota had to adjust to the red soil of the southern United States as well as adapt to the many new plant varieties not found in the northern plains. Early in the week, members had the chance to go through some practice sites and plant lines before digging into the competition.

Overall South Dakota FFA members worked hard and came out with some success. The top teams in all three divisions included; McCook Central (16th out of 50) in homesite evaluation, Lennox Sundstrom (38th out of 92) in land judging, and Sturgis (12th out of 24) in Range Judging.



## New Teams to Oklahoma

Fall is the time FFA members learn to identify land characteristics and slope, range plants and growth patterns, and how to be good stewards of these resources, managing them for the future. Congratulations to the 5 Land teams: Sturgis, Highmore, McCook Central, Willow Lake, and Lennox and 3 Range teams: Hitchcock-Tulare, Kadoka, and Webster-Waubay that won their Regional FFA events. They will advance to national competition next May in Oklahoma City. Thanks to LeRoy and Cathie Draine, Black Hawk, SD, for sponsoring \$100 scholarships for the 1st place range judging individuals (Dalton Howe, Redfield; Anna Beer, Lemmon and Grady Maaland, Deuel;) and the SD Soil Health Coalition for sponsoring \$100 scholarships for the 1st place land judging individuals (Gayge Schopp - Lemmon, Sydney Maro, Highmore, Jacob Prouty, Willow Lake, and Emily Bies, McCook Central) We are seeking sponsors for travel scholarships for these teams.

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# Chapter Chatter

By Avery Gilchrist, SD FFA Reporter

## Duel FFA chapter

The Deuel Chapter hosted a back to school s'more party at the Clear Lake City Park to welcome new members and share ideas for the upcoming school year. Some of the items discussed were chapter shirt designs, pumpkin festival for October, promotion of the National Convention bus, creation of the "deuelffa" snap chat and the goal to reinstate the alumni chapter.

## Jones County FFA chapter

The Jones County Chapter will be holding several events the week of September 4-8 to raise awareness for childhood cancer. Events include a fun run/walk, dress-up days, and Go Gold volleyball game.

## Hoven FFA chapter

The Hoven Agricultural Education and Hoven FFA has a new greenhouse! The greenhouse will be used in all the agricultural education courses and SAE projects for students.

## Viborg-Hurley FFA chapter

The Viborg-Hurley Chapter is busy preparing for the annual pork loin feed. The feed is held during the homecoming game and is a great fundraiser to support the chapter's activities.

## Canton FFA chapter

The Canton FFA chapter held a fundraiser to provide hay and fencing materials to ranchers who were affected by the wildfires in Montana.

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# Foundation Feature

## October 2017

**I CAN. WE WILL ... TOGETHER we are STRONG.** FFA members are the innovators and leaders of tomorrow and are making a difference by sharing their stories of agricultural education and FFA. Together, the SD FFA Foundation and Association will continue the tradition of **growing leaders, building communities and strengthening agriculture.**

We want FFA members to proudly say I CAN own and wear my own FFA jacket. **Help new members** experience the honor and sense of belonging by owning the blue corduroy. **Sponsor a jacket for \$75.**

**WE WILL** share the message about agriculture. The future of agriculture is strong and as the population continues to grow, the **FFA Ag Adventure Center at the SD State Fair** is one way FFA is educating and empowering the public to value today's agriculture. *We're not done – we need to engage consumers more regarding ag's message.*

**WE WILL** give back to others in the community. Service has always been important to FFA members. Throughout the year, members **make their communities stronger** by completing projects and lending a helping hand in a variety of ways. **The SD FFA Foundation funds Chapter Service grants to aide chapters in their action.**

**Your opportunity is now ... TOGETHER** we can make a difference ... **Give ... Through donors like you,** we will secure a legacy where FFA members continue to make a difference. Visit us - in person, over the phone, through the SD FFA Foundation facebook page, or by email. It's more than looking for financial supporters its finding people who will share how FFA built "I CAN. WE WILL," experiences for students, changing their lives. Get active again by judging, coaching, mentoring, or financing local and state FFA activities:

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## Looking for a way to help SD FFA?

If you are 70½ or older, you may roll over up to \$100,000 from your IRA to the South Dakota FFA Foundation this year without paying any federal income tax on your gift. To make an IRA rollover gift, simply contact your custodian and request that an amount be transferred to us. Your gift could be \$1,000, \$10,000, \$50,000 or even \$100,000.

## South Dakota FFA Foundation Awards \$3,000 in Grants for Local FFA Chapter Service Learning Projects



The FFA motto all FFA members learn includes the words, "Living to Serve", making service a core value taught to SD's over 6,000 high school Agriculture Education students through their FFA participation. With budgets tighter all the time, FFA chapters are forced to choose in which worthwhile activities they can still participate. Sometimes that means service projects do not happen. The SD FFA Foundation recognizes the value of local chapter service learning projects, and wants to enable Agriculture Education programs to focus on student and community development. As a result, we started a program providing up to \$500/chapter for service projects in their local communities. Congratulations to the following chapter projects receiving SD FFA Foundation funds this fall for their service projects:

**Brandon Valley** - Construct raised garden bed for school

**Hot Springs** - Repair & maintain the county rodeo arena fences and bucking chutes

**Madison** - Farm safety camp

**Redfield** - Build bean bag boards for local Shriners & Masons

**Sunshine Bible** - Construct a brick patio alumni park with benches & cast iron crusader

**Wolsey Wessington** - Community tailgate event showcasing new school mascot statue

**Winner** - War on Hunger, Meals of Hope service project

**Yankton** - Construct raised garden project for elementary

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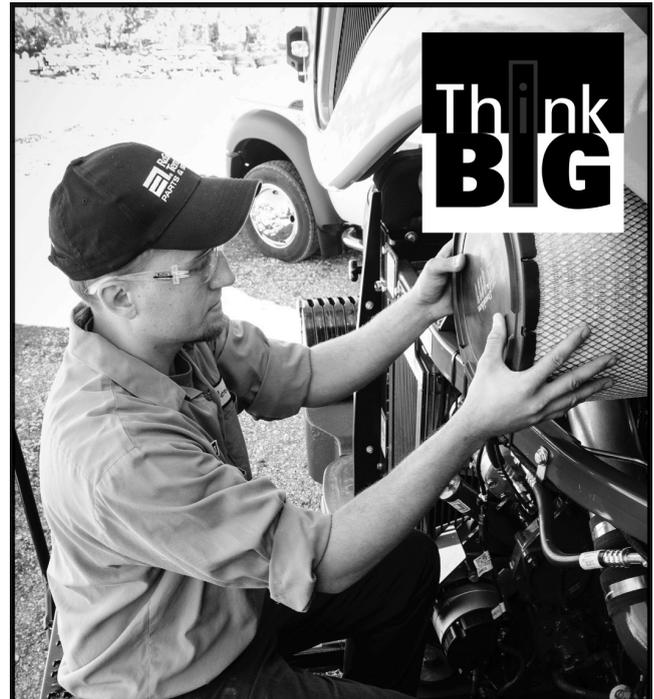
## Members Live to Serve at WLC

By April Hamilton, SD FFA Secretary

FFA members from across the country traveled to Washington Leadership Conference (WLC), in Washington D.C., this summer to learn new citizenship skills, with South Dakota represented by nearly 40 FFA members. While attending WLC, members learned the meaning of diversity within their lives, how to develop their Living to Serve plan, and about advocating for agriculture. While the members developed their Living to Serve plans, they developed S.M.A.R.T goals, created a timeline, planned ways to advocate, prepared for obstacles, identified resources, and committed to action.

Loretta Simon, one member of many who attended WLC, said, "What I enjoyed the most was being surrounded by FFA members sharing the same passion as I, which was service. My biggest inspiration from WLC was my community (small group). I watched everyone, as well as myself, grow not only as individuals but also as a small group. We also created Living to Serve plans to take back to our chapters."

Members like Loretta can put FFA's mission statement into action from their experience at WLC. The FFA Mission is: FFA makes a positive difference in the lives of students by developing their potential for premier leadership, personal growth, and career success through agricultural education.



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SD FFA members met on the capitol steps with congressmen Noem, Thune & Rounds while attending WLC in June



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## FFA Members Take On Beef Bowl!

On September 16th, FFA members and FFA supporters came together in Brookings, SD to cheer on the SDSU Jackrabbits as they challenged the Drake Bulldogs in the 51st Beef Bowl. The purpose of the Beef Bowl is to advocate for and honor those who have impacted the South Dakota beef industry. Both SDSU and FFA walked away with a win: SDSU came out on top with a score of 51-10, and the South Dakota FFA Foundation raised \$680 to directly impact South Dakota FFA members! Go Big, Go Blue, Go Jacks!



## Members Earn Blue Jackets - Bright Futures

To it's owner, the FFA jacket is a physical reminder of the personal accomplishments achieved through the organization - a symbol of commitment and dedication for all who wear the corduroy. This October the SD FFA Foundation awarded 342 FFA members from 62 FFA chapters jackets through the SD FFA Foundation Blue Jackets Bright Futures FFA Jacket Program - carrying forward that long-standing tradition of pride, dignity and honor. Thank you to everyone who sponsored a jacket, welcoming new members into the fabric of FFA. To see the winners, go to:

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## **Simon to Run for National FFA Office**



Alison Simon, who served as the 2016-2017 State FFA President, will represent South Dakota as the state's National FFA Officer Candidate at the National FFA Convention scheduled for Oct. 25-28, 2017 in Indianapolis, IN.

Simon grew up on her family ranch near Seneca SD, and was a member of the Gettysburg FFA chapter. She is the daughter of Colleen and Bryan Simon, and she has one younger sister, Loretta. Currently a sophomore at South Dakota State University, Simon is majoring in Ag Communications.

If selected to serve as one of the six 2017-2018 National FFA Officers, Simon will begin two months of training. After those two months, the National Officers begin their year of traveling over 100,000 miles visiting FFA chapters and associations

nationwide. A few activities of note include: spending up to four weeks at different State FFA Conventions presenting workshops, speeches, and meeting FFA members; three weeks traveling to, touring and meeting with agricultural businesses and sponsors; and 11 days in Japan touring agricultural industries, schools and learning about cultural similarities and differences. The National FFA Officers will also spend time in Washington, D.C., but their home office is in Indianapolis.

Simon will begin interviews on Sunday, Oct. 25, 2017, and continue with those interviews and National Officer Candidate activities until the 2017-2018 National FFA Officer Team is announced on Saturday, Oct. 28, 2017 at the final session of the 90th National FFA Convention.