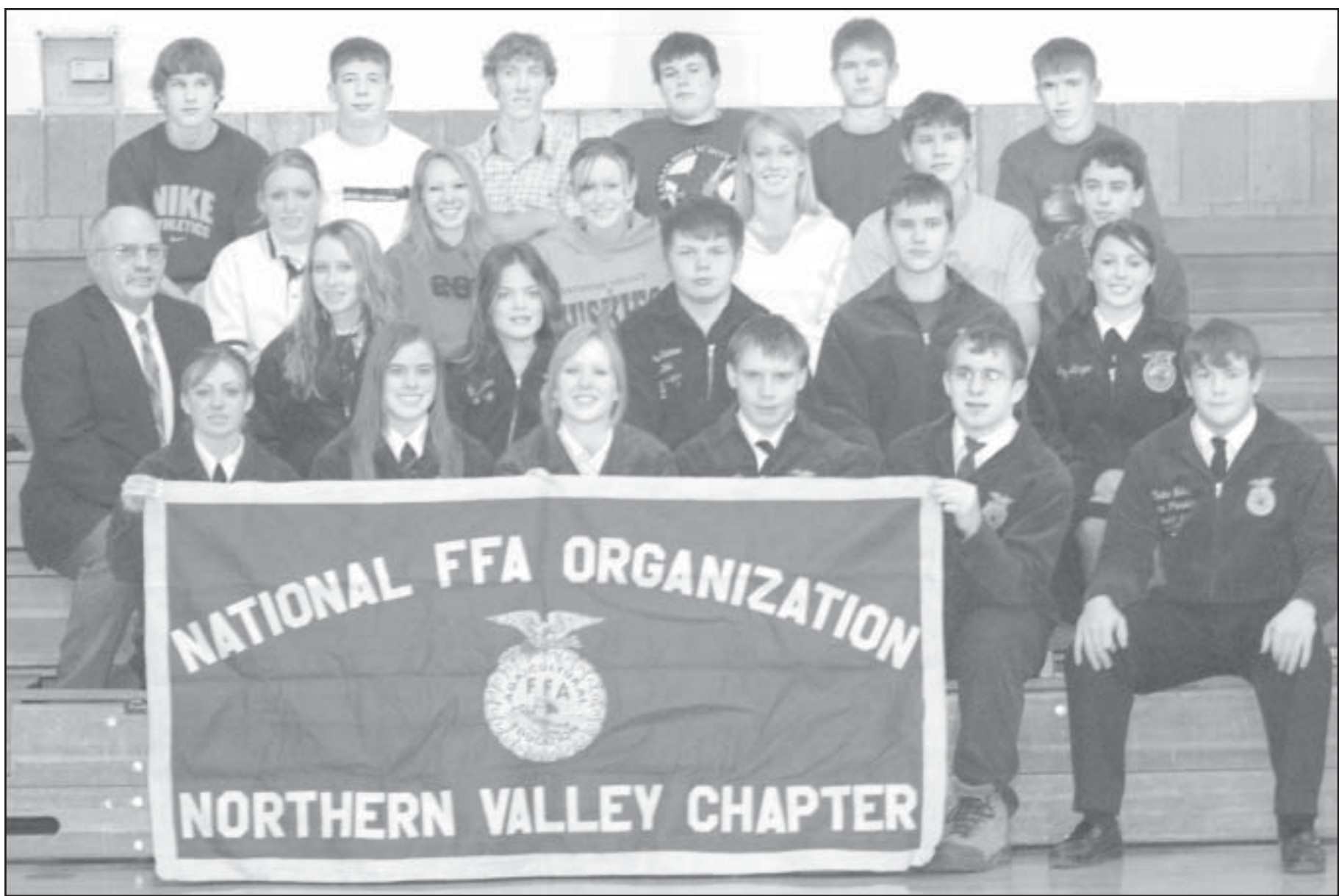


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NATIONAL FFA WEEK — FEBRUARY 19-26, 2005
WE SALUTE THE NORTHERN VALLEY FFA STUDENTS!



NORTHERN VALLEY FFA CHAPTER — PICTURED ARE THE MEMBERS OF THE NORTHERN VALLEY HIGH SCHOOL CHAPTER OF THE NATIONAL FFA ORGANIZATION. PICTURED ARE, FROM LEFT, FRONT ROW: EMILY ZILLINGER, MERCEDES HAYS, JESSIE REDEKER, TONY SIMANTS, TOM BARTLEY, AND CLARKE NELSON; SECOND ROW: ADVISOR DOUG ZILLINGER, KYLENA HAGER, ASHLEY KINGHAM, JOSEY SHEARER, CHASE MILLER, AND JESSICA ZILLINGER, THIRD ROW: JENA JESSUP, JONI HILBURN, KELSEY KINDERKNECHT, LINDSEY JESSUP, CHANCE MILLER, AND BLAKE JOHNSON; BACK ROW: BRYCE MARBLE, AVERY THALHEIM, JESSE HILBURN, COLE KINDERKNECHT, CODY LOWRY, AND CASEY DOLE.

OFFICERS:

- President Clarke Nelson
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FFA WEEK ACTIVITIES:

This week, during FFA Week, the chapter split into committees to organize each day. The week started with Teacher Appreciation Day on Tuesday and treated the staff to rolls and juice at their staff meeting. Wednesday was official dress day. Thursday was chicken checkers for the high school and an informational recruitment program was planned for the Junior High.

The Northern Valley chapter has always prided itself on being active in chapter, district, and state activities. Through contests in the past year the NV chapter has done well and continues to strive to larger goals. Lindsey Jessup, Emily Zillinger, and Clarke Nelson were very successful at area livestock judging Career Development Events last spring and received second overall in Northwest District competition. Lindsey Jessup ultimately placed 16th individual in Kansas. Clarke Nelson, Emily Zillinger, and Laurin Duede also participated in state crops CDE. The six chapter officers attended State Conference for Chapter Leaders this summer, and attended both ritual and parliamentary procedure contests this fall. In the ritual contest Northern Valley finished third and in parliamentary procedure they placed fourth. The Northern Valley Chapter Public Speaking team consisted of Jessica Zillinger, Joni Hilburn, Jessie Redeker, Mercedes Hays, Emily Zillinger and Clarke Nelson. As a team Northern Valley placed first in Public Speaking in the Northwest District, with Mercedes and Clarke advancing on to compete in

the state level by winning their district divisions. Emily placed first in Division III and Jessica was fourth in Division I. Tony Simants, Clarke Nelson, and Chance Miller attended District Ag Mechanics contest this past week and are awaiting the results. Northern Valley also won the Job Interview and Ag Sales CDEs. The Job Interview team was Clarke Nelson, Emily Zillinger, Mercedes Hays, Ashley Kingham, Jessica Zillinger, and Kylena Hager. Ag Sales team was Tom Bartley, Clarke Nelson, Emily Zillinger, and Jessica Zillinger. Local chapter activities are the most important to the FFA. Last spring the NV FFA co-hosted a BINGO night with the Cedar Ridge 4-H Club. Also last spring the NV FFA had a safety day program that included the kindergarteners through fourth graders at Northern Valley Elementary. This fall during the Greenhand Conference, the freshmen gave the creed and were welcomed into the FFA. Freshmen this year were Joni Hilburn, Bryce Marble, Jessica Zillinger, Blake Johnson, Kelsey Kinderknecht, and Kylena Hager.

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