

Norton FFA celebrates National FFA Week, February 16-23

The Norton FFA chapter will celebrate National FFA Week February 16-23, 2013. This year's theme is Grow, and it celebrates more than 80 years of FFA traditions while eagerly anticipating the organization's future. More than 550,000 members nationwide will participate in National FFA Week activities at the local, state and national levels. These members come from rural, suburban and urban environments and are interested in the diversity of careers within agriculture.

FFA members are the innovators and leaders of tomorrow. Through agriculture education and hands-on learning, they are preparing for the more than 300 career opportunities in the food, fiber and natural resource industry. National FFA Week is sponsored by Tractor Supply Company as a special project of the National FFA Foundation and annually encompasses February 22, George Washington's birthday.

The year began for the Norton Chapter with the officers attending an officer retreat to prepare for the coming year's activities and to schedule and create new ones. The officers set chapter and personal goals as well as touring area attractions. The conference was held in Salina in early August.

Throughout the year, the Norton chapter has exceeded expectations in contests at district and state levels. Career Development Event (CDE) participation this year included Land Judging, Greenhand Conference, Dairy Judging, Leadership School, Ag Sales, Job Inter-

views, Poultry Judging, and Public Speaking. FFA is not all work and no fun. Norton FFA has participated in a number of fun activities like the chapter Lock-in, a Trail Ride, Ag Olympics, a trip to the Kansas State Fair, a Christmas Party, as well as a few others.

In mid October, 14 chapter members and 4 sponsors attended the 86th National FFA Convention in Indianapolis, Indiana. The National FFA Convention was an educational experience for all who went. Members enjoyed the convention sessions, featuring motivational speakers and award ceremonies, a tour of Apache Sprayer Factory, a Brantley Gilbert and The Band Perry concert, a tour of the Gateway Arch, a Hypnotist Demonstration and the FFA Career Show. Over 50,000 FFA members from across the nation were in attendance.

Additionally the Norton FFA Chapter participated in the Farm Bureau Farm Safety Day. During the presentation, members developed speeches to help teach Fifth and Sixth Grade students about the dangers on the farm to help keep them safe.

We look forward to all the local, district, and state activities coming up during the remainder of the year.

The Norton FFA Chapter would like to thank all of our supporters and especially the Norton School administration and the Norton FFA Alumni for all they do to help us as we continue to "Grow".

Johnnye Ruder, Chapter Reporter



Kamilla Jones is shown as she is land judging at the state land judging contest in Hoxie

Logan FFA chapter competed in many events this year



Libby Schneider and Nathalia Cruz teach second graders about poultry production during the Logan Kansas Day Celebration

This year Logan FFA has competed at the following Northwest District events: Dairy Cattle Judging (Greenhand Team 3rd Place, Senior Team 4th Place), Milk Quality Evaluation, Food Science Evaluation (3rd Place Team), Land and Homesite Evaluation, Public Speaking (4th Place Team), Job Interview, and Meats Evaluation (2nd Place Greenhand Team). We plan to compete in Entomology, Poultry, Livestock Judging, Equine Evaluation, Veterinary Science career development events. This year we attended the national FFA convention in Indianapolis, IN. Our community service projects have included trick or treating for cans, serving at the Logan Manor Christmas Party, Ag in the Classroom, and volunteering at Kansas Day. Our students are also planning on attending the Leader Lab in Junction City, State Contests, and State Convention this spring. We hope to send two of our students to the Washington Leadership Conference this summer in Washington D.C.

Northern Valley FFA members having a busy and fun year

The 2012-2013 school year has been a busy and fun experience for the Northern Valley FFA Chapter. Members of the chapter have planned and participated in several activities this year so far. Some of the district level activities have been Dairy Cattle Judging, Leadership School, Greenhand Conference, Dodgeball, and Job Interview Contest. The goal of our chapter through these types of activities is to learn real-life skills that will benefit the students in their futures.

Most recently, the chapter volunteered at the Kansas Day Celebration in Logan. Several members prepared information to present to the guests at the event and they all successfully delivered their presentations to the 470 people in attendance. Some topics discussed were how to candle and grade eggs, weighing items on an old fashioned bar

scale, explaining the use of a stalk drill at the turn of the century, and how seeds germinate. The members all enjoyed getting to share agricultural based information with the visiting elementary school students.

With National FFA Week quickly approaching, the chapter is planning some school events to promote the organization and celebrate our successes. The chapter is planning on serving a Teacher Appreciation Breakfast, hosting "Wear Your Boots to School Day", and setting up a booth at the local grocery store to promote "Food Check-Out Week." The chapter's future goals are to increase chapter and community involvement and promote the agriculture industry in a positive light. Our chapter would like to thank everyone in the community and school for their continued support of our program!




Tyson Callaway and Matt Stutsman are teaching younger students about how to use a bar scale at the Kansas Day Celebration

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