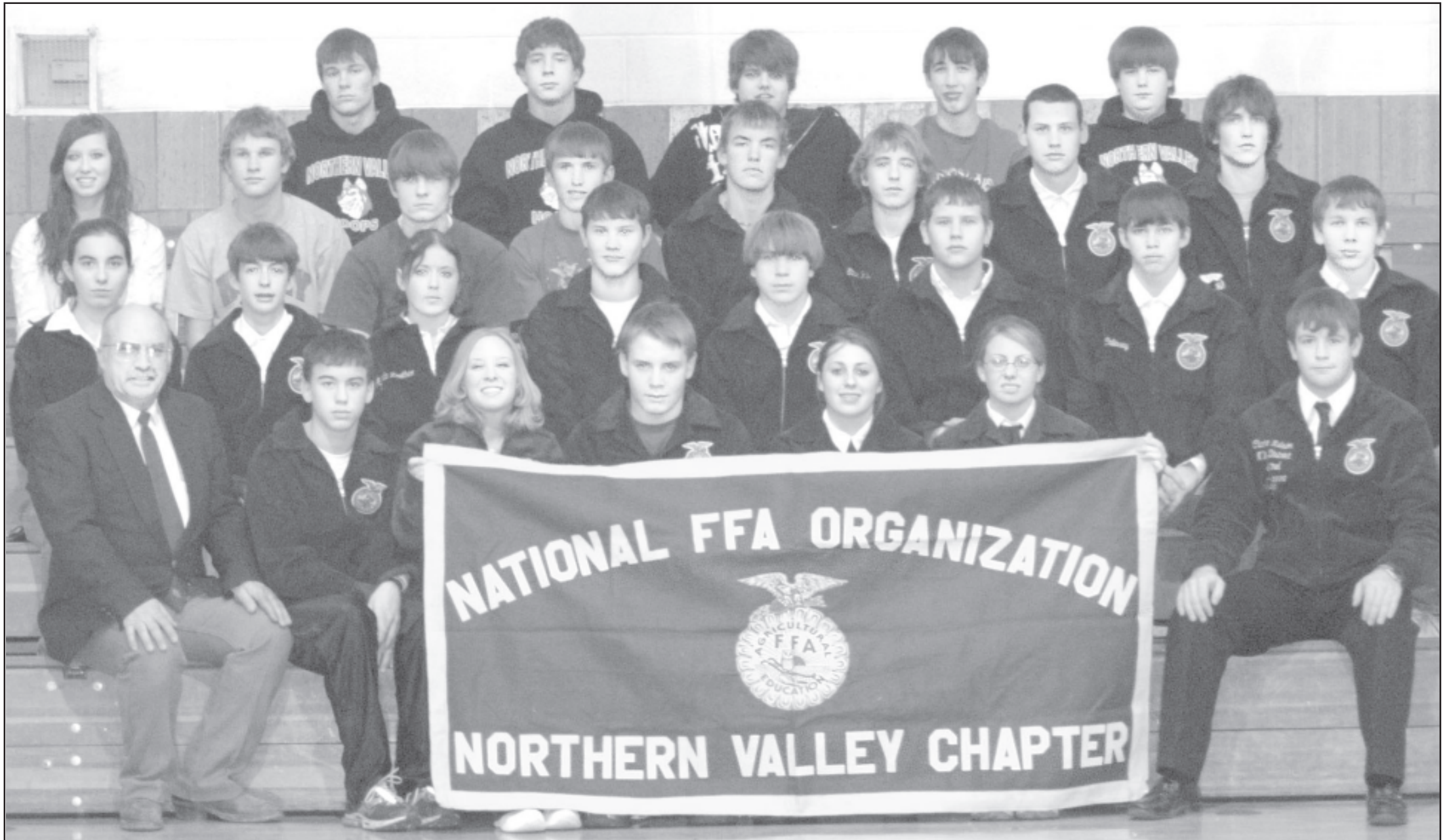




# Saluting the Northern Valley FFA Students!



**NORTHERN VALEY FFA CHAPTER**— Pictured are the members of the Northern Valley High School chapter of the National FFA organization. They are, from left, front row: Advisor Doug Zillinger, Officer Team: Blake Johnson, Joni Hilburn, Tony Simants, Jessica Zillinger, Emily Zillinger, Clarke Nelson; second row: Brittney Braun, Stanton Nelson, Amanda

Lowther, Chase Miller, Chaim McMillin, Chance Miller, Cody Callaway, Nathaniel Graham; third row: Kylene Hager, Bryce Marble, Cody Lowry, Casey Dole, Tanner Jessup, Ethan Hays, Zac Miller, Drew Britt; fourth row: Cole Kinderknecht, Avery Thalheim, Justin Lee, Richie Kersch, Eric Woodside.

**LIVING TO SERVE**  
National FFA Week  
February 18-25, 2006

**OFFICERS:**

**Chapter Officers:**  
 President ..... Clarke Nelson  
 Vice-President ..... Emily Zillinger  
 Secretary ..... Jessica Zillinger  
 Treasurer ..... Tony Simants  
 Reporter ..... Joni Hilburn  
 Sentinel ..... Blake Johnson

*Clarke Nelson is serving as the Northwest District Sentinel from the Northern Valley chapter this year*

The 2005-2006 Northern Valley FFA Chapter year has been great! Our chapter membership is 28 members strong and we have had a very active year. One of our chapter's first activities was to gather supplies and relief aid from our communities to send to the victims of Hurricane Katrina. Our contributions were coupled with other chapters in the northwest district and sent directly to FFA members in Louisiana. Our next community service project was also a fun trip to the Kansas State Fair. Clarke and Stanton Nelson, Richie Kersch, David Harris, Cody Callaway, Tony Simants, and Drew Britt traveled to Hutchinson to help with the FFA Showcase. They helped people of all ages get a glimpse of where our food comes from and how it is prepared. They were then allowed to enjoy the fair entertainment and exhibits. We returned to Phillips County to help with the Wildlife Agriculture Conservation Knowledge for Youth Day at the Hansen Scout camp. We helped with the educational games during the noon hour. The Kansas Day celebration in Logan that showcases agriculture the way it was in days gone by was a fun activity for Clarke and Stanton Nelson, Emily and Jessica Zillinger and Casey Dole. They helped the Phillips County Farm Bureau with a booth that showed how corn and chickens were used by Phillips County residents for livestock feed and human food. They treated each of the observers to a homegrown corn meal muffin and coffee prepared using the tools of the early days. Norton County Farm Bureau invited us to join them in their Food Checkoff day in Almena. Richie Kersch and Justin Lee helped sack groceries and provided shoppers with information about the day when the average American household has earned enough money to pay for their year's food.

An early activity in the school year is the local Greenhand meeting. This year Brittney Braun, Drew Britt, Ethan Hays, Nathaniel Graham, Chaim McMillin Stanton Nelson, Cody Callaway, Eric Woodside, Tanner Jessup, Amanda Lowther, and Richie Kersch were our greenhands. The annual chapter creed speaking contest was won by Stanton Nelson and Ethan Hays was 2nd. They attended the District Greenhand Conference and Stanton placed 1st and Ethan was 4th. We attended District Land CDE in Atwood with a team of Clarke Nelson and Zac and Chase Miller. They were 10th as a team. Area Land CDE was hosted by Norton

and the Northern Valley chapter. Clarke Nelson, Josey Shearer, and Zac Miller were 12th place team at the event. District Speech CDE was attended by Clarke and Stanton Nelson and Emily and Jessica Zillinger. They all placed 1st in their respective divisions and won the contest as a team. The officer team attended Leadership school and placed 4th in Parliamentary Demonstration and test, 2nd in ritual, and were 4th overall in the CDE. Tony Simants was the Northwest District Master Ritual Treasurer. The Ag Sales team consisting of Clarke and Stanton Nelson and Jessica and Emily Zillinger placed 2nd as a team. Individual placings included Clarke, 4th, and Jessica, 6th. Job Interview CDE team included Clarke and Stanton Nelson, Emily and Jessica Zillinger, and Joni Hilburn. The team was 3rd and individual medalists were Emily, 5th, Jessica, 7th, and Clarke, 10th.

Fun activities so far this year included the District softball games at Oakley and the lock-in hosted in the Norton schools. Justin Lee, Richie Kersch, Taylor Hammond, Chaim McMillin, Cody Callaway, Brittney Braun, and Amanda Lowther enjoyed the evening's activities.

We have several more Career Development Events to attend this spring like Ag Mechanics, Horticulture, Crops, Horse, and Livestock; but the highlight of the season will be attending State Convention in Manhattan the first few days of June. Several students will be representing Northern Valley and the Northwest District in State CDEs during the convention. Stanton Nelson will be in the Creed contest, Clarke Nelson in Extemporaneous Speaking, and Emily Zillinger will be in Prepared Public Speaking. In addition, we will be working to host several local and school activities.

We are looking forward to National FFA Week as a time to host fun activities like the school dance on February 18th and our annual Jr High recruitment activity. The highlight of the week will be when we co-host Anita Estes for a presentation to the Norton and Northern Valley student bodies. Anita is the current Central Region National Vice President of the FFA and will share her experiences with the students about how agriculture education has helped her be a success. Northern Valley FFA is truly "Living to Serve" in our communities in Norton and Phillips counties.

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<b>American Family Insurance</b> 111 W. Washington, Norton - 785-877-5802	<b>Artline Graphics</b> PO Box 119, Norton - 785-877-2255	<b>Boxler Insurance</b> 108 N. First Avenue, Norton - 785-877-5128	<b>Bridges Group, Inc.</b> 117 N. Kansas Avenue, Norton - 785-877-4016
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