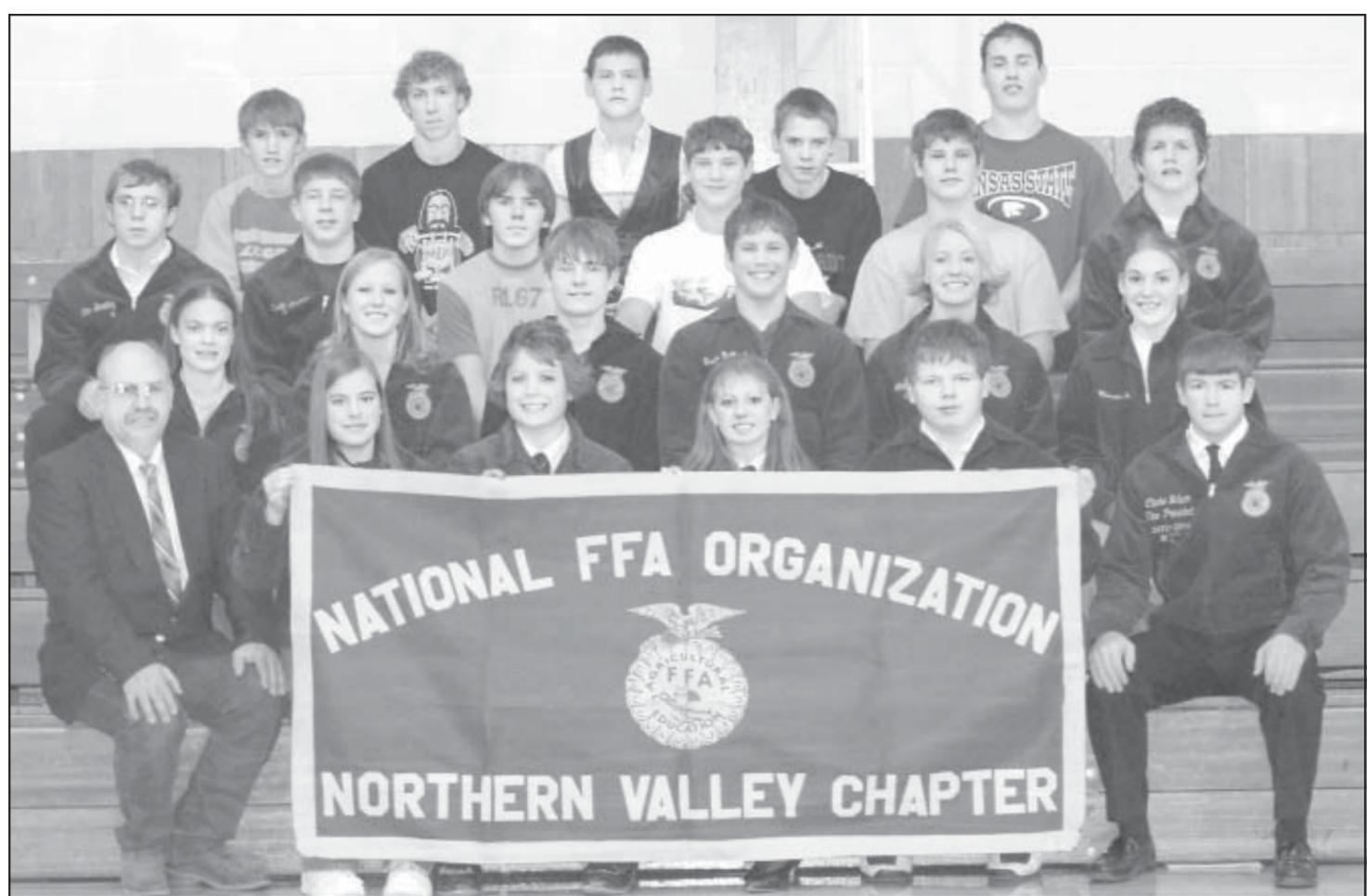


# LIVING THE LEGACY



2004 NATIONAL FFA WEEK • ONE MISSION: STUDENT SUCCESS • FEBRUARY 21 - 28

## 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. THEY ARE, FROM LEFT, FRONT ROW: DOUG ZILLINGER, ADVISOR; MERCEDES HAYS, MANDI REDEKER, EMILY ZILLINGER, JOSEY SHEARER, CLARKE NELSON; SECOND ROW: ASHLEY KINGHAM, JESSIE REDEKER, CODY LOWRY, GARTH GEBHARD, LINDSEY JESSUP, JENA JESSUP, THIRD ROW: TOM BARTLEY, AVERY THALHEIM, RANDAL CONNER, CHASE MILLER, CHANCE MILLER, ZACK KING, AND BACK ROW: CASEY DOLE, JESSE HILBURN, ZAC MILLER, TONY SIMANTS, CAMERON DUEDE.

**OFFICERS:**

- President ..... Mercedes Hays
- Vice President ..... Clarke Nelson
- Secretary ..... Emily Zillinger
- Treasurer ..... Randal Conner
- Reporter ..... Mandi Redeker
- Sentinel ..... Josey Shearer
- NW District Reporter ..... Mercedes Hays

**FFA WEEK ACTIVITIES:**

- Sat., Feb. 21 ..... School Dance
- Mon., Feb. 23 ..... 4-Wheeler Day
- Tues., Feb. 24 .... PALS Program with Second Grade
- Wed., Feb. 25 ..... Teacher Appreciation
- Thurs., Feb. 26 ..... Middle School Visit
- Fri., Feb. 27 ..... Chicken Checkers

The goal for this year has been to include all the chapter members in the activities and to become stronger in the activities that we are involved in. Our officers participated in the Northwest District Leadership School and placed first in the ritual contest. Mercedes and Mandi were members of the Master Ritual team. Our chapter also attended the Winter Leadership Conference held in Stockton.

Members also participated in the Public Speaking Contests that were available. At the district level, Mercedes placed fifth in division four and is eligible to attend the state contest. In division two, Tom Bartley was third, Emily Zillinger was fourth and Clarke Nelson was sixth. Jena Jessup and Ashley Kingham attended as Division I contestants and Laurin Duede was another contestant in Division II. Mercedes Hays, Emily Zillinger, and Tom Bartley placed in the gold emblem division and Clarke Nelson and Lindsey Jessup placed in the Silver Division of the Ag Ed Speech Contest in their respective divisions.

Northern Valley co-hosted and participated in the Ag Sales and Job Interview contests that were held in Norton in January. Mercedes, Emily, and Clarke placed eighth, ninth and tenth respectively in the Job Interview Contest. Other team members were Ashley Kingham, Laurin Duede, and Mandi Redeker. The team placed third in the Job Interview Contest.

The Northern Valley FFA members would like to announce that their advisor, Douglas G. Zillinger was recently elected to serve as President elect of the Kansas Association of Agricultural Educators. He will assume the duties of President of the organization in August 2004 and will help the organization set policy, develop curriculum and professionalism as a group of ag educators interested in the vocational training of our youth statewide.

Northern Valley is "living the legacy" that vocational education and the FFA have developed over the past 75 years.

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