

# Northern Valley FFA Quotes

"I have done many fun events involving FFA. I have gone to events such as Wacky Day, Husker Harvest, and Leadership school, where I learned a lot about leadership, kids and agriculture. They were all very fun activities and I'm glad I am a part of an association that helps kids learn about agriculture."  
— Richie Kersch

contests, taking first a couple of times and fourth in State Horse Judging. I was also awarded chapter and district state greenhand. I also served as the 2006-2007 district secretary. It was a good leadership experience."  
— Jesi Zillinger

one. I enjoyed the FFA dance and also the FFA awards banquet. I have enjoyed just about everything that I have been included in with FFA."  
— Bryce Marble

"As a member of the Northern Valley FFA chapter, I have attended many different events and met many people. I've been to three chapter greenhand conferences, and won creed speaking in 2004, going on to the district greenhand conference, where I took fifth in creed speaking. Last year, I won Public Speaking Division III. I placed in numerous judging

"My name is Eric Woodside and I am in the Northern Valley FFA. An award that I compete for at the awards banquet is Beef Production. I have learned many different aspects of agriculture through the FFA. I enjoy the FFA because I get to learn more about agriculture."  
— Eric Woodside

"The things that I enjoy about FFA are the trips. I've gone to Husker Harvest days every year."  
— Blake Johnson

"Some of the activities I have enjoyed have been during FFA Week, like Chicken Checkers. I have learned team work and also like to do the activities with every-

"My name is Chaim McMillin and I am a member of the Northern Valley FFA. I have attended a few dances, a speaking contest and a few other things. I was the outstanding freshman last year. I enjoy FFA because it is fun and I have learned a lot about things I never thought I'd learn about."  
— Chaim McMillin

## Colleges to host farm bill forums

HAYS — With a new Congress at work in Washington, the debate on the 2007 Farm Bill is ready to kick into high gear.

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each location, depending on the level of local sponsorship.

Several factors will drive the debate, including economic, budget, trade, and political considerations. The agriculture committees will be working on proposals to fit into a new farm bill in time to replace or extend the 2002 legislation before it expires in September.

- Feb. 26 in Scottsbluff,
- Feb. 27 in Cozad;
- Feb. 28 in Hastings;
- and March 2 in Columbus.

A pre-registration fee of \$7 per person for the Hays location is requested by Feb. 16. Registration at the door will be \$15 per person and a meal cannot be guaranteed. The registration and check for the Hays location should go to Ellis County Extension by Feb. 16 at 601 Main St. Hays, Kan. 67601.

Agricultural policy specialists from Kansas State University and the University of Nebraska at Lincoln are teaming up to deliver a series of meetings in both states focused on the issues and options in this year's farm bill debate.

More details about the Nebraska forums is available by contacting Brad Lubben at 402-472-2235 or blubben2@unl.edu.

Sponsors for the Hays Farm Bill Forum include High Plains Farm Credit, First National Bank of Hays and Plainville, Golden Belt Bank of Hays and Ellis, Commerce Bank, Gorham State Bank, Bank of Hays, Ag Pro Crop Insurance, Ellis County Farm Bureau Association and K-State Research and Extension.

The 2007 Farm Bill Forums: Issues and Options will be held in Kansas and Nebraska in late February and early March. Dates, locations and contact information for the Kansas meetings include:

- Feb. 22 — Hays, K-State University Agricultural Research Center, 1232 240th Ave., contact Stacy Campbell at 785-628-9430

Each meeting will provide an overview of the farm bill debate and will focus on the mechanics and implications of the various proposals put forward at that time. Specific topics will include potential changes to current farm programs and the mechanics of a proposed revenue safety net to replace part of the current safety net programs. Efforts to shift funding to an expanded Conservation Security Program also will be discussed. Each meeting will also provide an opportunity for producers to discuss the major options and provide feedback that will contribute to the policy debate.

## Two new scholarships available

Two new scholarships will be offered to Fort Hays State University chemistry and nursing students.

Registration fees will vary at

Gene Schmidt of Tulsa, Okla., a 1961 graduate of Fort Hays with a degree in chemistry, recently established the Marie J. Schmidt Memorial Scholarship. The scholarship will be offered to sophomore students majoring in chemistry with a preference for those pursuing an emphasis in environmental or forensic chemistry.

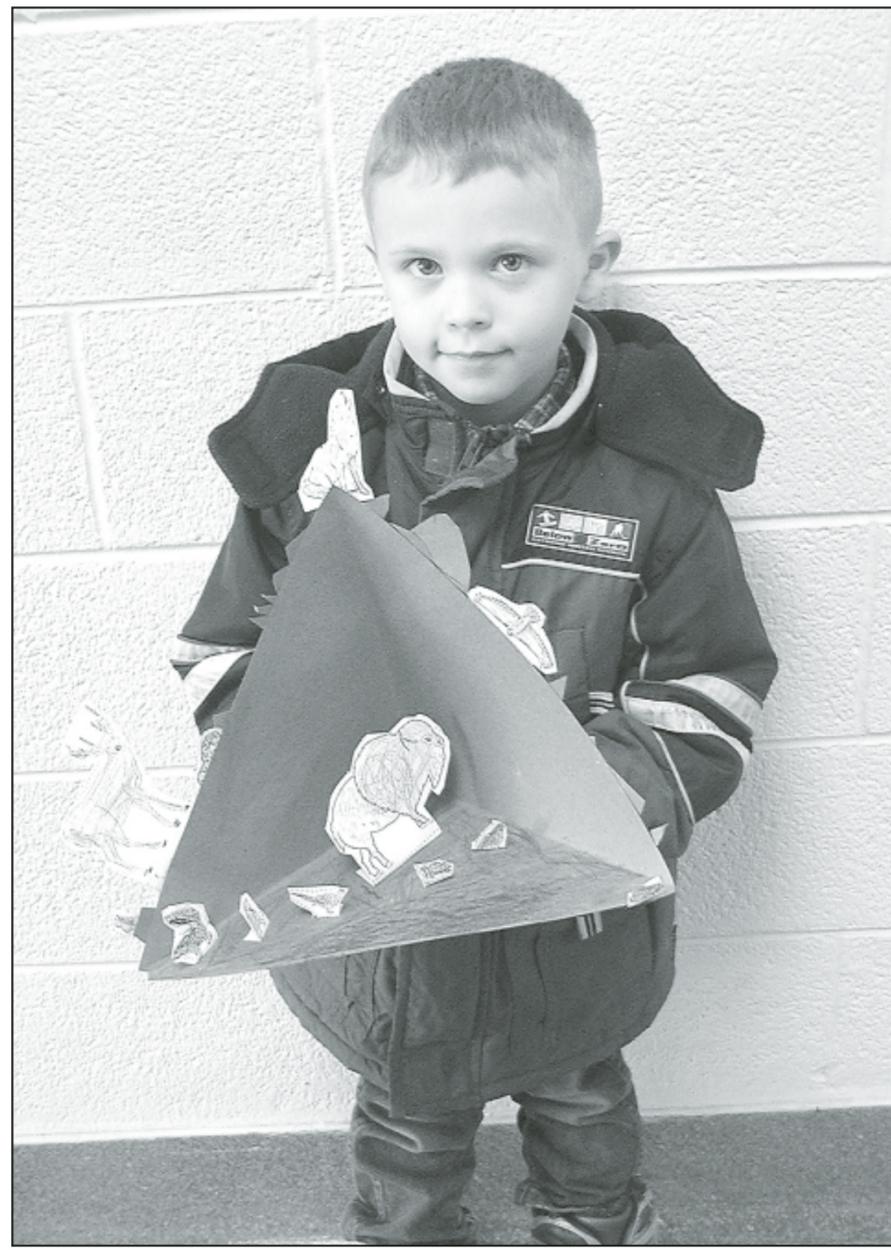
liam Warren Orrison, until his death in 1973. She continued her nursing career as a private duty nurse at the former Hadley Medical Center until she retired in 1991.

Anges R. M. (Ruth) Orrison's family recently established an endowed scholarship for nursing majors at the university. Mrs. Orrison worked as a nurse alongside her husband, the late Dr. Wil-

The Anges R. M. Orrison Nursing Scholarship honors her many years of nursing care for patients in the Plains, Meade and Hays communities.

Contributions to either fund can be sent to the Fort Hays State University Endowment Association, P.O. Box 1060, Hays, Kan. 67601. For more information on either of these scholarships, contact the university's Endowment Association at (888) 628-1060 or [www.fhsuendowment.com](http://www.fhsuendowment.com).

## A grand display...



First grader Shane Cozad, 6, proudly displayed the diorama he made depicting a buffalo, birds and an elk on a mountain. He is the son of Gina Yost and Kenny Cozad.  
— Telegram photo by Carolyn Plotts

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Thanks for the opportunity to serve you and for your patience during this time!