



Norton Mayor David Corns signed a proclamation declaring Feb. 16-23 Nation FFA Week while Norton FFA President Tim Becker looked on.

Norton, Northern Valley join nation in FFA Week

Norton and Northern Valley are celebrating National FFA Week Feb. 16-23, 2008. *Blue Jackets, Bright Futures* is the theme this year and it embodies all the best about FFA members, from the most recognizable symbol of the organization, the blue corduroy jacket, a symbol of pride and tradition, to the bright future of agriculture and the traditions of leadership and hard work. More than half a million members around the nation will participate in National FFA Week activities at the local and state level.

The focus of National FFA Week is to tell America about the great opportunities available for all youth. From its beginnings in 1928 as the Future Farmers of America, the National FFA Organization today reaches out to all 50 states, Puerto Rico and the

Virgin Islands. FFA is committed to developing character and leadership skills and preparing members for a lifetime of civic leadership and career success.

FFA members have opportunities to attend national leadership conferences, develop a supervised agricultural experience learning project, learn life skills and serve their communities with civic engagement. Through classroom instruction and hands-on learning, agricultural education and FFA are making a positive difference for members every day.

FFA members are our future engineers, scientists, teachers and producers. Students earn awards, recognition and educational scholarships to pursue their career goals. One of every five Americans is employed in the food, fiber and natural resources

industries of agriculture, and FFA members are a part of these industries.

Norton and Northern Valley FFA members are the leaders of tomorrow. They are success-oriented students who are driven to achieve their goals. FFA gives many young people an important push to consider their futures — what kind of people, citizens and professionals they intend to be. FFA builds leaders, and leaders impact the future.

National FFA Week is sponsored by Case IH as a special project of the National FFA Foundation. The Foundation is the fundraising arm of the National FFA and supports programs by working with sponsors to raise funds for scholarships that are awarded to outstanding members.

Norton FFA members attend District Career Development Events

NW District Greenhand Conference — first place team
 Creed Speaker — Troy Bainter, third; Information Test — Ryan Blecha, fourth; Brennon Salem, sixth; Troy Bainter, eighth; Kyra Fulton, ninth.

NW District Dairy Judging
 Senior Team — second; Tim Becker, first; Cody Cook, eighth
 Greenhand Team — fifth; Tyler Esslinger, sixth; Kegan Vanover, 10th

NW District Leadership School — first place team
 FFA Information Test High Individuals — Tim Becker, first;

Wes Georgeson, second; Sara Campbell, 10th
 Master Ritual Team — Levi Ninemire, reporter

NW District Land Judging Contest
 Senior Team division — first; Tim Becker, first; Levi Ninemire, sixth; Blake Wolf, fifth; Tim Becker, sixth
 Greenhand division — second; Jesse Gallentine, fourth; Kegan Vanover, eighth; Troy Bainter, ninth

NW District Ag Sales Contest — first
 Cody Cook, first; Tim Becker,

second; Wes Georgeson, fourth; Levi Ninemire, fifth; Jesse Gallentine, sixth

NW District Job Interview Contest — first
 Tim Becker, fifth; Levi Ninemire, seventh; Wes Georgeson, ninth; Chris Maddy, 10th

NW District Poultry Judging — third
 Tim Becker, eighth; Cody Cook, 10th

NW District Meats Judging Contest — second
 Tim Becker, fifth; Cody Cook, eighth

National FFA Week PROCLAMATION

Whereas, the FFA and agricultural education provide a strong foundation for the youth of America and the future of the food, fiber and natural resources systems; and

Whereas, the FFA promotes premier leadership, personal growth and career success among its members; and

Whereas, agricultural education and the FFA ensure a steady supply of young professionals to meet the growing demands in the science, business and technology of agriculture; and

Whereas, the FFA motto — “learning to do, doing to learn, earning to live, living to serve” — gives direction of purpose to these students who take an active role in succeeding in agricultural education; and

Whereas, the FFA promotes citizenship, volunteerism, patriotism and cooperation.

Therefore, I do hereby designate the week of February 16 through 23, 2008, as FFA Week.

DAVID N. CORNS
 Norton Mayor

Norton FFA Week Activities

Monday..... NW District Leadership Conference, Atwood
 Tuesday..... Teachers' Breakfast
 Wednesday..... No School
 Thursday..... Favorite Team Jersey Day
 Serve cupcakes to the student body
 Friday..... Blue and Gold Day

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