

Norton FFA celebrates National FFA Week

The Norton FFA Chapter will celebrate National FFA Week, Feb. 15-22. This year's theme is Ignite and it embraces more than 80 years of FFA traditions while looking forward to the organization's future. More than half a million members will participate in National FFA Week activities at local, state and national levels. These members have a passion for agriculture.

Designated as National FFA Week in 1947, the week of George Washington's birthday is FFA Week, and runs from Saturday to Saturday. FFA Week gives FFA members an opportunity to educate the public about agriculture. During the week, chapters conduct a variety of activities to help others in their school and community learn about FFA and agricultural education. Norton will celebrate National FFA Week by participating in the

following activities: Monday – Hog Roast & Work Auction – 6:30 pm in the High School Cafeteria, Wednesday – Teachers Breakfast, Thursday – Serve cupcakes to student body, & Friday – Blue & Gold Day.

Today's FFA members are the innovators and leaders of tomorrow. Through agricultural and hands-on learning, they are preparing for more than 300 career opportunities in the food, fiber and natural resources industry. Tractor Supply Company, as a special project of the National FFA Foundation, sponsors national FFA Week.

2013-2014 began for the Norton Chapter with the officers attending the State Conference for Chapter Leaders to hone their leadership skills and prepare for the upcoming year. The conference was planned and presented by the Kansas State

FFA Officer team with over fifty chapters from across the state in attendance. The conference was held at Rock Springs Ranch in early July.

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 Interview, 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, Hayrack Ride, Ag Olympics, a trip to the Kansas State Fair, a Christmas Party, and 14 members traveled to Colorado for the Denver Stock Show.

As a commitment of service of our community, members have

served the Farm Bureau Banquet, the Kansas Governors Hunt Banquet and the National Wild Turkey Federation Banquet. We also cleaned our adopt-a-highway section north of town and will host bingo for the residents at the Andbe Home in the near future.

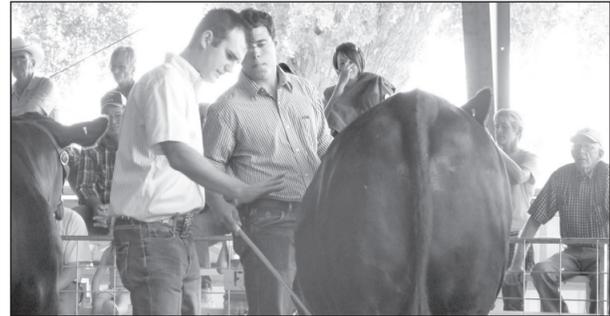
We look forward to all of the local, district, and state activities coming up during the remainder of the year. Upcoming events include poultry, livestock, and horse judging, Ag. mechanics contest, chapter and district banquets, and state contest and convention to name a few.

The Norton FFA Chapter would like to thank all of our sponsors and supporters for all they do to help us as we strive to ignite a passion for agriculture in today's youth.

Molly Maddy
Chapter Reporter



Zach Esslinger helping with Kindergarten Roundup



Cole Renner with his steer at the Norton County Fair

Logan FFA chapter competed in many events this year



Regan Kats and Josh VanLaeys are seen here at the Logan FFA chicken exhibit during this year's Kansas Day.

The Logan FFA Chapter was chartered in May of 2012 under the guidance of Samantha Green, Science and Agriculture Instructor. She was instrumental in establishing the chapter. Thanks to Mrs. Green, she established the foundation for the Logan FFA.

During the 2013-2014 school year, the Logan USD #326 expanded its Agricultural Education program. The expansion included the hiring of Mr. Keith Nielson as a full time Agriculture Instructor and offering agricultural education class throughout the entire school day. The classes that are currently being offered are Animal Science, Welding levels 1 & 2, Agricultural Mechanics, Agriscience, Junior High classes for the seventh and eighth grade, and a woodworking class.

The Logan FFA started the 2013-14 school year off and running. They have assisted in the Logan Community Day by setting up a petting zoo, where horse and pony rides were given. They displayed cattle, goats, pigs and horses during their petting zoo. They organized their annual chili feed for members of their community and conducted their labor auction. Thanks to the great support of the community they raised funds to support their activities for this school year.

Members of the chapter attended career development events in district and area land evaluation, dairy evaluation, dairy foods, and food science contest. The Logan team placed third in dairy evaluation. Regan Kats and Kinze Alexander scored in the top

ten of the participants in the dairy evaluation contest.

The Logan Greenhands attended the Greenhand Conference in Hill City where they developed some of their leadership skills. Those that attended were Josh Van Laeys and Darrian Elliot. Marci Glennemeier and Libby Schneider attended the Job Interview contest at Norton. Marci was the tenth place individual and Libby was second in her group just short of making it to the finals round.

Upcoming events that members of the agricultural education classes will attend are Livestock Evaluation, Ag Mechanics, Entomology, and Agronomy. The Logan FFA will hold its annual recognition banquet in early April and attend the Kansas FFA convention later in May.

Northern Valley FFA members having a busy and fun year

The 2013-2014 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, Food Science, Dairy Foods, Leadership School, Greenhand Conference, National Convention, PALS, 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 wind energy usage in the past, present, and future, weighing items on an old fashioned bar scale, shelling ears

of corn, 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, introducing agriculture and FFA

trivia to the entire school body through a rendition of Duck, Duck, Goose, and giving the 8th grade class a Farm Safety presentation. 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!



FFA members presented the Northern Valley Elementary School Fourth Grade Class with a lesson on Christmas tree production. They also made reindeer Christmas tree ornaments for the students to take home.

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