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National FFA Week is Feb. 15 through Feb. 22, and local chapters are making the most of it with competitions, celebrations, and community outreach.

STORM LAKE

The Storm Lake FFA students started the week with a subdistrict contest in Holstein. Here, Chelsey Gibbins, Kielee Larson and Isabelle Landgraf presented the chapter program. Skylar Smith competed in public speaking and Magdalene Dahlhauser competed in the Job Interview portion of the event.

As FFA week continues, the Storm Lake chapter, which includes members from both Storm Lake High School and St. Mary's, will host a teacher appreciation day, providing

“room service” to teachers during breakfast.

On Thursday, Feb. 20, Storm Lake FFA students will head to the middle school classrooms for community outreach and then visit the BVU Ag Institute, where Ag Ed Majors will host a leadership event, testing the high schoolers on their FFA knowledge.

After that, noted Storm Lake FFA Advisor Jessica Tuttle, the students will begin their “planning and preparing for the District Convention in March and State Convention in April!”



The Storm Lake FFA chapter has 36 members total this year. Pictured are (back l-r) Magdalene Dahlhauser (Junior Advisor), Harley Doyel, Chelsey Gibbins, Abby Wunschel, Alaina Sibenaller, Alex Placencia, Brett Petersen (Vice President), Paul Foell, Carissa Elsdon (Secretary), Santiago Soria (Chaplin) (front l-r) Isabelle Landgraf (president), Val Mejia-Terry (Vice President), Clare Peters, Maymie Brinkman, Eden Smith, Jessa Fetrow, Kielee Larson, Bella Schmitt, and Avery Smith (Sentinel). Not pictured are: Maddie Fiorendino (Treasurer), Skylar Smith (Reporter), Kaeden Larson, Melanie Lopez, Will Landgraf, Alaina Sibenaller, Symara Perez, Alan Bermudez, Evelyn Halder, Jaeyln Hartnett, Jesus Melendez. Sponsors: Micah Barnes and Lisa Hurd.



ALTA-AURELIA

Alta-Aurelia's FFA members have been gearing up for the week with member spotlight moments on the chapter's Facebook page.

On Tuesday, the FFA members joined the National Honor Society students to package “Meals from the Heartland” at South Central Calhoun High School. Six FFA students also competed in the Subdistrict convention in Holstein.

Wednesday, the FFA members visited with AA 8th graders, and on Thursday, they will head over to the elementary school for storytime. Friday is “Drive Your Tractor to School Day” — weather permitting, of course. If the temperatures are too cold, the stu-

dents may hold off until spring for this traditional favorite. The students will also host a staff breakfast in the ag classroom that morning.

Throughout the week, the Alta-Aurelia FFA students are holding a variety of fun events throughout the district, including a coloring contest for both elementary buildings and a denim drive. During the denim drive, the FFA students will collect denim items that will later be recycled into insulation at the Corteva Blue Jeans Go Green Denim Recycling Drive in Cherokee. They will also host a scavenger hunt, where students and staff can search for paper officer symbols hidden around the school for a chance to win candy bar prizes.



Members of the Alta-Aurelia FFA chapter worked to organize a food drive for the Ignite the Spirit program pictured above left are from left: Dustin Mattson, Dayn Simonsen, Gabe Olsen (back) Taylor Sherwood, Caitlyn Mattson, Hanna Edwards, Lily Schulenberg, Kiera Aberson, Korbin Glienke, Brianna Cheever, Elizabeth Schable and Logan Cheever. Above: Alta-Aurelia FFA chapter officers from left: Treasurer Eva Kaskey, Secretary Taylor Sherwood, Vice President Caitlyn Mattson, President Lily Schulenberg, Reporter Mary Connolly and Sentinel Dayn Simonsen.

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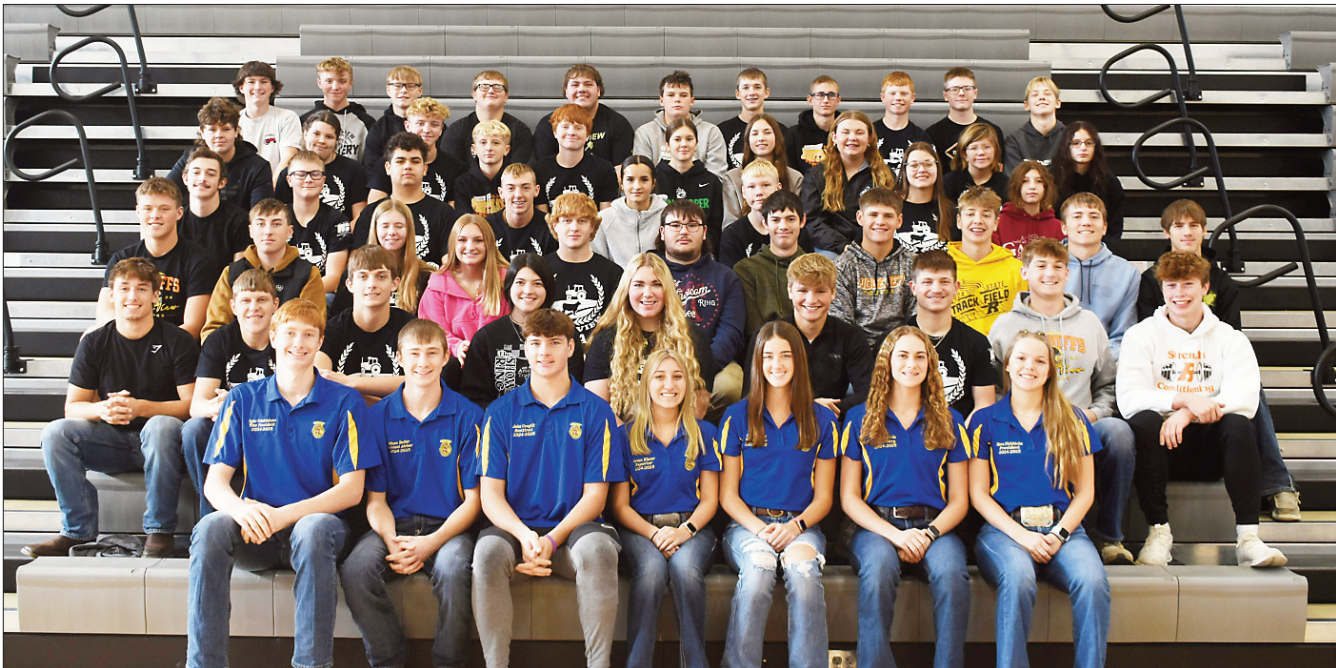
SIoux CENTRAL

As FFA Week gets underway, the Sioux Central students are celebrating another year of gaining valuable experiences. Members have taken on leadership roles and participated in a variety of activities, including Livestock Judging, Ag Sales, and Public Speaking. They've also been working hard on their Supervised Agricultural Experiences, gaining valuable hands-on experience in the field. The chapter is excited for the upcoming week and the chance to showcase everything they've accomplished. The chapter also recently installed two new FFA reporters, Sigrid Adams and Karina Bloom.

The 2025 Sioux Central FFA members include seniors Grace Ahrendsen, Kylie Anderson, Leah Bean, Linnea Bloom, Everett Burhans, JD Frazier, Evelyn Geisinger, Madison Goings, Grayson Hermstad, Aiden Knudtson, Natalie Laursen and Sierra Mears. Juniors include Sigrid Adams, Nevaeh Brauhn, Hannah Brown, Nataley Frerk, Derrick Haight, Isabella Holt, Kiera Laubenthal, Ian Lockwood, Ava McCarty, Andrew Nelson, Lindsay Peck, Zane Sangwin, Gauge Smith, Perry Spooner, Baker Teepe, Emmalee Thompson, Carter Van Schepen and Brayden Vanderhoff. Sophomores are Karina Bloom, Lelan Bolte, Landon Driver, Leo Durazo, Spencer Forbes, Mario Gallardo, Keegan Geisinger, Paige Johnson, Dalten Kreibaum, Levi Meier, Taustin Miller, Kiely Morrow, Genesis Partida, Marcus Price, Frederick Shannon and Clara Tunink. Freshmen include Felix Aguilar-Bernabe, Kooper Bean, Clay Binder, Arianna Bolte, Maverik Cooper, Adriann Elms, McKenna Fassler, Kase Glover, Kayley Hermstad, Titus Kruse, Declan McCarty, Samuel Molina, Hunter Perry, Violet Sangwin, Makayla Scruggs, Bo Smith, Ella Stoner, Tegen Thomsen, Sage Weber and Landon Wendel. Right: The Sioux Central 2025 FFA officers are, from left: Clay Binder, Ava McCarty, Lindsay Peck, Emmalee Thompson, Karina Bloom, Dalton Kreibaum and Andrew Nelson. Missing: Sigrid Adams.



Members of the Newell-Fonda FFA are, front row from left: Paysli Weltzheimer, Olivia Smith, Jake Roberts, April Meyer, Calvin Lockrem and Guyson Lyman. Second row: Newell-Fonda FFA advisor Mr. Johnson, Vianca Diaz, Analise Tiffany and Liedan Brock. Third row; Sam Mohwinkel, Tony Garica, Jacksyn Hogrefe, Landen Kruse and Wyatt Bartek. Fourth row: Liam Gauley, Brayden Johnson, Lincoln Gauley, Cooper Weifenbach and Mario Gonzalez. Fifth row: Brock White, Colton Lindgren, Braden Jackson, Kellen Meyer and Piper Ladehoff. Sixth row: Will Voyles, Ian Harrer, Jase Iehl, Jack Olsen and Easton Rhiner. Seventh row: Ellie Sievers, Danika Meyer, Bailey Mandernach, Vienna Wingert, Abby Leu and Eliana Olsen. Back: Skyler Witzke, Gus Lockrem, Matthew Baker, Taylor Jones, Abigail Rubendall and Jaxon Taylor.



Members of the Ridge View FFA chapter include, front row, from left: Tyler Friedrichsen, Ethan Dutler, Jake Cougill, Jordan Kluver, Clara Todd, Alyssa Biede and Nora Pinkhinke. Second row; Austin Wood, Cole Bloyer, Braxton Galvin, Blair Berends, Liz Schimmer, Conner Jacobson, Clayton Jacobson, Gavin Vohs and Kyle Burk. Third row: Blake Myrtue, Carter Padavich, Raelynn Hansen, Mylee Dvorak, Bo Bloyer, Caleb Hagen, Brayden Blum, Cody Wunschel, Cole Jochims, Carter Todd and Damon Venticher. Fourth row: Tristen Werner, Caleb Schimmer, Leo Avina, Landyn Peterson, Savannah Cudaback, Lane Johnson, Janna Friedmann and Savannah Joens. Fifth row: Matthew Hansen, Mandy Jacobson, Carter Heitmann, Hayden Hawthorne, Blake Friedrichsen, Kallie Pyle, Haley Wright, Carli Friedrichsen, Anna Jacobson and Isabella Daulgren. Back: Quinton Wittrock, Ayden Heitmann, Aiden Myrtue, Kelsen Griffin, Owen Worthan, Tucker Parker, Tyler Dutler, Ian Hansen, Ryan Barry, Lukas Bruns and Levi Else.

NEWELL-FONDA

Newell-Fonda's FFA activities include themed dress-up days, a staff appreciation meal, a scavenger hunt, and the always-popular Ag Olympics. Throughout the week, Mustang students compete in a scavenger hunt, searching for hidden FFA emblems around the school. "We have a lot going on next week for FFA week," notes Newell-Fonda FFA Advisor Collin Johnson. On Tuesday, members participated in Subdistrict events

RIDGE VIEW

The Ridge View FFA students kicked off FFA Week with members getting into the spirit on Monday with a fun "Kickoff to FFA Week" theme, setting the tone for the rest of the week. On Tuesday, students proudly wore their official FFA dress, showcasing their commitment to the organization. Today, Wednesday, students

are participating in "Counting Sheep" with a comfy pajama day. Tomorrow, Thursday, Feb. 20, will bring a "Country Joe," theme where everyone can dress as cowboys or farmers. The week wraps up on Friday with a chance to wear FFA blue and gold.

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