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MEET YOUR CHAPTER OFFICERS



STACIA KNUTH

Grade: Senior

Current Offices: Chapter Treasurer, District VII Vice President

CDE's: National Ag Comm 2009, Prepared Public Speaking, Market Plan and Food Science

Favorite FFA Memory: Winning State Ag Comm and competing at Nationals - Shannon's imaginary boyfriend at IUPUI!



Pictured left to right, front row: Sydnie Howey, Brooke Pearson, Joe Schartz and Stacia Knuth. Back row: Liz Renner, Shannon Miller, Jeremy Nettifee and Melinda Knuth

The West Central FFA Chapter Officers have quite a list of goals for the 2010-11 school year. Among them, starting an FFA Alumni Affiliate, increasing membership and parent and community involvement and conducting community service projects.

The officer team completed a lot of the planning for the year during their officer's retreat this summer. During the retreat officers concentrated on their strengths, learned how to communicate key messages and set chapter and personal goals for the year. The retreat was made possible through a generous donation from Pfizer Animal Health.

WCFFA MEMBERS TO REPRESENT SOUTH DAKOTA

Six West Central FFA members have met their goals head on and have advanced to national competition. The Horse Evaluation CDE (Career Development Event) Team of Ashley Fritz, Steph Howey, Spencer Kurtz and Melissa VanDerWerff will compete in the National Horse Evaluation CDE in October in Indianapolis, Indiana during the 83rd National FFA Convention. The team members will judge several halter and performance classes analyzing the conformation of the animals, their movement, soundness and the ability of the riders. Members will demonstrate their ability to reason and communicate about equine science through a team problem solving activity and individually evaluating classes and justifying their selections through oral reasons. The National Horse Evaluation CDE is sponsored by Ram Trucks, Kent Feeds, Tractor Supply Company and Wahl Clipper Corporation. Members will compete for \$5500 in scholarships awarded to top individuals and teams.

Joe Schartz will compete in the National Extemporaneous Speaking CDE. Event participants are given 30 minutes to prepare a speech on a general agricultural topic. The speech must be four to six minutes in length. At the conclusion of the speech, the judges may question the speaker for five minutes. Finalists are selected based on speech delivery, content and responses to the questions. national contestants will advance through preliminary and semifinal rounds with the top four speakers competing in the final national even. FFA members competing in the Extemporaneous Speaking CDE are exceptional at organizing their thoughts into a comprehensive and logical presentation, additionally building their confidence, poise and presentation skills. The Extemporaneous Speaking CDE is sponsored by the American Farm Bureau Federation. Schartz will compete for \$4000 in scholarship money during the event.

Liz Renner will take her love of Science to the next level competing in the National AgriScience Fair. Renner earned a berth in the AgriScience Fair after winning the Environmental Science Division during the State AgriScience Fair. Renner will present her research and findings to a panel of judges. She will be judged based on the scientific approach, experimental research, conclusions, recommendations and analysis of data and a visual display and written abstract that will describe her research and findings.

The members of the Horse CDE Team, Joe Schartz and Liz Renner all advanced to national competition by winning their respective events on the state level during the 2009-2010 school year. They are coached and advised by West Central Agricultural Education Instructor and FFA Advisor Linda Petersen.

