

WYOMING FFA TIMES

Summer 2011 Edition

From reasons to ropes: FFA members reign as rodeo royalty



Cheyenne Frontier Days Miss Frontier Amy Berry



Lady-in-Waiting Sami Jo Heitsch

Cheyenne — Cheyenne Frontier Days Miss Frontier Amy Berry and Lady-in-Waiting Sami Jo Heitsch have more in common than a love of rodeo and thousands of miles logged in promotion of the world's largest outdoor rodeo. They are also both outstanding FFA members from the Cheyenne Frontier chapter.

This summer, Berry and Heitsch traded national blue corduroy for the white leather buckskins of the Cheyenne Frontier Days (CFD) royalty. Together, the two have traveled across the country representing CFD, the sport of rodeo and their shared western heritage.

Berry tried out for the Lady-in-Waiting position in part because of a family connection. Her aunt Pat was Miss Frontier in 1971.

"As I grew, I realized Miss Frontier is more than the girl with the white buckskins and fast horse. She is the woman who represents the old west and the current western way of life. She is the woman who tells the story of Cheyenne's history, the traditions of the west and who celebrates rodeo," explains Berry. "Forty years later, I have the same opportunity. I was born and raised on a ranch, and I love speaking to the public about my heritage, ranching and the sport that grew from it, rodeo."

As goodwill ambassadors for Cheyenne's rodeo and western celebration, Berry and Heitsch have attended rodeos, ridden in parades, spoken to media, visited with sponsors and members of business and industry and even signed autographs everywhere from Estes Park, Colo. to Garden City, Kans., and from Thermopolis, Wyo., to Calgary, Canada.

"It's a dynamic job," Berry says. "We might be running flags in a rodeo one day or visiting schools the next. If it has to do with rodeo, Cheyenne Frontier Days or the community of Cheyenne, we are there!"

Becoming Miss Frontier was a goal Heitsch set for her-

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FFA shines at State Fair

By Erin Vineyard, Wyoming FFA Times

Wyoming FFA members are working hard preparing their animals and exhibits for the Wyoming State Fair to be held in Douglas Aug. 13-20. During the months leading up to the event FFA members work diligently to increase their chances of success in their chosen area of competition. Whether they are polishing up their welding project, putting one last coat of stain on their gun cabinet, working with their reining horse or putting a few extra pounds on their show steer, summer is in full swing and FFA members are looking forward to the Wyoming State Fair.

Many generations of FFA members have participated in the Wyoming State Fair. They've bunked in the dorms, pitched tents in the campground, suffered the ill effects of too many wild carnival rides and invested in mini donut cuisine along the fairway. These FFA members have left with memories, new friends and lessons learned. Each of us took different memories from the State Fair. Seth Heinert recalls, "State Fair was always one of the best parts of the summer. I especially enjoyed the lemonade stand that the Lander FFA had right next to the beef show ring!" That lemonade stand was a hit for many years and was a meeting ground for FFA friends!

Former FFA member Liz Lauck recollects, "My favorite memory of the Wyoming State Fair was in 2005 spending one-on-one time with my fellow State Officers. We stood in the sweltering heat in blue corduroy handing out ribbons and laughing about how sweaty we were, we felt pretty important as we zoomed around in golf carts and we bonded as we decorated the FFA building. Those bonds developed have stayed with me still today!"

While others may remember different parts of the Wyoming State Fair, one thing is certain, it is always a chance for FFA members to get together and celebrate everything they work for throughout the year. If you are free in August, stop by the fairgrounds in Douglas and check out what Wyoming FFA Members have been working hard on all year. You might even be able to catch Chancey Williams and the Younger Brothers Band with Daryl Worley on Wednesday! Come make your own memories at the Wyoming State Fair!

Caines Wyo's national candidate

By Erin Vineyard, Wyoming FFA Times

As a young child tagging along with his brother to FFA events, James "Catlin" Caines had no idea where his involvement in the FFA would take him. Originally from Hyattville, Catlin became a member of the Paintrock FFA Chapter in Basin. Now, Catlin, is in the middle of his second season as Wyoming FFA's National Officer Candidate. The National FFA candidate is chosen by a group of Wyoming FFA Advisors and remains a prestigious honor reserved for only one Wyoming FFA member a year.

Catlin is currently a junior at the University of Wyoming majoring in Microbiology with an emphasis on pre-medical preparation. "One day I hope to practice medicine in underserved, rural areas around the world," he says. This year will mark Catlin's second run at



becoming a National FFA Officer. In the last year he has "learned a lot by training to be a National FFA Officer, and by experiencing the selection process." While overcoming the disappointment of not being selected last year hasn't been easy for this Wyoming FFA member, he is determined to do everything he

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Collegiate FFA builds playground

By Jasper Fitzgerald, Wyoming FFA Times

One of Albany County's special little buckaroos, Cowboy Rowdy Hayes Smallwood, was commemorated with the dedication of a new playground and bench, at the Albany County Fairgrounds on Aug. 2, 2011 at 6 p.m. The event was being planned as this edition of the FFA Times went to press.

Cowboy Rowdy passed away on Oct. 3, 2010, after a tragic accident on the family's ranch left him hospitalized. The Smallwood Fam-

ily as well as the Albany County community greatly misses this amazing little boy.

The University of Wyoming Collegiate FFA Chapter was extremely moved by Cowboy Rowdy's story and pursued grant money to be used to build a memorial at the Albany County Fairgrounds. The grant was provided through the Wyoming FFA Foundation with support from Cameco Resources.

The thought behind the memorial playground and bench was to share the joy

and happiness that Cowboy Rowdy brought to the world, with children and their parents. The Albany County Fairgrounds was the perfect location, as it was a place Rowdy participated in the fun and excitement of the county fair, showing animals, and enjoying being a kid and a cowboy.

UW Collegiate FFA appointed a committee to begin working on the logistics of creating the new playground. Several meetings with members of the Albany County Fairgrounds

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Wyoming FFA Camp – Like no place on earth. Really.

By Court Schilt, Wyoming FFA Foundation

Lander — The 34th year of the Wyoming FFA Leadership Camp recently concluded in the mountains above Lander, at the Fremont County youth camp. Before I tell you about camp, I'd like to share with you part of a conversation with an Ag. Ed instructor.

I was visiting with an Agriculture teacher recently and the subject of camp came up. He said his students always look forward to camp and when I asked him why he said because it's not a competition. He said it's one of the few places where they spend time with other FFA members and the focus of the event is on others and self, not about winning or making the best show. He said his students usually come back from camp rejuvenated with a new perspective on leadership

and their role in FFA and in life. That's just a small portion of what camp offers FFA members.

iLead, Wii Succeed.

Playing off the names of current technology the theme for camp this year was iLead, Wii (pronounced we) Succeed. For two weeks FFA members from around the state received leadership training including public speaking, interviewing skills, teamwork, communication, negotiation, cooperation and more. Along with days packed with workshops, there was some free time and recreation, as well as campfires and even a dance, and some of the best cooking around. While many workshops integrated the technology theme, there were several that encouraged members to put the tech. down, and get face

to face with people.

The camp is open to all FFA members in good standing and has members from incoming freshman to graduated seniors. Even in today's tight economy, camp is about \$100 per camper. Through the generosity of others, that price has been in effect for about 20 years.

Camp offers two sessions for members to choose from. The first session this year was almost the single biggest session ever. Over 140 FFA members started the camp with learning to remember names and other "get to know you" activities. Second session was smaller with 60 members on hand at the end of the session. Over the course of the weeks new bonds of friendship were apparent as mem-

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PREZ says



Court Schilt
FFA Foundation President

What makes Wyoming FFA so good? I think it's the same thing that makes Wyoming so good. It's the people. I had the privilege of spending two weeks at the Wyoming FFA Camp in June with some of the best folks around. FFA members.

A reflection of the folks who influence them and the communities they come from, the FFA members we got to work with at camp are amazing. They work hard, play hard, and help others because it's the right thing to do.

That's much like most of the folks I know across the state. Work hard, play hard, and help where needed. Some of that help makes camp possible. Good sponsors and supporters who know firsthand the positive difference the program has on young people and back up their belief with financial support. The very same kind of people allow us to continue our work at the Wyoming FFA Foundation.

Who? Folks like Tony Scarpelli in Cheyenne. I went to school with Tony's son. We still hunt, fish and play together. Tony watched as his son excelled in FFA many years ago — from showing champion sheep to competing on the Farm Mechanics team that won the state in 1982. Tony knows the value of FFA over time. For a few years now he's been helping the Foundation every few months when his investments get a positive return. Piece by piece, check by check, he's quietly made a substantial contribution to the leaders of tomorrow. It's Tony and many like him who keep the Foundation humming along and keep Wyoming FFA at the top of the pack. Thanks to all of you who quietly give a bit at a time to help make the future brighter.

When I get a request for help from this group or that organization I often find myself thinking that I can't offer them much help, I have my own bills to pay. But lately, I think about what Tony does. It helps me to change my perspective. If I believe in something I don't have to give all I have to it. What if I give just one lunch a month? My lunch usually comes in a Tupperware container and a reused Albertsons bag, but what if I give the equivalent of one lunch out each month? At \$5 a month that's 60 a year. If enough people do that, 60 becomes something.

Think of it this way. Wyoming FFA graduates about 500 seniors each year. If each of those students would commit to give back to FFA just \$1 a month for 10 years, what would that look like? For easy math let's say they take two months off from giving so it's \$10 per year. 500 members giving 10 a year would be \$5000 per year. That's a handful of scholarships. Now let's say that each following group of graduates would make that same commitment. In ten years time, that would equal \$50,000 per year coming in. That's enough to fund community service projects statewide and help in supporting new chapters or classroom improvements. That's significant. And no member gave more than one hundred dollars. Still think it's just too expensive to help? It'll be too expensive if we don't.

Tony Scarpelli, and so many others like him are quietly helping build Wyoming FFA. The Foundation Board of Directors is working to build the programs we offer to chapters in support of their growth and improvement. To folks who may be wrestling with a decision to give financial support to Wyoming FFA or some other worthy cause I ask you this, would you buy them lunch once a month?

I hope you see the blessings in your summer. Thanks for reading.

Court

Let's Talk WYOMING FFA

Featuring a
Wyoming FFA
Leader

Washington Leadership Conference a Great Opportunity

By Rachel Purdy, WLC Scholarship Recipient

From the time I was a little girl, my father had always told me stories about his FFA experiences from high school. One of the most memorable trips he told me about was when he and his friend (president and vice president of their chapter at the time) took a trip to Washington, D.C. for a leadership conference, called WLC. I thought it sounded like a really great opportunity, so I applied for a scholarship from Basin Electric through the Wyoming FFA Foundation, and got it.

From the moment I walked into the first session of WLC, I was amazed by how many FFA members were there from all over the United States. The sessions were high energy and very educational. It was really cool having previous national officers as counselors; they had great guidance and positive attitudes and really are outstanding people.

While I was there, we traveled all over. We went to the National Mall during the day and on a night tour and saw all of the monuments and memorials. I read about each of the sites in textbooks, but to be able to see them in person was a whole different experience. I never realized how big the National Mall really is. Seeing all of the sites really made me proud to be an American and proud of the leadership that has brought our country to where we are now.

The reflecting pool by the Washington Monument was under construction when I was there. The whole pool was sinking, so they are putting support under it. It was disappointing not being able to see it, but once they get it fixed, I would like to go back and see it.

My favorite memorial was the Vietnam Wall. It really brings to life the sacrifice that our service men and women made, and are still making today. The rows and rows of names made that sacrifice seem more real for me and made me realize that freedom definitely is not free.

The monuments were very impressive at night. They lit them up so well, you could practically see them from across the city. The whole D.C. area was so rich in history, and unique.

While we were touring the National Mall, we saw President Obama's motorcade go by, and he even waved at some of the conference's participants. The next day, when we were at the capitol, I saw the vice president, Joe Biden's motorcade load up and drive away. The number of vehicles they use for the motorcade is mind blowing. The security for the motorcades was very intense. There were people on rooftops with guns when the motorcade went by, along with helicopters circling in the air.

I was also able to see the Capitol, and meet with Wyoming's Senator Barrasso. While meeting with him I was able to learn about the issues involving Wyoming on Capitol Hill, among other things, such as his day to day activities and some of the activities that he participates in.

Arlington National Cemetery was a very moving experience. The changing of the guards was

very impressive; the preciseness of the guards was very striking. While we were there, I saw several military funeral processions taking place. The true price of war isn't in money, materials, or even time. The true cost of war in my opinion is seen in the number of casualties and the sacrifices these young people are making, and have made.

Everyone at the conference participated in a service project. My group's job was to harvest unmarketable cabbage for a food bank. It doesn't sound like a very glamorous job, but it ended up being very entertaining. We made piles of the cabbage at the edges of the fields, so they could be shipped to the food banks in

the D.C. area. I was in a human conveyor belt that transported the cabbage from the center of the field to the outer edges without having to run back and forth every time. We just passed cabbage to the person behind us. It ended up being very effective

and a lot of fun! When we were almost finished with the field, it started raining a little bit. Before too long it started absolutely pouring. By the time we finished, we were all soaked to the bone, and smelled strongly of cabbage. It was a lot of fun, and it felt really great to know that we were able to help get that cabbage to people

who need it.

The leadership aspect of Washington Leadership Conference was really inspiring. Each workshop taught something different, from making us aware of some global issues that need attention, to helping me understand my purpose. I felt that although the workshops were directed towards the entire group, they specifically applied to me. There were FFA members from all over the country there. I was able to meet FFA members from all over the United States. Every evening they broke the big group up into smaller groups, called community groups. These groups are very similar to core groups at Wyoming FFA camp. The community groups usually met after the big group activities, and took a more in depth look at what was talked about in the previous session.

We got a few hours of free time in Washington, D.C. In my free time I went with a small group of other conference participants, whom I met during the week, and we went to the National Museum of American History, and the National Museum of Natural History. It was really cool because I was able to see so many cool things, such as Dorothy's Ruby slippers, off of the *Wizard of Oz*, and the Hope Diamond.

Overall, I felt this experience changed me for the better. It gave me confidence and leadership that I can bring back to Wyoming FFA, and apply to my whole life. I would encourage any Wyoming FFA member interested to try to attend Washington Leadership Conference, because, if your experience is anything like mine, you will not regret going. I would like to thank Basin Electric and the Wyoming FFA Foundation for making this incredible experience possible for me.



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- Aug. 13-20** Wyoming State Fair, Douglas
Aug. 16 Cowboy Chuck and Chip Golf Tournament held by the Wyoming Natural Resource Foundation and the Wyoming FFA Foundation, Douglas

SEPTEMBER

- Sept. 17** 2011 Blue Jeans and Black Tie Ball, Worland. Call Jennifer at 307-351-0730 for tickets.

OCTOBER

- Oct. 19-22** National FFA Convention, Indianapolis
Oct. 31 Deadline for the fall edition of the Wyoming FFA Times

Quick Info—
FFA BRIEFS

Lohr remembered

Virginia — Wyoming FFA lost a friend and the nation lost an inspirational leader with the July 10 passing of Andrea Lynch Lohr.

Andrea, age 36, passed away following a five-year battle with breast cancer. She was born July 21, 1974 in Union City, Tenn., to Larry and Carol Lynch of Broadway, Va. She was raised in Fulton, Kent. and served as the Kentucky FFA President.

Andrea touched numerous lives through the FFA and her motivational and inspirational speeches. She and her husband Matt worked with Wyoming FFA members at several events including the Wyoming FFA Leadership Camp.

Her husband Matt, their 10-year-old daughter Caroline and their five-year-old son Carson, survive Andrea.

Late in 2010 Ron and Julie Rabou of Cheyenne led the way in developing a scholarship with the Wyoming FFA Foundation in Andrea's honor. The first recipient of that scholarship was recognized at the Spring 2011 Wyoming FFA Convention. If you'd like to help the Rabous and the Foundation grow the Andrea Lohr Live by Faith Scholarship fund, please send your donation to PO Box 71, Cheyenne WY 82003. The scholarship will be presented each spring to an FFA member who works to make a positive difference in others' lives.



Let's be Facebook friends

Cheyenne — Wyoming FFA has a growing presence on Facebook and we'd like you to join us. The Wyoming FFA officer team, the Association and the Foundation have Facebook pages, as do several individual chapters.



Join the Wyoming FFA Foundation Facebook page and you'll have the opportunity to learn about upcoming events and activities. We'll also keep you posted about scholarship deadlines, Foundation events and those folks who generously support FFA activities. The Facebook page is a great place to chime in and thank those businesses and individuals who help maximize the opportunities available to Wyoming's young leaders.

With nearly 1,100 fans the Foundation's page has a growing presence and is a great place to "talk FFA!"

Jacket help available

Cheyenne — Wyoming FFA Foundation members launched the Voucher Fund with the belief that every FFA member should have a jacket embroidered with his or her own name and office held.



With new Wyoming youth eligible to join FFA this fall, many will need a jacket. The FFA Foundation would like to remind advisors that the FFA Foundation is here to help students who may not be able to afford a jacket. Ask us about the simple request form if you have students who can benefit from this program.

The FFA Foundation is able to continue this program for the 2011-2012 school year with the support of individual donors, the Craig and Susan Thomas Foundation and the Tonkin Foundation.

Champion jackets available

Douglas — Thanks to the generosity of Murdoch's and Carhartt, members of Wyoming FFA's Champion Career Development Event (CDE) Teams will be receiving a new coat.

The coats will be available for pick up in the FFA office at the upcoming Wyoming State Fair. If you have questions or need to make arrangements to pick up your coat, please contact Jennifer Womack at 307-351-0730.

FFA encourages giving

Indianapolis — Whether it's here in Wyoming or at the National FFA Convention, FFA puts a priority on community service. Eleven central Indiana locations have signed up to benefit from the hours FFA members volunteer during the National FFA Convention.



The FFA National Days of Service (NDoS) is one of the most sought-after events for FFA members attending the largest youth education convention in the United States. The program often reaches capacity within days of the opening of registration. 1,020 spots will be open for FFA members to give their time in a volunteer opportunity that also doubles as an educational activity related to agriculture education.

Eleven non-profit organizations have been selected as destinations for FFA members participating in the service activity that started when FFA brought its annual national gathering to the Circle City in 2006. A record 54,942 FFA members, advisors, sponsors and supporters attended 2010's 83rd National FFA Convention in Indianapolis with events held in several different venues including Conseco Fieldhouse, the Indiana Convention Center, the Indiana State Fairgrounds and Lucas Oil Stadium.

Sponsored by CSX, the 2011 National FFA Days of Service runs two days – Thursday, Oct. 20 and Friday Oct. 21, 2011. Three service activities – including hosts Damar Services, Indianapolis Downtown Inc., and Indy Parks – will be featured solely on Thursday, Oct. 20. Joy's House, Second Helpings, St. Vincent De Paul – Pantry and Strides to Success will be featured Friday, Oct. 21. Four NDoS host sites, including Gleaners Food Bank, Habitat for Humanity, Jameson Camp and Maplelawn Farmstead will feature FFA members both days.

To help coordinate this terrific project that assists many areas of need in the Indianapolis area, FFA is also looking for volunteers to serve as Site Liaisons. For those interested assisting with FFA's National Days of Service, please either call 317-802-4215 or email ndos@ffa.org.

FFA projects featured

Douglas — If you're in Douglas for the Wyoming State Fair, be sure to stop by the FFA exhibit hall just south of the cafeteria.

Visitors can often visit with members of the Wyoming FFA Officer Team, participate in the annual silent auction and see work completed by FFA members from across the state.

The building is a great place to meet with old FFA friends and stay up to speed on today's FFA activities.



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Blue Jeans and Black Tie Ball Sept. 17 in Worland

Worland — Past and present FFA members and FFA supporters and friends will gather in Worland Sept. 17 for the Blue Jeans and Black Tie Ball.

The event is being co-hosted by the Wyoming FFA Foundation and the Worland FFA Chapter. The event begins at 5 p.m. on Sept. 17 with a silent auction and social hour. The evening will continue with a prime rib dinner, live auction with auctioneer Vern Lofink and a dance. Justin Mills, a voice recognized

by many across the Cowboy State, will serve as the keynote speaker. Justin is a former Wyoming FFA Officer who now manages the NILE in Billings, Mont.

Gil McEndree, President of Pinnacle Bank's Worland location, is helping organize the event, as is former Wyoming FFA State Officer Teresa (Cole) Milner.

"We're having the gathering at the new museum facilities in Worland," says McEndree. "This is a great facility and one the Wor-

land community is proud to showcase." Located on the main street through Worland, the museum is hard to miss. A large mammoth statue, created by artist Chris Navarro, fills the front lawn. Just seeing the building and the museum are worth the trip!

Tickets are available for \$30 each. Those outside of the Worland area can order them from the FFA Foundation by calling Jennifer Womack at 307-351-0730 or by e-mail jen@Wyof-FAFoundation.com. Those

in the Worland area are encouraged to contact Worland FFA Advisor Grace Anderson at 307-431-0055 or Gil McEndree at Pinnacle Bank, 307-347-3215.

Those who would like to sponsor a table at the event can do so for \$400, a price that includes the following:

- 10 tickets to the prime rib dinner, auction and dance. Gather up some friends and customers!
- Exposure on the FFA Foundation Facebook Page followed by 1,100 FFA fans and supporters.
- Table signage at the event.
- Verbal recognition at the event.
- Recognition in the program at the Wyoming FFA Convention, Wyoming's largest youth convention. The event is held each April in Cheyenne.
- Recognition in the FFA Times, our quarterly newsletter that's mailed to over 3,000 FFA supporters.
- Complimentary copies of the FFA Times to hand out at your business after the Blue Jeans and Black Tie Ball.



A large mammoth statue made by artist Chris Navarro stands outside of the Washakie Museum in Worland.

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The Big Horn Basin has numerous reasons to celebrate FFA! The Basin is home to this year's National Officer Candidate from Wyoming, the 2011 State Star in Agribusiness, the 2010 State Star in Ag Placement, and one of the state's top range judges who is attending college with the help of scholarships from the Wyoming FFA Foundation. There are also several

past Wyoming FFA State Officers living in the area that the Foundation hopes will attend the event!

Wyoming's 51 FFA Chapters have also been called upon to provide a gift basket for the silent auction at the event. Once the chapter contributions have arrived, the top item will be selected and included in the live auction. One half of the proceeds from that item will go back to the sponsoring chapter. Foundation members are anxious to see what the chapters make for this year's event!

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can to succeed this year.

While preparing for National FFA Convention, Catlin spends many hours hitting the books as he studies up on current events, interview skills, facilitation skills and working with the Wyoming FFA Foundation. Throughout the entire preparation process, Catlin states, "A solid amount of time is also allocated to self-reflection and getting back to what I really love doing: spending time with members!"

While making his own schedule and finding ways to train and prepare, Catlin remains active in Wyoming FFA as he works towards his ultimate goal of becoming a National FFA Officer. Among the help that Catlin has received, he notes that the "(Wyoming FFA) Association and (Wyoming FFA) Foundation members help as well as my coaches and the advisors around the state."

For new FFA members, Catlin shares a little advice, "Never hesitate to become involved. Jump in feet first. You never know what you will miss if you don't."

Time will tell how Catlin's story ends but there is one thing for sure, Wyoming FFA members and supporters will be rooting for this hometown FFA member as he embarks on a journey of a lifetime and represents Wyoming FFA at the National Convention this fall.

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self the first time she met a Miss Frontier when she was just a young cowgirl.

"I was raised in a pastor's family, so I had the chance to learn to ride horses through church members. The first time I saw Miss Frontier when I was six, I knew that was something I wanted to do when I grew up," she says. "I love representing our community and CFD. This position also gives me the chance to meet new people, and speak out for our western heritage and teach people about the meaning of animal welfare."

Before they became rodeo queens, Berry and Heitsch were FFA standouts. Berry raised and showed registered horned Hereford cattle and competed in career development events like public speaking, parliamentary procedure and livestock judging. She also served as the 2006-2007 State FFA Secretary.

Heitsch was the 2009-2010 secretary for the Frontier FFA chapter. She also competed in public speaking and horse judging. She was a member of the 2010 National FFA Champion Ag Issues team, representing Wyoming at the National FFA Convention in Louisville, Ky.

"What wasn't my favorite part?" Heitsch

said when asked about the best part of FFA. "It was all so much fun. But I really enjoyed going to state convention each year. I liked meeting like-minded students who shared my passion for FFA and agriculture. It was amazing to see the talent and drive to succeed of my fellow members." Both girls are quick to credit their FFA experiences in helping them prepare for their new roles.

"The public speaking component of FFA has definitely helped me as Miss Lady-In-Waiting," explains Heitsch. "You learn how to answer questions thoroughly and think on your feet. I also learned so much about the agriculture industry, and how vital it is to feeding our country and the world. Whether it's the beef industry, farming or rodeo, FFA helps young people learn about the many parts of agriculture, prepares us for a role in sustaining agriculture and teaches us how to be advocates not only for agriculture, but for anything you believe in strongly."

"There is no doubt in my mind that FFA has challenged me and made me who I am today," Berry says. "The organization itself and my awesome ag teachers gave me a skill set that I'll use

throughout my life, like public speaking, decision making and goal-setting. FFA really grows leaders."

Berry will cap off her two-year reign at the 115th CFD celebration, held in Cheyenne July 22-31. She and Heitsch will spend the ten whirlwind days leading four parades, flipping flapjacks at three pancake breakfasts, and welcoming crowds horseback at nine "Daddy of 'Em All" rodeo performances, among many other activities.

Later this fall, Heitsch will take over the reins from Berry, becoming Miss Frontier and a new Lady-In-Waiting will be selected.

"Frontier Days gives you one year to learn the duties of Miss Frontier," says Heitsch. "I've spent the last year learning from Amy. We attend the same events, but I have the chance to watch and learn from her. We joke that the Lady-In-Waiting is a wing-man for Miss Frontier. But I've been truly blessed to share this time with Amy and to build a friendship that will last our whole lives."

Heitsch plans to obtain her degree in agriculture communications and continue to be an advocate for agriculture and the western way of

life in some capacity.

"I hope that my experiences in FFA and now with Cheyenne Frontier Days will help me make a career in an industry very near-and-dear to my heart and let me make a living doing what I truly love," Heitsch says.

For Berry, rodeo, FFA and agriculture will always be a part of her life. She'll be attending veterinary school in Washington State this

fall, and says she'll return to Wyoming after school to serve the agriculture industry as a professional.

"The more you experience, the more you gain and grow as a person. FFA was an excellent starting point for me, and serving as Miss Frontier has only broadened my perspective and will help me as I pursue the next chapter in my life."

As she starts that new chapter, Berry encourages

fellow members to enjoy the experiences FFA has to offer.

"Zip up that jacket and be proud of who you are! The values you learn through FFA will hold true throughout your life and be something to draw upon for years to come. You can't wear the blue and gold jacket forever, so make the most of it, and the most of yourself. You'll be amazed at just how far you will go."



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bers began to stray from the comfort of the friends they came with and spend time working, playing and eating with other members from across the state.

A highlight of each week was the vesper program by the Wyoming FFA Officer team in which they spoke of CHARACTER and each shared a story of some-

one's character that changed their life. While they were all **EXCEPTIONALLY** well spoken and poignant, I found a portion of State President Asher Markworth's thoughts extremely compelling and want to share them with you.

"Nelson Mandella once said, 'Our deepest fear is not that we are inadequate. Our deepest

fear is that we are powerful beyond measure. It is our light, not our darkness that frightens us most. We ask ourselves, 'Who am I to be brilliant, gorgeous, talented, and famous?' Actually, who are you not to be? Your playing small does not serve the world. There is nothing enlightened about shrinking so that people won't feel insecure around you. We were born to make manifest the glory of God that is within us. It's not just in some of us; it's in all of us. And when we let our own light shine, we unconsciously give other people permission to do the same. As we are liberated from our own fear, our presence automatically liberates others."

Following this incredible program, campers worked in "core groups" to debrief from the day's activities, and begin to chart a course for using this new information in their homes and communities.

This year there was a special treat with the return of former Wyoming FFA Officer and National FFA Officer, Emily Priebe. Emily and her super dynamic husband Scott were counselors at the first session of camp and put on a great workshop on branding, making your mark in a "branded" world, for both sessions.

The weeks ended with a "music and slide show" recapping the session and offering members a chance to review where they've been. Finally in the last "group" of camp, members were encouraged to take the plans hatched in the artificial world that is camp and push them into reality as they return home to lead their local chapters.

Camp is made possible by the generosity of many. Dan Cannon, Chairman of the camp board of directors, secured sponsorship from the Wyoming Busi-



ness Council's Ag. Business division, Alan Johnson at the Butcher Block in Laramie, and more. "As the new president of the board of directors, I am in a unique position to see camp from behind the scenes and am still impacted by the power that camp has to change lives and to develop the quality of leadership which every FFA member possesses," said Cannon.

The camp is lead by a team of Directors with Toby Lynde of Gillette at the head. This trio of directors brings over 40 years of FFA camp experience to the group. Camp

counselors are FFA members and former members who were state officers, or who have been to camp at least twice and show an aptitude for serving others. Counselors help plan the camp, design the workshops, then step through many of them in order to better prepare them for what the campers will experience.

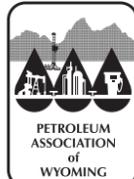
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Wyoming State FFA Officer Team on the road Summer 2011

By Abbey Davidson
Wyoming FFA Reporter

For two weeks in June, Wyoming FFA members and Wyoming FFA Leadership camp created two phenomenal sessions of Camp. The camp theme for this year was, "iLead, Wii Succeed." This theme was created so that the generation of FFA members who came to camp could connect with what the counselors were trying to teach them through technology.

The first session consisted of 130 members attending, along with about 21 counselors, nine state officers, and three directors. This session of camp was high energy, filled with multiple activities and workshops that kept both the FFA members and counselors on their feet. Campers went away from the session exhausted from the activities throughout the week, but with an idea that they

could make an influence in their own communities. This influence was shown to the campers through what was called a OneFluence video, and then ideas of what they were going to do to create a better environment in their communities were discussed.

The second session of camp consisted of about 50 members plus counselors, with the state officers showing up in the middle of the week after their training at the National Leadership Conference for State Officers, (NLC SO). This session was easier for the counselors and members alike to get to know one another on a more personal level. Throughout core groups, workshops, campfires, and the conversations during the wonderful meals at camp, members went away from this session with deep friendships and connections with other individuals.

The two sessions focused on how the members who attended camp could go back to their communities and make at least one influence in another individual's life. The counselors made a promise to the members that they would be checking up on them throughout the year to make sure that the members were truly working on making a difference. The counselors, state officers, and directors worked hard over the course of the two weeks to make sure that the campers took away from camp as much as possible. Overall, Wyoming FFA Leadership

Camp was a huge success this year and taught FFA members many aspects of being an outstanding leader, which will surely pave the way for next year!

Overlapping the second session of Wyoming FFA Leadership Camp was the National Leadership Conference for State Officers, where the Wyoming, North Dakota, and Montana FFA State Officers collaborated to build their state teams into what is considered a state officer family. NLC SO was a conference that was run by two national officers. The participant states had the honor to be

coached by the National FFA Central Region Vice President, Wyatt DeJong, and the National FFA Southern Region Vice President, James Flatts. These national officers taught the state officers how to direct their efforts of being a state officer towards the members. During the conference, state officers created workshops for members to be used throughout the year, learned exactly how to promote FFA in a positive way, bonded as a team, made some new friends from the other state officer teams, and competed to win the NLC SO golden hammer. Finally, after the

four days of the conference, Wyoming walked away with the hammer, victorious. It was a great conference that helped build the team so that they become better equipped to serve the state. As a whole, the state officers stated it was a great conference, and as we left Cody we felt we were ready to take on anything Wyoming FFA would be faced with this year! The National Leadership Conference for State Officers was a motivational way to build the 2011-2012 Wyoming State Officers. We will influence others to make a difference as well!

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Board, Cowboy Rowdy's mother, Stacey, and the Collegiate FFA committee were held before a memorial bench and the new equipment for the playground was purchased. After much anticipation, the bench and equipment, and a climbing wall, finally arrived! Members of Collegiate FFA volunteered to erect the climbing wall and set the new bench.

The public was invited to attend the dedication ceremony on Aug. 2, 2011 at the Albany County Fairgrounds. Cowboy Rowdy touched thousands of hearts during his time here, and will continue to touch the hearts of those who appreciate the new playground and bench.

In honor of Cowboy Rowdy, the Rowdy's Hope In Motion Foundation has been set up to help children and their families who have suffered a farm, ranch, or rodeo accident. For more information please write to rowdyshopeinmotion@gmail.com or visit Cowboy Rowdy's Facebook page.

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USDA helps Wyoming youth reach their project goals

By Teresa Milner
FFA Times

Casper — Why settle for being a future farmer, rancher or agri-entrepreneur when you can get started today with help from a Rural Youth Loan from the USDA's Farm Service Agency?

For more than 25 years, the Farm Services Agency (FSA) has been making operating loans to rural youth to help finance income producing agriculture related projects. The loans can be used to purchase livestock, seed, equipment and supplies, or to pay for tool rental, repairs or other operating expenses related to an agriculture based project. Becky Gerlach, Farm Loan Specialist for FSA in Wyoming says between 20 and 30 Wyoming students take advantage of the loan program each year.

"Rural youth, age 10 through 20, can apply for funds," she explains. "The student must reside in a rural area, city or town with a population of 50,000 or fewer people and have an ag-related project that will produce sufficient income to repay the loan."

Loans are made for up to \$5,000, and must be repaid with interest.

While most loans are given to help with market or breeding livestock operations, Gerlach says there are no set rules for

the type of project eligible for the loans, as long as it produces an income and is based in agriculture.

"We've had students receive loans for market livestock, breeding heifers, breeding ewes, floriculture projects, small crop operations, or vegetable gardens, the products from which are then sold at local farmer's markets," says Gerlach. "One young lady even used a loan to purchase a horse so she could work as a pen rider and further her interest and education in animal health. Any agriculture-related income producing project can be eligible."

The project must be part of an organized and supervised program of work, such as an FFA member's supervised agriculture experience. The project must also be planned with the assistance of an organization advisor, like an FFA advisor, 4-H leader or commodity organization leader, and provide the student with practical business and educational experience in agriculture. The loan process starts with an application to the local FSA office. Students are required to complete a written application and provide supporting documentation, such as a project plan, budget and cash-flow summary, just as an adult would when applying for a commercial loan

through a bank.

"This is truly a learning experience for the student," says Gerlach. "FSA personnel will help the student develop a complete application and think through expected outcomes. If you are applying for money to purchase breeding heifers, we want to know you've planned what and how much you'll feed them, how much that feed will cost and how you'll pay for the feed. The effort is not only to provide funds, but also to educate students on how to borrow, manage and repay money through a structured program."

Loans must be repaid on time. Repayment is based on the nature of the project. For example, loans for market animals must be repaid sooner than loans on breeding animals.

"It's really a great program and can help Wyoming's youth get started in agriculture as a lifetime career, or just as a learning experience and a way to generate additional income," Gerlach explains. She says one past FFA member from Campbell County bought breeding heifers using a rural youth loan. Years later, he now has a 150 head herd and is a commercial operator. Other students use the income generated from their projects to help pay for college or start a career in

something other than agriculture.

But the benefits to a youth loan recipient far outweigh the monetary value of the loan itself. The loans develop life skills and help prepare young borrowers for their future by establishing a good credit history, developing a sound business plan and reaping the rewards of fiscal responsibility.

"The rural youth loan can help a student develop a solid credit history, and develop a good reputation in their community and chosen industry," Gerlach says. "They can develop a network of contacts from

this one experience. The fiscal counseling a young borrower receives helps them become a better business person and agricultural operator."

Interested students can contact their county FSA office for more information or to get started on the loan process. Gerlach says while it takes less than two weeks for a rural youth loan application to be reviewed and funds to be dispersed from the time the complete application is submitted, developing that complete appli-

cation package can take some time and effort. She encourages students to plan ahead and allow adequate time to develop their loan application prior to needing the funds.

For more information on the program or to find a local FSA office, visit <http://www.fsa.usda.gov/wy> or call (307) 261-5231.



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By Teresa Milner, Wyoming FFA Times

Kassi Bauman

Some people crave the spotlight and love showing off for the camera. Former FFA member Kassi Bauman makes her living thriving behind the lens, as the owner of BigStar Photography.

A former Pine Bluffs FFA and Cheyenne High Plains FFA member, Bauman started her own business providing ranchers with photos and videos to help market their seedstock in innovative ways. Just a few years later, BigStar is now expanding to provide graphic design services, livestock show photography services, and portrait work, namely senior pictures, engagements and weddings.

"While I've always had an interest in photography, I didn't seriously consider pursuing a career in it until my junior year at the University of Wyoming," says Bauman. "At that time, my family had been hosting a fall female sale every October for three years. It was that year that I decided to make the financial plunge—thanks to savings from my past FFA & 4-H projects—and purchase a DSLR (digital SLR camera) and take the catalog sale pictures myself. My photos in the sale catalog generated interest with other producers and BigStar began to evolve and grow."

Bauman says the best parts about her job are the freedom of self-employ-

ment and the challenging of learning new things and implementing them in her business.

"My mother came from a wheat farm in Western Nebraska and my dad grew up on a 5-generation purebred cattle ranch in southeastern Wyoming, so I come from a long line of self-employed family members in the agriculture industry," she explains. "I thoroughly enjoy being my own boss (most days, anyway) and being able to marry my interest in agriculture to my creative love of photography."

While in FFA, Bauman participated in public speaking and poultry evaluation, was the 2005 Star State Farmer, and held numerous chapter offices. She was even the High Plains inaugural chapter president, and says it was exciting signing the chapter's charter and having a hand in creating their first program of activities. Bauman credits FFA for giving her the skills, and character, to start her own photography venture.

"My business is centered around developing personal connections, providing excellent customer service, and conducting a business that produces images that honestly represent the livestock I photograph. The communication skills that I developed while in FFA play a large role in my success today. My competitive spirit pushes

me to keep learning new skills and never being satisfied with 'good enough.' Mr. Randall (former Pine Bluffs advisor) and Mr. Berry (High Plains advisor) taught me the importance of hard work and honesty, two traits that are becoming more and more rare in today's society."

Just like she uses social media sites like Facebook and Twitter to showcase her work and connect with others in the cattle industry, Bauman encourages today's FFA members to start networking and marketing themselves in the best light possible.

"Start making connections," she urges. "Talk to everyone; members from other chapters, ag advisors and community members because they can provide you with some great opportunities. Value your reputation. In today's work, what you post online will stick with you forever, so make sure it enhances your reputation and integrity."

"Follow your passion," Bauman urges. "My degree is in Animal Science but my passion was photography, so I had to take a chance on myself when I created BigStar. Every day I'm very glad I made the decision to blaze my own path!"

For more information on BigStar photography or to see additional photos from the 2011 Wyoming State FFA Convention, visit www.bigstarimages.com.

Marty Tatman

When Marty Tatman, then Wyoming FFA's 2001-2002 State Vice President, gave his retiring address, he encouraged members to "quit hitting the snooze button on life" and begin working toward their dreams and goals right away.

Ten years later, Tatman has followed his own dreams and finds little time for snoozing. He currently works as a member of the collegiate programs team for the National FFA Organization in Indianapolis, Ind. Tatman's time is spent working on the International Collegiate Ag Leadership (I-CAL) program, National Collegiate Ag Ambassadors, New Century Farmer program and the Collegiate FFA convention.

"I work specifically with our collegiate students and assist them in reaching career success through our programs, opportunities and contacts with our sponsors," he says.

Tatman was a member of the Southeast FFA chapter. He earned a bachelor's degree from the University of Wyoming and his master's degree in agriculture leadership from the University of Nebraska before eventually landing his current job at FFA.

Tatman says the skills he learned in FFA through his supervised agriculture experience and career development events (CDEs) like livestock evaluation and agriculture sales help him in his career.

"I use my decision making, public speaking and presenting skills every day, in addition to the overall agriculture knowledge that I learned while in FFA," he says. "With my job, I constantly need to make quick and responsible decisions

for my programs to ensure they are successful for both my students and my sponsors. I also call upon my knowledge of ag issues every day to ensure all of my programs are as up-to-date as possible and fall in line with the needs of those in the agriculture industry."

While his job has taken him all over the nation and to several foreign countries including Germany, Amsterdam, Egypt and even Iceland, Tatman says some of his favorite FFA memories were made right here in Wyoming at county fair, state fair and the state conventions.

"I loved spending time with friends from across the state and nation, reconnecting with old ones and making new ones," he explains. "Fair and convention was always a great culmination of a great deal of hard work; whether showing my animals or a judging contest, it was fun to showcase the work I had put in. The friendships and memories made over the course of my years are truly priceless."

So what advice does this globe-trotting, self-proclaimed Starbucks addict have now for Wyoming FFA members, almost a decade after he last wore the blue and gold? Turns out, Tatman is still urging students to wake up and take charge of their lives.

"Take advantage of the opportunities that are placed before you," he encourages. "Make sure to be active in your chapter and get involved with activities, offices, CDEs and conferences. Also make sure to get involved with other school clubs and community organizations. The skills and experiences you will gain and the people you will meet will truly pay off exponentially!"

Teresa (Cole) Milner

"Fifteen years? Fifteen years?" How is that possible?" says Teresa (Cole) Milner, of a friend's Facebook post reminding her that they had served as state FFA officers one and a half decades ago. Milner, from the Cheyenne FFA, was the 1995-1996 Wyoming State FFA Secretary, and went on to serve as Wyoming's national FFA officer candidate in 1996 and as an FFA media intern while attending college.

After graduating from the University of Wyoming with a bachelor's degree in agriculture communications, Milner took an internship with the National FFA Organization, and eventually became the FFA's full-time webmaster, living in Indianapolis, Ind., before returning to Wyoming for graduate studies in agriculture economics. She went on to focus her career on natural resources, working for the Wyoming Associa-

tion of Conservation Districts and the Wyoming Game and Fish Department.

"Not only did FFA give me the skills to succeed, it helped me find a career that I was passionate about," explains Milner. "My advisor, Mr. Berry, brought home a pamphlet from the national FFA convention on agriculture journalism. He knew I liked to write and was involved in our chapter's public relations efforts. He helped me research possible careers and schools that had the major. It's the perfect choice, as I'm still writing for FFA and natural resource organizations fifteen years later!"

Milner says the most rewarding part of her FFA experience came when she served as the executive secretary for the Wyoming FFA Association, when she had the chance to coach state officers and manage

the state convention for eight years.

"I was fortunate to work with some really amazing young people each year. I loved watching them grow from wide-eyed, newly elected officers into mature, caring young adults who truly understood the concept of living to serve. Now, those same kids have become leaders in all walks of life, from teachers and engineers to lawyers, business owners and even missionaries. I was truly privileged to share that one year with each of them, and to now count them as my friends."

Today, Milner and her husband Ben live at the Game and Fish's Ten Sleep Fish Hatchery, where Ben works as a fish culturist and she works as a freelance writer and web designer. They enjoy the beautiful landscape and the proximity to Wyoming's great hunting and fishing.

Brenda (Cardwell) Williams

Brenda Cardwell, now Brenda Williams, hasn't strayed too far from home since her days as a Casper FFA member. She now lives outside Glenrock, and works for Farm Credit Services of America (FCSA) in Casper.

As the account specialist with FCSA, Williams assists with sales support, marketing and promotional activities across the states. She says she also works closely with customers on existing loans and assists the financial officers with information gathering and loan processing.

During her FFA days, Williams served as the chapter reporter, participated in horse judging and showed market steers and breeding heifers. Her experience with judging and livestock helped her earn a scholarship to livestock judge at Northwest College in Powell and later at the University of Wyoming.

"The leadership skills I gained through FFA have benefitted me

throughout my college and professional career," Williams says. "FFA taught me how to think on my feet, speak articulately, adapt to adversity and take responsibility. I use all these attributes in my life and career on a daily basis."

Williams was one of several FCSA representatives who attended the 2011 Wyoming State FFA Convention. Williams judged the agriculture issues, agriculture sales and marketing plan career development events.

"It was my involvement in FFA that helped me earn judging and leadership scholarships that paid for my college education. I would strongly encourage FFA members to get involved in as many activities as they can in their chapters and communities," Williams explains. "There is no other organization of its kind that provides the lifelong skills and friendships that FFA does. All members should be proud to represent such a stellar organization in the most important industry, agriculture."

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2. Asher Markworth, Casper
3. Jessie Craig, Powell-Shoshone

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