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Chapter History

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A Narrative of the Ruby Valley FFA Chapter History

In 1980, Montana celebrated its 50th anniversary as a chartered association in the Future Farmers of America. Since it was such a special occasion we thought it would be a good opportunity to recap the history of our own chapter, though it is but 40 years young.

So Ruby Valley Chapter---This Is Your Life!!!

The Ruby Valley Chapter secured its official charter in November of 1940 at Montana’s 10th annual convention of the Future Farmers of America.

The chapter’s first President was Jack Fenton in 1941 who is still concerned with the future of farming in the Ruby Valley, for today he owns and operates a ranch outside of Sheridan. Mr. Fenton was succeeded by Chester Larson in 1942 who in turn relinquished his position as President to Robert Marsh who, I’m sure at the time had no idea as to his part in making history for the Ruby Valley Chapter. I’m referring to his two children Jeff and Janet Marsh who later went to become State Officers in the Montana Association of FFA. Jeff became Ruby Valley’s first American Farmer.

At the age of 17, Bob owned two mares and colts, 15 head of sheep, and had 3 acres of seed peas. Bob would have liked to attend Montana State College for a couple of years before going into partnership with his father, but faced the possibility of being drafted into the army after graduation from high school. Although Bob’s father was predominately engaged in sheep production; Bob preferred cattle and made his dream a reality for today Bob operates a very successfully cow-calf operation out of Sheridan.

In 1946, the Ruby Valley Chapter was 25 members strong and had a sheep and potato project. They also had built up a substantial amount of money in the chapter treasury. FFA was growing strong in the Ruby Valley.

As I was browsing through old secretary books trying to dig up history of our chapter, I came upon a few sets of minutes that I would like to share with you.

The date is 1953 and the place for the meeting, where else but the Sheridan Baseball Field. Minutes of the meeting are a follows: We went for a recreational meeting and election of a new President. Due to our President moving, we voted that Larry Schulz, our Vice President, would be our President. We decided to wait until our next regular meeting to elect another Vice President. We played softball and went home. There were 15 present.

Their next meeting was held….on a bus!!! Minutes of that meeting: We met at school and got on a bus and went to Silver Star Swimming. While on the bus, we discussed a camping trip. There were 21 present.

These are my kind of meetings! One more set again at the Sheridan baseball park. We met for a softball game. We played until it was dark and then most of them went to the show.

Reviewing these minutes, I’m wondering if they were practicing to be farmers or were they practicing for the World Series. Yes, they had their fun, but these industrious young men also worked hard for their chapter. Some of the chapter activities in 1953 included a Hobo day, a Harvest Ball, a trip to Glacier Park, a turkey raffle, a Thanksgiving dance, a parent-son banquet, and the annual amateur show. Also during 1953, Lonnie Durham was selected to State Chorus and Larry Schulz received his State Farmer Degree. So you can see FFA isn’t all cows and plows. September 13, 1954 marked the date for the election of Ruby Valley’s first Sentinel, John Carey, to join officer ranks. Before this time there had only been five main officers.

In 1956 George Ellinghouse received his State Farmer Degree. George acquired his first registered Hereford cow at age 8 and continued to build his herd. He used the money from his operation to put him through college where he studied veterinarian medicine.

The next Ruby Valley Chapter member to receive the honored State Farmer Degree was Ed Guinnane in 1958. Ed was very active in FFA serving as Chapter President, Vice President, and Treasurer. He was also winner of the Public Speaking Contest in 1957 and was a member of the district livestock judging team. Not only was Ed actively involved in FFA, but also in other phases of leadership such as student body president, senior class vice president, captain of the football and basketball team, and president of the Sheridan Athletic Club. He presently resides on his ranch in Alder and has a son, Brad who was also a member in our chapter.

In the last few minutes, I have shared with you the first 20 years of accomplishments made by our own Future Farmers in the Ruby Valley. It is through their accomplishments and hard work, both then and now, which made our valley prosper and grow.

In 2005…

In 2005, the chapter started the year by first putting up a concessions stand at the Madison/Jefferson County Fair which is our biggest money maker of the year. The chapter made $3,000 plus which will go toward the travel and activities of the chapter. Along with concessions at the far, the chapter operations a concession stand at all home football games which are also a big money maker. We do other fund-raisers including Christmas tree harvesting. All trees were sold along with wreaths students made in class from pine boughs.

The Ruby Valley Chapter competed in many CDE’s throughout the year. These include: agronomy, mechanics, livestock, parliamentary procedure, extemporaneous speaking, prepared speaking, floriculture, AG issues, sales and service, meats, quiz bowl, star Greenhand, and creed speaking. Once again, the Ruby Valley FFA hosted the Ruby Valley Invitational. At national convention in Louisville, Kentucky, the parliamentary procedure team received a gold ranking. Ashley Allinson competed as the chapter star Greenhand and Anika Ward competed in creed speaking

During National FFA Week, the Ruby Valley FFA had students do public service announcements on the Dillon radio stations. They talked about all the upcoming events of the Ruby Valley FFA chapter. We also put on an all school Career and Technical Student Organization (CTSO) assembly. We told the student body about FFA and the opportunities and benefits available to members. We also did a Food for American program in the elementary where we taught younger kids where their food comes from. To demonstrate this we had them make bread from scratch.

In March, members of the Ruby Valley traveled to Bozeman for the state FFA convention. Members competed in livestock evaluation, mechanics, agronomy, sales and service, and farm business management. Shane Stender and Mark Witt finished their year as state officers. We had five state degree recipients, two proficiency award winners and several chapter awards.

Numerous members helped clean up a two mile stretch of highway outside of Sheridan for our Adopt-A-Highway program. We went bowling at Ned Eva Lanes in Dillon after the clean up.

The annual chapter banquet was held on May 11, 2006.

**Today…**

In the 2009-2010 FFA year the Ruby Valley held fundraisers such as Fair Concessions at the Madison/Jefferson County Fair and the Christmas Tree Cutting. We involved the first grade class in several projects for the PALS program. We also did community service such as the annual Food Drive and the highway clean up in the fall and spring.

In October several junior and senior members were given the privilege of attending the National FFA Convention in Indianapolis Indiana. While in Indianapolis, members along with Mr. Braaten and the chaperones visited the Indianapolis Speedway. Chase Rose from Shields Valley was inducted as a National Officer and Zach Hall, Morgan Nordquist, and Rick Shammel received their American Degrees.

2010.

We competed in many CDE’s this year as well as hosted the 2010 District Mechanics, Agronomy, and Farm and Business management competition and the Ruby Valley Invitational. At the District Competition, the mechanics team consisting of Mark Boyd who placed first individual, Will Swanson who placed fourth individual, James Wagner who placed ninth individual, and Mitchel Huttinga who placed 18th individual, was first place. The Greenhand mechanics team also placed first with Eric Browne placing first individual, Colter Guinnane placing second, Jacob Huffield placing third, and Chase Grover placing fourth. The agronomy team placed second with Tiffany Boucher placing eight individual, Cassady Guinnane placing 10th, Jaia Naisbitt placing 11th, and Raquel Boyd placing 14th. The Sales Team placed 5th with Cassady Guinnane placing 15th individual, Tessa Bowey placing 29th, and Jaia Naisbitt placing 32nd. The FBM team placed 3rd with Mark Boyd placing 4th individual, Cassady Guinnane placing 12th, Taylor Walker placing 14th, and Destiny Schafer placing 16th.

At the Ruby Valley Invitational, a team consisting of Mark Boyd, Raquel Boyd, Destiny Schafer, and Cassady Guinnane placed second overall with Cassady Guinnane placing first individual. The Greenhand team placed 5th with Chase Grover and Brandon Burke tying for 10th place individual and Colter Guinnane placing 16th.

State Convention was held in Bozeman this year. Destiny Schafer, Andi Hall, Cassady Guinnane, Mark Boyd, and Taylor Walker received their State Degrees. Many members filled out proficiency applications and Destiny Schafer received Gold in the Diversified Livestock Proficiency which will give her the opportunity to send in her application to Nationals in Indianapolis next fall.

James Wagner receive second place for his treasury book and Destiny Schafer receive second for her secretary’s book. Raquel Boyd received third for her scrap book as well.

In CDE’s at State, Mark Boyd placed in 8th and Cassady Guinnane placed 33rd in the FBM contest while Mitchel Huttinga placed 38th in Mechanics, Raquel Boyd placed 41st in and Jaia Naisbitt placed 53rd in Agronomy, and Cassady Guinnane placed 55th in Livestock.

The Annual Banquet was held on May 6th in the Elementary lobby and Gym. Members sold at the slave auction. Kristen Swenson, the state alumni president, was our guest speaker. Ellis Boyd awarded Alumni Scholarships to Mark Boyd, Destiny Schafer, and Cassady Guinnane. Mr. Braaten also presented other chapter awards such as Star in Agribusiness to Mark Boyd and Star Farmer to Destiny Schafer. Cassady Guinnane received the Bill Buyan Memorial award. Chapter proficiency awards in a variety of areas were also presented to members. Senior members were presented with gifts and watched the senior slide show with their parents. Senior parents along with Jan Banks and Kristen Swenson were given the Honorary Chapter Degree. New officers for the 2010-2011 year were inducted as well. Raquel Boyd-President, Michelle Tilstra-Vice President, Tiffany Boucher- Secretary, Clinton Marsh- Treasurer, Tessa Bowey- Reporter, and Mitchel Huttinga-Sentinal.

Donkey Basketball will be held May 13th in the Elementary Gym. Highway cleanup will be on May 14 with members being rewarded for their efforts with a bowling and pizza trip on the 28th.

For the 2013-2014 school year, Ruby Valley FFA has continued to achieve great things. The Officer Team comprised of Brant Marsh-President, Celeste Hagen-Vice President, Caleb Bowey-Secretary, Charlie Smart-Treasurer, Nick Haag-Reporter, and Austin Huttinga-Sentinal. They have all worked together as a team to accomplish recruitment activities, chapter activities, and many other things ever since they first came together as a team at the officer retreat in the mountains over the summer.

The mechanics team, consisting of Nick Haag, Austin Huttinga, Charlie Smart, and Colter Kenworthy, was very successful this year, placing 1st in every competition they were in with the exception of one. They finally finished the year with a 2nd place plaque at state. One of the members of the mechanics team placed 2nd individually at state, Nick Haag.

The Livestock team has also been very proficient this year. They placed very well every time they competed, and were ever rewarded with some lovely jackets embroidered with their names from a 1st place position at the John Deere Ag Expo. The livestock team was made up of Celeste Hagen, Brant Marsh, Sam Wood, and Xavier Harris.

Continuing in the streak of success, the Parliamentary Procedure team truly has a story of going from the bottom to the top. The team was comprised of Brant Marsh, Celeste Hagen, Nick Haag, Charlie Smart, Cody Allinson, and Caleb Bowey, with only Brant and Celeste ever having competed in Parli-Pro before. The team was, a little rough, at first. However, with lots of practice and some dedication, they were able to just barely come in 2nd place at the District competition. After that small victory, they continued to practice, and ended the year by coming in 1st place at State Convention. They will be headed to Nationals this fall.

The Sales team was also very successful, surprisingly. There was never actually a definitive team for Sales this year, it just ended up being whoever was willing and ready at the time of competition. The District sales team was made up of Caleb Bowey, Brant Marsh, Nick Haag, and Charlie Smart. They came in 3rd, earning themselves a spot at state. No practices were really held for the sales team, and the team changed a bit at state. Celeste Hagen replaced Brant Marsh at the State competition, and they ended up coming in 2nd, and all were pleasantly surprised yet very proud of their performance. Celeste Hagen also came in 10th in individual sweepstakes this year, the only member of the chapter eligible to compete in it.

One of the greatest accomplishments of the year also took place at State Convention this year. Two members of the chapter participated in state officer interviews, Brant Marsh and Celeste Hagen. Brant Marsh was elected as the 2014-2015 Montana State President. He has already done several interviews and other things as President and will continue to represent not only Ruby Valley FFA but also Montana FFA as a whole in a great way. We are all so proud of him and all he has achieved this year.

Overall, it has been a great year for Ruby Valley FFA. The community is more proud and involved in the chapter than ever, and we all look forward to another great year.

Merit Valued Producers (MVP’s)

Horse Creek Hay and Cattle Co. Donated and Running a Heifer with calf

Paula Elser & John Glenn Donated a yearling heifer

Peterson Ranch Running the heifer from Elser’s

Chuck & Becky Wood Donating a hamburger cow

Tim Sundling Donating two yearling steers

Jim and John Anderson Donating and Running a Yearling Heifer

Garth Elser Donating a Cow

Gilman IH Cattle Running a Cow

Miller Cattle Co. Running a Cow

Honorary Chapter FFA Degree

Glen Marsh Leona Buyan Mike and Linda Stender

Lowell Gilman Doug Elser Teresa Lutgen

Harold Gilman Bonnie Elser Jan Banks

Ray Edmisten Marjean Tezak Bruce Bacon

Ed Guinnane, Sr. Ross Massar Regina Haxby

Pat Burke Bill McGinnis Brenda Guinnane

Keith Small Vern Wilson Ellis and Rhonda Boyd

Jay Barnosky Barbara Wilson Brad Guinnane

Max Miller Jerry Engle Lisa Guinnane

Kenneth Halse Shanon Engle Steve & Carol Wilcox

Jerry Burke Dale Elser Mykie Huttinga

Robert W. Marsh Marjorie Elser Amanda Braaten

Larry Deschcemaeker Cleve Steed Dave Larson

Harold L. Smith Elbert Pack Janet Marsh & Brad Schwend

John H. Anderson Jr. Montana Pack Chuck & Jan Bowey

Stella Anderson Joe Peterson Eddie & Jennifer Boucher

Linda E. Walter Dorothy Peterson Tucker Hankinson

Daniel W. Lantis Martin Simonsen Dillon Implement

Joe Tezak Sr. Jessie Simonsen Napa

Bill Buyan Sr. Larry Burke Larisa Melhoff

Gordon Dewey Steve Stender Richard Farrar

Julie Dewey Kali Stender Rob Gump

Steve Wood Jory Thompson Charlie Gilman

Jenny Wood Randy Witt Duke Gilman

Rob Miller Julie Witt NRCS

Dena Miller Ralph Hamler Morse Land

Jake McDonald Betty Hamler Paula Elser & John Glenn

Donna McDonald Cal Ward Tim Sundling

John Toush- Maddison Meats Julie Ward Peterson Ranch

Jo Ann Juliano- Dead Air Broadcast Brian Beal Ruby Dell Ranch

John Skylar- Dead Air Broadcast Kim Beal Horse Creek Hay & Cattle

Del Bieroth Bruce Peterson Chuck & Becky Wood

Robin Bieroth Julie Peterson Gilman IH Cattle Co.

Dave Dixon Reed Rowberry Miller Cattle Co.

Linda Dixon Lynn Rowberry Garth Elser

Edith Neumann Ken Burke William Wood

Wade Wright Lisa Burke Ranch Resources

Nadine Wright Ellis and Roxanne Shammel Dave & Stephane Haag

David Baker Les and Donna Gilman John Park

Jamie Baker Art and Sue Hall Mike & Kristy Wetherbee

Bill Buyan Eli and Jeana Nordquist Will & Wendy Fabel

Peggy Buyan Pat and Linda Browne

Kim Harding Rod Stout

Dick Fischer Kyle Gavin

5L Red Angus Tim Sundling

Tom Brosam The Madisonian

Greg & Kacey Smart Rob and Ashley McCray

Honorary State FFA Degrees

Ray Elser 1952

Don Douglas 1958

Bob and Bev Marsh 1977

Wayne Gilman 1985

Steve Beril 1986

Russel Schulz 1987

Mardy Schulz 1987

Ross Massar 1996

Phyllis Massar 1996

Les Gilman 2001

Donna Gilman 2001

Steve Stender 2006

Kali Stender 2006

Randy Witt 2006

Julie Witt 2006

Jeff Marsh 2015

Sarris Marsh 2015

Honorary American Farmer

Don Elser 1968

Chapter State Officers

Don Elser Treasurer 1951-1952

Wayne Gilman 4th Vice President 1965-1966

Jeff Marsh Sentinel 1974-1975

Janet Marsh Reporter 1976-1977

Chad Massar 3rd Vice President 1993-1994

Charlie Gilman Treasurer 2000-2001

Shane Stender 2nd Vice President 2005-2006

Mark Witt Parliamentarian 2005-2006

Brant Marsh President 2014-2015

Chapter Presidents

Jack Fenton 1941-1942 Tony Tezak 1983-1984

Chester Larson 1942-1943 Justin Rule 1984-1985

Bob Marsh 1943-1944 Quinn Craver 1985-1986

Dale Elser 1944-1945 Scott Wessel 1986-1987

Dale Burnett 1945-1946 Stacy Lutgen 1987-1988

Wayne Elser 1946-1947 Jody Massar 1988-1989

Donald Braach 1947-1948 D’Lon Massar 1989-1990

Don Elser 1948-1949 Joe Forcella 1990-1991

Jerry Burke 1949-1950 Krista Stiles 1991-1992

Lee Spuhler 1950-1951 Chad Massar 1992-1993

Brian Walter 1951-1952 Kevin Schulz 1993-1994

John Magnus 1952-1953 Ken Bassett 1994-1995

Larry Schulz 1953-1954 Kerry Buck 1995-1996

Tom Bray 1954-1955 Cori Dixon 1996-1997

Mike Moran 1955-1956 Robin Buck 1997-1998

Bryon Mckenzie 1956-1957 Charlie Gilman 1998-1999

Ed Guinnane 1957-1958 Cody Stone 1999-2000

Jerry Braach 1958-1959 Chelsea Gilman 2000-2001

Bill Edmisten 1959-1960 Kaycee Nelson 2001-2002

Bob Bray 1960-1961 Jaime Wood 2002-2003

Lynn Munns 1961-1962 Jamie Dixon 2003-2004

Bill Galliger 1962-1963 Sara Hamler 2004-2005

Wayne Gilman 1963-1964 Tymbre Stender 2005-2006

Wayne Gilman 1964-1965 Spencer Beal 2006-2007

Mike Funk 1965-1966 Rick Shammel 2007-2008

John Anderson 1966-1967 Andrea Hall 2008-2009

John Anderson 1967-1968 Cassady Guinnane 2009-2010

Les Duffner 1968-1969 Raquel Boyd 2010-2011

Jim Anderson 1969-1970 Raquel Boyd 2011-2012

Neil Barnosky 1970-1971 Elle Wood 2012-2013

Leonard McArthur 1971-1972 Brant Marsh 2013-2014

Bob Galiger 1972-1973 Nick Haag 2014-2015

Jeff Marsh 1973-1974 Cady Guinnane 2015-2016

Dave Hoffman 1974-1975 Janie Smart 2016-2017

Joey Tezak 1975-1976 Destiny Fabel 2017-2018

Ed Tezak 1976-1977

Steve Stender 1977-1978

J.D. Engle 1978-1979

Skip Steed 1979-1980

Jeff Pack 1980-1981

Judy Hoffman 1981-1982

Sarah Wilson 1982-1983

Chapter Vice Presidents

Jesa Marsh 2006-2007 Tyler Haag 2017-2018

Aaron Gilman 2007-2008

Ty Stender 2008-2009

Mark Boyd 2009-2010

Michelle Tilstra 2010-2011

Clinton Marsh 2011-2012

Brant Marsh 2012-2013

Celeste Hagen 2013-2014

Charlie Smart 2014-2015

Janie Smart 2015-2016

Charali Wetherbee 2016-2017

Chapter Secretaries

Rick Shammel 2006-2007 Grace Larsen 2017-2018

Morgan Nordquist 2007-2008

Cassady Guinnane 2008-2009

Destiny Schafer 2009-2010

Tiffany Boucher 2010-2011

Tiffany Boucher 2011-2012

Celeste Hagen 2012-2013

Caleb Bowey 2013-2014

Cady Guinanne 2014-2015

Destiny Fabel 2015-2016

Zoe Lee 2016-2017

Chapter Treasurers

Aaron Gilman 2006-2007

Zach Hall 2007-2008

Miranda Browne 2008-2009

James Wagner 2009-2010

Clinton Marsh 2010-2011

Jaia Naisbitt 2011-2012

Chase Grover 2012-2013

Charlie Smart 2013-2014

Caleb Bowey 2014-2015

Cameron Haag 2015-2016

Tyler Haag 2016-2017

Zane Bowey 2017-2018

Chapter Reporters

Morgan Nordquist 2006-2007 Zoe Lee 2017-2018

Samantha McCormack 2007-2008

Courtney Platko 2008-2009

Raquel Boyd 2009-2010

Tessa Bowey 2010-2011

Elle Wood 2011-2012

Cody Boucher 2012-2013

Nick Haag 2013-2014

Janie Smart 2014-2015

Charli Wetherbee 2015-2016

Destiny Fabel 2016-2017

Chapter Sentinels

Courtney Platko 2006-2007 Cade McParland 2017-2018

Spencer Beal 2007-2008

James Wagner 2008-2009

Clinton Marsh 2009-2010

Mitchel Huttinga 2010-2011

Tessa Bowey 2011-2012

Colter Guinnane 2012-2013

Austin Huttinga 2013-2014

Sam Wood 2014-2015

Zane Bowey 2015-2016

Juan Du-Pond 2016-2017

Chapter Parliamentarians

Ty Stender 2006-2007

Ty Stender 2007-2008

Chapter State Farmers

Bob Marsh 1944 Emily Peterson 1981

Raymond Braach 1948 Tony Simonsem 1981

Wayne Elser 1948 Eric Barnosky 1981

Jerry Burke 1949 Joanie Anderson 1982

Don Elser 1949 Judy Hoffman 1982

Doug Elser 1950 Eric Pallas 1983

Phil Norton 1953 Sarah Wilson 1983

Larry Schulz 1954 Jay Funk 1983

George Ellinghouse 1956 Audra Shaw 1986

Ed Guinnane 1958 Scott Wessel 1987

Bill Edminsten 1961 Fritz Bieler 1987

Bill Galigar 1963

Charles Edminsten 1964

Wayne Gilman 1965

John Anderson 1968

Jim Anderson 1971

Neil Barnosky 1972

Leslie Gilman 1972

Jeff Marsh 1974

Kelly Elser 1974

Mike Stender 1975

James Gilman 1975

David Hoffman 1975

Janet Marsh 1976

Joey Tezak 1976

Eddie Tezak 1977

Bill Buyan 1977

Garth Elser 1977

Steve Stender 1978

J. D. Engle 1979

Bob Wilson 1979

Jeff Pack 1980

Cleve Steed 1980

State FFA Degree Recipients

Stacey Lutgen 1988 Zach Hall 2008

Tom Funk 1988 Morgan Nordquist 2008

Jody Massar 1990 Miranda Browne 2009

Kip Funk 1990 Courtney Platko 2009

Jake Barnosky 1990 Ty Stender 2009

D’Lon Massar 1991 Mark Boyd 2010

Krista Stiles 1992 Cassady Guinnane 2010

Chad Massar 1993 Taylor Walker 2010

Brad Allhands 1996 Andrea Hall 2010

Kerry Buck 1996 Destiny Schafer 2010

Andy Yecny 1996 Tiffany Boucher 2012

Ben Claypool 1997 Tessa Bowey 2012

Cori Dixon 1997 Raquel Boyd 2012

Bill Stender 1997 Jaia Naisbitt 2012

Britani Rhea 1997 Clinton Marsh 2012

Mark Hayden 1998 Elle Wood 2013

Robin Buck 1999 Chase Grover 2013

Charlie Gilman 1999 Colter Guinnane 2013

Emily Jensen 1999 Eric Browne 2013

Cody Stone 1999 Celeste Hagen 2014

Curtis Hayden 1999 Brant Marsh 2014

Wade Hansen 2000 Xavier Harris 2014

Chelsea Gilman 2001 Austin Huttinga 2014

Kaycee Nelson 2002 Kate Rasmussen 2014

Ginger Milroy 2002 Caleb Bowey 2015

Jaime Wood 2002 Nick Haag 2015

Eric Dewey 2002 Colter Kenworthy 2015

Jamie Dixon 2003 Charlie Smart 2015

Marcus Buyan 2004 Sam Wood 2015

Calder Kaatz 2004 Cady Guinnane 2016

Shane Stender 2004 Cameron Haag 2016

Mark Witt 2004

Ty Bieroth 2004

Colton Hellwinkel 2004

Sara Hamler 2004

Tymbre Stender 2005

Tyler Beal 2005

Sarah Peterson 2006

Cory Rowberry 2006

Christen Peterson 2006

Jesa Marsh 2006

Becca Hamler 2006

Rick Shammel 2008

Aaron Gilman 2008

American FFA Degree Recipients

Jeff Marsh 1977 Raquel Boyd 2013

Chad Massar 1996 Tessa Bowey 2013

Eric Dewey 2004 Clinton Marsh 2013

Jaime Wood 2004 Tiffany Boucher 2013

Jaime Dixon 2005 Chase Grover 2014

Shane Stender 2006 Colter Guinnane 2014

Sara Hamler 2006 Elle Wood 2014

Mark Witt 2006 Brant Marsh 2015

Tymber Stender 2007 Celeste Hagen 2015

Zach Hall 2009 Charlie Smart 2016

Rick Shammel 2009 Sam Wood 2016

Morgan Nordquist 2009 Caleb Bowey 2016

Cassady Guinnane 2011 Nick Haag 2016

Mark Boyd 2011 Colter Kenworthy 2016

Cady Guinnane 2017

Chapter Advisors

Dallas Ferry 1940-1942

Don Douglas 1942-1970

Dan Lantis 1970-1976

John Karlsen 1974-1975

Gary Schaff 1976-1982

Les Gilman 1982-1983

Du Wayne Wilson 1983-1990

Jay Hahnkamp 1990-1993

Ross Massar 1993-2000

Carl Donaldson 2000-2001

Butch Roberts 2001-2002

Will Fett 2002-2006

Steve Stender 2006-2007

Rodney Braaten 2007-present

Scholarship Recipients

Clifford Clark 1962 Heywood Foundation

Skip Steed 1976 Heywood Foundation

Jamie Dixon 2002 MT FFA Foundation Made for

Excellence/Advance Leadership Development

Sara Hamler 2002 MT FFA Foundation Made for

Excellence/Advance Leadership Development

Jamie Dixon 2003 MT FFA Alumni Washington Leadership

Conference

Tyler Beal 2003 MT FFA Foundation ALC

Shane Stender 2003 MT FFA Foundation ALC

Tymbre Stender 2003 MT FFA Foundation ALC

Jaime Wood 2003 National FFA Foundation

Eric Dewey 2003 RV FFA Alumni Academic Advancement

Becca Hamler 2004 MT FFA Foundation ALC

Christen Peterson 2004 MT FFA Foundation ALC

Sarah Peterson 2004 MT FFA Foundation ALC

Jamie Dixon 2004 RV FFA Alumni Academic Advancement

Mark Witt 2004 MT FFA Alumni WLC

Shane Stender 2004 MT FFA Alumni WLC

Aaron Gilman 2005 MT FFA Foundation ALC

Sarah Peterson 2005 MT FFA Alumni WLC

Tymbre Stender 2005 MT FFA Alumni WLC

Tyler Beal 2005 MT FFA Alumni WLC

Tymbre Stender 2006 RV FFA Alumni Academic Advancement

Cory Rowberry 2006 RV FFA Alumni Academic Advancement

Mark Boyd 2010 MT FFA Alumni WLC

Mark Boyd 2010 $1000 National FFA Scholarship (Napa)

Mark Boyd 2010 $500 RV FFA Alumni Academic Advancement

Destiny Schafer 2010 $500 RV FFA Alumni Academic Advancement

Cassady Guinnane 2010 $500 RV FFA Alumni Academic Advancement

Tyler Grover 2011 $350 RV FFA Alumni Academic Advancement

Mitchel Huttinga 2011 $500 RV FFA Alumni Academic Advancement

Michelle Tilstra 2011 $500 RV FFA Alumni Academic Advancement

Mitchel Huttinga 2011 $250 RV FFA Alumni Memorial

Raquel Boyd 2012 $500 RV FFA Alumni Academic Advancement

Tessa Bowey 2012 $500 RV FFA Alumni Academic Advancement

Jaia Naisbitt 2012 $500 RV FFA Alumni Academic Advancement

Clinton Marsh 2012 $100 RV FFA Alumni Memorial

Tessa Bowey 2012 $100 RV FFA Alumni Memorial

Raquel Boyd 2013 $1000 National FFA Scholarship (Arabian Horse Association)

Elle Wood 2013 $500 RV FFA Alumni Academic Advancement

Colter Guinnane 2013 $500 RV FFA Alumni Academic Advancement

Chase Grover 2013 $400 RV FFA Alumni Academic Advancement

Samantha Zetler 2013 $300 RV FFA Alumni Academic Advancement

Samantha Zetler 2013 $100 RV FFA Alumni Memorial

Colter Guinnane 2013 $100 RV FFA Alumni Memorial

Mark Boyd 2013 $250 RV FFA Alumni Continuing Education

Tymbre Stender 2013 $250 RV FFA Alumni Continuing Education

Cassady Guinnane 2013 $250 RV FFA Alumni Continuing Education

Cady Guinnane 2013 $100 Montana FFA Foundation ALC

Brant Marsh 2014 $500 RV FFA Alumni Academic Advancement

Celeste Hagen 2014 $400 RV FFA Alumni Academic Advancement

Xavier Harris 2014 $400 RV FFA Alumni Academic Advancement

Cody Allinson 2014 $200 RV FFA Alumni Academic Advancement

Brant Marsh 2014 $200 RV FFA Alumni Memorial

Tymbre Stender 2014 $250 RV FFA Alumni Continuing Education

Raquel Boyd 2014 $250 RV FFA Alumni Continuing Education

Nick Haag 2015 $750 RV FFA Alumni Academic Advancement

Caleb Bowey 2015 $750 RV FFA Alumni Academic Advancement

Charlie Smart 2015 $750 RV FFA Alumni Academic Advancement

Sam Wood 2015 $750 RV FFA Alumni Academic Advancement

Nick Haag 2015 $200 RV FFA Alumni Memorial

Cameron Haag 2016 $800 RV FFA Alumni Academic Advancement

Cady Guinnane 2016 $700 RV FFA Alumni Academic Advancement

Hanna McParland 2016 $500 RV FFA Alumni Academic Advancement

Cameron Haag 2016 $100 RV FFA Alumni Memorial

Cady Guinnane 2016 $100 RV FFA Alumni Memorial

Celeste Hagen 2016 $500 RV FFA Alumni Continuing Education

Mark Boyd 2016 $500 RV FFA Alumni Continuing Education

Elle Wood 2016 $500 RV FFA Alumni Continuing Education

Cassady Guinnane 2016 $500 RV FFA Alumni Continuing Education

**National Level**

Parliamentary Procedure 2014 Bronze

Brant Marsh

Celeste Hagen

Charlie Smart

Caleb Bowey

Nick Haag

Cody Allinson

Job Interview

Elle Wood 2013 Bronze

Agricultural Sales

Elle Wood (Bronze) 2012 Gold (11th)

Chase Grover (Gold)

Tessa Bowey (Gold)

Eric Browne (Gold)

Agricultural Mechanics

Mitchel Huttinga (Gold) 2011 Silver (17th)

Will Swanson (Silver)

Tyler Grover (Gold)

Colter Guinnane (Silver)

**State CDE Competitive Events**

Livestock Evaluation

Charles Edminsten 1964 Gold

Raquel Boyd 2012 Gold (3rd)

Jaia Naisbitt

Clinton Marsh

Celeste Hagen

Celeste Hagen 2013 7th

Brant Marsh

Xaiver Harris

Sam Wood

Agricultural Mechanics

Mitchell Huttinga 2011 Gold (1st)

Colter Guinnane

Tyler Grover

Will Swanson

Austin Huttinga 2012 5th

Michael Tilstra

Eric Browne

Colter Guinnane

Colter Guinnane 2013 3rd

Austin Huttinga

Nick Haag

Charlie Smart

Austin Huttinga 2014 2nd

Charlie Smart (10th)

Nick Haag (2nd)

Colter Kenworthy

Nick Haag 2015 3rd

Charlie Smart

Colter Kenworthy

Caleb Bowey

Sales & Services

Elle Wood 2012 Gold (1st)

Eric Browne

Chase Grover

Tessa Bowey

Celeste Hagen 2014 2nd Place

Nick Haag (2nd)

Charlie Smart

Caleb Bowey

Caleb Bowey (5th) 2015 4th

Nick Haag

Charlie Smart

Colter Kenworthy

Farm Business Management

Johannes van der Duin 2012 7th Place

Tessa Bowey

Tiffany Boucher

Raquel Boyd

Elle Wood 2013 4th Place

Chase Grover

Samantha Zetler

Natalie Hagen

Nick Haag 2015 7th

Charlie Smart

Mike Hilliker

Sam Wood

Job Interview

Elle Wood 2013 2nd Place

Parliamentary Procedure

Shane Stender 2003 1st Place

Mark Witt

Jaime Wood

Jamie Dixon

Eric Dewey

Sara Hamler

Tymbre Stender

Becca Hamler 2005 1st Place

Christen Peterson

Aaron Gilman

Spencer Beal

Sarah Peterson

Clare Dewey

Elle Wood 2013 2nd Place

Chase Grover

Brant Marsh

Natalie Hagen

Samantha Zetler

Celeste Hagen

Celeste Hagen 2014 1st Place

Brant Marsh

Nick Haag

Charlie Smart

Cody Allinson

Caleb Bowey

Forestry

Colter Guinnane 2012 3rd Place

Austin Huttinga

Caleb Bowey

Nick Haag

Colter Guinnane 2013 2nd Place

Austin Huttinga (2nd)

Samantha Zetler

Caleb Bowey

State Sweepstakes

Ruby Valley FFA 2012 3rd Place

Ruby Valley FFA 2013 5th Place

Ruby Valley FFA 2014 6th Place

Ruby Valley FFA 2015 5th Place

National FFA Chorus

Lonnie Durham 1952

Scott Allen 1977

Alan Craver 1978

Jeff Pack 1978

Horse Proficiency

Bill Buyan, Jr. 1976 Winner

Tymbre Stender 2006 Winner

Ag Service Proficiency

Cory Rowberry 2006 Winner

Ag Mechanics Proficiency

Mark Boyd 2011 Winner

Diversified Livestock Proficiency

Destiny Schafer 2010 Winner

Raquel Boyd 2012 Winner

Parliamentary Procedure State Champions

2003 2005 2014

Shane Stender Becca Hamler Celeste Hagen

Mark Witt Christen Peterson Brant Marsh

Jaime Wood Aaron Gilman Nick Haag

Jamie Dixon Spencer Beal Charlie Smart

Eric Dewey Sarah Peterson Cody Allinson

Sara Hamler Clare Dewey Caleb Bowey

Tymbre Stender

Hall of Chapters

2nd place 2003

Tymbre Stender Cory Rowberry

Shane Stender Tyler Beal

Eric Dewey Bob Burney

Sarah Peterson

2nd place 2015

Sam Wood

Nick Haag

Individual Sweepstakes

Celeste Hagen (10th) 2014

Reporter

Shane Stender 2003 1st Place

Elle Wood 2012 2nd Place

Scrapbook- Gold Rating

Unknown 1953

Becca Hamler 2003

Cory Rowberry 2006

Nick Haag 2014

Secretary’s Book- Gold Rating

Harry Olden 1952

1955

1956

Ginger Milroy 2002

Mark Witt 2003

Sara Hamler 2004

Tymbre Stender 2005

Cassady Guinnane 2009

Destiny Schafer 2010

Tiffany Boucher 2011

Tiffany Boucher 2012

Celeste Hagen 2013

Treasurer’s Book- Gold Rating

Mark Witt 2004

Tyler Beal 2005

Miranda Browne 2009

James Wagner 2010

Clinton Marsh 2011

Charlie Smart 2014

National Chapter Award Program- Superior or Gold Rating

1955

1956

1957

1958

2003

2004

2005

2006

**Southwestern FFA Districts Top 3 Finishes**

3rd Place Team Farm Business Management 1993

2nd Place Team Livestock Jolyn Todd 1998

Cody Stone

Robin Buck

3rd Place Greenhand Mechanics Joey Tezak 1999

Team Jason Miller

3rd Place Team Farm Business Management Robin Buck 1999

Emily Jensen

Cody Stone

Wade Hansen

3rd Place Team Ag Days Junior Debate Carmen Southwick 2002

Jeremy Burke

1st Place Team Parliamentary Procedure Shane Stender 2003

Mark Witt

Sara Hamler

Jaime Wood

Jamie Dixon

Eric Dewey

Tymbre Stender

1st Place Team Parliamentary Procedure Becca Hamler 2005

Christen Peterson

Clare Dewey

Sarah Peterson

Spencer Beal

Aaron Gilman

1st Place Team Mechanics Mark Boyd 2010

Will Swanson

James Wagner

Mitchel Huttinga

2nd Place Team Agronomy Raquel Boyd 2010

Cassady Guinnane

Jaia Naisbitt

Tessa Bowey

3rd Place Team Farm Business Management Mark Boyd 2010

Destiny Schafer

Taylor Walker

Cassady Guinnane

3rd Place Team Agricultural Mechanics Mitchell Huttinga 2011 Will Swanson

Tyler Grover Colter Guinnane

1st Place Team Livestock Evaluation Raquel Boyd 2011

Jaia Naisbitt Clinton Marsh

1st Place Team Livestock Evaluation Raquel Boyd 2012

Jaia Naisbitt

Clinton Marsh

Celeste Hagen

2nd Place Team Parliamentary Procedure Elle Wood 2012

Tessa Bowey

Raquel Boyd

Clinton Marsh

Jaia Naisbitt

Tiffany Boucher

3rd Place Team Farm Business Management Tiffany Boucher 2012

Johannes van der Duin

Tessa Bowey

Raquel Boyd

3rd Place Team Agronomy Tessa Bowey 2012

Cody Boucher

Tiffany Boucher

Raquel Boyd

1st Place Team Sales & Service Elle Wood 2012

Chase Grover

Eric Browne

Tessa Bowey

3rd Place Team Range Tiffany Boucher 2012

Tessa Bowey

Rafael Cervantes

Seth Green

3rd Place Team Agricultural Mechanics Michael Tilstra 2012

Eric Browne

Colter Guinnane

Austin Huttinga

2nd Place Team Parliamentary Procedure Elle Wood (Chair) 2013

Brant Marsh

Chase Grover

Natalie Hagen

Samantha Zetler

Celeste Hagen

2nd Place Team Farm Business Management Elle Wood 2013

Chase Grover

Samantha Zetler

Natalie Hagen

2nd Place Team Livestock Celeste Hagen 2013

Brant Marsh

Sam Wood

Cady Guinnane

1st Place Team Agricultural Mechanics Nick Haag 2014

Austin Hutting

Charlie Smart

Colter Kenworthy

2nd Place Team Parliamentary Procedure Brant Marsh (Chair) 2014

Celeste Hagen

Nick Haag

Charlie Smart

Cody Allinson

Caleb Bowey

3rd Place Team Farm Business Management Celeste Hagen 2014

Brant Marsh

Austin Huttinga

Xavier Harris

1st Place Team Livestock Evaluation Brant Marsh 2014

Celeste Hagen

Xavier Harris

Sam Wood

1st Place Team Agricultural Mechanics Nick Haag 2015

Caleb Bowey

Charlie Smart

Colter Kenworthy

2nd Place Team Parliamentary Procedure Nick Haag (Chair) 2015

Cady Guinnane

Charlie Smart

Janie Smart

Caleb Bowey

Charali Wetherbee

3rd Place Team Farm Business Management Charlie Smart 2015

Nick Haag

Caleb Bowey

1st Place Team Livestock Evaluation Sam Wood 2015

Cady Guinnane

Charali Wetherbee

Janie Smart

2nd Place Team Forestry Nick Haag

Charlie Smart

Zane Bowey

3rd Place Team Sales Nick Haag 2015

Caleb Bowey

Charlie Smart

Colter Kenworthy

1st Place Team Parli Pro Janie Smart

Cady Guinnane

Cameron Haag

Charali Wetherbee

Zane Bowey

Destiny Fabel

**Ruby Valley Invitational**

Top Supporter

2014- Mike Stender

2015- Steve & Carol Wilcox

2016- Morse Land

2017-

Bill Buyan Memorial (Top Ruby Valley Member at RVI)

Ben Peterson 1977

Tim Schulz 1978

Ellen Mary Wilson 1979

Fred Seidensticker 1980

Bill Flynn 1981

Troy Martin 1982

Troy Martin 1983

Bill Kemph 1984

Scott Wessel 1985

Jody Massar 1987

D’Lon Massar 1988

Chad Massar 1991

Chad Massar 1992

Kevin Schulz 1993

Andy Yecny 1995

Bill Stender 1996

Cody Stone 1997

Cody Stone 1998

Kaycee Nelson 1999

Morgan Nordquist 2007

Cassady Guinnane 2008

Cassady Guinanne 2009

Raquel Boyd 2010

Raquel Boyd 2011

Celeste Hagen 2012

Celeste Hagen 2013

Sam Wood 2014

Janie Smart 2015

RVI Greenhand

2nd Place Team Scott Wessel 1983

Fritz Bieler

Bill Kemph

Mike Ball

2nd Place Team 1984

2nd Place Team Clinton Parsons 1985

Jason Roylance

Cody Hansen

Clint Kemph

2nd Place Team Jody Massar 1986

Kip Funk

Scott Edminsten

1st Place Team Krista Stiles 1988

Shannon Jones

Clint Hecker

2nd Place Team Heather Grange 1989

Jackie O’Neal

Jack Bieler

BJ Roberston

3rd Place Team 1993

1st Place Team Donald Hanni 1995

Grant Jodel

Kent Selvidge

3rd Place Team D’Lon Massar 1997

Jake Barnosky

Jason Simostsen

Bill Bieler

1st Place Team Luke Stone 1999

Pete Allhands

Jaime Wood

2nd Place Team Raquel Boyd 2008

Jaia Naisbitt

Clinton Marsh

RVI Livestock

3rd Place Team Jody Massar 1988

Chad Massar

Jack Bieler

3rd Place Team 1989

2nd Place Team 1991

2nd Place Team 1992

1st Place Team Russel Stender 1997

Robin Buck

Cody Stone

Jody Mae Todd

1st Place Team Cody Stone 1998

Russ

Dan

1st Place Team Kaycee Nelson 1999

Jolyn Todd

Cody Stone

2nd Place Team Raquel Boyd 2009

Cassady Guinnane

Destiny Schafer

Mark Boyd

1st Place Team Raquel Boyd 2010

Clinton Marsh

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1st Place Team Raquel Boyd 2011

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