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With FFA sponsor Dan Andrews, W-P senior Tayler Nordhausen displays the State Degree certificate she was awarded at the State FFA Convention last week. (Diane Stamm | The Wauneta Breeze)

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With 34 trips to the State FFA convention under his belt, Wauneta-Palisade FFA advisor Dan Andrews headed to Lincoln once again last week and watched Tayler Nordhausen receive her State FFA Degree. Nordhausen is the 127th W-P student to do so.

Nordhausen had a busy three days at the convention, singing in the honor choir, competing with the Natural Resources team and, of course, receiving her State Degree.

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Nordhausen was one of 488 Nebraska FFA members who met the variety of requirements necessary to receive the State Degree.

Aside from being an active FFA member for two years, an applicant must have demonstrated leadership ability by performing 10 parliamentary law procedures, give a six-minute speech on a topic relating to agriculture or FFA, and serve as an FFA officer, committee chairperson or committee member; as well as, complete at least 25 hours of community service in a minimum of two different activities; just to name a few criteria.

Nordhausen finished with a team high 50.0 points in the Natural Resources competition, good enough for a blue ribbon. Nicole Strand earned a red ribbon with a score of 47.0 and Landon Jutten scored 45.0 points for a white ribbon. Cameo Rector rounded out the team with a score of 31. The team was 33rd out of 73 teams and earned a white ribbon, just four points away from a red ribbon.

Donald Hunt sang during the convention and also competed. Hunt placed 13th out of 74 competitors in the OXY welding competition. Hunt and teammates Joe Sramek and Tyrel Kerchal did not place as a team.

John Christner made the trip and sang with the honor choir.

The W-P chapter was recognized as one of 33 chapters which generated at least \$1,000 as part of the Nebraska FFA Foundation's "I believe in the future of ag" program.

Brian and Stacie Agnew, Donna Schluckebier and Frechman Valley Coop made donations on behalf of the W-P chapter.

Eighty Nebraska chapters took part in the program which generated \$169,000 from about 800 donors. The Nebraska FFA Foundation then distributed \$182,000 back to local chapters.

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