

# DEGREE: 20 to be given highest award

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Emily George, junior — A member of FFA for four years, Emily is Wallowa's chapter secretary and Eastern Oregon FFA District secretary 2014-2015, a National Honor Society officer, cheerleader, member of Rotary Interact, part of the Ford Family Foundation community group, and plays softball.

Robert Delancey, junior — A five-year member of FFA, Robert serves as chapter sentinel, is in National Honor Society, serves as agricultural shop student manager for WHS, and plays football and baseball.

FFA State Farmers from Enterprise:

Kaden Lathrop, senior — His project is working for his family's ranch and running his own cattle. In addition, Kaden

works for the Forest Service fire crew during summers. He plans to attend college and return home to the family ranch.

Will McCadden, senior — He has his own beef cattle herd and works for B & B Hay in the summers where he works on the haying crew. Will currently is chapter historian and plans to attend college to study law enforcement.

Cody Irish, senior — His project includes working for Embers Restaurant and raising and showing swine at the county fair. Cody currently is chapter treasurer. He plans to attend Oregon State University and study engineering.

Reanna Royle, senior — Her project includes working at the R & R Restaurant and babysitting. She has participated in a CDE day contest in Corvallis,

plus attended conventions and participated in speaking competitions. She plans to attend Oregon State University and study interior design.

Stefany Christman, junior — Her project is working at Embers Restaurant and showing market hogs at the county fair. She has been involved in activities ranging from creed speaking to National Convention. Stefany plans to attend college to become an elementary teacher.

Kurt Norton, junior — Kurt works for family-owned Norton Welding. He's won several district proficiencies for his projects. He is the student advisor on the officer team. He plans to attend college and pursue a career in diesel mechanics and business. Upon graduation, Kurt plans to take over the fam-

ily business.

Emma Carlsen, junior — Emma's project is in equine science and she raises market hogs. This year, she won the district proficiency award for her horse project. Her plans are to attend college and pursue a career as a veterinary technician.

Justin Exon, junior — Justin works for Butterfield Farms in the summer where he works on the haying crew. He performs a variety of tasks including swathing, raking, baling, and irrigation. After graduation, Justin plans to attend a trade school.

Madison Falk, junior — Madison's project includes raising sheep for the county fair and working on her family's ranch. She's currently chapter secretary and has competed both in regional and state public speaking

competitions. Madison plans to pursue a career in the arts, possibly in photography.

Nathaniel Perren, junior — Nate's project is working for Joe's Place where he works in food service and helps manage tourist activities. He has participated in National Convention and Sales competition and the FFA Fair BBQ. He plans to join the Air Force and pursue a degree in chemistry.

Andrew Curtis, junior — Andrew's project includes working at his father's business and setting pipe for summer work during his 8th grade and freshman years. He has participated in National Convention, sales contests, and CDE days. Andrew plans to pursue a career in sociology or law enforcement.

FFA State Farmers from Jo-

seph:

Raymond Seal, junior — Voted secretary for the Eastern Oregon FFA District, Raymond's project focuses on market hogs raised for the stock show and county fair. Currently, Raymond is serving as FCCLA State President.

Wyatt Smith, junior — Chapter reporter, Wyatt's project focuses on the cattle industry. In addition to raising market steers for local shows, Wyatt works with his family running a commercial cattle operation.

Jesse Woodhead, junior — Chapter historian, Jesse's love for horses makes equine production SAE a natural for her project. Jesse spends hours working on dressage skills and has been selected as a member of the 2015 Chief Joseph Days Rodeo Court.

# LIGHTS: Nearly half of the funds have been raised

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Valerie George, co-project manager for the "Light the Night" effort along with Lisa Mahon, says about \$21,000

of the \$45,000 needed to complete the project has been raised.

She expresses optimism that a relatively new effort to raise donations online

via ChangeFunder will help reach the \$45,000 goal by May.

Found at <http://change-funder.changexchangew.org/campaigns/lightthenight>, that site includes a 4-minute 34-second video about Wallowa football filmed by Brockamp and simple avenues to donate funds to the project.

Included with video coverage of last year's Wallowa team that went to the 1A State Quarterfinals are interviews of four Wallowa players who will be on the field this year and two volleyball players, Jordan Ferré and Ashley Starner, explaining they never get to see the football team play because volleyball games, at present, are staged concurrently with football.

Money raised to date, says George, mostly has come from four sources. Of the \$23,000 in hand, \$10,000 came from a Wildhorse Foundation grant, \$5,000 from a matching

\$5,000 Ford Family Foundation grant, \$3,100 from a special event held at Main Street Grill, in Wallowa, and the rest from individual and business donations.

Main Street Grill owner Wiley Frei, on the same Feb. 17 date Wallowa's ChangeFunder page was launched, opened his restaurant to his usual Tuesday night taco crowd and let \$3,100 of proceeds that evening filter into the football light fund.

On that night, said George, both football players and cheerleaders contributed by cooking and serving tacos.

George, who doubles

as the school's cheerleader coach, and Mahon, a member of the Wallowa City Council, pooled their energies to write the grant application for the Wildhorse Foundation and now are writing additional applications for smaller grants.

George says active members of the Ford Family Leadership Class and many additional persons from the community are backing the project in myriad ways.

In short order, she says, a mailing will be sent to all homes in the Wallowa/Lostine area apprising the public of the online ChangeFunder site and seeking donations.

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