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## TEN SLEEP FFA CHAPTER MEMBER WINS STATE FFA CHAMPIONSHIP



CHEYENNE— Madison Anderson of the Ten Sleep FFA Chapter in was named Wyoming's top speaker in the 2014 Creed Speaking Career Development Event on April 9, 2014, at the Wyoming FFA State Convention in Cheyenne.

The Creed Speaking competition is designed to recognize outstanding FFA members for their ability to present the National FFA Creed in a competitive setting. Members deliver the creed from memory and respond to three questions. The event gives FFA members the opportunity to develop their ability to communicate in a powerful, organized and professional manner.

Anderson said it took her a little more than a month to memorize and perfect her delivery of the creed.

"My ag advisor made me give the creed in front of the whole class for the first time which was kind of scary," she explained. "It was not my favorite thing in the world. I gave it five times a day during third and sixth period, just over and over again. I gave it to our school and individual classes throughout the day."

Anderson was coached by Jarred Bower, Ten Sleep FFA Advisor.

Other Creed Speaking Results were:

SIXTH PLACE	Sydney Thayer, Riverton FFA
FIFTH PLACE	Addy Rosner, Frontier FFA
FOURTH PLACE	Clay Hiser, Southeast FFA
THIRD PLACE	Timi Reynolds, Casper FFA
SECOND PLACE	Kelsey Faircloth, Burns FFA
CHAMPION CREED SPEAKER	Madison Anderson, Ten Sleep FFA

This event is one of many educational activities at the state FFA convention in which FFA members practice the lessons learned in agricultural education classes. Ryan Ford served as the CDE superintendent. The event is sponsored by Sagebrush Marketing, LLC.

"Creed speaking is an opportunity to get our younger FFA members excited about FFA and public speaking through a competitive event," said Stacy Broda, State FFA Advisor. "It really helps lay the groundwork for good public presentation skills that students will use for the rest of their lives. And for many members, this first CDE fuels a passion for competition. They'll go on to compete in the upper level public speaking and presentation events later in their careers."

Anderson now looks forward to representing Wyoming at the national competition, to be held at the National FFA Convention in Louisville, Ky., in October. Anderson will be sponsored by Chris and Jennifer Womack.

"I think it is an amazing opportunity for me to get to go compete at nationals and be around all those people and actually get to compete it is just so cool. In Ten Sleep I don't think we have had anyone compete at Nationals," she said.

The Wyoming FFA Association is part of the National FFA Organization, formerly known as Future Farmers of America. This youth organization has more than half a million student members nationwide, and more than 2,000 in 50 chapters in Wyoming. The FFA mission is to make a positive difference in the lives of students by developing their potential for premier leadership, personal growth and career success through agricultural education.

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