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DEVILS TOWER FFA MEMBER ELECTED AS STATE OFFICER

CHEYENNE—Devils Tower FFA member Jessica Olson was elected as the 2011-2012 Wyoming State FFA Sentinel on April 7, at the Wyoming State FFA Convention in Cheyenne.

Olson was one of nine students chosen to lead the Wyoming FFA Association for the coming year. Fulfilling her role will require traveling across the state; meeting top leaders in business, government and education; visiting Wyoming's 47 FFA chapters; and participating in events like the Wyoming FFA Leadership Camp and the National FFA Convention in Indianapolis, Ind. Olson's responsibilities will include providing personal growth and leadership training for students, setting policies that shape the future of the organization and promoting agricultural literacy.

The state FFA officer selection process is intense, and represents an assessment of years of academic and extracurricular accomplishments made by each student. Nominees submitted an application detailing their accomplishments and contributions to their chapter and community. Once at the convention, candidates participated in five rounds of interviews, testing their knowledge on FFA matters and demonstrating their leadership and career skills. The officers are selected by a panel of five student FFA members.

Olson was one of 25 students running for state office. Her state officer year will begin with a five-day training conference in May. The other state officers elected are Asher Markworth, President, Casper; Courtney Yelton, Vice President, Laramie; Jac Klaahsen, Second Vice President, Buffalo; Tanner Nauta, Third Vice President, Douglas; Molly McCray, Secretary, Powell-Shoshone; Bradon Marshall, Treasurer, Riverton; Abbey Davidson, Reporter, Encampment; and Faith Hoffman, Parliamentarian, Wind River.

Her FFA advisor is Jim Pannell.

The Wyoming FFA Association is part of the National FFA Organization, formerly known as Future Farmers of America. This national youth organization has 523,309 student members as part of 7,487 local FFA chapters in all 50 states, Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands. 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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