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### (Neb.)-Chadron High Student Qualifies For State FFA Competition



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(Chadron)-It was quite an accomplishment reinstating the Future Farmer's of America chapter at Chadron High School this year, and now one of the students has accomplished something on his own. According to Chadron High School Principal Jerry Mack on his blog at [chadronschools.org](http://chadronschools.org), Kane Wellnitz has become the first state qualifier for the CHS organization.

The blog says that the Chadron high school FFA Chapter completed its first district competition held at Chadron State College on Wednesday. FFA chapters from around the panhandle competed in leadership skills events through public speaking. Chadron sophomore Wellnitz placed second in junior public speaking with a speech titled "Counting Cows" discussing various challenges in the beef industry. Wellnitz became Chadron's first ever state qualifier for the newly formed FFA chapter, and will compete in the state FFA competition held in Lincoln in the spring.

Mack lists other Chadron FFA members also competing: Tate Cullers –Job interview receiving a red ribbon; Devin Mitchell – Extemporaneous speaking, Blue ribbon; Matt Dierskson -Extemporaneous speaking, red ribbon; Ag demonstration team- Emily Lewin, Alex Fritzler, Lane Jersild, Taylor Wild, red ribbon; Joe Cattin -Natural resources, red ribbon; Thurston Selby -Natural resources, red ribbon; Bucky Cattin –Creed speaking, white ribbon.

Mack said Chadron FFA Chapter's next completion will be held at Western Nebraska Community College on January 8, with competitions centered around livestock management, welding, ag sales and service and floriculture.

(Information courtesy Jerry Mack, [chadronschools.org](http://chadronschools.org))