



# The Legend

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## Alumni Store

By: Taylor Potts

While you're at State Convention don't forget to check out the Alumni Store! From sweatpants to garment bags, they have everything FFA related you could ever need. They also have scarves and ties in case yours is missing and you need a replacement. Remember to keep the displays organized as you shop around and to be courteous to the Alumni members running the store.



## Welcome to State Convention

By: Mary Brown

Most people travel far and wide for the chance to compete at State FFA Convention. So, on behalf of Billings and the Montana State FFA we welcome you! There is so much to see and try at the convention and we urge you to see and do it all. Check out the trade show, the hall of chapters displays, go to the dance, and mingle with your fellow FFA members! Billings also has a lot to do.

Try the various restaurants, visit the mall, and enjoy the snow. With all of the excitement that is going, just please be aware that we are not the only one's here. Other people are visiting Billings, so make sure that you are kind and courteous to those who aren't here for FFA. Despite all of this, don't forget to have a good time. Remember, State Convention is only once a year so take a chance and make it memorable.



## Spreading Kindness with a Hashtag

By: Mary Brown

Did you know that it takes more facial muscle movements to frown than it does to smile? Do you know that holding the door open for someone else is good for your heart? Were you aware of the fact that being kind to others will make you life longer? If you didn't before, now you do! Don't just take our word for it, look it up! And we aren't the only ones who think that kindness should be spread. If you check out the Hall of Chapters display from the Chinook FFA chapter, you'll notice a bench that talks about kindness. Take pictures with the bench and post them on Facebook, Instagram, Twitter, and Snapchat with #itscooltobekind. This is a hashtag that the Shephard FFA chapter has developed to help spread kindness. The person who takes the most creative selfie with their bench will win a prize from Torgersons's. Support your fellow chapters, make some friends, and don't forget to be kind!





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## Crunching the Numbers

By: Cassie Lucas

What were you doing at 6:45 this morning? Most people would say sleeping right? Well 250 Farm Business Management (FBM) contestants were up and competing before most of us were even awake. That takes serious dedication to be able to get up that early and to be able to compete. Some people ask what FBM is. Well, it is learning to budget plan and market an operation if not multiple businesses. I had the

chance to talk with some of the contestants. Teams such as Park City, Culberson, and Gardiner were excited to learn more about budgeting and the business aspects that go into running a farm. For all those who got up early for the contest, here's a joke to make you feel better! What do you use to do math on a farm? A cow-culator!

## Showing off Our Talents

By: Mikayla Dines

State FFA talent is an annual event that allows members to exhibit their individual talents. Twenty-one members did exactly that at State Convention, whether it was a song interpreted in sign language or a comedian act with a "tough crowd", each member had their own time to contribute their part. But the most nerve racking part is right before the members go on stage. All friends are on deck encouraging them and boosting their egos for the greater good. Some try coping with the nerves by running those last minute practices. And finally it's time to go on the stage. The contestants are Judged on their Introduction, Difficulty of Selection, Evidence of Preparation, Accuracy, Appropriateness of Selection, Appearance, Poise, and Audience Appeal. These criteria are used to select a winner. But in the end, it's all about experience. Halle Fatzinger, from the Richey FFA says, "It's was really fun, but also nerve wracking at the same time. This was definitely an experience I wish I had sooner." Overall State Talent wouldn't be possible without our judges and the director, Jack Larson. Talent winners go to Nationals in their talent.



## Day of Service

By: Taylor Potts

Billings has so graciously let us use their town for state convention. However, we were lucky enough to get the chance to give something back to their community. The tradition of holding a Day of Service during State Convention has always been a major success among all of our chapters. The goal of the Day of Service is to get members involved in various service projects in and around Billings. This year members had the opportunity to work with the local food bank and library. Members not only had fun, but gained valuable volunteer hours and did a great service to their community.





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## Delegate Orientation

By: Raey Hanks



This is my first time as a delegate and our orientation had great ideas that would help many chapters, the best being the technical aspects that will make the chapters in line with the new rules. The lunch we had today was very informal and it explained many of the jobs that come with

agriculture. The panelists talked about hard work and what you need to know in order to get the agriculture jobs they had mentioned. Finally being a delegate is very fun and I'm glad I had this opportunity.

## Trade Show

By: Mary Brown

Games, activities, booths, and more! Welcome to the Montana State FFA trade show, where there is everything from a military obstacle course to representatives from your favorite colleges around the state. Whether it is just a fun way to pass the time, or a you are going to fill the signature page, the trade show is a wonderful way to spend time at state convention.

Visiting every booth and filling the corresponding slot in your booklet gives you the chance to enter in a contest for a cash prize. Don't miss out on such a wonderful prize! Also don't forget to see all of the wonderful and interesting booths at the trade show. The trade show closes at four o'clock on Friday, so don't miss it!

## Brian Imbus: Hypnotists

By: Silas Andrews

Today during convention Brian Imbus, a hypnotist, performed an act for an audience of FFA members. I thoroughly enjoyed the act as Imbus demonstrated behaviors of the mind and made us all laugh. Volunteers danced and flailed around on stage, and some members of the audience became entranced in the act themselves. One central idea of the act was focus. Everyone was invited to participate and in doing so, shift our focus to the act instead of the built up tensions of the last two days. It was a great way to go and relax after a day and a half of convention, and I found that I was hypnotized in the sense that I was immersed in the performance and temporarily removed from the busy life outside the convention hall.

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## The Road to State Office

By: Amelia Laubach

Being a state officer has many wonderful opportunities. You get to travel to many different places, meet many people, and much more. As Nathan Wildeboer said, "I had a great time running last year and I watched how many opportunities the officer team got and I wanted to be apart of it." Juan Du-Pond said that he wants to be a state officer to prove to his sister that she can do it if he can. However, there are challenges you have to go through to get there. As Juan recalls "Personally, coming from Mexico I had a lot of challenges. Before coming to Montana I didn't know what FFA was." Just like Juan, Abby Austin has overcome challenges to being in many other things as well as FFA. She has dealt with what to competition or game to go to. There are so many components to making a state officer and there's so many people that are able to fill the position. All of the candidates are wished the best of luck by everyone here at the 2018 State Convention.

## The Final Four

By: Taylor Potts

Congratulations to all the members advancing onto the Final Four in their public speaking contests. Your chapters are surely proud of you and on behalf of the Montana State FFA, we wish you luck in your final round and look forward to seeing you speak.

### JR CREED

Miya Ross  
Claire Standley  
Brighton Lane  
Leah Veress

### CREED

Miles Gravely  
Dankia Soper  
Colton Young  
Jenna Paul

### PREPARED

Gracie Smith  
Emily Ekhardt  
Caroline Roeder  
McKenna Quirk

### EXTEMP

Mary Brown  
Micheal McKay  
Kala Bertonlino  
Tyler Noyes

### PARLI-PRO

Broadwater  
Shepard 1  
Flathead  
Missoula

## Workshop Enthusiasm

By: Katie Achilles

The workshop started with great enthusiasm and excitement. Breanna's energy filled up the room and pumped the members up. She began with an exciting team-building game that got all the members engaged and ready to participate. It involves learning communication skills while in a large group. The members enjoyed laughs and fun moments. The next activity was a game of Concentration, where the main focus was to teach focus and thinking on your feet. She then discussed priorities and distractions, and how to balance them out for the most success in daily life.

Caption