

## Local FFA'ers hone leadership skills

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Nine Gothenburg FFA officers departed for a new adventure on May 24.

At the FFA COLT Conference in Aurora, the students learned about their offices and duties and gained new ideas and leadership skills.

Upon arrival, they were put into individual officer groups that included presidents, vice-presidents, secretaries, reporters, treasurers, parliamentarians and sentinels and led by Nebraska State FFA officers.

They began by setting goals for the conference that included personal growth and achievement.

Throughout the seminar, they were involved in activities designed to build individual and team leadership skills.

“Activities were created that challenged and pushed each officer in an effort to prepare individuals for the upcoming year,” said FFA reporter Carson Messersmith.

Activities emphasized team-building and leadership skills.

Time was also given for the Gothenburg team to begin formulating activities for the upcoming school year.

“The leadership team has a lot of exciting and new ideas to share and ultimately implement

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within the community and the chapter to Gothenburg high school students," he said.

Throughout the trip the officers made many friends, as well as meeting Alicia Hodnik, who is the central region national FFA vice president,

Overall, Messersmith said the officers gained experiences, leadership qualities and abilities to lead the local chapter.

Carson Messersmith

FFA reporter