

Southeast Stream

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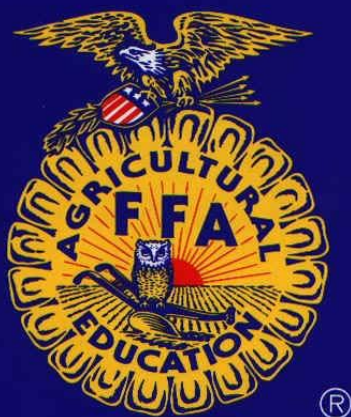
Important Dates

- Ragbrai – July 24-30
- Iowa State Fair – August 11-21
- Missouri State Fair – August 11-21
- Illinois State Fair – August 12-21
- Livestock Judging – August 27
- Meats Judging – August 27
- Dairy Foods – September 17
- Fall SLCDO – September 26-27

District Leadership Conference

Chapter officers and leaders from across the Southeast District gathered at West Liberty High School on June 2, 2011, for District Leadership Conference. The conference is one of six throughout the state put together by the state and district officers. Ninety-four students from all over the district attended the conference. Students participated in interactive workshops put on by the State and District Officers that strengthened leadership skills that they could take back to improve their own chapters. The workshops consisted of time management, communication, chapter involvement, and a presentation by one of our State Alumni representatives, Jacob Hunter. Each chapter came up with their own mission statement and smart goals to carry out throughout the year. It was a very fun learning experience for all who came and it looks like a very promising year for young leaders in the southeast district.

By: Erin Weirup



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Summer CDEs



District Livestock Judging————>

The Southeast District FFA held their District Livestock judging contest at Kirkwood Community College on June 14 this year. There were many teams and individual competitors who judged cattle, hogs, sheep, and gave oral reasons. Awards were given in the areas of Overall Team and Individuals: Oral Reasons, Cattle Judging, Swine Judging, and Sheep Judging. Ashley Tomlin of Muscatine FFA won overall Individual. Muscatine FFA also won over Team. They will be going on to compete at the State Livestock Judging Contest after the State Fair. *By: Holly Morrison*



<————Agricultural Mechanics

Members put their wrenching skills to the test June 7th competing at Iowa State University. 81 individuals from 27 chapters competed. Teams of four participated in events that tested welding skills, tractor manual comprehension, carpentry skills, and motor and electrical understanding. Lunch was catered by Hickory Park with the awards show following. West Lyon was awarded first place team and St. Ansgar was runner up.

SLCDO



State Leadership Conference for District Officers

On April 25-26, 2011, District officers representing each the six districts of Iowa gathered at the Iowa FFA Enrichment Center Building on the DMACC Campus. This conference is held twice during the year, once in the spring and once in the fall. The purpose of this conference is to train newly elected district officers from across the state to fulfill their duties and responsibilities as a district leader. The newly elected district officer

team of the Southeast District traveled to the Iowa FFA Enrichment Center and met there around noon on April 25. The officer team is as follow: NE District Vice President- Eric Weirup, Dewitt Central; S District Vice President- Holly Morrison, Louisa-Muscatine; NW District Vice President- Sarah Striegel, Tri-County; District Secretary- Heidi Andresen, Dewitt Central; District Reporter- Erin Weirup, Dewitt Central; District Treasurer- Matt Foley, Williamsburg; and District Advisor- Mr. Sam Paul. The officer team also had the chance to meet the new District President, Patrick Diedrich of Dewitt Central. Some of the highlights of the first day of the conference were getting to know one another, meeting district officers from other districts, discovering one's "style characteristic" (i.e. Concrete Random), attending workshops led by past state officers, and developing SMART goals and mission statements for each district. During the second day of the conference, we got the opportunity to practice presenting a workshop in front of a group of people and to take an official district officer team picture in Official Dress. Also during the second day of the conference, we met in our district officer teams and discussed district events, for example, District Leadership Conference. Each member of the Southeast District officer team had only good remarks on their experience at State Leadership Conference for District Officers, and they are excited for the upcoming year. With new goals and new ideas, the 2011-2012 officer team of the Southeast District is striving to better itself.

By: Sarah Streigle

SAE Highlight



Name: Crystal McGarry **Chapter:** Northeast Goose Lake **SAE:** Equine Placement



Crystal's interest in her Supervised Agricultural Experience started at a young age because her entire family was involved in the horse industry. During her freshman year in high school she began training her own horses and competing in open shows throughout southeast Iowa. In 2008 she was crowned Clinton County Equestrian Queen due to her impact on the younger horse members in the county. After receiving the award she began giving lessons to the younger members in the community. While giving lessons she was not only helping others develop their own riding abilities but was also developing skills of her own. She learned how to instruct others and effectively communicate to get the results she wanted. In order to continue to increase business Crystal placed an ad in the local paper allowing the program to expand. The more her program expanded the better she became at time management.

Crystal enjoys working with different horses every day, "Every horse is different so I learned something for each horse. I figure out how to work with the horses' differences to get the end results you want." she says. Crystal plans to attend Black Hawk College for Equine Management the work on her science degree to become and equine nutritionist.

By: Heidi Andresen

Chapter Spotlight



Williamsburg



During this spring and summer, FFA members from Williamsburg have been hard at work constructing a new greenhouse. Replacing a 480-square foot model that was originally installed in 1974, the newest edition will have water access and temperature control. But these abilities did come at some cost. The new 30' x 48' greenhouse was put in for a cost of about \$35 per square foot, but the chapter wasn't alone in carrying the expenses. Monsanto and many other local agriculture-related businesses stepped up with grants and donations to help offset the cost of supplies, construction, and labor. However, many members took advantage of the opportunity to learn about the finer points of building structures such as concrete work, studs, and sealing gaps. Williamsburg advisor Mike Malloy is enjoying the challenge, "The greenhouse has really been a learning experience for our members. We are all quite fortunate and appreciative to be able to work on such a project that can be so useful to what we teach here." The greenhouse, expected to be completed by fall, will aid in the chapter's tree and floral landscaping services. It will also serve as a hands-on horticulture experience for Ag. Education students. Most of all, it should be a challenging source of learning for years to come.

By: Matt Foley

Chapter Updates



Tipton

On Father's Day most FFA members spend time with their dad's celebrating what wonderful people they are. However seven members first went the Kirkwood Lamb and Goat Classic to show off their goat project. This is the second year for the Tipton FFA Meat Goat Learning Lab where ten FFA members learn about the responsibilities of feeding, exercising, and general health care of the 12 goats purchased from Cedarcrest Farms in Stanwood. The members also learn teamwork and leadership skills along the way. The goal of this year's members in this project was to show at more shows than just the Cedar County Fair in July and the Iowa State Fair in August. So on June 19th seven members attended their first goat show of the year. For some of the members this was their first goat show ever attended. The Tipton FFA chapter did come out on top winning Grand Champion Doe shown by Miranda Urmie and Reserve Champion Doe shown by Jamie Rohlf. Logan Howe, a member of last year's project, also showed a class winner with the goat picked out by Dalton Unruh who was unable to attend Sunday's show. Other members that showed at the Kirkwood Lamb and Goat Classic were Austin Howe, Bri Gonewold, Kaitlyn Gilbert, and Lindsey Gaunitz. Other members that were unable to attend the show are Drew Butler, Zack Collis and Jana Havill. The next show plan for this time is the Cedar County Fair on July 14th. For more information on this project or other project that the Tipton FFA sponsors please contact Advisor Amy Lutz at (563) 886-6027.



North Scott

On June 10th the North Scott FFA Chapter hosted a farm safety day in which ten guest speakers came to talk to the local children about safety precautions on the farm. There were a total of 33 rural and urban kids that came to learn about being safe. The safety topics that were covered were: Chemical, Animal, Weather, Tractor PTO, ATV, Grain Bin, Gun Safety, Plant Identification, and how to respond to emergencies. The children were given a t-shirt when they registered, different hand outs from each of the speakers, and at the end they were provided a lunch. Our local member, Jennifer Klindt, organized the event while several other members helped keep it orderly and maintained.

Perkin



“Relay for Life Pots” – Pekin FFA members prepared 18 black pots with pink annuals this spring. 6 of the pots were donated to Relay for Life events in Fairfield. Those pots were put into live and silent auctions. The other 12 pots were sold from the school. Profit from the pots will also be donated to Relay for Life. All 18 pots may be brought back to the greenhouse in 2012 to be repotted for a \$15.00 charge, \$10.00 of which will be donated to Relay for Life. “Livestock Judging”- Members Megan and Tucker Black did a great job hosting a livestock judging workout for Pekin members and surrounding schools. Eddyville, Sigourney, Keota and Fairfield chapters were all invited to attend the workout.

Below Pekin and Sigourney members listen to Sigourney Advisor Jerry Driscoll ask questions over a class of young Simmental bulls. “Aronias” – I really wish I could say that members planted and mulched the 235 Aronia shrubs that we purchased this spring. As it is, the weather has delayed that venture for another few days. Members have contacted the IDAL and are considering growing the aronias (IF we can get them planted!) organically.

Marengo

The Marengo FFA Chapter is busy this summer with fundraising events such as our grill-out at the Marengo Farm and Home Store and helping with the Kinze Fun Days Picnic. At the grill-out, we will be selling a two-level chicken coop that was built in our Ag 4 class. We had four members attend the Washington D.C. Leadership Conference during the 2nd week in June. These members had the opportunity to meet with Senator Grassley, as well as do some site-seeing in our nation's capitol and complete civil-learning by cleaning up along the river banks. Members also were inspired through the sessions to be empowering and making a difference in their community back at home. We will have members exhibiting livestock at the Iowa County Fair and also the Iowa State Fair. At the Iowa County Fair, we conduct a Kiddie Tractor Pull which is a highly popular Kid's Day event. This year we will be adding face painting and a sand-box playground for the Kid's Day events.

North Mahaska

North Mahaska FFA members have a busy summer planned. The New Sharon members are planning their summer "Fun Trip" to Waterloo, July 27th, at the water park there. FFA members are looking to have a slow pitch softball team to play in the FFA Tournament July 9th in What Cheer. The Officer Team's summer work shop is August 4th to plan the years FFA activities. FFA Officers include: President Ann Wanders, Vice President Allie Ferguson, Secretary Sierra Readshaw, Treasurer Katie Worrall, Sentinel Tye Burch, Parliamentarian Tyler Foster and Reporter Amara Wanders. Seven FFA members are planning to show at the Iowa State Fair in August and 13 members are looking to show at the Southern Iowa Fair or Poweshiek County Fairs in July.

Crooked Creek FFA Chapter

The Crooked Creek FFA Chapter is just getting its start. The chapter is shared between Winfield-Mt. Union and WACO school districts. Once state approved, the Crooked Creek FFA Chapter will be the only chapter in Henry County. To help get our start, a local agriculture company ran a pilot program where if you bought seed early and at specified amounts, they would donate a percentage to a local group or organization. Some local growers knew of our beginning program and potential for FFA Chapter and asked theirs be donated to us. Wapello FFA Chapter is also helping us to get our start by asking us to assist them with their PRCA Rodeo. The Introduction to Agriculture class as well as the FFA Chapter started a community garden in Winfield this year for the community to benefit from the fresh produce as well as the chance at sparking interest in a new hobby. We look forward to becoming a state approved FFA Chapter and getting to partake in the many exciting areas FFA offers to its members.

Twelve members of the Mid-Prairie FFA chapter attended the chapter officer POA planning trip. Members stayed overnight at Palisades State Park and went putt putt golfing. They also spent time working on revising the chapter's Program of Activities, applications, and the Constitution and Bylaws. Two chapter members assisted with the Washington County Farm Safety Day Camp, showcasing out grain safety materials. The chapter also had a float in the Kalona Days parade.

Columbus

The Columbus FFA Chapter just finished up helping out with a HUGE farm machinery auction by having a food stand. The Columbus FFA Alumni organized the event and the students worked the food stand. Money raised will go towards chapter activities. Additionally, the Alumni and the chapter are working to put together the 2nd Annual Tractor Ride in Louisa County. It will be on Saturday, July 23rd.

West Liberty

Fourteen members of the West Liberty Chapter have joined together to form a pig co-op. These members purchased 28 feeder pigs and currently raising them on their advisor's farm. Members are taking turns doing chores and are working with their pigs getting them ready for the Muscatine County Fair.

Central Lee

The Central Lee FFA recognized individuals at the Annual Parent-Member-Community appreciation banquet. Pictured are this years Honorary Chapter Farmers. Mr. Shayne Wright, Ms. Alicia Schiller, Mr. David Vandenberg, Ms. Paula Ellis, and Mr. Nathan Fritz. All are to be commended for their unselfish efforts toward the Central FFA. Reed Shockley (L) and Cassie Krebill(R) were recognized as The "Star Greenhands" recently at the Central Lee FFA annual parent-member-community appreciation banquet. Meagan Taube (L) and Thomas Benner(R) were 2 of 12 students who assisted in a beautification day recently on the Lee County Fairgrounds. Students look forward to volunteer efforts. Mr. Nathan Fritz (center) student teacher from Iowa State University explains the transplanting and planter design process to a sophomore Agricultural Education class on the campus of Central Lee. The school greenhouse is one of the many facilities that offer "hands-on" learning to students. 2011-2012 Central Lee FFA officers were installed at the Annual Parent-member-community appreciation banquet held in May. Front L-R Brad



Waterman (Treasurer) Thomas Benner (2nd Vice-President) Brian Boeck (President), 2nd row Kelsie Bunnell (Secretary), Warren Bailey(3rd Vice-President), Back Mr. Darren Sturdivant (Advisor), Kayla Hasper (Vice-President), Meagan Taube (Reporter), Matthew Kurtz (Sentinel), Mr. Tom B. Boeck (Advisor). The Central Lee FFA officer team participated in an officer leadership training workshop held at the West Liberty High School. Students learned valuable team-building skills as well as duties required of their office. Front L-R Meagan Taube (Reporter), Kayla Hasper (Vice-President), Kelsie Bunnell (Secretary), Warren Bailey (3rd Vice-President), 2nd row Matthew Kurtz(Sentinel), Thomas Benner(2nd Vice-President), Brian Boeck (President), Brad Waterman (Treasurer). All look forward to a productive year leading the chapter in challenging activities for the membership.

DeWitt Central

The DeWitt Central chapter helped with Quad City Air Show Sunday June 19th. They removed fence, posts, rope, and other items following the weekend event. They used various equipment and helped with other volunteer groups in the clean-up. Following the event the members and Alumni had a pizza part at Happy Joe's to celebrate their accomplishment.

Northeast

The Chapter has 13 acres of corn they are farming this year. 26 members participated in pizza party and kickball at our end of year meeting. 5 members attended the WLC program in Washington D.C. 13 members are preparing to show their livestock at the Iowa State Fair.

Oskaloosa

Our chapter has 20 acres of soybeans and 25 acres of hay. We recently sprayed our 1st application of roundup on the beans and the weeds are turning yellow. We just harvested 48 big round bales of hay without it getting rain on, amazing with it raining almost 4 days out of the week.

Meet the Officer



NAME: Holly Morrison

OFFICE: South-East District South sub-district Vice-President

SAE's/ABLITYS: She works on a dairy farm, trains, shows, and rides horses, she raises chickens and beef, She can whistle the tune of "the good the bad and the ugly" and she can draw up flip charts like its nobodies business!

WEAKNESSES: Was once a shy kid, and is a VERY BAD DRIVER!!!!

FAVORITE MOVIE: "Ratatouille"

SUPER POWER (if she had one): "flight" without a cape

NAME: Sarah Striegel

OFFICE: South-East District North-East Sub-district Vice-President

SAE PROGRAMS: Diversified animal production, Agricultural placement, and Diversified Special Crops Production

OTHER FFA ACTIVITIES: She is a chapter, has participated in soils judging, Conduct of Meetings, Creed Speaking, Ag Sales Team, Food Science, and Livestock Judging CDE's, and she attends any FFA event that her chapter has.

HOBBY'S/INTERESTS: She runs track and cross country at her school, and she spends time working on the farm.

FAVORITE MOVIE: 8 Seconds

SUPER POWER (if she had one): Being Super Awesome!