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FFA WEEK

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UP-COMING EVENTS

- April 2-3- Farm Bureau Youth Conference
- April 6-Officer Election Interviews
- April 10- Section Banquet
- April 14-Section Livestock Judging and State Proficiency Awards
- April 17- Chapter Banquet
- April 19-Dairy CDE
- April 27- State Livestock Judging
- May 4- Clean up Highway and Chapter Movie Night
- June 12-14- State FFA Convention
- July 16- Sect. Vo-Ag Fair



From February 19-25th was National FFA Week. To start it off early, on the 18th, our chapter hosted its annual FFA Dodgeball Tournament. Dillon Martenson and Kye Witek were in charge of the event. Thanks for all your hard work! We would also like to thank all the officers, Sydney Bend, and Kailyn Buchholz for working the event! As well as all the Section officers who were referees. Our school had two out of the 20 teams who came to participate. On our varsity team we had Ivan Harvell, Alan Suiter, Bret Ostrom, Christian Deutsch, Carlos Sanchez, Lane Rissman, Sarah Faivre, and Dallas Boehne. Overall the team received first place in the tournament, way to go! The Jv team included David Boehne, David Rueff, Christopher Pickwell, Drew Diehl, Max Williams, Brad Gustello, Gabbie Cultra, Bailey Martenson, and Emily Shilling. They received third place in the tournament, way to go everyone! On Tuesday we had Ag Olympics during Advisement. In the milk the calf event we had Jared Landsteiner, Gabe Warden, and Logan Lee participate. Sarah Faivre also won the shuck the corn relay again Kate Thuestad, and Max Williams. Another event was to see who could throw a bale of straw over a pole the highest. Andrew Hall won against Robert Johnson and Caleb Gaston. Attempting to rope a barrel we had Delaney Bend, Brooklyn VonBergan, Gabbie Cultra, Riley Jensky, and Rebekkah Goodrich try. Our last event was a bags contest. The teams were Bret Ostrum and Carlos Sanchez, Lane Rissman and Noah Holm, and David Boehne and Cory Bradford. We also had Truck Day, where everyone drove their trucks to school to be judged. Ivan and Dane judged the trucks based on several categories. The cleanest truck goes to Michaela Cowan, biggest Kayla VonBergen, loudest Kaylyn Nehring, oldest Sydney Bend, newest Deanne Winterton, dirtiest Robert Johnson, and smallest Gabe Warden. Wednesday was Tractor Day where Dillon and Ivan brought their tractors. On Thursday we had the Appreciation Breakfast. We served biscuits and gravy with eggs, sausage, tri tators, and donuts. We would like to thank all the parents, sponsors, and staff for coming to support us; as well as Shar Dodd for her help! Rylie Schreck, Bailey Martenson, Kailyn Buchholz, Megan Flewellyn, Cody Suddeth, and Lauren Frances were all servers. Our egg cooks were Kate Drendel, Deanne Winterton, and Amy Taylor. Dallas Boehne and Megan Drendel cooked the gravy, Dillon and Lane did the sausage, and Sarah Faivre, Sara Sanderson, Riley Ryburn, and Kaylyn Nehring cooked the tri-tators. Kye Witek, Dane Fleming, Garrison Govig, and Noah Holm also helped out at the event. We would like to thank everyone for all their help! On Friday we had the Petting Zoo where everyone in the community could come. We would like to thank Kaylyn Nehring, Kailyn Buchholz, Riley Ryburn, Rylie Schreck, Brad Gustello, Cody Suddeth, Amy Taylor, Max Williams, Sarah Dempsay, Shayla Koelher, and Emma Goodrich for all bringing their animals to share with us. Also, we would like to thank all the members who helped with the event and everyone who came to visit! To end FFA week our chapter volleyball team went to the Section Volleyball tournament at Hiawatha. Dallas Boehne, Kye Witek, Megan Drendel, Megan Flewellyn, Katelyn Moore, Kate Drendel, and Emily Shilling were on the team. Even though we didn't place we had lots of fun! We would like to thank everyone again for their help and participation during FFA Week!



FFA WEEK PICTURES



STATE DEGREE INTERVIEWS

On February 2nd State Degree Interviews were held at Sycamore High School. Throughout the month of January members going for their state degree put lots of time in before, during, and after school filling out the application. To make sure everything was right, members attended a State Degree Workshop at Sycamore High School on January 30th. Ivan Harvell, Dane Fleming, Amy Taylor, Megan Drendel, Deanne Winterton, Dillon Martenson, and Dallas Boehne all attended. The interviews were on the 2nd and they all went great. Everyone will be receiving their state degrees this summer at State Convention this summer. Congratulations everyone!

PROFICIENCY AWARD INTERVIEWS

The section level for Proficiency Awards was held at Kishwaukee College on February 9th. We had Megan Drendel, Amy Taylor, Ivan Harvell, Deanne Winterton, Dillon Martenson, and Kye Witek compete with their record books. Megan's book was over wildlife management and production, Amy's babysitting entrepreneurship, Ivan's beef entrepreneurship, Deanne's diversified crop entrepreneurship, Dillon's swine entrepreneurship, and Kye's agriculture education. Overall Dillon received 3rd in his category and Amy 2nd in hers. In addition, Megan, Ivan, Kye, and Deanne all received 1st place in theirs and were able to advance to District Proficiency Awards. District Proficiency Awards was held on March 14th. Kye received 1st place and is now able to advance to State for competition. Great job everyone!

AG MECHANICS

During March our Ag Mech class worked on making marshmallow shooters out of 1/2" PVC pipe. Once they had it all complete they were able to paint and decorate it. Then one class period they went outside to have a marshmallow war. Deanne Winterton, Bret Ostrom, James Cross, Matt Srocznski, Amy Taylor, John Jensky, Dillon Martenson, Mitch Lave, Sarah Faivre, Kate Drendel, Garret Post, and Justin Hatfield are all in the Ag Mech class this year. Great job everyone!



LIVESTOCK JUDGING

On March 14th our livestock judging team went to Blackhawk East Town College for a practice judging before the section competition. Ivan Harvell, Dane Fleming, Dillon Martenson, Carlos Sanchez, Noah Holm, Lane Rissman, Garret Post, Deanne Winterton, and Kailyn Buchholz are all on the team this year. They each judged livestock in different categories, which included: hogs, beef cattle, goats, sheep, and breeding heifers. Overall Ivan placed 4th in swine and Deanne placed 8th in beef cattle. Way to go!



CCC AUCTION

On March 11th the CCC Auction was held at Indian Creek Middle School. Carlos Sanchez, Lauren Frances, Lane Rissman, Noah Holm, Deanne Winterton, Megan Drendel, Kate Drendel, Katelyn Moore, Sydney Bend, and Emily Rueff helped work the event. They each walked around with items showing them off and trying to get people to buy them. Thanks for your help everyone!



AG IN THE CLASSROOM

On March 13th and 15th our chapter had members go over to the Elementary Schools to teach kids what Agriculture is in Illinois. Kye Witek, Deanne Winterton, Megan Drendel, Alan Suiter, Dillon Martenson, Lauren Frances, Sarah Faivre, Emily Rueff, Dallas Boehne, and Carlos Sanchez all participated in at least one the four classes we visited. This year we visited three 3rd grade classes and one 4th grade class. We played a game that taught the kids where different items, that were manufactured first in Illinois, were located. Also how when you add water to dry super absorbent polymer it swells and is what we use in diapers today. Last, we taught them about the four leading products in agriculture in Illinois, which are corn, soybeans, hogs, then cattle. We want to thank all the teachers for letting us come and teach their classes; as well as all the members who participated!



ALUMNI DINNER-DANCE

On March 3rd was the Alumni Dinner-Dance at Indian Oaks County Club. We would like to thank everyone who came out to have a good time and support our Alumni! There was a great turnout and they hope to do it again next year. Everyone enjoyed the wonderful dinner and the band was great. Besides dancing, everyone had fun betting on the chicken game provided by Mrs. Shilling. During this game people would bet on which square they thought the chicken would poop on. Then the winner would receive a portion of the amount everyone betted in. We would like to thank Mrs. Shilling for the game! In addition we would like to thank our Alumni for doing such a great job of putting this together!

Reporter's Note...



As the weather is getting nicer, the school year is coming to an end. The seniors are anticipating graduation and ready to move onto a new chapter of their lives. We are also getting ready for prom in May. Mostly though we are all ready for summer. Since its almost here we are filling out new officer and award applications. I have really enjoyed being the reporter this year, but I know we have many great candidates to fill the position for next year. Before the year ends we are still keeping quite busy. In February we were very busy with National FFA Week. We had lots of fun activities for everyone to participate in. The petting zoo was my favorite, where all the elementary kids and people from the community could come to see all the animals. I also participated in the dodgeball and volleyball tournaments. Even though volleyball is definitely my better sport, both were a lot of fun. The dodgeball tournament was also a big success for everyone who bought stocks for it. By buying stocks we were able to double our money based on what we sold in the concession stand. Some upcoming events to look forward to are Section Livestock Judging, our Chapter and Section Banquet, which are both hosted at our school, the end of the year party, and state proficiency awards. I look forward to seeing everyone at our Banquet on April 17th.

For the Last Time

Sincerely Your Reporter,

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Learning to Do

Doing to Learn

Earning to Live

Living to Serve

SENIOR SPOTLIGHT!!!

Kye Witek

Favorite FFA Activity: All of them

CDEs Attended: Parli Pro, Dairy, Dairy Foods, Extemp, Livestock Judging, Horse Judging

Favorite Ag Class: Intro to Ag

Favorite Singer: Whoever is on the radio

Best FFA Memory: Leadership Camp



Alan Suiter

Favorite FFA Activity: Pumpkin Carving/ Movie Night

CDEs Attended: Soil Judging

Favorite Ag Class: Ag Mech

Favorite Singer: Anything

Best FFA Memory: When I put Austin Ashby pictures all over the Ag room, poor Miss Novoteny

What You Will Miss Most: All the great times I had at FFA events with all my friends