

2021 FFA

- LEARNING TO DO
- DOING TO LEARN
- EARNING TO LIVE
- LIVING TO SERVE

A supplement of the **Journal Review**

BANE-WELKER

SINCE 1967 **EQUIPMENT**

Employee Owned. Customer Focused.

Parts • Sales • Service
Precision Farming



With 12 locations in Indiana and Ohio!

Crawfordsville, IN
(765) 866.0253

Eaton, OH
(937) 456.6281

Georgetown, OH
(937) 378.4880

La Crosse, IN
(219) 754.2423

Lebanon, IN
(765) 482.2303

Pendleton, IN
(765) 778.1991

Plymouth, IN
(574) 936.2523

Remington, IN
(219) 261.4221

Terre Haute, IN
(812) 234.2627

Wilmington, OH
(937) 382.0941

Winamac, IN
(574) 946.6168

Wingate, IN
(765) 275.2270

www.Bane-Welker.com



Support FFA members during FFA week and year-round

“FFA makes a positive difference in the lives of students by developing their potential for premier leadership, personal growth and career success through agricultural education.” This FFA mission statement is a testament to our members, chapters, advisors and supporters everywhere.

National FFA week starts Monday, Feb. 20. It is held annually on the last full week in February. This year it will look unlike any other FFA week, showcasing virtual “events” rather than Blue and Gold filling the school halls or a pancake breakfast made by members for all the teachers. Our more than 12,000 Indiana FFA members have found ways to still make it special, nonetheless.

The celebrations this week will include virtual visits from Indiana FFA State Officers to FFA chapters across the state. Like every year, this FFA week will also include a proclamation from Indiana legislators who are set to recognize the importance of FFA week and supporting our students. FFA students from across the state will also have the opportunity to learn from agriculture leaders about creating opportunities to tell their story in agriculture and to stand up for agricultural practices on the local, state and federal level with four virtual

FFA Advocacy days. Even though this FFA week is certain to look unlike any other, these resilient students have found a way to keep FFA traditions alive.

We cannot honor and celebrate National FFA week without remembering former Indiana FFA Association Director Rob Hays, who passed away last summer. Rob embodied everything FFA is and stands for and is dearly missed in our department and throughout the state. Rob was most passionate about building leaders, something that FFA does so well.

The Indiana State Department of Agriculture and Indiana FFA Association believe leadership development and equipping members with the skills they need to succeed at any stage of life is crucial. Recently we partnered with Lt. Governor Suzanne Crouch’s office to develop Indiana’s Rural Road to Recovery plan, designed to get our state back on track following the pandemic. One priority outlined in our rural road to recovery is to strengthen the pipeline of individuals seeking careers in agriculture. FFA is a great way to get students learning and involved in agriculture-related careers.

Many times I have heard it said that FFA members are some of the hard-

est working, most eager students on a job or in an internship. I am certain that is due in large part to FFA’s leadership and learning model along with the positive support from advisors and parents.

I want to encourage businesses and post-secondary educational institutions to take a deeper look into FFA members as they are moving into careers or furthering their education. Beyond leadership skills, FFA members learn so much about agriculture, food science, technology and a variety of other disciplines preparing them for success.

I further encourage business and community leaders to ask themselves how they can promote youth education or support their local FFA chapter. Our local FFA chapters and schools need business’s participation for events and to expand learning opportunities. This is also a great way to establish a connection with the next generation of community leaders, which could lead to job shadowing or an internship.

FFA members exhibit the value of hard work, education and strong leadership instilled in them from the very beginning of their membership and make excellent additions to any workforce or team. At the Indiana State



Department of Agriculture we feel that firsthand because almost half of our 60 employees were FFA members. During FFA week I encourage others to think, when was the last time I volunteered with my local FFA chapter? By working together and supporting our local chapters we can take FFA and Indiana’s 12,000 FFA members to the next level.

Bruce Kettler is the Indiana State Department of Agriculture Director.

#FFAWEEK

Screenshot, share and tag [@NationalFFA](https://www.instagram.com/NationalFFA)



FIRE Food Project

HAPPY NATIONAL FFA WEEK!



We believe in FFA

... and we're proud to support the FFA chapters and statewide campaigns that develop leadership potential in rural youth. Interested in a career in agriculture? We believe Ceres Solutions has a lot to offer you... and we believe the best is yet to come. FFA alums-- join us!



www.ceres.coop

“Get Hooked on Froedge’s”

FROEDGE'S, INC.



Auto
& Truck Repair
24 HR. Towing
& Recovery



SEE US FOR YOUR COMPLETE AUTO & TRUCK CARE:

- Tune Ups
- Brakes
- Oil Changes
- Batteries
- Radiator Flush
- Engine Replacement
- DOT Inspection
- 24 Hour Towing & Recovery

700 Covington St, Crawfordsville, IN 47933 | (765) 362-0966



Fountain Central FFA finds success amidst chaos

This has been a huge year for our chapter so far with our officer team from last year returning as a whole we have seen great success from our entire chapter. Our officer team is led by President Jacob Keeling and is filled with a diversity of backgrounds and personalities. This team also includes Vice President Ashlynn Ingalsbe, Secretary Daniel Adams, Treasurer Seth Martin, Sentinel Luke Adams and Reporter Adison Hawk. Hawk also serves as the District IV Reporter.

Contests have looked quite different this year, but our expecta-

tions are still as high as ever. We started off the year strong with soils judging where we finished fifth at the area contest with our top scorer being senior Hawk who placed 10th. Moving onto crops and forestry seasons, we only had a virtual state contest and our members did not disappoint. In forestry, the team was 60th out of 120 teams and our top forester for the third year in a row was Daniel Adams. The crops team placed ninth and 32nd out of 70 teams with the top scorer being sophomore Erin Sillery. She placed 11th overall in the state. Future contests include: parliamen-

tary procedure, livestock judging, dairy judging, leadership ambassador, public speaking, welding and quizbowl.

Through all of the uncertainty in this time our chapter has been focused on making the most of the opportunities that we have had. We are grateful for everyday in the classroom so as a chapter we are trying to make every day memorable. This year we have been involved in multiple extra hands-on activities. The plant and soil science class has cared for the garden, and will use the greenhouse this spring. Animal science

has tasted different types of meat to determine meat quality. Introduction to Agriculture classes have done soil labs, made homemade ice cream, participated in milk tasting and soon will be doing their own demonstrations. The agricultural mechanics classes have worked on small engines and are now welding. All of these hands on experiences have helped to make classroom experiences interesting. We can't wait to see what the rest of our year entails as we embrace the change.

— Adison Hawk, Fountain Central FFA reporter

Keep your farm moving in the right direction.

Ag Loans...

Yep, we do them.



**TRI-COUNTY
BANK&TRUST**

Bainbridge: 765-522-6216
Roachdale: 765-522-1000
Russellville: 765-435-2620

Crawfordsville:
South Blvd: 765-362-9555
Downtown: 765-362-4900

Tri-County Bank NMLS: #422911



tricountybank.net



EST 1974
RAHN
CONSTRUCTION INC.

BROCK

- DRYERS • AUGERS
- BROCK BINS • MOTORS
- SALES & SERVICE

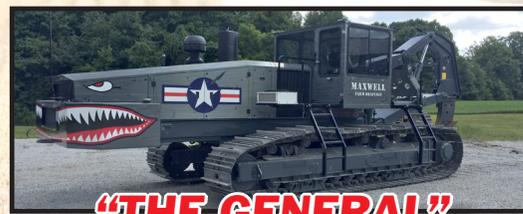
Jim Rahn

765-344-1608

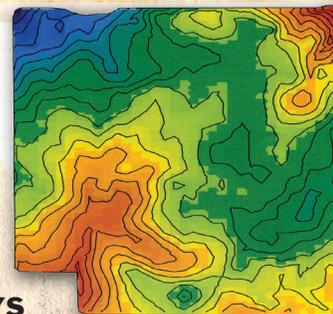
NORTH ON STATE ROAD 59 FROM BELLMORE
5081 N. St. Rd. 59 • ROCKVILLE, IN 47872

MAXWELL FARM DRAINAGE

*Celebrating
Over 100 Years!*
We are continuously changing to bring you the latest technology in water management



"THE GENERAL"



- PONDS • FENCE ROWS • WATERWAYS
- FARM DRAINAGE • DEMOLITION

We drain your fields, not your wallets.

RTK TOPOGRAPHICAL MAPPING
• Contour Drainage
• Controlled Drainage
• Sub-irrigation

BUCKEYE 9200
Capable of installing up to 36" pipe



STARS & STRIPES 2050 INTER-DRAIN
Capable of installing up to 3" to 15" corrugated pipe

Office
(765) 794-0338

4817 E & 570 N
Crawfordsville, Indiana

Cell
(765) 230-0858

Why HHSB?

Because all decisions are made **locally** by an owner of the bank.



Contact our Ag Lending team today at 765-364-0784!

Jordan Burkett
jburkett@myhhsb.com

Jeff Kiger
jkiger@myhhsb.com

Josh Foxworthy
jfoxworthy@myhhsb.com



www.myhhsb.com



North FFA reflects on 2020; looks to future

National FFA Week

North Montgomery has always had a rich heritage when it comes to celebrating National FFA week. This week is the one week alone besides National Convention chapters across the country and regions of the U.S. celebrate together. North Montgomery has always taken part in the celebration of this week.

Over the years, the chapter has come up with various things to celebrate the week, including in-school activities, events with neighboring chapters and events held to help the community. This year, we were hit with a pandemic. We knew as a chapter we weren't going to let this virus hold us back. Thanks to the thoughts of our officer team, members, and our Ag Advisory board members. We came up with a way to celebrate each day of the week.

One event we always share between the high school and middle school is the annual North vs. South kickball game. Over the past years, this was one event we always looked forward to from both chapters. North and South has always been true rivals within

our FFA chapters. Whether it be from LDE's, CDE's, etc. The annual kickball game just gave us another reason to compete and bring our best to the table. The game is always held at North or South depending which one can host that year. This year with COVID, we were truly thrilled to find out we were allowed to have the game. Even if we have to wear a mask to have it is something, we are willing to comply with to have this event.

One event we were scared to lose was the annual breakfast. This is a fundraiser we always do every year. Proceeds from the event go to help the chapters in various ways. This year due to COVID-19, we had come up with a back-up plan. This year, we will also be doing a fundraiser at Brother's Pizza Co. 4-10 p.m. Feb. 25. A total of 20% of all proceeds will go to the North Montgomery Chapter fund. We are truly grateful for Brother's Pizza Co. to team up with us and help do a fundraiser.

The breakfast, which is usually held during the week, has been moved to Feb. 27. We will be running it 7-11 a.m. that day. Due to COVID-19, we did have to change how it will operate. In-

stead of a sit-down meal, this year the chapter will be doing a drive-through. This allows us to still have it and keep the workers, customers and community safe.

School events are made specific for both the high school and middle school. This year, we are trying to get more than just the members involved with the activities. We are trying to get the schools more involved. At the elementary schools, we will be having a coloring contest and picking winners from each grade at all three of the elementary schools. In the middle school and high school will have some events that correlate like spirit days. We will be holding class activities so that students can win prizes just like middle school. We will also be holding a can food drive. We will be donating all the food gathered to a local food bank in Montgomery County.

Every year, we always allow high school students to drive their big trucks/tractors to school. We are truly trying to get regular students involved just as much with our FFA Week activities. We usually have about six to eight tractors that will be drove in for the drive your truck and tractor

day. We are hoping with more school involvement we can get more vehicles there.

— Gage M. Rausch, North Montgomery FFA secretary

FFA Chapter Retreat

The North Montgomery FFA chapter will be attending their annual FFA chapter retreat on March 19-21 (pending COVID-19). The chapter retreat is at Trafalgar at the Indiana FFA leadership center. At the leadership center our chapter stays in a cabin for the whole weekend. This weekend helps develop many life skills to take on and use later on in our life.

On our weekend away, we will be doing various activities at the Indiana FFA Center. During the first night we will arrive and unpack, then have a limited amount of time to go outside or relax inside. The next day, we will wake up early and eat a healthy breakfast before the state FFA officers arrive. Although only a select few State FFA officers arrive, we still learn a lot. The FFA members will then be put through mini classes based

DURABERM

Durable. Sustainable. Affordable.



Durable. Sustainable. Affordable.



duraberm.com
Bill Webster (765) 918-5110

Voted #1 Body Shop in
Montgomery County!



765-364-1067

Fax: 765-364-0925

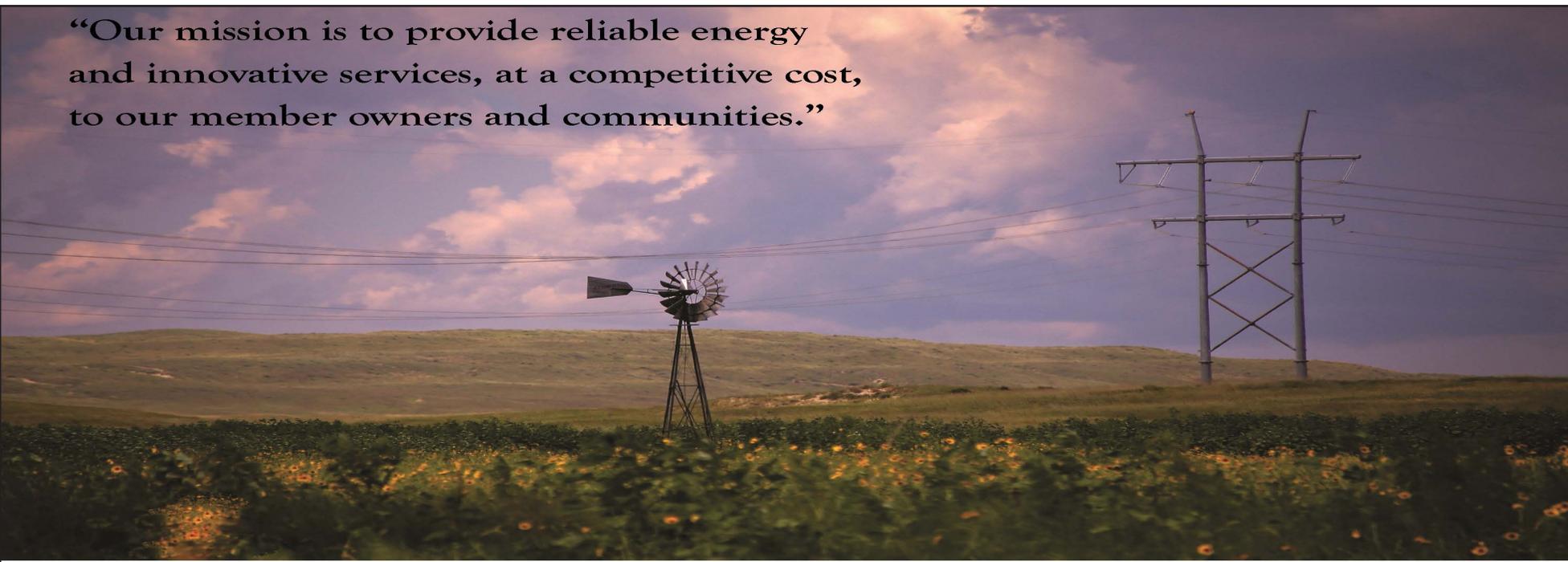
607 Waynetown Rd
Crawfordsville, IN

Open Mon-Fri
8:00AM to 5:00PM

*"There is no need to worry
when you leave your car in
our capable hands..."*



*"Our mission is to provide reliable energy
and innovative services, at a competitive cost,
to our member owners and communities."*



Parke County REMC

Your Touchstone Energy® Cooperative



119 W. High St., Rockville, IN 47872

765.569.3133 | 800.537.3913

pcremc.com

 Parke County REMC



on what strengths and weakness that the chapter possesses that year. The retreat will hone in on those and work with the members to better themselves and the chapter as a whole.

These activities help us develop leadership and community service skills. During the lunch break, we will have many opportunities to meet the state officers and chat with them. Once we finish our leadership training, we will have the rest of the day to ourselves to enjoy the outdoors, spend time together, and build new friendships with people we may not have known a lot about in our chapter.

Overall, our Chapter retreat is an amazing way to connect with the members and all of our State Officers. Even though it is three days, it is a great learning experience and I highly recommend going.

— Colton Meadows, North Montgomery FFA vice president

LDW Leadership Camp

“True leaders don’t create followers, they create more leaders.” This is exactly what the FFA state officers did during their “leadership development workshop” conference February 2020. These leaders held a conference at their Indiana FFA leadership center in Trafalgar, open to FFA officer teams to teach them many things to bring back to their chapters. There were about 150 FFA members at this conference.

Some examples of things we learned while at LDW are how to resolve conflict, communicate, teamwork, and just how to better be a leader. We did many fun activities in order to learn these skills. One activity we did involve having partners, and one partner had to face the opposite way with a paper plate on their head and a marker in their hand. The other partner was shown a picture and they had to explain the picture while the other partner drew the picture on the paper plate. This activity definitely taught us a few things such as, communication and teamwork.

Five of the seven North Montgomery FFA officers attended this conference and we learned so much. We bonded as a team and grew as leaders. We grew as officers and can’t wait to bring our new skills into our chapter.

— Colton Meadows, North Montgomery FFA Vice President

Riley Blankets

The Riley blankets is an activity that involves multiple groups and clubs in the North Montgomery School Corporation. Some of the groups and clubs include National Honor Society, SADD, Sun Shine Society, Student Council and YAR members. Many FFA members go to this meeting because it is a fun time to talk to friends while helping out a good cause. All the blankets that are made go straight to Riley Children hospital and the Ronald McDonald House in Indianapolis. Every year the FFA hosts this activity in our AG room and AG workshop area.

Even with COVID-19 the event had a great turn out with social distancing and wearing of masks for the event. Our ag classroom and workshop were full of helping hands. The blankets are made by cutting equal sheets of fleece and cutting finger-long and two-finger-wide pieces along the edges. The pieces are double knotted to other pieces of fabric all the way around the edge, making a blanket. but with different patterns. They had patterns that were girly and they had patterns that were boyish. This activity is really for everyone because you don’t have to sew anything, it’s just tying fabric together.

The North Montgomery FFA has been doing this for 16-17 years, but in the last couple of years we have invited other North Montgomery organizations to come help. This works out because most clubs and organizations need community service hours and this event takes a couple of hours to complete.

— Grace Shrader, North Montgomery FFA reporter

Family in Need Shopping

The North Montgomery FFA Chapter has always been committed to making sure to serve those in our community. Even with the special circumstances that this year has brought, we have had to make changes to make sure that we can still help others.

One event we pride ourselves in completing every year is the Family in Need Shopping. Every year we find two families who could use an extra hand during the holiday season and we go shopping to provide them with a big meal for Christmas.



We typically will do our shopping at Kroger, where we split into groups to find the food items. Before we go to Kroger, we meet at school to make the menus for each family. We usually pick out some pretty delicious dinners. Advisor Nancy Bell does make sure that we have a well-rounded and nutritional meal line up for our families that we are sponsoring for the year.

This event is popular for both high school, as well as middle school members.

“It’s a great experience for everyone involved and leaves a lasting impact too,” Shyana Busse said.

Another member, Grace Runyan, added, “I enjoy, shopping for families in our community because it is good to give back to others.”

All and all, we North Montgomery FFA take pride in helping others, and this is one way that we do it.

— Drew Runyan, North Montgomery FFA president

Nourish Program

Every year the North Montgomery FFA dedicates a few days to help with the Nourish Program to pack meals. The Nourish Program is a great organization that helps to send food home with students who may need it over the weekend. As an FFA Chapter, we gather both middle school and high school members who would like to help, and then we meet and pack several meals for students in local schools for the



Nourish back pack program.

As a chapter we take pride in helping others in numerous different ways, however with events such as the Nourish Program we are able to help those in our local communities. Helping those in the community allows us to see first-hand the impact of the work that we do. Our chapter works to be very heavily involved in our community and bettering it.

We allow any member to help out with the Nourish program meal packing events.

“Events like the Nourish Program are an excellent way to help those in our community,” said Brent Runyan.

Our FFA Chapter takes pride in helping out in community service events, and this is just one that we are glad to do.

For more information on the Nourish Program, contact Cathy at 765-366-5694, and she can set you up with available packing dates and times, as they are always looking for helpers.

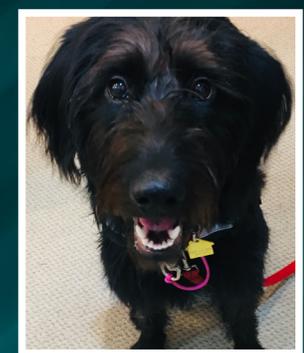
— Drew Runyan, NMHS FFA president

Former Active
FFA Member!



FAMILY & FRIENDS FUNERAL HOME

765-275-2322 WINGATE | familyandfriendsfh.com



Junie Sue
THERAPY DOG



Kids' Room
COMFORT FOR ALL

AHW not only sells equipment... They sell solutions.



Tomorrow's Solutions Today

ASHMORE, IL
CLINTON, IL
DWIGHT, IL
ELBURN, IL
HOOPESTON, IL
MANTENO, IL

MELVIN, IL
MONTICELLO, IL
MT. PULASKI, IL
NEW HOLLAND, IL
SOMONAUK, IL
URBANA, IL

WATSEKA, IL
CRAWFORDSVILLE, IN
ROCKVILLE, IN
WILLIAMSPORT, IN

CRAWFORDSVILLE
765-361-3300
2981 INDUSTRIAL BLVD

AHW is committed to serving our AG, Turf and Commercial customers by providing innovative products and solutions, backed by dedicated, world-class employees. Combining the strength of tradition and a vision for the future in order to deliver **Tomorrow's Solutions Today.**

AHW is the largest, most advanced, most reliable source for John Deere sales and service in Eastern Central Illinois and Western Indiana. With such a large footprint, there is an AHW dealer nearby to assist you when you need it. Whether its agriculture, commercial or turf, count on AHW for the answers to your questions.

www.AHWLLC.com

FFA chapter is supported.”

For our spring fundraiser we sell flowers and vegetables that we grow in our greenhouse at the school. Our plants usually take about 6-8 weeks to grow, and we plant them about Mid-March. The FFA members and agriculture students who are in the horticulture and landscaping classes plant them. With the two fundraisers combined we gather/total up points throughout the year and if we can get to 100 or 115 points Advisor Nancy Bell takes those who have earned enough points to Holiday World, which gives us a nice incentive to sell more items during the fall and spring fundraisers. After the fundraisers have ended there usually are still some things left over that Bell encourages us to continue selling or we will seek out various food pantries and donate any extra fruit or vegetable plants too. We have also donated extra poinsettias to various nursing homes within the Montgomery County as well as any extra hanging baskets.

— Gracen Schwabe, North Montgomery FFA treasurer and student advisor



Kids Against Hunger

The Kids Against Hunger event will be held April 8 (pending COVID-19). We usually invite different FFA chapters and NMHS school organizations and the sponsors of the boxes to come and help us pack food.

“I love doing Kids Against Hunger because it makes me feel good that our school and other schools and members from our community can come together to help people,” said Morgan Meadows.

Due to COVID-19, we may or may not be inviting anyone outside of our chapter and our sponsors for this year, but that could change as the event gets closer and things change, hopefully for the better.

At this event we package food, usually between 60-100 boxes, but this year we will only be packing 62 boxes. We were sad we weren't able to do this event in 2020 due to the pandemic.

Sponsors for this year that we would like to thank are: Stillwater Farms, Cere Solutions, Land O Lakes, AHW, Tymeless Farms, Farm Credit, Nutrien, Fountain Trust, Bane-Welker Equipment, HHSB and Cargill.

— Gracen Schwabe, North Montgomery FFA treasurer and student advisor

Indiana State FFA Convention

The Indiana FFA State Convention was unable to be held in person this year for the summer of 2020, but we were able to watch live streams that the Indiana State FFA officers posted for us. This was a little bit different as we were not able to be at school, so we had to watch it on our own time. This was the first event to be virtual as we had our District FFA Kickoff weeks earlier before the state wide shut down.

Normally we would have had a three-day FFA Convention trip with the first being completion day of various LDE's and CDE's events. The second being proficiency awards and delegate day and the third being the Hoosier Degree awards, but instead this year it was the same thing but over a live stream there were many changes that had been made including how they awarded proficiency's and the Hoosier Degrees. Normally when being awarded proficiency's you go up on stage but sadly as per the pandemic, we had to award them virtually.

All in all, this year wasn't the best State FFA Convention but at least we had one. There were many things that



Spring and fall fundraisers

The fall FFA fundraiser involves selling different kinds of fruits and poinsettias. Same as with our spring fundraiser the students will grow our poinsettias, in the greenhouse during the fall. The members water them, track their growth, by measuring them weekly and make sure they start to flower (which is turning the red, pink or white color on time) which is around the end of October right around National FFA Convention week. The poinsettias take about 18 weeks to grow. The students take care of these plants year after year, it's rewarding getting to watch these plants that started at practically nothing and turn into beautiful plants that people from our community will enjoy for the Christmas holiday.

Our members really like these fundraisers as you can get out into the world and meet new people or say “hi” to those you've met previously. “Our FFA fundraisers are fun to participate in,” said Grace Runyan. “The customer always gets a good product, and the

we lost due to the pandemic but we did not lose our pride in the FFA and we pushed through and did what we could with what we had and that's all that matters now. I believe Indiana FFA will overcome all these virtual items and looking forward to spending State FFA Convention this year in person and getting to know more

members across the state like we have done in years past. I am grateful for the 2019-2020 State FFA officer team and what they did to make the best of the 2020 State FFA Convention for all members across Indiana.

— Sean A. Kilgour, North Montgomery FFA sentinel

TOM'S MARINE
SALES & SERVICE

ESTABLISHED IN 1969
50
YEARS
TOM'S MARINE

Celebrating 50 years in business!

Proud Supporter of the FFA



2020 Polaris Ranger XP 1000 Northstar Edition

POLARIS® 765-362-7656

No document, title, or
freight fees!

1389 West 200 South
Crawfordsville, IN 47933
sales@tomsmarinesales.com

HOURS: MONDAY-FRIDAY 8AM-5PM SATURDAY 8AM-12PM

Offers vary by model and are subject to availability. Rebate and financing offers valid on new and unregistered Polaris RZR, Ranger, Sportsman, General, and Ace models, but availability of the offers may vary by state, so please see your local authorized dealer for complete details. Rates as low as 3.99% APR for 36 months. Other financing offers may be available. See your local dealer for details. Minimum amount financed \$1500, maximum amount \$50000. Other qualifications and restrictions may apply. Finance promotions void where prohibited. Promotion may be modified or discontinued without any notice at any time in Polaris' sole discretion. **WARNING:** Polaris off-road vehicles can be hazardous to operate and are not intended for on-road use. Driver must be at least 16 years old with a valid drivers license to operate. Passengers, if permitted, must be at least 12 years old. All riders should always wear helmets, eye protection, and protective clothing. Always use seatbelts and cab nets or doors (as equipped). Never engage in stunt driving, and avoid excessive speeds and sharp turns. Riding and alcohol/drugs don't mix. All riders should take a safety course.

WWW.TOMSMARINESALES.COM



**CENTRAL INDIANA
RUBBER**

P: 765-362-7790

F: 765-362-7841

OPERATING HOURS

Mon - Fri 8:00 - 5:00

Saturday 8:00 - 12:00

AGRICULTURE

Hardworking agricultural applications demand heavy duty belts and hoses. Central Indiana Rubber, Inc offers a complete line of belts for agricultural and lawn and garden equipment, in sizes and power ratings for almost any application.

LOCALLY OWNED AND OPERATED SINCE 1975



989 W 83 N., PO Box 770, Crawfordsville, IN 47933 • Toll Free 800-382-0972

www.indianarubber.com • Email: sales@indianarubber.com

“ I sincerely appreciated your openness and honesty with us at all times. You are not a “high-pressure” “big-talk” salesperson! ”

- Lana Wright, Farm Seller

Providing Service You Deserve



GARY BOHLANDER
765.794.0221
garyb@halderman.com



HALDERMAN
REAL ESTATE & FARM MANAGEMENT

SINCE 1930



800.424.2324 | halderman.com

Appraisal | Real Estate | Farm Management | Auction | Farm Investment



National FFA Convention

The National FFA Convention was also held virtual so we (North Montgomery FFA officers) decided to add all of our chapter members and we made an event out of it. Instead of officers and juniors and seniors going down we had our entire FFA chapter attend at our school we used both the ag room and the shop area we had our monthly chapter meeting then we had supper and the we had games going in the shop and we had kids watching the National FFA Convention blue room topics for this year live in the agriculture classroom. This was a good year for us to have a virtual FFA Convention because we had FFA members that didn't even know what National FFA Convention was, so we had some of the officers explain what it is and there was a large group of kids that wanted to attend when they get to be either an officer or junior or senior in high school.

The convention, prior to the pandemic was held once a year and brought every state that had a chapter would attend and just this past year the 2019 FFA Convention had to be moved to Lucas Oil Stadium because of the amount of people that attend this past FFA Convention. In 2019 the National FFA Convention total of 70,000 FFA members in attendance, and it keeps growing too, because the last five years there has been a rise in FFA member attendance/membership. There are more than 400 exhibits in the Convention center and almost every exhibit has something to offer to the FFA members.

In all the best parts by far while attending the National FFA Convention are the national days of service. The national days of service allows us to give back to the community by helping out with projects like painting a fence or redoing a gravel driveway. Whatever it maybe we are helping out which is what we love to do, the National FFA motto is "Learning to Do, Doing to Learn, Earning to Live, Living to Serve." I think that all of us FFA members all over the United States live by that motto whether we admit it or not we all live by that motto. The National FFA Convention was a big success this year, yes it was virtual but I believe that there will be big things coming for the next National FFA Convention in Indianapolis.

— Sean A. Kilgour, North Montgomery FFA sentinel



Thoughts from FFA Advisor Nancy Bell

We have been turned upside down and inside out due to the pandemic which we have faced head on. North Montgomery FFA members have been grateful for events that we have done and what we are planning to do in the next couple of months. The North Montgomery FFA members have dug in deep and they have made this year as good as it can be. They have hit the road hard with making sure to have a plan A and a plan B just in case something would not work for a particular event. I am very grateful for the hard work, my FFA members have done this year to make this year one for the books. I am proud of them all and cannot wait to see what all they have in store for the rest of the school year. FFA members have been given a way to step up and not back down with this pandemic and it shows from putting a creative spin on the FFA Community Breakfast to hosting an all virtual FFA petting zoo which will be sent out to all elementary in the North Montgomery School Corporation by mid-March to hosting a National FFA Convention Watch party this past fall for all our members. My FFA members are "Learning to Do" items differently in a pandemic, "Doing to Learn" those new items to make something of an event, "Earning to Live" and "Living to Serve" our community to the best it can while during a pandemic. I am truly blessed with the best FFA members that this old owl can have, with that I am proud of them all.

— Nancy Bell, North Montgomery FFA advisor and ag educator





OWNER/BROKER
GREG MORRISON
765-366-1521



BROKER
DALE WILSON
765-376-6178



BROKER
CASEY HORN
765-366-9904



BROKER
STACEY BAIRD
765-720-2075



BROKER
SARAH DEVORE
765-225-1427



BROKER
KAY SOWDER
765-918-1538

RESIDENTIAL • COMMERCIAL • FARMS

DAVISMORRISON.COM

Your news, *your way.*

Log on to www.journalreview.com today.

Create an account and unlock the full online experience, including headlines straight to your inbox!

Staying connected
is easier than ever.

**ONLINE.
ON THE GO.**

Journal Review

119 N Green St, Crawfordsville, IN | (765) 362-1200 | www.journalreview.com



Southmont FFA practices community outreach

For the Journal Review

The Southmont FFA chapter has always been active in the community; philanthropic activities teach its members to give back and live to serve. A few of the community activities the chapter participates in includes hosting the chapter's Ag Exploration Program for New Market Elementary third graders, Conservation Field Days, hosting three area pedal pulls, the Adopt-A-Highway program, planting flowers at the Alamo Fire Station, setting up chairs at New Ross and Ladoga community events and facilitating three area blood drives. Even though 2020 brought challenges and cancelled a few of the chapter's service events, the Southmont FFA is eager to start 2021 off on the right foot.

FFA members enjoy making their community a more attractive place to live by volunteering their time to landscape and plant flowers at local businesses and clean a two-mile stretch of Highway 47. FFA members donate leftover plants to the Alamo Fire Station. FFA members clean out the flower beds and add new bright colorful flowers to the landscape. Members will also spend time mulching to make the area look great. FFA members also gear up each April and October to clean a two-mile stretch of State Road 47. This activity encourages members to take care of their community and their environment.

The Southmont FFA also enjoys educating the community about agriculture. Each August the Southmont FFA attends the Soil & Water Conservation Days at Cain's Farms and educates area fourth graders about the water cycle. FFA members always love going to this event and often will remember when they got to attend the event. Fourth graders get to learn about the water cycle from FFA members while playing a game where they get to travel through the water cycle as water molecules. The event is

sponsored by the Montgomery County Soil and Water Conservation District each year. The Southmont FFA also lends a hand at the Montgomery County Ag days sponsored by the Montgomery County 4-H Extension Services. FFA members have taught stations on swine production, goat production and aquaculture. FFA members bring in their own animals and teach students who attended the event what it takes to care for each animal as well as a little bit about common products we get from each species.

For the last three years, the Southmont FFA has found itself pairing up with New Market Elementary School and its third grade classes to host its own Ag Exploration Day. The FFA welcomes elementary third graders and teaches them about a variety of plant topics. FFA members lead the day by serving as group leaders and presenters. The FFA gives presentations on photosynthesis, plant anatomy, plant propagation and greenhouse production. The third graders who attend are able to take home their very own plant as a souvenir. This event has been a great addition to the FFA's program of activities.

The Southmont FFA Chapter hopes to continue its impact throughout the county by continuing its current service projects while adding new events each year. The Southmont FFA is led by FFA Advisors Erin Gilley and Gary Mosbaugh; as well as Chapter officers: James Nichols, president; Lilli Mussche and Lauren Tricker, co-vice presidents; Levi Brush, secretary; Alex Doyle, treasurer; Elyse Thompson, reporter; Richard Brown, sentinel; and Bella Regan, historian.

The Southmont FFA Chapter would like to extend its appreciation to the South Montgomery School Corporation, as well as Southmont High School faculty and staff, and community supporters for their continued support and generosity to the Southmont FFA Chapter.

Nutrien
Ag Solutions™

13934 S. 700 E.
Clarks Hill, IN 47930
Phone 765.523.2787
Fax 765.523.2001
Chad Smith *Manager*
chadsmith@nutrien.com

***We Are A Full Service Agronomy Office.
Call Us For Your Farming Needs***

Dyna-Gro
SEED

ASGROW

DEKALB

Dow AgroSciences
Mycogen
SEEDS

- Plant Food
- Chemicals
- Soil Testing
- GPS Soil Testing
- Custom Application
- Yield Mapping
- & Application



South FFA has successful 2020

For the Journal Review

The Southmont FFA Chapter had an exceptionally successful year highlighted by being named a National 3 Star Chapter by the National FFA Organization. This award is given to the top 1.5% of chapters in the Nation! Hard work, responsible members, and community support has always allowed Southmont FFA to be a successful part of the school and offer outstanding leadership opportunities for Chapter members.

Special Titles and Achievements include:

- Indiana Gold Emblem Chapter
- State Proficiency Winner: Outdoor Recreation — Holly Shaver
- State Proficiency Winner: Swine Production — Lauren Tricker
- Top 4 Proficiencies — Holly Shaver, Lauren Tricker, and Erin Williams
- Hoosier Degree Recipient — Lilli Mussche, James Nichols, Lauren Tricker and Gregory Gray
- Top 20 FFA All Star — Erin Williams

This past spring Southmont competed in several contests. Do to COVID-19 many of those contests had to be altered and occurred in a virtual format. One of those contests was the horse evaluation contest in which Gregory Gray and Jenna Bushong participated in. Jenna was able to place first in the state in the junior division. While Greg placed in the top 30 in the senior division.

At the Leadership CDE event Southmont experienced great success. The contest took place in April in a virtual format. Southmont was well represented in numerous contests. First place winners included Erin Williams in both Prepared Public Speaking and Leadership Ambassador, Lauren Tricker in Extemporaneous Speaking, and Madison Livesay in Persuasive Essay. Lilli Mussche also competed in the Employment Skills Contest and placed fourth.

The fall brought about a busy time for the Southmont FFA. Members found themselves busy practicing for various judging contests and other

events. One of those contests included Livestock Skill-A-Thon. Senior team members included James Nichols, Madison Livesay, Megan Scheidler, Lauren Tricker, Elyse Thompson, Lilli Mussche, Alex Doyle, Richard Brown, and Jenna Bushong. The junior team consisted of Sophia Shannon, Amarah Shannon, and Claire Kessler. The teams traveled to several contests and placed in the top ten at every contest. The first contest of the year was the Benton Central Invitational. The senior teams were able to place second and fourth overall and individually Alex Doyle was fourth, Lauren Tricker was fifth, Madison Livesay was eighth, James Nichols was ninth and Lilli Mussche was 10th. The junior team placed third overall and individually Sophia Shannon was first, Clair Kessler 11th and Amarah Shannon 12th. The next contest of the year was the in person state contest where the senior team of James Nichols, Madison Livesay, Lilli Mussche and Lauren Tricker placed fifth. Individually Madison Livesay placed second. The

junior team also placed fifth in their division, with Claire Kessler placing 12th and Amarah Shannon placing 15th. Due to COVID the senior division was limited to one team per school at the in person contest. The additional senior team of Alex Doyle, Richard Brown, Elyse Thompson and Jenna Bushong participated in a separate online state contest and placed third as a team. Individually Alex Doyle placed sixth.

The Southmont FFA soils judging teams had a very successful judging year. The team traveled all across the state competing in contests this year. The first contest of the year was held at North Miami where the team of Cole Rhoads, Levi Brush, Kelsey Thompson and Clair Simpson placed third in the senior division. The team of Hunter McArthur, Mallory Leach, Caden Sixberry and Gabe Little placed fifth in the senior division. There was a rookie division at this contest for members who had never competed at the state contest. The rookie team of Daniel Simpson, Ethan

Smith, Natalie Rhoads, Spencer Cass placed third. Individually Cole Rhoads placed second, Levi Brush placed seventh, Kelsey Thompson placed 11th and Clair Simpson placed 12th.

The next contest was at Vincennes University. This contest only offered a senior division with a total of 19 teams and 69 individuals. The team of Cole Rhoads, Kelsey Thompson, Clair Simpson and Levi Brush placed fourth. The fifth place team consisted of Mallory Leach, Daniel Simpson, Caden Sixberry and Gabe Little. The 12th place team was made up of Natalie Rhoads, Spencer Cass and Ethan Smith. Individually Cole placed 10th, Kelsey 11th, Clair 13th, Levi 14th, Mallory 19th and Daniel 20th. The next contest was the area contest where the senior team of Caden Sixberry, Levi Brush, Gabe Little and Alex Doyle placed first and qualified for the state contest. The juniors also had a great day with the team of Cole Rhoads, Kelsey Thompson, Clair Simpson and Mallory Leach placing first in the junior division. Southmont also had the second place junior team consisting of Hunter McArthur, Ethan Smith, Natalie Rhoads and Daniel Simpson. All of the juniors were able to place in the top 10 at the area contests individually. Due to COVID-19 regulations the juniors were unable to attend the state contest this year, but are eager for next year's soil judging season.

The final contest of the year was the state contest. There were 41 senior FFA teams and 155 senior individuals. The Senior team of Levi Brush, Gabe Little, Caden Sixberry and Alex Doyle placed 10th. Individually Levi was able to place sixth in a tough contest.

The Southmont FFA crops teams had a successful judging year. The teams were only able to compete in the state contest this year, because of COVID-19 regulations. This year's senior team members were: Lauren Tricker, Levi Brush, Cole Rhoads, Gabe Little, Kelsey Thompson, Caden Sixberry, Jenna Bushong and Ian Stull. The junior high members were Natalie Rhoads, Kylee Reeves, Clair Simpson, Trent Reeves, Clay Allen, Helen Butcher, Sophia Shannon and Ethan Smith.

The only contest of the year was the state contest which was held virtually. There were 75 teams and 324 individuals competing. Southmont's team of Levi Brush, Lauren Tricker,

Cole Rhoads, Gabe Little won the contest and were named the 2020 state champions. Individually Lauren Tricker placed second, Levi Brush placed third, Cole Rhoads placed fourth, Gabe Little placed fifth and Kelsey Thompson placed 10th. Each member of the first place team will receive a \$500 scholarship given by the Southmont FFA chapter. Southmont also had the fourth place senior team consisting of Kelsey Thompson, Caden Sixberry, Jenna Bushong and Ian Stull. The members worked hard this year and the senior teams continued Southmont's winning tradition. During the last 40 years, Southmont has won the state contest 31st times.

The Southmont FFA Junior High Crops team also won the state championship. There were a total of 13 junior teams and 76 individuals. The champion team members were Natalie Rhoads, Kylee Reeves, Clair Simpson and Trent Reeves. Each member will receive a \$100 scholarship given by the Southmont FFA chapter for winning. Southmont also had the third place junior high team consisting of Clay Allen, Helen Butcher, Hunter Thompson, Sophia Shannon and Ethan Smith. Individually Natalie placed first, Kylee second, Clair fourth, Trent sixth, Clay 14th, Hunter 16th, Helen 17th and Sophia 18th.

Southmont has also been practicing for the Section Parliamentary Procedure Contest on Feb. 20. Senior team members include Brady Largent, Lauren Tricker, Madison Livesay, Alex Doyle, Lilli Mussche, Bella Regan, James Nichols, Levi Brush, Samuel Endicott and Jacob Pike. Junior team members include: Kylee Reeves, Jenna Bushong, Mallory Leach, Griffin Troy, Clair Simpson, Neveah Ward, Hunter Alesi and Spencer Cass. So far this year, the teams have traveled to one contest at Tri-County where the senior team was first in their room, first in test scores, and the overall senior champions. The juniors were also able to place first in their room, but were also the overall champions in the junior division. Both teams continue to work hard for their upcoming section contests.

The chapter continues to remain active in the community; philanthropic activities teach our members to give back and live to serve. A few of the community activities include hosting the chapter's Conservation Field Days, hosting area pedal pulls, Adopt-



A-Highway program, planting flowers at the Alamo Fire Station, setting up chairs at New Ross and Ladoga community events, facilitating three area blood drives and hosting a Plant Exploration Day for New Market students.

To satisfy the Chapter's budget, officers and members coordinate several fundraisers throughout the year. During the fall FFA members sell fresh Florida citrus and fresh Michigan apples while horticulture students work to prepare poinsettias to sell for the holidays. Students will be planting a variety of spring flowers and vegetables for the annual spring plant sales. All plants are available for parents, teachers and community members to purchase at various times throughout the year.

2021 has brought about a busy schedule for the FFA members as they complete the requirements to receive their various degrees in the organization. They are also spending countless hours preparing for District Leadership Contests, filling out proficiencies, as well as, practicing for spring judging competitions. They will soon begin preparing for the election of the 2021-22 Chapter Officer team. The officers are also planning an exciting schedule to celebrate National FFA week including a FFA pizza party, teacher appreciation breakfast and a kickball game against North Montgomery.



ARTHUR'S EXCAVATING & FARM DRAINAGE



765-723-1500
9715 East 500 South, New Ross Indiana

WHAT IS FFA?

Journal Review

FFA is an intercurricular student organization for those interested in agriculture and leadership. It is one of three components of agricultural education.

What do the letters FFA stand for?

The official name of the organization is National FFA Organization.

The letters "FFA" stand for Future Farmers of America. These letters are a part of our history and our heritage that will never change. But FFA is not just for students who want to be production farmers; FFA also welcomes members who aspire to careers as teachers, doctors, scientists, business owners and more. For this reason, the name of the organization was updated in 1988 after a vote of national convention delegates to reflect the growing diversity and new opportunities in the industry of agriculture.

Today, the National FFA Organization remains committed to the in-

dividual student, providing a path to achievement in premier leadership, personal growth and career success through agricultural education.

FFA continues to help the next generation rise up to meet those challenges by helping its members to develop their own unique talents and explore their interests in a broad range of agricultural career pathways. So today, we are still the Future Farmers of America. But, we are the Future Biologists, Future Chemists, Future Veterinarians, Future Engineers and Future Entrepreneurs of America, too.

Our Structure

FFA is an organization made up of state associations and those state associations are made up of local chapters.

How is FFA funded?

FFA programs are funded through sponsorships and individual donations at the local, state and national level. National dues for each member are \$7 per year.

DIFFERENT DEGREES AVAILABLE

Journal Review

FFA members can earn degrees as they progress through the phases of their leadership, academic and career skills development.

The Discovery Degree, Greenhand Degree and Chapter FFA Degree are all earned at the chapter level.

State FFA Associations recognize their top members with a State FFA Degree.

The National FFA Organization awards top members from each state with the American FFA Degree.

STATE FFA DEGREE

The State FFA Degree is given to the top members of a State FFA Association, to receive a State FFA Degree members must meet the requirements listed in the Official FFA Manual.

Questions? Contact your state FFA staff for more information about the State FFA Degree.

CHAPTER FFA DEGREE

The Chapter FFA Degree is given to an FFA chapter's top members, to receive a Chapter FFA Degree members must meet the requirements listed in the Official FFA Manual.

GREENHAND FFA DEGREE

Greenhand FFA Degrees are given out at the chapter level, to receive a Greenhand FFA Degree members must meet the requirements listed in the Official FFA Manual.

DISCOVERY FFA DEGREE

Discovery FFA Degrees are given out at the chapter level, to receive a Discovery FFA Degree members must meet the requirements listed in the Official FFA Manual.

Questions? Contact your local FFA advisor for more information about the Chapter, Greenhand and Discovery degrees. Contact your State Association for state degree information.

FFA VALUES

FFA MISSION

FFA makes a positive difference in the lives of students by developing their potential for premier leadership, personal growth, and career success through agricultural education.

FFA VISION

The FFA envisions a future in which all agricultural education students will discover their passion in life and build on that insight to chart the course for their educational, career and personal future.

FFA MOTTO

The motto gives members twelve short words to live by as they experience opportunities in the organization.

- Learning to Do
- Doing to Learn
- Earning to Live
- Living to Serve

FFA SALUTE

The Pledge of Allegiance is the official salute of the FFA Organization. To properly conduct the salute, face the United States flag, place the right hand over the left part of the chest, and holding it there, repeat the following pledge:

“I pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States of America and to the Republic for which it stands, one Nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.”

NOTE: Repeat the pledge as it is punctuated. There is no comma or pause following the word “nation.”

The salute should always be used in the official closing ceremony for meetings and at other FFA gatherings. At the conclusion of the pledge, the hand should be dropped to the side and the members should again face the president’s station.

HOW TO JOIN:

Journal Review

The FFA is an integral part of the Agricultural Education program. To join the FFA you must be enrolled in an Ag Science Education course in your local school. Contact your school’s counselor or Ag Science instructor to enroll in Ag Ed and join the FFA.

FFA is not a “club.” It is one of three integral components of an agricultural education program: classroom instruction, supervised agricultural experience and life skills. Students between the ages of 12 and 21 who are enrolled in a systematic course of instruction in agricultural education are eligible for membership. Your local school system must offer agricultural instruction and have an active FFA chapter for you to join.

If your school doesn’t have an agricultural education program, take steps to



open a program in your school. In order to accomplish this task we strongly recommend that you contact your state agricultural education staff to express your interest and ask for assistance on regulations, requirements and resources for planning the new program.

FACTS ABOUT NATIONAL FFA

Journal Review

Future Farmers of America began in Kansas City, MO in 1928. Congress granted the FFA a federal charter in 1950. In 1988, the Future Farmers of America officially changed its name to the National FFA Organization. This change recognizes the variety of fields within agriculture.

Future Farmers of America Motto:

Learning to Do, Doing to Learn, Earning to Live, Living to Serve.

Age Level:

The National FFA Organization is open to students in grades 7 through 12.

Uniform:

Official dress is to be worn to official FFA functions. Female official dress includes:

Black skirt (black slacks may be appropriate in some circumstances)

White collared blouse and official FFA blue scarf

Black dress shoes and black nylons

Official FFA jacket zipped to the top

Male official dress includes:

Black dress pants

White dress shirt and official FFA tie

Black dress shoes and black socks

Official FFA jacket zipped to the top

Activities:

The National FFA Organization offers many programs to develop skills and many awards to recognize the achievements of its members.

Programs help students develop skills in leadership, management, agriculture, career development and more.

Programs and events are held locally, and around the country, and may include events such as agricultural fairs or member conferences.

The National FFA Organization awards recognize accomplishments in a variety of areas including leadership, entrepreneurship, application of scien-

tific principles and new technologies in agriculture, college scholarships and more.

Why the National FFA Organization:

The national FFA Organization offers students solid, hands-on learning in agricultural fields. It teaches them leadership and business skills, teamwork and communication.

It helps students prepare for their futures. If you have a child who is showing interest in farming, agriculture, or related fields, consider the National Future Farmers of America Organization.

NATIONAL FFA WEEK: FEB. 20 – 27, 2021



YORK

www.yorkchryslerdodgejeep.com

We're not #1... You Are!

Stop by to see us today!



1765 S. State Rd. 231, Crawfordsville, IN • 765.362.1600

