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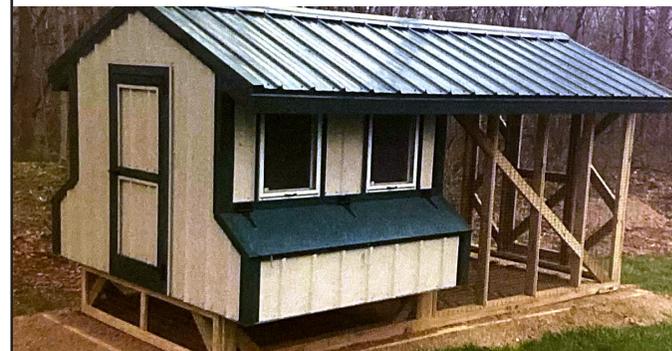


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North celebrates National FFA Week

National FFA Week is held in February every year. During that week we have dress up days and activities for everyone to do. Some of the activities we do are drive your truck or tractor to school day and kiss the goat or pig. We also host a FFA breakfast on the Friday of that week for anybody to come. We have a lot of student involvement during this week.

The dress up days that we have are camo day, red white and blue day, blue and gold day, dress like a farmer day, and wear your favorite tractor's logo or colors day. We get a lot of students who dress up and have a lot

of fun. We record with 106.3 and talk about FFA events and ourselves on the radio.

The main events we do are the Drive your truck or tractor to school day, kiss the pig or goat, The FFA breakfast, Ag Olympics during lunch, and a canned food drive competition between all the advisory's in the school. This week is all about getting the word out about FFA and how it helps us grow and become leaders in our school, it shows the students how fun FFA can be, and it gets them to want to join.



North gives back at Farm Safety Day

North Montgomery FFA Farm Safety Day is our chapter's way to give back to fifth grade students. Our FFA Farm Safety Day program was scheduled in March 2022 and the sponsor was WCI Family Farms.

We all enjoyed a day spent outside the classroom, learning about awesome components of living on a farm while being safe. Some of the topics included: food safety, chemical safety, mower safety, grain

safety, fire safety, animal safety, PTO safety and health safety.

This event is a partnership between FFA members and the North Montgomery Ag Advisory Board members as we all saw a need and wanted to fill that void of "safety."

The FFA chapter at North advises fifth graders and tries to teach them how to be safe with many different farm equipment.



Spring, fall fundraiser help chapter

The North Montgomery FFA chapter is currently working on its spring fundraiser. In our greenhouses we raise a variety of flowers, fruits and vegetables. Some of our new products this year are Great Balls of Fire Geraniums, Bicolor white and burgundy petunias and many more products. We are also offering our older favorites like Boston Ferns, Lantanas, and a variety of tomatoes and peppers. Be sure to check out our offerings as all funds raised help support our chapter leadership activities that we all

participate in.

"The spring fundraiser is a great way for our chapter to raise money for our activities," said member Behn McClamroch.

In the fall, the FFA members also participate in another fundraiser. Not only do we sell Poinsettias, but we also work with Florida Fruit to sell fresh fruit. We also offer summer sausages and cheese. These are always a great way to give gifts during the Christmas season.

"I like calling around to different

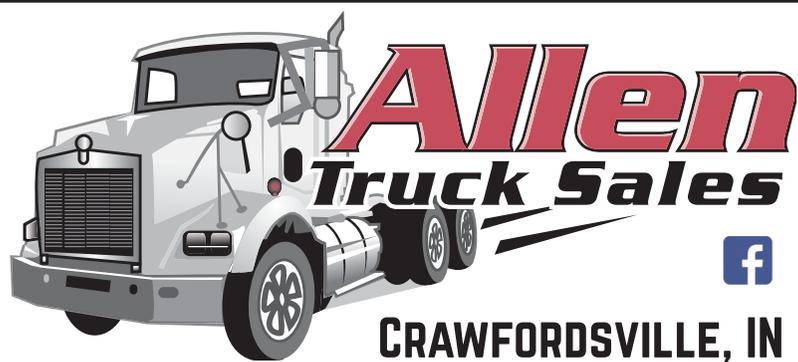
family members and friends, catching up with them and seeing what they would like to buy," said member Nolan Yarger.

If you miss your opportunity to order fruit, we always make sure to order extra just in case more is needed.

Did you know that both the spring and fall fundraisers help educate FFA members and ag students alike as they help participate in the growing of the plants? Recently the horticulture class learned how to propagate

Spider Plants and Wandering Jews. These plants will also be offered during our spring plant sale. The FFA members also help in the greenhouse by placing orders and transporting the plants. The poinsettias are also grown by the FFA members.

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North FFA support Kids Against Hunger

In April 2022, the North Montgomery FFA chapter worked with businesses and other volunteers to pack meals for those in need. Overall we packed 50 boxes containing 36 bags of food. Every bag is six meals. This

means that we packed 10,800 meals in total. Packing all of this takes about 1 1/2-2 hours. We had a total of almost 100 people attend.

"It was a lot of fun and I liked helping people," Eli Moseley said.

This was a great opportunity for our members and guests to help in their communities and have a chance to experience community service at its finest. Even our guests had so much fun.

"It was a good experience and I'm glad to help kids in need," said guest Jacob Rice.

All in attendance were glad to be there to serve in any way they could.

North FFA members attend 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 the weekend of Feb. 3-5. 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 240 FFA members at this conference.

Some examples of things that were learned while at LDW are how to resolve conflict, communicate, teamwork and just how to better be a

leader. Officers did many fun activities in order to learn these skills. Five of North Montgomery FFA officers attended this conference and they learned so much. The NM FFA officers bonded as a team and grew as leaders.

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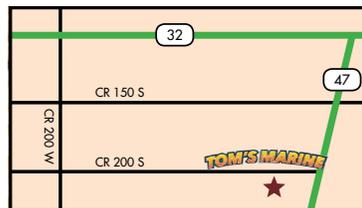
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North FFA helps Nourish program

The Nourish program is one of our community outreach programs. We are in contact with Cathy from Nourish and she plans out the menu every week. Cathy does a very good job of managing all donations in order to buy food for and feed all the students that need help.

The Nourish program helps low-income families and students get food on the table without everyone else knowing that they need help. Each week kids who are on free or reduced lunches go home with another backpack full of food. The food that is in the bag changes from week to week, some weeks they may have pasta and canned peaches and another week they may have macaroni and cheese and peanut butter.

Nourish is a very rewarding program. We volunteer two to three times a year, for two hours or however long it takes to pack the bags that they need.

Grace Shrader, our chapter president said, "It's a great time for everyone involved and it feels great to do some community service."

That is the common take away for everyone who goes, it is very reward-

ing to help others who may not be as fortunate as we are.

Another person who has participated in Nourish is our chapter secretary, Sophie Morris.

"I had a lot of fun and I felt good helping those in need," she said.

Our chapter is very blessed to have such a great connection with the Nourish program, we are able to help hundreds of families in such a short time.

Our chapter has gone twice this year so far and we have packed more than 175 bags. When we go to the packing facility for Nourish we set up an assembly line and go through all the bags for all the schools. After a bag is finished it is placed on the designated shelf for the school and the amount of people it will feed. When all bags are filled and placed on shelves we are done and now the schools will come and pick up all the bags. The school then distributes the bags discreetly to students on free or reduced lunches.

This program helps a lot of people in our county and as a chapter we feel honored to be able to help with it.



Dawson Bell, Sophie Morris, and Grace Shrader after packing 80 bags



North members attend National FFA Convention

National FFA Convention is when a group of members or officers go to Indianapolis for a few days and we get to stay in a hotel. There are so many events that take place and we get to go the sessions over at the Indianapolis Lucas Oil Stadium. The expo and all the booths are set up in the convention center right across the street from Lucas Oil Stadium. Some of the booths that are set up are Carhartt, John Deere, Case IH, Tractor Sup-

ply Co. and many colleges offering information about the programs and campuses.

Some of the other events that take place away from Lucas Oil are the World's toughest Rodeo, Career Success Tours, Educational tours, and much more. North Montgomery got to go on one of the Career Tours and the Rodeo.

"It was my first year going and I thoroughly enjoyed it," said Cacsie

Keller. "My favorite part was the rodeo."

The Career Tour we went on was the Beck's tour right outside Indy. We got to meet the family who started the business. The rodeo was hosted at the state fairgrounds, and it was absolutely amazing. There was a rodeo clown and there were prizes you could win if you entered the raffle.

"I had a great time with everyone, awesome atmosphere," said member

Jessica Clark.

Everyone is so grateful that North Montgomery is able to go to National FFA Convention and enjoy all the events. The National FFA Officers really make it special as, they have so much enthusiasm. The Convention is just a great time to bond with each other and it makes our officer team feel more like a family.

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FFA members grow stronger at retreat

Every year we do a chapter trip to Trafalgar to the Indiana FFA Center. We get to stay in a cabin for the weekend and visit with two Indiana FFA officers. It's a bunch of activities to help us grow better as a chapter and decide what we want our outreach or mission to be. We also get to play a lot of games, eat great food and go have fun outside.

The retreat is a great place to get to know the other kids in your chapter and even for the chapter officers to go to bond better as a team. We typically use Friday to get settled in and have some fun playing games and such and then Saturday morning we get up and have breakfast and begin our activities with the state officers. After we finish with the officers we just kind of hangout with them and talk and eat supper and just have a good time, especially with our very intense games of gaga ball. There's always pranks played on Mrs. Bell with a snake, (since she is deathly afraid) and it's always a lot of fun to watch.

Typically we end up in the woods on hikes together and there's always some crazy stories that come back and someone always decides there's a shortcut and spoiler alert. It's not a shortcut. I spoke to some members that went to see what they thought and enjoyed about retreat.

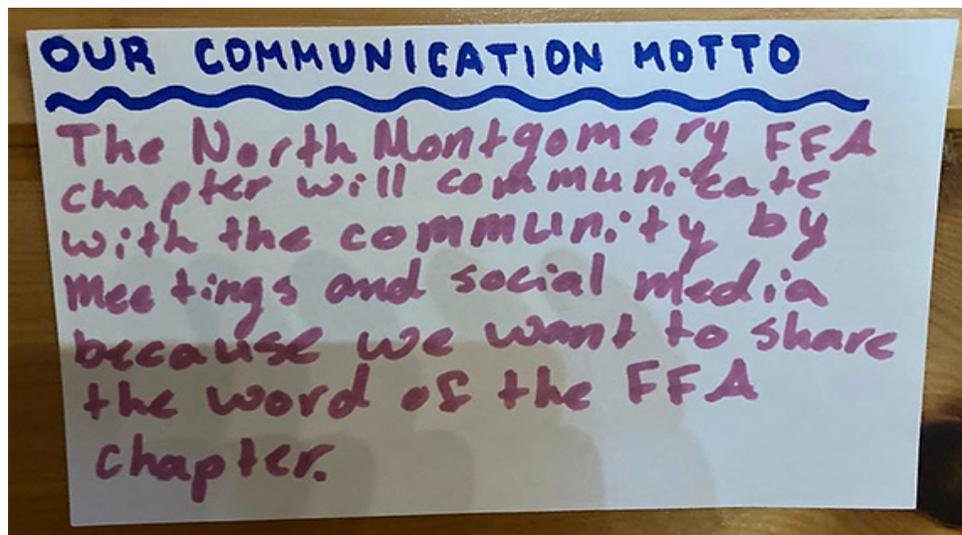
"I've learned a lot about leadership and teamwork from our FFA retreats," said sophomore Mitchell Shepherd. "I'd have to say my favorite part about the trip would be all the pranks that we've played on each other along with Mrs. Bell."

"It was fun to walk in the woods and play intense games of gaga ball and hang out with friends," said sophomore Tyler Goodin. "Oh and prank Mrs. Bell with the fake snake."

"My favorite part of retreat was when we were in the woods and we decided to try to cross the creek and Austin and Behn slipped and fell in the creek and we all were laughing and they walked back to the cabin and everyone thought they looked all goofy," said freshman Kade Parks.



Everybody getting ready to head back home Sunday morning. (Jessie Clark, Gracen Schwabe, Sean Kilgour, P.J Daron, Cassie Keller, Grace Shrader, Kade Parks, Mitchell Shephard, Behn McClamaroch, Mady Bush, Brent Runyan, Nolan Yarger, Mason Bush, Sophie Morris, Emma Fidler, Paige Yarger, Ainsley Bell, Dawson Bell, Austin Goins. (Mrs. Nancy Bell and Mrs. Mariah Schaper taking the picture)



This was what we decided our communication motto was for the weekend.



Mitchell Shepard and Tyler Goodin trying to move the can with a spaghetti noodle without breaking the noodle and keeping it in their mouths.

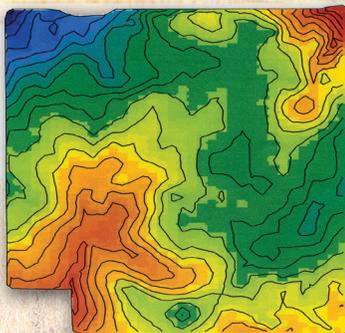
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Chargers help make blankets for Riley

Each year the FFA team holds a meeting dedicated to making blankets for children at Riley's Children's Hospital. The FFA team makes about 60 blankets with the assistance of other school clubs like National Honors Society, Key Club, Sunshine Society and any other student who wished to assist.

Each year we have a different theme for the blankets. With this event being so close to Christmas, the FFA team orders blankets that have a similar theme. The most popular blanket designs we had involved dinosaurs in christmas sweaters, astronaut cats, reindeer and Christmas-themed dogs. Making these blankets is a quick and simple process. The blankets are organized in piles and separated along different rows of

tables. A group of people can grab the matching pair and cut strips along the sides of the blanket and then tie them together.

The FFA team takes pride in hosting this event for many reasons. Our FFA team has always been involved in community service activities and by hosting these events we not only give back to our community but we get to learn new skills and create new memories. We pride ourselves in our work when we get to see the finished product. As a student at North Montgomery high school, as well as a FFA member, it brings me joy to know that something I helped create and make is being given to someone in need. This is an event that I will always remember and continue to enjoy as a FFA member.



North earns awards at State Convention

The North Montgomery FFA chapter attended the 93rd Indiana FFA State Convention on June 16-17, and we had quite some success.

To begin, we had four members gain their Hoosier Degree. In addition our chapter received a Gold Emblem National Chapter Award. We also received three different living to serve awards.

We had two state winners in the State LDE competition. Our display board team placed third in state and our Ag Power Demonstration placed fourth in state. Overall, we had a successful year at the Indiana FFA State Convention and we plan on continuing this success.

But the convention was more to us than just the awards. We all had

fellowship with the other Indiana FFA Chapters.

"I like how all of Indiana's FFA members get to come together and recognize the individual and state accomplishments," member Emma Fidler said.

And we enjoyed the sessions that the 2021-22 Indiana FFA officers presented.

"I really enjoyed the officers' stories," member Grace Shrader said.

During the convention we also watched the talent show and we saw one of our neighboring chapters perform. We all had a great time and look forward to the Convention next year.

North FFA shops for others in need

Shopping for a family in need is a North Montgomery FFA Chapter favorite. It gives us the chance to give back to those who need it the most. It always consists of the students compiling a list of foods they would want on Thanksgiving and being able to get them for people in need.

"It's always a great activity that we can do outside of school," said Taylor McCollum.

The day always starts with stu-

dents asking if anyone else is going, the answer being yes in most cases. Students go through their day, waiting for the last bell to ring so we can go to Mrs. Bell's shop. In the shop, we get into two groups and decide what foods we would like to get for the family we are assigned.

Then the fun part begins. We drive to Kroger in a bus and get back into our groups. An advisor goes with each group as they go through the aisles and get the food

on the list. It's a fun activity for everyone involved and it leaves everyone with a satisfaction only helping someone could.



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First Place Finishers:

- Cole Rhoads in Diversified Crop Production
- Rachel Rhoads in Swine Production
- Mallory Leach in Small Animal Production & Care
- Clair Simpson in Beef Production

Second Place Finisher:

- Kylee Reeves in Landscape



Clair Simpson



Cole Rhoads



Lauren Tricker



Rachel Rhoads



Mallory Leach



Kylee Reeves

Simpson to perform with FFA Chorus

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INDIANAPOLIS — Clair Simpson, a member of the Southmont FFA chapter in Crawfordsville, will be on stage and in the spotlight Oct. 26-29 during the 2022 National FFA Convention &

Expo in Indianapolis.

Simpson, a sophomore and the daughter of Darren and Kerri Simpson, has been selected to be a member of the National FFA Chorus.

The National FFA Chorus will perform several times during the national convention and expo, adding

excitement and motivation to the sessions through their music.

Simpson will join fellow chorus members in Indianapolis for rehearsals three days before the convention and expo begins.

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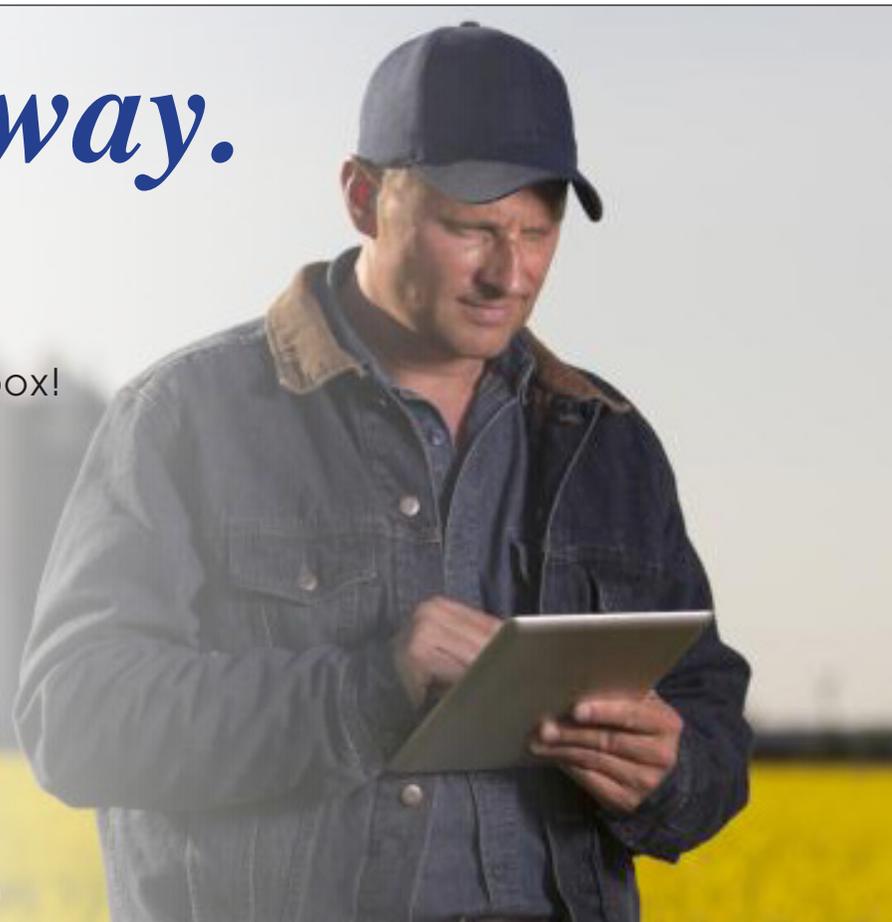
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Young, Coons resolution establishes National FFA Week passes Senate

WASHINGTON, D.C. — The United States Senate passed a bipartisan resolution introduced by Senators Todd Young (R-Ind.) and Chris Coons (D-Del.) to establish February 18-25, 2023 as National FFA Week. The resolution was co-sponsored by a bipartisan group of 58 senators.

The resolution highlights the important role of the National FFA Organization in developing the next generation of leaders by providing educational and career opportunities to students, and also celebrates the iconic FFA jacket.

“Throughout Hoosier communities and our country, FFA plays a critical role in the development of students through agricultural education. The lessons, tools, and resources gained through the FFA program equip Indiana’s future leaders with the skills needed to succeed in a variety of fields,” said Senator Young. “I’m glad to introduce this resolution establishing National FFA Week in support of

the more than 11,600 FFA members in Indiana.”

“Delaware’s long agricultural history continues to foster bright, young minds to meet today’s global challenges,” said Senator Coons. “As a member of the FFA Caucus, I’m proud to support the Delaware FFA, the National FFA Organization, and their critical role in developing the minds and values of young Delawareans. I’m glad to have worked with over fifty of my colleagues on this bipartisan resolution recognizing National FFA Week and the organization’s incalculable contributions to Delaware and to our nation.”

“National FFA Week is a meaningful week for members across our country as we continue to share the message of agriculture and agricultural education while celebrating our more than 850,000 members and our supporters,” said National FFA Advisor Dr. Travis Park. “Today, FFA and agricultural education continue to play a key role in

developing the next generation of leaders and those who will be filling the ever-growing need in the talent pipeline across our food systems. We are grateful to our elected officials for supporting National FFA Week and their continued support of our organization.”

In addition to Senators Young and Coons, Senators John Boozman (R-Ark.), Debbie Stabenow (D-Mich.), Tammy Baldwin (D-Wis.), John Barrasso (R-Wyo.), Marsha Blackburn (R-Tenn.), Richard Blumenthal (D-Conn.), Cory Booker (D-N.J.), Mike Braun (R-Ind.), Katie Britt (R-Ala.), Shelley Moore Capito (R-W. Va.), Tom Carper (D-Del.), Bob Casey (D-Penn.), Susan Collins (R-Maine), John Cornyn (R-Texas), Catherine Cortez Masto (D-Nev.), Tom Cotton (R-Ark.), Kevin Cramer (R-N.D.), Mike Crapo (R-Idaho), Ted Cruz (R-Texas), Steve Daines (R-Mont.), Dick Durbin (D-Ill.), Joni Ernst (R-Iowa), Deb Fischer (R-Neb.), Lindsay Graham

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Indiana FFA names State Welding CDE winners

INDIANAPOLIS — The Indiana FFA Association named the Top Four in each division of the State Welding Career Development Event held at the J. Everett Light Career Center.

Members had to place at the top of their district event in December in order to move on to the state contest on Jan. 28.

Beginner Division — Team Results

1. Liberty FFA
2. South Knox FFA
3. DeKalb FFA
4. Seymour FFA

Beginner Division — Individual Results

1. Landon Dunn, South Knox FFA

2. Mitchell Mellencamp, Seymour FFA

3. David Rudnick, Liberty FFA
4. Devan Hill, Liberty FFA

Advanced Division — Team Results

1. Fountain Central FFA #1
2. Northview FFA
3. Tippecanoe Valley FFA

4. Columbia City FFA

Advanced Division — Individual Results

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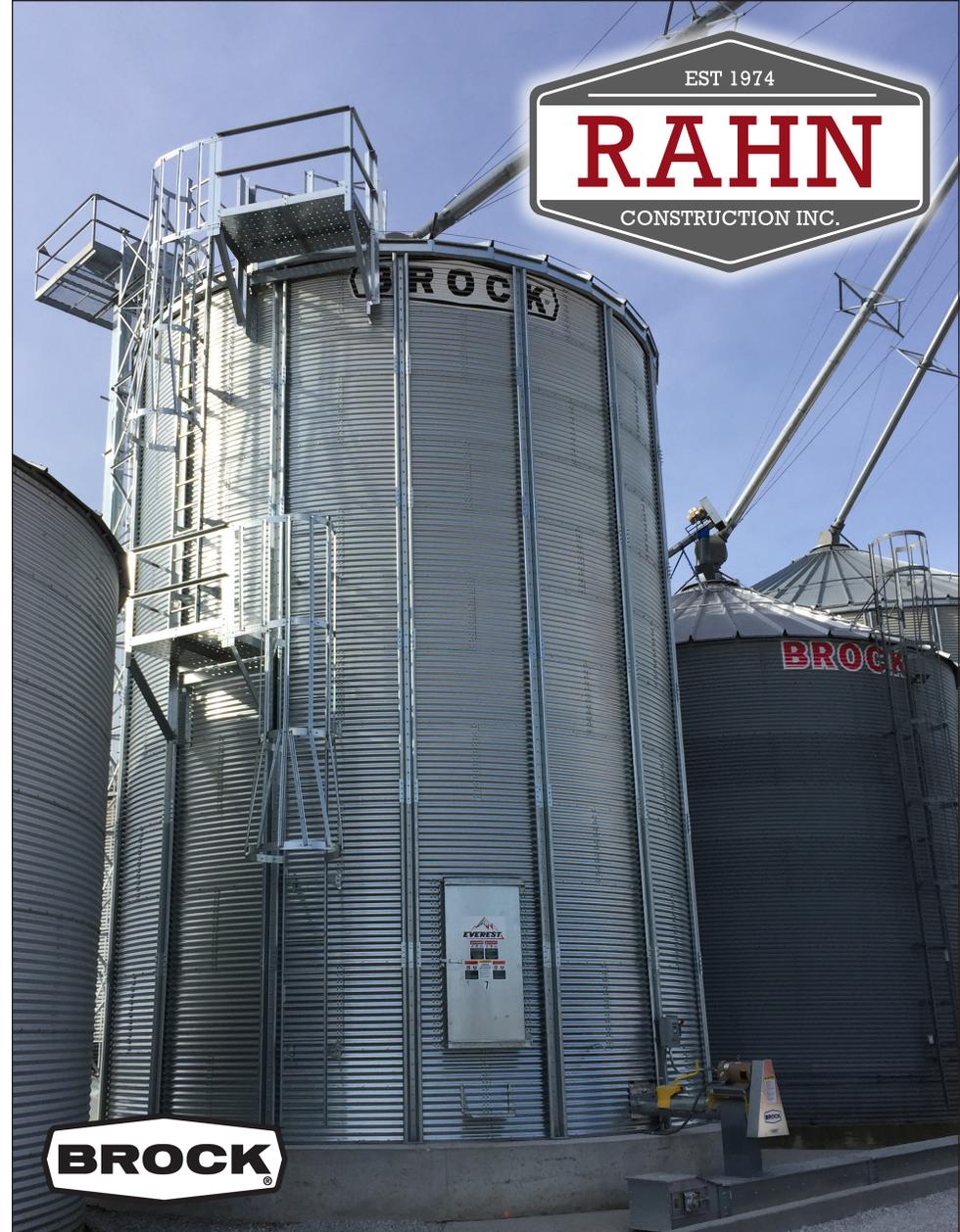
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Park recently takes new duties with FFA

Amendments to the National FFA Constitution and Bylaws adopted by the delegates at the 92nd National FFA Convention and Expo stipulated that it is now the responsibility of The Council to appoint this leadership position. Park replaced James Woodard, who stepped down in May of this year. Cheryl Zimmerman, the executive secretary, was serving as the interim advisor.

In this role, which began Jan. 1, Park will serve as chairperson of the National FFA board of directors, and provide oversight for the National FFA Organization, Indianapolis, Indiana. He will advise the National

FFA officers, the board of directors, and the National FFA Delegates and committees on policy matters and help the national officers conduct meetings. In this three-year renewable role, he will co-direct the joint governance committee of the National FFA Organization and the National FFA Foundation Board of Trustees and serve as an advocate for issues affecting FFA and agricultural education stakeholders. As director of agricultural education, he will serve as an advisor to The Council and guide stakeholders in aligned strategic initiatives for agricultural education.

“I am humbled to be afforded this

opportunity to serve agricultural education and the young people who are our future as national FFA advisor and director of agricultural education,” Park said. “The National FFA Organization has a rich history, and I am excited to see where the future leads us.”

Park is a professor of the Department of Agricultural and Human Sciences in the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences at North Carolina State University. He served as the 1992-93 National FFA president and completed his bachelor’s and master’s degrees in agricultural education from Purdue University in

1996 and 2002. He taught high school agriculture at Tri-County High School in Wolcott, Indiana, for nearly six years, where the agriculture program and FFA chapter were recognized for excellence at the state and national levels. In 2005, he earned his doctoral degree in agricultural education from the University of Florida. After graduating, he served as an assistant and associate professor with tenure at Cornell University in Ithaca, New York, from 2002 until 2013. In 2013, he relocated to North Carolina State University.

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