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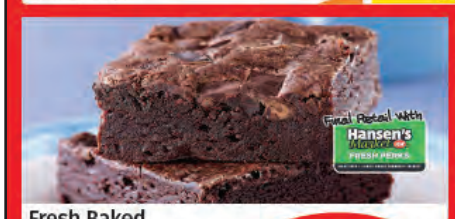


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When I lead a study through the book of Ephesians and we read the first chapter, I ask those in the study to look for all that God does for us so that we can be saved from our sin and become part of his family and then look for all that we need to do to be saved. This is always an eye-opening exercise.

When we get done reading, those reading with me realize that God does everything for us to be saved while we do nothing except believe. According to Ephesians, chapter 1, God blessed us "with every spiritual blessing in Christ." This means "he chose us in Christ ... to be holy and blameless in his sight," But even more, "he predestined us to be adopted as his children through Jesus Christ." Furthermore, "in Christ we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins." And then, get this, he doesn't do the minimum to save us, but instead the Scriptures say that he does all this "in accordance with the riches of [his] grace that he lavished on us." Isn't that something?

But he still isn't done. He then "made known to us the mystery of his will according to his good pleasure" and then marked us "with a seal, the promised Holy Spirit, who is a deposit guaranteeing our inheritance until the redemption of those who are God's possession — to the praise of his glory." This is all God's doing. It is all about his work in us.

Now get this. The verse quoted above tells us that even our faith isn't of our own doing, but of God's enablement. It is his grace bestowed on us. Isn't that awesome? The result is, we have nothing to boast about in ourselves, but rather only to praise God for loving us so much that he did all this to save us. This is what real love is all about.

So what is our part? What do we do? Why, we believe him, that's what. Then in response of gratefulness, we do his good works.

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District LDEs - Leadership Development Events (LDEs) are opportunities for FFA members to grow their leadership skills. Here is our first place Parliamentary Procedure team at the district contest in Black River Falls (l to r): Zach Dobson, Lillian Ottum, Morgan Lindow, Rylie Dobson, Keegan Ottum, Katelyn Nosbisch and our State FFA Officer Jazmin Wagner.



FLW - FFA members have many opportunities to grow their leadership skills by attending leadership workshops and conferences. Here's our energetic group that attended the Fall Leadership Workshop in Melrose: (front, l to r) Abi Bue, Lilah Ottum, Kellen Ottum, Lillian Ottum, Shane Bucholz. (back row, l to r) Carmen Hugget, Kenley Bue, Keegan Ottum, Bailey Goldsmith, Alora Martin, Destiny Byers.



National Ag Day - National Ag Day in March is a time to celebrate the American agricultural industry. One of the ways our FFA members celebrate the day is with a hayride to Culvers. Here is FFA Alumni and Supporters past-president Leonard Olson hauling a load of enthusiastic and hungry FFA members.

National FFA WEEK
FEBRUARY 17-24, 2024

Black River Falls FFA 2024-2025 Activities

The Black River Falls FFA theme this year is "Rooted in Agriculture - Because Leaders Are Grown Not Born." Our officer team created this theme at our annual summer officer retreat. We created it with the thought that our activities in agriculture and FFA help us to constantly improve our leadership skills. I would like to give you a brief overview of some of our many different FFA activities from last year.

We grow leaders. This year we had many wonderful travel opportunities to various destinations and one of them was the Fall Leadership Workshop in Melrose, with our State FFA Officers! Students had the opportunity to attend workshops hosted by our State FFA Officer team, meet other students from around our section, learn what other chapters have been doing this year, and even have the opportunity to work one on one with some of our state officers. Our FFA Quiz Bowl and Parliamentary Procedure teams competed in the Leadership Development Events (LDE) on February 3rd. FFA members traveled to the State FFA Convention in Madison Wisconsin this past June and the National FFA Convention in Indianapolis, Indiana this past fall. At these conventions they met other student leaders, interacted with agricultural industry professionals, received recognitions, heard motivational speakers, attended a concert, FFA dance, and participated in workshops. Our chapter officers spent a couple days in the summer planning out our activities for the year and then followed up with monthly meetings and a winter get-together to keep our chapter on a good course. With summer coming to a close, we held an outdoor drive-in movie night along with halfway through the school year we celebrated our members involvement with a recreational/social activity at Bruce Mound. FFA members exhibited their Supervised Agricultural Experience (SAE) projects in an online format for a virtual SAE Fair and were scored and received feedback on how to improve and expand their projects. We continued to run our FFA Student Cooperative, which consists of managing our agronomy test plot, electing a board of directors from our student body, and working closely with Jackson Electric Cooperative and Allied Cooperative.

We help build our communities. We plant trees, shrubs, and flowers around the school campus. Christmas tree pick up within the city of Black River Falls is a cold, but popular activity. Vegetable planters are created and taken to various group homes in our community. The Agritivity Area outside the school greenhouse continues to be developed into an excellent learning area and even produces some vegetables for the food pantry. We raised money for Heifer International and the Jackson County Animal Shelter. We conducted a Shoe Drive with other FFA Chapters in our county to raise money for the Animal Shelter.

We strengthen agriculture. We sold shakes with our FFA Alumni & Supporters Group at the county fair. To promote our chapter we created a display board, conducted radio interviews, organized a spring awards banquet, and celebrated National FFA Week. Our Food For America program included a field day for all the fourth graders at Jackson Electric Cooperative. We also made cheese with them in their classrooms with help from the Jackson County Dairy Promotion Committee. We supplied child daycares in our county with garden planters and supplies to teach little ones about growing food.

Our chapter had some significant special recognitions this year. At the Jackson County Fair our chapter display board won a blue and outstanding ribbon and the swine exhibit received a herdsmanship award. Our FFA Chapter was selected to be the focus of this year's Falls History Project. Jennifer Marecek and Katie Sedelbauer received the State FFA Degree in Madison. Keegan Ottum and Preston Konicki received a silver at the State FFA Agriscience Fair competition in June.

Our Black River Falls FFA Chapter is working hard to keep its members "Rooted in Agriculture Because Leaders are Grown not Born!"

Respectfully submitted,
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2024-25 Black River Falls FFA Reporter

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FFA Week Shelter Shoe Drive - FFA Week is an opportunity for us to highlight to the community what FFA is all about. It is also an opportunity for us to practice leadership by serving others. We annually conduct a shoe drive for the Jackson County Animal Shelter during FFA Week. The shelter receives money for the shoes, the shoes benefit people in developing nations, and we keep waste from our landfill. Last year we began working with FFA members in Alma Center-Humbird-Merrillan and Melrose-Mindoro for shoe collection, sorting, and delivery.



State FFA Convention - The State FFA Convention gives members many opportunities to set goals, receive recognition, meet other students, interact with agricultural professionals, hear motivational speakers, compete at state events, receive awards, and participate in leadership workshops. Attending in June were (back, l to r) Kellen Ottum, Keegan Ottum, Preston Konicki, Russ Cooper (front, l to r) Abi Bue, Jennifer Marecek, Lillian Ottum, and Lilah Ottum.



Banquet - (l to r) Jaymee Graham, Morgan Berg, Morgan Lindow, Lillian Ottum, Shane Graham, Zach Dobson, and Katie Sedelbauer welcome FFA members and guests to our annual awards banquet in May. This is a time to bestow well-deserved awards to FFA members and supporters. We thank our awesome FFA Alumni and Supporters Group for providing many of the awards.



Halfway Jubilee - Our FFA conducts an incentive party at Bruce Mound for members that have been active during the first half of the school year. Healthy recreation is an important part of promoting the mental and physical well-being of our growing leaders.



Garden tub delivery FFA members create vegetable planter tubs for several group homes in the community so their clients can grow and harvest fresh veggies. Those tubs are collected in the fall so they can be replanted and delivered again next spring. Here's Russ Cooper making sure the tubs are planted and ready for delivery.



Officer retreat - Our BRF FFA Officer Team plans our FFA activities for the year at a July retreat and then implements those plans with encouragement and dedication. Here is our 2024-2025 BRF FFA Officer team enjoying one of our team building activities - creating and launching water bottle rockets: (l to r) President Zach Dobson, Reporter Abi Bue, Vice President Lillian Ottum, Sentinel Katelyn Nosbisch, Treasurer Morgan Lindow, and Secretary Morgan Berg.

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Library book sale set-up - "Living to Serve" is part of the FFA Motto. Our FFA Chapter members will help others in many different capacities throughout the year, and do it with smiles on their faces. Kenley Bue (left) and Carmen Hugget (right) were among the FFA members that helped the public library set up for a book sale last fall.



Jackson County Fair - Fair time is a fun time for many of our members to exhibit their Supervised Agricultural Experience (SAE) projects. (l to r) Wyatt Berg, Ella Sedelbauer, and Katie Sedelbauer were the BRF FFA members showing their swine animals. FFA members will exhibit many different animals – from cows to cats - and even woodworking, food preservation, natural crafts, photography, and scrapbooks.



Homecoming float - FFA members create a float in the Homecoming parade every year to promote animal adoptions at the Jackson County Animal Shelter. This year's homecoming float evoked a poignant sense of loss with the death of one of our young FFA members, Brock Bucholz, during the week. Our thoughts and prayers continue to be with the Bucholz family.



Food 4 US Field Day - Kellen Ottum (left) leads a group of fourth graders in a yield estimating activity at our agronomy test plot at Jackson Electric Cooperative for our Food For America program. In addition to this field experience, fourth graders also received an "electrifying" demonstration about the dangers around power lines and saw how agriculture was an important part of their everyday lives.



Test plot harvest - BRF FFA created a student cooperative to manage their 8 acre agronomy test plot at Jackson Electric Cooperative, with agronomy advice and support from Allied Cooperative. Our agronomist, Eric Jacobson (right), leads students (l to r) James Young and Zander Krosinski in understanding how to determine moisture and calculate soybean yield. We are extremely appreciative of local farmers Darrin Boehm and Max Hart for helping us plant and harvest our test plot this year and Renk Seeds for donating the seed.



Alumni meeting - The Black River Falls FFA Alumni and Supporters group provides invaluable support to our FFA members. At their annual pizza party, the group hears from their State FFA Alumni and Supporters representative.

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Blair - Taylor FFA Chapter

2024-2025 Blair-Taylor FFA

Blair-Taylor FFA has had a busy and event-filled year! After electing new officers and hosting our banquet in April, we kicked off the FFA year by hosting Elementary Ag Day, with many members showcasing safety around animals and equipment. Six members traveled to the Chula Vista Resort for Leadership Conferences! 5 freshmen, Brenna Thorson, Julia Brown, Ruby Herried, Jadrean Borreson, and Kyla Wolfe-Moore attended the Mission Conference. Eighth Grader Kayli Benedict participated in the Edge Conference. We then had the Taylor Memorial Pull. It was a great turnout, and members could volunteer their time alongside the Taylor Alumni, who have supported us greatly! Members then traveled to the Wisconsin State FFA Convention in Madison, where eleven attendees participated in workshops and quiz bowl. Two of our members also served as delegates, helping to make important decisions for FFA. Additionally, we assisted in setting up meals for hundreds of members.

We also served milkshakes at the Blair July 3rd Fireworks, which had a fantastic turnout! In July, members attended their annual FFA Officer Training at Jellystone in Warrens, WI, paired up with Eleva-Strum FFA. It was a fun and productive time for bonding while preparing for the year ahead. The officers learned valuable teamwork, communication, and leadership skills by making blind-folded pizza, playing games, and participating in water balloon volleyball!

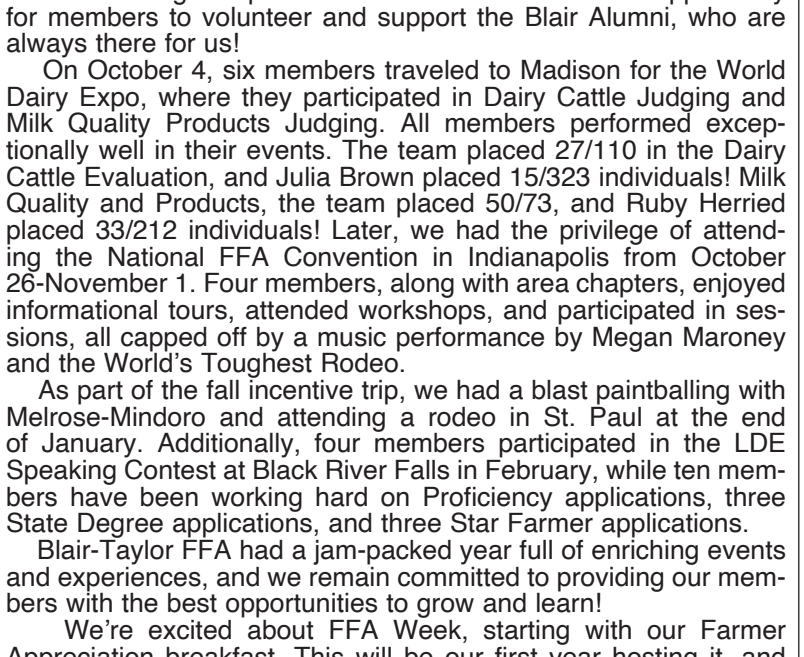
Many members showcased their animals at the Jackson and Trempealeau County Fairs, where they did a phenomenal job. Returning to school, we helped kick off the Blair Cheese Fest by serving milkshakes and cheese curds for three days and handing out milk during the parade. It was another excellent opportunity for members to volunteer and support the Blair Alumni, who are always there for us!

On October 4, six members traveled to Madison for the World Dairy Expo, where they participated in Dairy Cattle Judging and Milk Quality Products Judging. All members performed exceptionally well in their events. The team placed 27/110 in the Dairy Cattle Evaluation, and Julia Brown placed 15/323 individuals! Milk Quality and Products, the team placed 50/73, and Ruby Herried placed 33/212 individuals! Later, we had the privilege of attending the National FFA Convention in Indianapolis from October 26-November 1. Four members, along with area chapters, enjoyed informational tours, attended workshops, and participated in sessions, all capped off by a music performance by Megan Maroney and the World's Toughest Rodeo.

As part of the fall incentive trip, we had a blast paintballing with Melrose-Mindoro and attending a rodeo in St. Paul at the end of January. Additionally, four members participated in the LDE Speaking Contest at Black River Falls in February, while ten members have been working hard on Proficiency applications, three State Degree applications, and three Star Farmer applications.

Blair-Taylor FFA had a jam-packed year full of enriching events and experiences, and we remain committed to providing our members with the best opportunities to grow and learn!

We're excited about FFA Week, starting with our Farmer Appreciation breakfast. This will be our first year hosting it, and we've already sent out invites to reach more farmers as we go. We apologize to any community members who may not have received an invite yet, as we're doing our best to connect with everyone. We want to sincerely thank the community, alumni, and all those who have supported Blair-Taylor FFA throughout the year. We truly appreciate everything you do and look forward to continuing to grow and build the youth in agriculture!



Members at the Chula Vista Resort for Leadership Conferences

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2024-2025 Officer Team
Back L to R: Advisor Greta Monson, Vice President Jacob Olson, President Jake Kling.
Front L to R: Reporter Brenna Thorson, Secretary Josie Edie, Treasurer Julia Brown



Blair Cheese Fest Parade



Wisconsin State FFA Convention
Back left to right: Advisor Greta Monson, Jacob Olson, Jake Kling. Front left to right: Josie Edie, Brenna Thorson, Julia Brown



Julia Brown, Jadrean Borreson, Brenna Thorson, and Ruby Herried enjoying the National FFA Convention!

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2024-2025 Melrose-Mindoro FFA Highlights

The Melrose-Mindoro FFA has had an exciting year so far, but we are just getting started! The busy spring season is sneaking up and summer will be here before we know it! See what we've been up to!

State FFA Convention: In June, FFA members, along with members of the WI FFA Honors Choir, traveled to Madison, WI, for the State FFA Convention. We had the pleasure of watching our very own Jazmin Wagner get elected State Officer. We are so proud!

Mel-Min FFA Officer Retreat: The Mel-Min FFA officers attended a 4-day retreat near Frederick, WI, where we planned for the upcoming year, set goals, and strengthened our bond as a team. This retreat allowed us to brainstorm ways to involve more FFA members in our events and activities, leading us to make changes to our FFA meetings to ensure greater member engagement.

FFA Tractor Safety Driving Contest: In August, FFA member Colby Sampson represented the Melrose-Mindoro FFA by traveling to Farm Tech Days to participate in the State FFA Tractor Safety and Driving contest.

La Crosse and Jackson County Fairs: Our members were busy showcasing their projects at both the La Crosse and Jackson County Fairs, where they exhibited a wide range of items, especially livestock and dairy. Our very own, Brandon Wanke excelled in the photography department at both the county and state level!

New Agriscience Teacher: In August, we welcomed our new Agriscience Teacher and FFA Advisor, Mrs. Maddie Dobbs. Our chapter is fortunate to now have two advisors, with both Mrs. Dobbs and Mr. Boe on board.

Paintballing: Melrose-Mindoro FFA members joined Blair-Taylor FFA for a fun day at Battlefield Paintball in Osseo. This event fostered teamwork and provided an opportunity for bonding between returning and new members.

Fall Leadership Workshop: The State FFA Officers hosted the Section 3 Fall Leadership Workshop at Melrose-Mindoro, where we had an excellent turnout. Members participated in workshops designed to help them in their officer roles, develop leadership skills, and explore new FFA opportunities.

World Dairy Expo: Nearly 60 members of Mel-Min FFA traveled to Madison, WI, to attend the World Dairy Expo. Our Dairy Judging Team (Sheila Johnson, Scott Johnson, and Jersey Blaken) and Dairy Products Team (Maddie Frauenkron, Payten Craig, and Macy Dobbs) competed, and Dancia Stello earned second place in the Showmanship contest.

National FFA Convention: Eight members traveled to Indianapolis, IN, for the National FFA Convention. Along the way, we toured the Albanese Candy Factory and Fair Oaks. We also had the chance to visit RDM Shrimp Farm and meet FFA members from across the U.S., Puerto Rico, and the Virgin Islands. Attendees enjoyed various sessions, workshops, the rodeo, concert, and FFA Mall.

FFA Halloween Dance: The Jr. High FFA hosted a Halloween Dance for all Jr. High students, including those who are not members of FFA. It was a fantastic event that fostered school spirit and community.

Fall Fruit Fundraiser: FFA members held their annual fruit, meat, cheese, and nuts fundraiser this fall. The proceeds help cover costs for members to attend leadership conferences, conventions, FFA meals, and our annual banquet.

FFA Stay Safe & Sweet: Continuing our tradition, Mel-Min FFA held the annual "Stay Safe & Sweet" event to support farmers in our district. We delivered donuts and milk to 90 farmers, a gesture that made a significant impact and is something we look forward to continuing in the future.

Half-Time Conference: Two officers, Emily Lachmiller and Janae Waughtal were selected to celebrate the middle of the year by attending the Half-Time Conference in Stevens Point, WI. They were able to network with members from other chapters and gain insight into expanding their leadership skills.

World's Toughest Rodeo: To reward those who met the quota for our Fall Fundraiser, Mel-Min FFA took 45 members to the World's Toughest Rodeo at the Xcel Center in St. Paul, MN. Members enjoyed an exciting night of bareback riding, bull riding, and barrel racing.

FFA District Speaking Contests: Mel-Min FFA members will participate in the District 7 Speaking Contest on February 4th at La Crosse Central High School. Janae Waughtal and Sheila Johnson will compete in the FFA Extemporaneous Speaking Contest, Emily Lachmiller in the Employment Skill Contest, and Emily and Payten Craig in the Discussion Meet. Additionally, seven Jr. High FFA members will compete in the Jr. High FFA Quiz Bowl contest. Team 1 members are: Kyleigh Foster, Royce Loecke, Alanah Paulson, and Kenna Prager. Team 2 includes: Rhyana Mikkelson, Alainah Rhyme, and Abby Veith.

SAE Grant Recipient: Huge congrats to Danica Stello who was again awarded a Supervised Agricultural Experience grant of $1,000 for her Dairy Entrepreneurship program. This is the second time that Danica has been selected for the SAE grant from the Wisconsin FFA Foundation.

FFA Week: We are looking forward to a very busy and eventful FFA week. Some of our activities will include Donkey Basketball, volleyball tournament, and daily dress-up days. We are especially excited to get our staff members involved again this year by making them show a surprise animal in front of the whole student body!











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National FFA WEEK
FEBRUARY 15-22, 2025

Lincoln ACHM 2024-2025 Events

The Lincoln ACHM FFA chapter has had many memorable activities the past year. Over the past year, we have had activities that our members hold very close to our hearts. FFA Week is one of our favorite celebrations, and also, a great way that we have been able to get our community involved in our FFA. Some activities that help us do this include our Community Appreciation Breakfast that our members host and serve. We also have various raffle baskets at this breakfast from local businesses in our area. We also hosted Ag Olympics for the entire school to get involved and learn more about agricultural education and FFA. Students and staff alike enjoyed some friendly competition to conclude our FFA Week Celebration.

We attended District LDEs where we had a record number of FFA members participate. Students learned lots about public speaking and strengthened their soft skills! Amara Streff competed in the Extemporaneous Speaking Contest where she was given a topic and 30 minutes to prepare a 4-6 minute speech. Amara did an amazing job and moved on to Sectionals!

Elementary students enjoyed Ag on The Lawn in May. This activity is our version of "Food for America". We go to the elementary school and teach the students about various species and breeds of livestock like beef, sheep, pigs, and goats. We bring dairy animals and products like butter, ice cream, cheese, and milk. We also bring different foods that Wisconsin and our area is known for like cranberries and strawberries. We have found that many of the younger students look forward to seeing the animals and learning different things about agriculture. This is a great way to have younger students learn about agricultural education and FFA while inspiring them to become a member in the future.

Members attended the State FFA Convention where students were able to participate in different sessions and events. They were also able to bring ideas from these sessions back to our chapter. We had 9 members participate in different activities and earn awards. Chloe McFarlane received her State FFA Degree. Zoie Scholze competed in Agriscience with a project researching different growing media for cucumbers and received a 1st place in her division. This led Scholze to compete at the National level. Wynter Strandberg, Addison Robers, Sydney Janicki, and Wendy Estrada-Olvera performed a vocal piece in the talent competition. Members learned lots about opportunities in FFA and came back excited to share.

Summer is always a busy time in FFA with State FFA Convention, Tractor Safety, Supervised Agricultural Experience (SAE) Visits, Jackson County Fair, Jackson County Sundae on the Farm, Chapter Officer Retreat, and more. Members also volunteered at our local Strawberry Fest helping in the concession stand and taking care of trash. After a busy day there, some even attended Tomah's National Truck & Tractor Pull's Salute a Farmer. Agricultural Education students have the opportunity to participate in Tractor Safety to learn how to safely operate a tractor. At the end of this 4 day intensive course with Black River Falls and Melrose-Mindoro, students obtain their Tractor Operator's Certificate enabling them to drive tractors legally. We had many FFA members participate this year! After Tractor Safety came SAE visits where Ms. Cleven came out to learn more about our Supervised Agricultural Experiences. 11 FFA members participated in this, this year! Along with that, many students participate in the Jackson County Fair. Members showed dairy, horses, and other exhibits through the FFA chapter. This all counts as part of these FFA members' SAEs. FFA members also volunteered in the Jackson County Dairy Promotion's Ice Cream Sundae stand at Sundae on the Farm. They loved sharing ice cream with many members of our county! To end summer and start the new school year off well, we also had our annual officer retreat where the officers were able to start planning different activities for this year and get to know each other better. They participated in various team building exercises and brainstormed new activities that they thought members would appreciate.

Once the school year began, FFA officers and members attended Fall Leadership Workshops in Melrose-Mindoro where they learned what their officer roles included. Members participated in different activities that would help them to see what other chapters were doing and implement new ideas and talents into our chapter.

Young FFA members in grades 7-9 attended the FFA FIRE Conference in October to learn more about the exciting aspects of FFA. They gained knowledge about FFA and learned the basics that will carry them through. Older FFA members also participated in the Connect and I Am Conference led by National FFA. Members met new people and gained many skills about how to become a better leader.

The National FFA Convention happens at the end of October. This year was a very exciting year for our FFA members as they not only went on ag tours on our way down, but we also had two students competing at the National FFA Convention. Anahy Contreras Villagomez was the second student from Wisconsin to compete in the National FFA Creed Speaking Contest in Spanish. She memorized the FFA Creed in Spanish, gave the Creed, and then answered three questions, all in Spanish. She represented our school and state well! Zoie Scholze competed in the National Agriscience Fair. This was an intense process as she not only had to submit her written project report, but she also prepared for and did a virtual interview process. She placed 7th overall in the Nation in her category and division! This was no easy feat! All those who attended had a blast and were an amazing support system for those competing!

One of our biggest fundraisers is our Fruit Sale. We sell fruit, meat, cheese and nuts to those in our community. This is one of our most effective ways to help members by limiting costs for different leadership workshops and conferences as well as any other events that they may want to participate in. Students also enjoy being able to help learn about and sort fruit when it comes in. It is an all-around wonderful experience for our FFA members.

Christmas Tree Pick Up happens every winter after Christmas. We go around to the three communities in our school district: Alma Center, Humbird, and Merrillan. We pick up Christmas trees that are left on the edge of the road. Our members enjoy spending time with each other outside and helping clean up. Thank you to our Lincoln ACHM FFA Alumni and Supporters chapter for being willing to share their trucks and trailers with us! After we pick them up, we take them to the compost in Alma Center and share them with members who have goats.

Respectfully submitted,
Lincoln ACHM FFA 2024-2025 FFA Officer Team













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For children, the Granton Area School District has restructured its Child Development Day in a child-friendly way with fun activities, treats and prizes for children in attendance. For parents, we hope to provide an opportunity for you to meet with and gain information from various community agency representatives who have been invited to participate along with information on child development.

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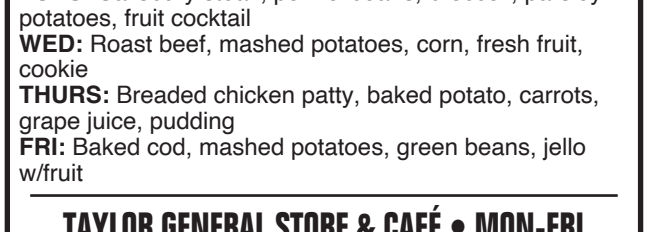
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Thurs., Feb. 27: Chili w/Shredded Cheese & Crackers, Green Beans, Cooked Carrots, Sliced Pears, 9 Grain Bread & Butter, Cookie, Milk
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WED: Cube beef w/onions & mushrooms, cooked cabbage, mashed potatoes, fruit
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WED: Hamburger steak, baked potato, green beans, banana cake
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Granton FFA



Members attended the Section Seven Fall Leadership Workshop in Thorp to learn about leadership and FFA.
Front Row (L-R): Kennedy Young, Brittany Walz, Emma Brookhart, Bella Haumschild, Beth Arndt.
Middle Row (L-R): Tori Seif, Emma Woller, Mayleth Gonzalez, Jordan Berg, Grace Elmhorst, Zoey Lumley, Iris Vine.
Back Row (L-R): Mindy Dix, Jessi Berg, Kadyn Marg, Peter Kayhart, Taelor Luchterhand, Phillip Kayhart.



Members Liberty Young (left) and Samiyah Modjewski (right) decorate for Christmas at North Shore Healthcare at Marshfield.



Tori Seif (left) applies makeup to Jessi Berg (right) in preparation for a night of scaring at the annual Haunted Forest.



Member Riley Bangart runs the hay bale hurdles at the annual FFA Ag Olympics.

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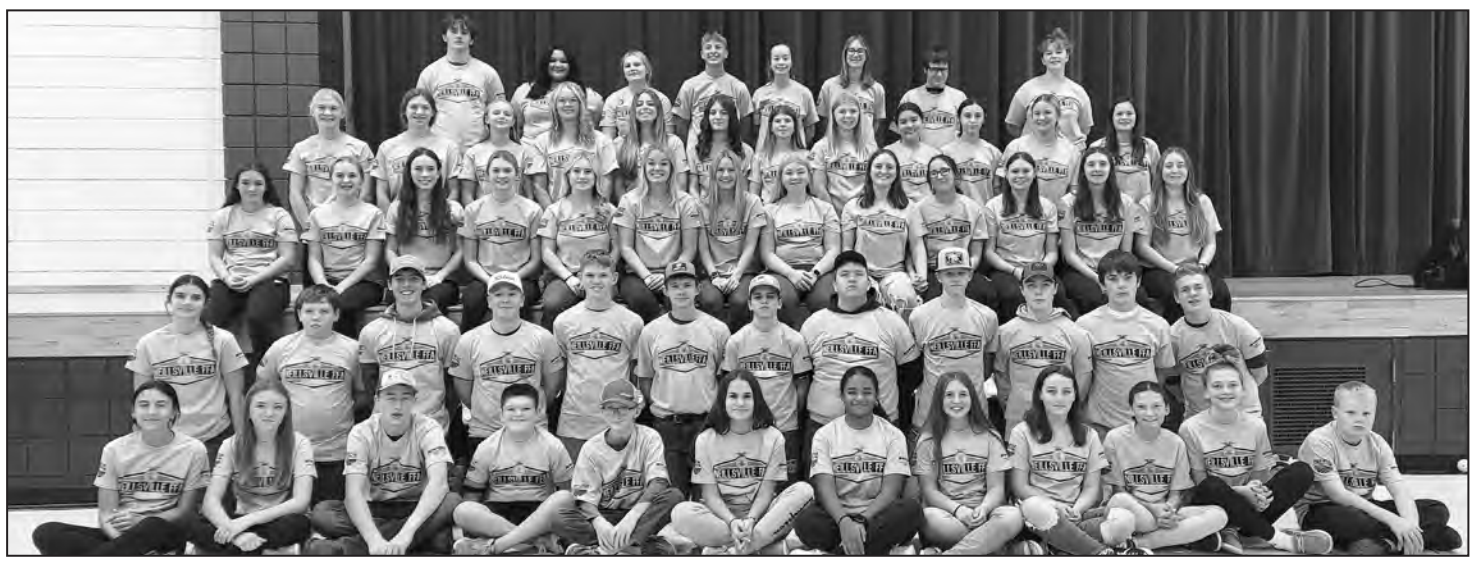
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Member Paige Voigt exhibiting her hog at the Clark County Fair.



Horticulture students working hard to prepare for the FFA plant sale.



Drive your tractor to school day.

Happy National FFA Week from the Neillsville FFA!
We are grateful for another year full of learning, opportunities, and fun! It all begins in the classroom - with course offerings including: Horticulture, Large Animal Science, Small Animal Vet Science, Wildlife, Careers in Ag, Ag7, and new this year, Agribusiness! The agriculture room has been a busy place with many hands-on learning opportunities! We have stayed true to our roots with continuing activities that we have done over the past few years. From fruit sales, to pumpkin painting contests, to farmer Christmas gifts, and our monthly visits to the Neillsville Retirement Community. We have a great group of members working hard at both speaking and judging contests this year. The officer team had the goal of increasing membership this year - and they did it! The Neillsville FFA grew to 96 members for the 2024-2025 school year.
To celebrate National FFA Week we have activities planned schoolwide to involve students of all ages!

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Each year, FFA chapters around the country celebrate National FFA Week. It's a time to share what FFA is and the impact it has on members every day.

What better way to show your support of FFA than to get involved in FFA Week? Whether it's in person, on the phone or via social media, be sure to share your FFA stories during #FFAweek!

Greenwood FFA



National Convention: On Tuesday October 22 we took a bus with four neighboring FFA chapters to take nine of our high school members to National Convention. On the way down we toured Alsum Farms and Produce. We learned about the different types of potatoes they grow and package as well as other vegetables. On Wednesday we stopped at Fair Oaks Farm to tour their hog facilities. That night some of us went to the FFA rodeo while others attended the Megan Moroney concert. On Thursday we went to the first general session, visited the expo and shopping hall, and during the second general session we received a silver rating on our National Chapter Award. On Friday we listened to Temple Grandin during the fourth general session then drove back to Greenwood.
- Allison Stieglitz



Fall Leadership Workshop: Our FFA chapter had a wonderful time at the Fall Leadership Workshop. Six total members attended the workshop in Thorp, WI. The Leadership Workshop was a great place to learn about taking the initiative in your chapter, creating new ideas to bring home, and learning more about LDEs. We are looking forward to next year!
- Tatym Travis, Chapter Secretary



World Dairy Expo: On October 2nd, the chapter took 30 high school students down to Madison for the World Dairy Expo. Students were given a passport book with different booths and areas that they needed to talk to and explore. They were able to go through the expo, walk by all the cows in their stalls, and watch the show.
- Madison Stieglitz, Chapter Vice President



Clark County Fair: In August, we had four of our FFA members show through the Greenwood FFA. Max Dyre showed his pigs, Emmitt Bright his chickens, and Clara Williams and Madison Stieglitz showing their dairy heifers. This was Emmitt and Clara's first year showing so it was a great experience for the both of them.
- Madison Stieglitz, Chapter Vice President



Poinsettia Sale: At the beginning of the school year the Intro to Agriculture class began growing 100 poinsettias in the High school greenhouse. After about three months of growing, our FFA chapter began selling the poinsettias. FFA members posted flyers around town and online, as well as selling at our Greenwood High School blood drive. The sale was a success as we were able to fill many homes with poinsettias for the holidays! Greenwood FFA is planning on growing and selling more poinsettias next year!
- Brooklyn Sladich & Avery Travis

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SATURDAY, February 22nd

8 AM - 10 AM • Breakfast Buffet • American Legion



10 AM – Co-Ed Volleyball • Schuster Park
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10 AM – Women's Pool Tourney • Local Taverns & the Legion
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Saturday, Feb. 22 • 11am-1pm



At the Lunda Community Park Pond

Open to Kids 12 and Under-This Is Not a Contest

FREE •Door Prizes •Hot Dogs •Soda •Hot Chocolate

- Holes Will Be Drilled • Bait Will Be Provided
- Poles will be available to use if you don't have one.
- The lower shelter will be open to warm-up if necessary!



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~ Rock Dam Rod & Gun Club ~

ICE FISHING CONTEST

Sat., Feb. 22, 2025 • 10am - 3pm

at Rock Dam Lake

DOOR PRIZES

20 miles S. of Thorp, 10 miles west of Greenwood, 10 miles north of Fairchild

WHEEL PRIZES

LUNCH WILL BE AVAILABLE ON THE LAKE

Drawing prizes awarded at 3:30 at the Clubhouse

BUCKET PRIZES

Prizes for Blue Gills, Crappies, Northern, Lg Mouth Bass, & Perch

RAFFLE DRAWING

BENEFIT AUCTION & HAYSTACK BREAKFAST

for

Luella Miller

Daughter of Freeman & Joanna Miller

February 22, 2025

Felty Lambright Residence

N32868 Schansberg Rd., Blair, WI

Event Held in Heated Building

Directions: 3 miles North of Blair, WI –OR– 5 miles South of Whitehall, WI on Hwy. 53, then 1/2 mile North to Carpenter Bridge Rd., then 1/2 mile to Schansberg Rd. Watch for signs.

Luella was born with hydrocephalus and had a four week stay at UW Hospital in Madison. In October, she had another surgery to replace a tube. We are looking for donations to help with costs.

Breakfast will be served

7:00am to 10:00am

Breakfast menu is: Biscuits, hash browns, bacon, sausage, scrambled eggs and gravy.

There will also be lunch available after 10:00am.

AUCTION Starting at 10:00 am

GUN RAFFLE DRAWING 12:00pm

To donate items for auction, contact Freeman Mast at 608-864-1300 or Joe Stutzman at 608-989-2221 or bring items on day of auction.

YOUR HELP IS GREATLY APPRECIATED!

NEILLSVILLE PUBLIC Library, 409 Hewett St. Hours: Monday and Wednesday 10-8; Tuesday, Thursday and Friday 10-5; Saturday 9-noon.

OPEN ALCOHOLICS Anonymous discussion format Thurs, 7pm, Hixton Town Hall, Sand Prairie Rd. Contact Gene 715-284-2559 or Duane 715-284-2228.

ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS Women's meeting, Saturdays, 12pm at the Bright Spot, BRF. Call 608-792-1950.

IT'S HARD to talk about being abused. Sometimes it's even harder to know if what you are experiencing is abuse. But you don't have to face this alone. There are safe places where you can begin to sort it all out with complete confidentiality. Bolton Refuge House in Eau Claire and New Horizons in La Crosse, Sparta and Whitehall all offer support groups and individual sessions for women who are experiencing physical, emotional or sexual abuse in their relationships. For more info contact the program closest to you. Eau Claire- Bolton Refuge House 1-800-252-4357. New Horizons: La Crosse, Sparta & Whitehall 608-791-2600 you may call collect, JC Outreach 715-333-2350. Crisis hotline, 1-855-526-5866 or 1-855-5BOLTON.

FREE ADMISSION!

98TH ANNUAL SHOW

Monroe County Historical Society

Presents Its... Annual

SPRING ARTS/ CRAFTS AND COUNTRY GIFTS SHOW

Sat., Feb. 22, 2025

9:00 am-3:30pm

BACK IN SPARTA!

At the Sparta Senior High School

506 N Black River St

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FOOD FOR PURCHASE

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February 21 & 22

Friday 3pm-8pm

Saturday 9am-4pm

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American Legion Post #200

421 Hwy. 54 West, Black River Falls

CHILI COOK-OFF

BRING THE HEAT!

SATURDAY, FEB. 22

at 12:00

Chili cook off will be held in the American Legion Hall. The competition will be judged blindly by the public and other participants.

Trophies for the BEST Chilis!

EUCHRE TOURNAMENT

2PM Start • $10 Entry

50% Payback

50/50 Raffle as Well!

AMERICAN LEGION Post 200 meets the first Thursday of each month from February through December at 7pm.

AL-ANON MEETING: Sundays, 7pm at the Methodist Church basement, BRF. Call Priscilla 715-284-2260, Kim 715-284-2276.

SAT., FEB. 22ND

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2:00 PM

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FARM TOUR AND WTCS AG DAY CELEBRATION

Tuesday, March 11 • Marshfield Area

The 2025 Farm Tour and Wisconsin Technical College System (WTCS) Ag Day Celebration is a unique opportunity to bring farmers, educators, leaders, and community members together to recognize and celebrate agriculture's vital role in our daily lives. All are invited to this event, including current and past students, farm families, agribusiness partners, and other community and business associates. This year's event includes:

WTCS Ag Day Celebration

8:00 - 9:00 a.m.
Breakfast begins at 7:30 a.m.

A free full breakfast will be served at the American Legion in Marshfield with special guest speakers:

- WTCS President Layla Merrifield
- Mid-State President Dr. Shelly Mondiek
- State of Wisconsin Department of Agriculture, Trade, and Consumer Protection (DATCP) Secretary Randy Romanski

Cost
WTCS Ag Day Celebration: FREE

Farm Tour

9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. (approximately)
Specific times vary by pick-up location.

Mid-State's annual Farm Tour is a showcase of innovative technology and agriculture practices designed to help producers enhance their operations.

- Romadka View Holsteins tour
- Heeg Brothers Dairy, LLC tour
- Lunch and networking featuring Alice in Dairyland (11:15 a.m. - 1:15 p.m.)

Cost
General Farm Tour: $10
Lunch and Networking Only: $15
Group Rate (5 or more): $7 per person





Visit mstc.edu/farmtour or scan the QR code to learn more. Registration is required by Tuesday, March 4.

Farm Tour participants are encouraged to also attend the WTCS Ag Day Celebration. During the Farm Tour registration process, you'll have the option to register for the WTCS Ag Day Celebration as well. If you plan to attend only the WTCS Ag Day Celebration, please select the "I plan to attend the WTCS Ag Day Celebration" option to register.

If you have a disability and require accommodations to participate in this activity, contact the event coordinator as soon as possible, ideally 14 days in advance.

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