



# FFA in AG-tion

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FORT LORAMIE  
AGRICULTURAL  
EDUCATION IS A  
SATELLITE PROGRAM  
OF THE UPPER  
VALLEY CAREER  
CENTER

## FFA During The Summer

### FFA Camp

Sara Meyer, Kenna Armstrong, Courtney Aufderhaar, Frank Riethman, Austin Barlage, and Jordan Meyer attended several leadership workshops and programs throughout the week. They were able to meet new friends from around the state and share ideas to bring back to the Fort Loramie FFA Chapter. Mornings entailed leadership sessions which included a session about being an advocate of agriculture, and explaining why farmers do what they do. Members also experienced a real life clue game where each chapter was given clues to help solve the mystery of camp. When members weren't attending leadership sessions they were able to participate in various tournaments including basketball, softball, volleyball, tetherball, ping pong, corn hole, archery, shotgun, and rifle. The camp also provides for golfing, paintballing, swimming, kayaking, motor boating, canoeing, and high and low ropes courses. As a closing to the "Unlock the Mystery" FFA Camp members heard a motivational speaker share about supporting others and encouraging positive attitudes.

### Liberty Days

The Fort Loramie FFA chapter had a successful week at the Fort Loramie Liberty Days. The chapter operated a petting zoo and worked in conjunction with the Shelby County Dairy Boosters to sell ice cream to festival visitors. The ice cream stand was full of wonderful workers as well as great ice cream. All profits made will be used for the numerous FFA activities throughout the years such as scholarships, grants, and competition fees. The Fort Loramie FFA also had a petting zoo full of great farm animals. Not only did the petting zoo give children the opportunity to interact with different farm animals but there were also chances for kids to compete and participate in different activities. Some of these activities included a coloring contest, a milk mustache contest as well as a spin the wheel questionnaire game. The petting zoo provided a brief understanding on the different farm animals which consisted of a baby calf, goats, rabbits, as well as several puppies that were up for adoption to good homes. The chapter extends their appreciation to all of the families who provided animals to the petting zoo to share with others.

### Conservation Day Camp

Members Katelyn Seger and Meghan Bruns helped to put together and teach a one day morning session to campers about the true sources of everyday foods and products. The session included a relay race requiring campers to classify the source of random everyday items as either natural resource, store, factory, or a farm. After the relay race the campers learned that the real source of all items is either agriculture or natural resources. This "Source Search" helped the campers to realize that farmers produce more than just raw products and food but that all items come from a farm or natural resource and not a store and factory. This session was a fun way to get the kids active while giving them an overview of the various agricultural activities they have done throughout the rest of the week at Conservation Day Camp.

# Summer Fun

## Shelby County Fair



## FFA Camp



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## Liberty Days



## Summer Picnic



## Conservation Day Camp



# In the Classroom

***Under the instruction of Sarah Heilers, the Fort Loramie Agricultural Education classes are busy learning about many facets agriculture.***

## Ag 8

Ag 8 is the first course in the Agriculture and Environmental Systems career field offered to all 8th grade students. It introduces students to the pathways that are offered in the Agricultural and Environmental Systems career field. As such, learners will obtain basic knowledge and skills in food science, natural resources, animal science, plant science, as well as many leadership skills. Throughout the year students will also be introduced to the agriculture industry and related careers.

## Animal & Plant Bioscience

As an introductory class to the FFA these greenhands waste no time learning all the ins and outs of being an FFA member. Throughout the year students will learn about parliamentary procedure, principals of concrete construction, leadership and goal setting. They will also gain public speaking, and record keeping skills, and will continue the year by learning basic plant science, and basic animal science including quality assurance. Added in throughout the year these greenhands will also learn all about the National FFA Organization and the careers in agriculturally-related fields.

## Animal Science and Technology

In rotation with the Plant and Horticulture class, these second and third year members will learn all about animal science in addition to several FFA skills taught throughout the year. Some specific areas of study include soil conservation, principals of welding, animal rights and animal welfare, animal nutrition, digestion, genetics and reproduction, as well as the study of food science and agriculture skills. Students taking this class will continue to expand their knowledge about agriculture and the National FFA.

## Senior Capstone

As an advanced course for fourth year agricultural students. Students in this class will examine elements of business, identify organizational structures and learn and identify and apply management skills. They will also learn to develop business plans, financial reports, goals, and use marketing concepts to evaluate the marketing environment. To finish of the year students will be required to have an independent lab project.

## Member Shout Outs

### Amy Holthaus 2nd Year Member

"I am interested in agricultural because I like to see all the animals at the fair and I like to learn about plants and the science behind it all. FFA is very important to me because we learn important skills and meet new people. It is a lot of fun, and we get to do participate in fun events."

### Sara Koverman 2nd Year Member

"I am interested in agriculture because I grew up on a farm, and show at the Shelby county fair. I also want to go to college for something in agriculture. FFA is important to me because it will help me in the future and helps me understand more about agriculture."

## Congratulations!!

**Sara Bornhorst  
Elizabeth Kunkler  
Sara Maurer  
Thomas Meyer  
Amanda Seger  
Hailey Wray**

**These first year Greenhand FFA members successfully memorized and recited the FFA Creed to their class just one day after it was assigned. For doing this these members received a free FFA jacket! Congratulations Greenhands!**

# Fort Loramie Farmers Can Plant the Seed to Help Grow Their Local FFA Chapters



The Fort Loramie FFA chapter provides valuable learning experiences for youth interested in the agriculture industry. Through involvement in FFA, students develop the skills to become leaders in their communities. Simply put, today's FFA youth members are the future of the industry.

Farmers in Shelby County have the opportunity to plant the seed that helps grow their local FFA chapters. Through America's Farmers Grow Communities<sup>SM</sup>, sponsored by the Monsanto Fund, farmers can win \$2,500 for the Fort Loramie FFA Chapter. Last year, winning farmers directed \$490,000 to 196 FFA chapters across the country.

The program is part of a broad commitment by the Monsanto Fund to invest in farm communities, in order to highlight the important contributions farmers make every day to our society. Farmers can apply online at [www.growcommunities.com](http://www.growcommunities.com), or call 1.877.267.3332 to apply by phone.

Farmers, age 21 and over, who are actively engaged in farming a minimum of 250 acres of corn, cotton, and/or soybeans, or 40 acres of open field vegetables, or at least 10 acres of tomatoes, peppers and/or cucumbers grown in protected culture are eligible. Farmers can enter now through Nov. 30, 2011. The program is open to all qualifying farmers, and no purchase is necessary in order to enter or win. Farmers who meet the eligibility requirements may enter regardless of previous participation. One winner will be drawn from each of the participating counties, and the Monsanto Fund will announce winning farmers and recipient organizations in January 2012.

## Buy a Ford, Support the Fort Loramie FFA!

Buckeye Ford is a proud supporter of the FFA through many sponsorship and scholarship programs. We are now pleased to announce to the public the Buckeye Ford/FFA Purchase Program. If you are looking into purchasing a vehicle at Buckeye Ford's Sidney location, mention the Buckeye Ford/FFA program before signing and for each vehicle purchased they will contribute \$100 to the Fort Loramie FFA chapter. Both individuals and businesses may participate. Contributions to the chapter will be used for scholarships to FFA leadership events for Fort Loramie FFA members.

# Officer Spotlight-**President**



## Quick Questions

**Biggest Fear?**  
Cats. Period. eEnd of story.

**Favorite Actor?**  
Justin Beiber :)

**Favorite Movie?**  
Dumb and Dumber

## What is your favorite FFA memory?

My favorite memory of the FFA is last year's trip to National Convention. Because of volleyball, I wasn't able to attend as a freshman, but as soon as I saw the following years sign up sheet, I knew there would be nothing that would stop me from going. Whether we were simply 7 teenagers shoved in a small JVS van dancing and singing or sitting in the convention hall with thousands of other FFA members from all over the world, I always seemed to be having the best time of my life. Not only did I grow as a member, officer, and an individual but also I felt like my passion in the FFA grew as well. I saw my infinite potential and the potential that other members were striving for.

## What are your goals for the chapter?

- 1.) Be rated a Gold Medal Chapter, and place in the top 10 in the state.
- 2.) 100% member participation at Chapter FFA meetings.
- 3.) 50% of CDE contest teams move on to District competition.
- 4.) Have at least 15% of members apply for and earn their State or American FFA Degrees.
- 5.) Have each member sell at least \$350 in our fall fruit sale, and have the chapter exceed \$22,000 in gross sales.
- 6.) Achieve Gold ratings on all three Chapter Officer Books: Secretary, Treasurer, and Reporter.
- 7.) Have at least 5 members apply for a Proficiency award for outstanding SAE projects.

## What does FFA mean to you?

FFA is an organization that I can learn so much while having fun. I have strengthened my public speaking skills and become a leader through my work and passion for the FFA. It has helped me build self-confidence and become better organized while participating in community service through the FFA has helped me give back to others. FFA is something that I recommend to every incoming freshman.

## Annual Ft. Loramie FFA Fruit, Peanut, and Barbeque Sauce Sale

The Fort Loramie FFA Chapter is ready to kick off their Annual Fruit, Peanut, and Turkey Sale. The sale serves as the organization's major fundraiser. Proceeds benefit local chapter activities, leadership conferences and conventions, donations, and entry fees for career development events.

Members are selling the following products: navel oranges, pink grapefruit, tangelos, holiday gift boxes (including navels, grapefruit, and red delicious apples), red delicious apples, golden delicious apples, granny smith apples, fuji apples, a variety of nuts, D. B. Yummers barbeque sauces, and Cooper Farm turkey roasts. In addition to these products, members have also decided to add Jack Link's Beef Steak jerky.

FFA members will be selling fruit, peanuts, barbeque sauce, and jerky from October 14<sup>th</sup> – November 18<sup>th</sup>. Turkey sales will begin on October 14<sup>th</sup> and conclude early on the 27<sup>th</sup> of October in order for the product to be available for the Thanksgiving holiday. If you would like to place an order or get more information on prices or the products offered, please see any FFA member or call FFA Advisor Sarah Heilers at the Ag Department (937-295-3342 ext. 4375.)

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