



FORT LORAMIE FFA

**SPECIAL
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FFA in Ag-tion

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National FFA Week February 20-25

Sunday, Feb 20th

FFA Promo at Wagner's IGA :11-1pm - FFA members will be at Fort Loramie Wagner's to promote National FFA Week

Monday, Feb 21st

No School! President's Day



Tuesday, Feb 22nd

8th grade Recruitment - 8th grade students will learn about Ag-Ed and the FFA.

Dress Up - Blue Jacket, Gold Standards Day - Dress in National Blue and Corn Gold.

Wednesday, Feb 23rd

Drive Tractor to School Day - High school students may drive their tractors to school.

Safety Day at the Elementary - FFA members will travel to the elementary to teach the 6th graders about the importance of safety on the farm.

Dress Up - Tractor Pride Day - Support your tractor brand by wearing your tractor color.

Thursday, Feb 24th

Ag Olympics - Students will participate in fun Ag related games to increase school knowledge and promote agriculture

Dress Up - Ag Career Day - Ag Careers are all around! Dress as farmers, food scientist, business workers, and veterinarians!

Friday, Feb 25th

"Building Partnerships Breakfast" - 7:30-9:30 am - FFA members have invited area businesses to an open house breakfast to create new partnerships and thank them for their support.

Dress Up - Flannel Friday - Wear your flannel attire!

Officer Spotlight - Secretary



Brandon's Quick Questions

Favorite Color
Orange

Favorite Movie
The Blind Side or
The Hangover

What Did You Name Your Steers?
I don't name them

Favorite Food
Ribeye Steaks

The Secretary of the Fort Loramie FFA believes that FFA will create a platform for his future career. When Brandon Barlage is not busy writing correspondence or keeping the FFA organized, he can be found working hard on his beef production SAE.

Why did you join the FFA?

I joined FFA because I have always lived on a farm and I am planning on going into an Ag-related career after college. I believe FFA will help me broaden my knowledge about agriculture.

What is your greatest accomplishment in FFA?

My greatest accomplishment in FFA is either receiving my Star Greenhand award last year or being elected as an FFA officer for the 2010-2011 school year.

What is your SAE?

My SAE is beef production. For my SAE I am feeding out 15 feeder calves for market and one show steer for the 2011 Shelby County Fair.

What is something new you would like to try with the FFA?

One new thing that I would like to try is Ag and Industrial Diagnostics (AIDS) contest.

What is your favorite CDE?

My favorite CDE is General Livestock Judging because it is helping me to better understand proper breeding and market stock for my future, which is to breed and sell cattle.

If you could tell Greenhand FFA members one thing, what would it be?

Get as active as you can. Don't just sit around and do nothing because participating in any type of activity through FFA is a great learning experience that you will use throughout your life.

Calendar of FFA Events

Feb. 22-25 - National FFA Week

Feb. 23rd - District Public Speaking, Miami Valley CTC, 4 pm

March 4th-5th - State FFA Evaluations

March 5th - Marysville CDE Invitational, Marysville High School

March 15th - Officer Interviews will be held this week, TBA

March 19th - Officer Meeting, 7:15 am

March 20th - FFA Meeting, Officer Election, 8 pm

March 26th - Mercer County CDE Invitational, Mercer Co. Fairgrounds

April 2nd - State CDE Invitational, Ohio Expo Center

April 10th - FFA Banquet, FL Elementary Cafeteria



In the Classroom

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

Senior Capstone

Each capstone project is making great success. As greenhouse manager, Pam Meyer is busy taking inventory and ordering plugs, pots, flats, and seeds for the spring plant sale. Plants will be arriving the beginning of March. Ashley Holthaus is focusing on composting for her capstone. She built composting bins from 24 inch field tile and has collected food waste from the cafeteria. She is well on her way!

Animal & Plant Bioscience

Agriculturalists continually have a main focus on the importance of animal well-being. Students in the Animal and Plant Bioscience class are learning basic animal care that can be applied to any species. They are learning proper methods of administering medications, record keeping, and how to provide adequate housing throughout the year. Students are also studying the importance of bio-security and animal welfare.

Plant & Horticulture Science

Finding their "Green Thumb," students in the Plant and Horticulture Science class are designing their own germination experiments with corn and soybeans to test germination rate variables. Each student can determine the variables they want to test, such as the effects of temperature, moisture, light exposure, seed depth, and others. Students will then chart germination rates to determine optimal conditions.

Busy with Committee Work

Each class has been divided into committees to allow everyone a part in planning FFA activities. Committees meet once or twice a week during class to plan for their activities. With FFA week quickly approaching, many committees have been very busy planning their part of the week. The Citizenship Committee is planning a "Building Partnership Breakfast" by inviting area businesspersons to an open house breakfast to create new partnerships and thank them for their support. The Ag Awareness Committee is organizing the annual Ag Olympics to be held Thursday afternoon for the Jr. High and High School students. The Healthy Lifestyles Committee is conducting a Farm Safety event at the elementary school to teach the 6th graders the importance of using safe practices on the farm.

Greenhand Shout Outs

Sara Koverman

"I joined the FFA to help me with my future career. I want to attend The Ohio State University to become a veterinarian."

Kenna Armstrong

"I was interested in a few things in agriculture and after hearing about it in 8th grade recruitment presentation, I immediately wanted to join."

Amy Holthaus

"I join the FFA because of the 1.25 credits and because I thought it would be a lot of fun. I was excited for the field trips, especially the Farm Science Review."

Sam Schulze

"I join the FFA because I have always been interested in agriculture and it looked like a really fun, hands-on class."

Where Are They Now?

Checking in with an FFA Alumni to see where they are today and what FFA did for them.



FFA provides many students with a platform to be a future agriculturalist. However, it prepares *all* students to be successful in their future endeavors, no matter the field. Karla Geise is a perfect example of an FFA member using the skills she learned in Ag Ed in a different career area.

What was your involvement with FFA in high school?

During my time in FFA, I held the offices of Chapter Reporter and Chapter Treasurer, receiving gold ratings at the state

level for both officer books. I participated in the public speaking contests and was on the parliamentary procedure and soil judging teams. I showed steers and dairy heifers at the Shelby County Fair. I was also awarded the Star Greenhand Degree and the Star Chapter Degree. I have some wonderful memories from field trips, especially attending the National FFA Convention

What are you doing today?

I am the Assistant Director of Alumni Affairs at Ohio Northern University in Ada, Ohio. I am not personally involved in agriculture; however, I have a strong appreciation for all who are and learned a lot from growing up in an agricultural family. And, even in my current position, having an understanding of agriculture has come into conversation when meeting with alumni and friends of ONU multiple times.

What benefits did you gain from being an active FFA member?

The benefits I received from my participation in FFA were endless. Looking back at my high school experience, I would credit this organization with helping me develop and evaluate my strengths before college. I participated in the public speaking contests and still today, I credit those contests with my ability to speak in front of large groups with ease.

What message do you want to share with current FFA members?

Get involved in as many of the activities that FFA offers as possible. If I had the chance to, I would have been more involved in the organization. Whether you end up being involved in agriculture or not, FFA prepares you for challenges that you will face in life.

The 2010-2011 Officer Team

President - Stacie Seger
Vice President - Pam Meyer
Secretary - Brandon Barlage
Treasurer - Dustin Schemmel
Reporter - Katelyn Seger
Student Advisor - Ben Barhorst
Sentinel - Ashley Holthaus
Historian - Doug Seger

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