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Versailles FFA 2016 Fall Newsletter

-FFA Motto

Greetings Parents, Members, and Alumni!

The Versailles FFA Chapter has gotten a great start to the school year. Exhibitors at the fair proved to be successful in presenting their SAE projects.

The 21st annual Greenhand Conference was held on September 17th in the high school. FFA Members gained leadership, cooperation, and communication skills offered through the FFA organization. State FFA officers and a national FFA officer were in attendance.

On October 14th, members began to sell FFA fruit, nuts, BBQ sauce, and meats. We ask that all members sell at least \$300 as in individual or \$500 as a family. This is our chapter's main fundraiser, and it helps provide funding for our activities throughout the year. Many people look forward to this time of year as they enjoy getting their fresh fruit in the winter months. We were able to reach our goal of selling \$60,000 by selling \$62,483.40 of fruit!

The 8th bi annual EMS and Firefighter training day was held on September 24th at the Versailles Fire and Rescue Department. There were people in attendance from Darke County and surrounding areas. The day consisted of five stations that included a mass casualty incident, a tractor rollover scenario, anhydrous ammonia safety, and a PTO/Auger entanglement.

Members from the Versailles FFA traveled to Indianapolis, Indiana, to partake in the National FFA Convention. Members were able to listen to speakers, attend a concert and dance, as well as tour different companies. We would also like to congratulate three alumni members for receiving their American FFA Degree: Mikalea Buschur, Rachel Osterloh, and Katerri Schmitmeyer!

Students from both the middle school and high school brought in cans and other related items for the Canned Food Drive. In total, the Versailles FFA collected over 3,500 cans to donate to the local food pantry.

Thank you members, parents, and alumni for the continued support towards the Versailles FFA!!

Sincerely,

Danielle Hesson

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Chapter President

Chapter Meetings

September Members of the Month

The first September FFA Member of the Month was Jacob Heitkamp; he is a senior this year. He is the son of Gary and Denise Heitkamp. He has participated in CDE's such as Wildlife and Dairy judging. He has also contributed his time to FFA meetings, been a top salesman for fruit sales, Farm Day, showing at the Darke County Fair, and exhibited shop and crop at the Darke County Fair along with numerous other activities. He is currently enrolled in the Mechanical Principles class. His SAE contains of raising dairy steers and feeders and consist of showing his cows at the Darke County Fair where he has Grand Champion Dairy Feeder. Jacob also works at Heitkamp Livestock Farm as part of his SAE. Jacob received an FFA t-shirt and certificate for being named member of the month.

Our second September FFA Member of the Month was Abigail White; she's also a senior this year. She is the daughter of Ron and Rachel White. She has participated in CDE's such as Food Science and Technology and Ag Sales. She has also contributed her time to FFA meetings, serving on our assistant officer team, fruit sales, canned food drive, Farm Day, the soup and sandwich social, the greenhand conference, and numerous other activities. She is currently enrolled in the Environmental Science class. Her SAE has consisted of working in the past at the Inn of Versailles and community service. Abigail received an FFA t-shirt and certificate for being named member of the month.

October Members of the Month

The first Versailles FFA October member of the month was Ashley Petitjean. She is a junior this year. She is the daughter of John and Sarah Petitjean. Ashley has contributed her time to FFA meetings, fruit sales, helping Mrs. Wuebker in her study halls, Farm Day, the soup and sandwich social. Greenhand Conference, and other activities in our chapter. She has also attended State and National FFA Conventions. She exhibited shop and crop at the Darke County Fair and has participated in CDE's such as Food Science. Her SAE consist of raising chickens and growing a garden. Ashley

received a FFA Member T-shirt and certificate for being Named FFA Member of the Month.

The second Versailles FFA October member of the month was Toby George. He is a sophomore this year and third year member of the Versailles FFA. Toby is the son of Greg and Holli George. He has contributed his time to FFA meetings, fruit sales, Farm Day, Firefighter, and EMT Safety Training, Greenhand Conference, outdoor learning lab, employee in greenhouse, fall harvest sale, and other activities in our chapter. He had also participate in CDE's such as Wildlife, Parliamentary Procedure, and Creed Speaking. His SAE consist of working for Wuebker Farms where he helps run the hog operations. Toby received a FFA Member T-shirt and certificate for being named FFA Member of the Month.

The third Versailles FFA October Member of the Month was Jamie Hart. She is a junior this year. Jamie is the daughter of Dan and Kari Hart. She has contributed her time to FFA meetings, fruit sales, canned food drive, Farm Day, the soup and sandwich social, fall harvest sale, greenhand conference, outdoor learning lab, employee in the greenhouse, committee co-chair, nursing home visits, and many other activities within our chapter. She has participated in CDE's such as aquarium management and attended National FFA Convention. Her SAE consist of growing a garden, entering her produce in the shop and crop at the Darke County Fair. Jamie received a FFA Member T-shirt and certificate for being named FFA Member of the Month. Congratulations!

October SAE Member of the Month

On Monday, October 10, the Versailles FFA held their monthly meeting, and the Supervised Agriculture Experience (SAE) Spotlights were chosen. This is an award that is given out to two FFA students each month that are excelling with his or her SAE project.

The first SAE spotlight winner was Brigette Holsapple, a senior this year. Brigette's SAE consist of caring for her garden. She is responsible for pulling weeds, watering her plants, and harvesting her produce. Her garden consists of a variety of produce such as corn, tomatoes, green beans, onions, and numerous other plants. She exhibited her produce in the shop and crop at the

Great Darke County Fair. Brigette spends about 5 hours a week working in her garden.

Congratulations to our first October SAE spotlight Brigette Holsapple.

The second SAE spotlight recipient was Aaron Knapke, a junior this year. Aaron's SAE consist of working on his family's farm. He is responsible for numerous jobs which consist of caring for their livestock, packing eggs, planting in the spring and harvesting in the fall, maintaining equipment, and working to learn proper farming techniques. Aaron spends about 55 to 60 hours a week working during the school year and about 70 to 80 hours a week through the summer.

Congratulations to our second October SAE spotlight Aaron Knapke.

Versailles FFA Members Receive Chapter Degree at October Meeting

On Monday, October 10, the Versailles FFA held their monthly meeting and Chapter FFA Degree Ceremony. A chapter degree is obtainable by all second year FFA members, and certain requirements must be met by those members. Those members that received their Chapter FFA Degree include: Courtney Batten, Mikayla Bohman, Caden Buschur, Robert Byers, Bretten Cheadle, Ethan Davis, Deanna Day, Alexa Didier, Bradley Didier, Kyle Dirksen, Emma Gasson, Ian Gehret, Jonathan Gehret, Issac Gilmore, Samuel Gilmore, Issac Grilliot, Sarah Hart, Kristin Heitkamp, Levi Hemmelgarn, Dallas Hess, Sarah Hess, Deanna Hesson, Even Keller, Troy May, Dustin Mangan, Chelsea McGlinch, Cassie Parsons, Laney Petitjean, Tyler Pleiman, Bradley Pohlman, Evan Rammel, Amber Riley, Nick Slonkosky, Austin Timmerman, Bailey Wilson, Kimberly Winner, Lewis Winner, and Logan Winner. Also as part of the ceremony, Ohio FFA Vice President at Large, Kameron Rinehart, spoke to the chapter degree recipients about trying new things and stepping outside of their comfort zone. To end the ceremony, all members and parents of the chapter degree recipients enjoyed pumpkin desserts, apples, and apple cider.

November Members of the Month

The first Versailles FFA November member of the month is Shelby Winner. She is a senior this year. She is the daughter of Eric and Jill Winner. She has contributed her time to FFA meetings, fruit

sales, helping Mrs. Wuebker in her study halls, Farm Day, the soup and sandwich social, greenhand conference, and other activities in our chapter. She has also attended State and National Convention. She has participated in CDE's such as Ag Sales, Parli Pro, and Wildlife. Her SAE consist of working at Banchi Trucking and growing a garden. Each member of the month received a certificate and t-shirt.

The second Versailles FFA November member of the month is Brigette Holsapple. She is another senior this year. She is the daughter of Sam and Michelle Holsapple. She has contributed her time to FFA meetings, fruit sales, Farm Day, color run, soup and sandwich social, greenhand conference, and other activities in our chapter. She has also participated in CDE's such as Food Science and Technology. Her SAE consist of growing a garden and entering her produce in shop and crop at the Darke County Fair. Each member of the month received a certificate and t-shirt.

The third Versailles FFA November Member of the Month is Gavin Lawrence. He is a junior this year. He is the son of Steve and Darlene Lawrence. He has contributed his time to FFA meetings, fruit sales, canned food drive, Farm Day, the soup and sandwich social, fall harvest sale, greenhand conference, outdoor learning lab, nursing home visits, helping Mrs. Wuebker in his study halls, and many other activities within our chapter. He has participated in CDE's such as wildlife. His SAE consist of a garden, job placement and raising poultry that was shown at the Darke County Fair. Each member of the month received a certificate and t-shirt.

Congratulations to Shelby Winner, Gavin Lawrence and Brigette Holsapple for being named Versailles FFA November FFA Members of the Month.

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farm and working in her garden. While on the farm, she is responsible for milking the cows and feeding the calves. While in the garden, she is responsible for pulling weeds, watering her plants, and harvesting her produce. Her garden consists of a variety of produce such as corn, tomatoes, green beans, onions, and numerous other plants. She exhibits her produce in the shop and crop at the Darke County Fair. Shelbie spends 35 hours a week working on her family farm and spends 4 hours a week working in her garden. The second SAE spotlight recipient is Emily Kramer, a senior this year. Emily's SAE consist of working in her garden. She is responsible for pulling weeds, watering her plants, and harvesting her produce.

Her garden consists of a variety of produce such as corn, tomatoes, green beans, onions, and numerous other plants. Emily spends 4 hours a week in her garden. Congratulations to our November SAE spotlights Shelbie Schmitmeyer and Emily Kramer.

Versailles FFA Members Receive Greenhand Degree at November Meeting

On Monday, November 21, Versailles FFA held their monthly Meeting; 51 first year members received their Greenhand FFA Degree. To be eligible for the FFA Greenhand Degree members must meet the following qualifications: be in their first year of agriculture education, know the FFA creed and motto, understand the code of ethics, know how to properly wear the FFA jacket, know the meaning of the FFA emblem and colors, know about the organization's history and have a plan for their SAE. Recipients of the Greenhand FFA Degree include: Jarett Barge, Noah Barga, Sam Barga, Anna Barlage, Luke Billenstein, Gregory Bohman, Aaron Buschur, Sara Cavin, Evan Clark, Chris Darner, Nicholas Didier, Kobe Epperly, Darian Feltz, Elliot George, Hannah Gehret, Noah Gilmore, Jarrett Goubeaux, Xavier Grillot, Alex Groff, Nathan Grogean, Austin Hecht, Caleb Heitkamp, Madison Henry, Shiloh Hess, Jaimee Hoelscher, Trevor Huber, Alexis Jay, Alex Kaiser, Trent Langenkamp, Caitlyn Luthman, Josh Luthman, Jessica Lyme, Haley Mangen, Marcus Marchal, Hayden Mead, Jason Mescher, Kenneth Mincer, Breanna Neiport, Austin Nerderman, Lucas Perassoli, Emma Peters, Jarrett Petitjean, Paige Platfoot, Preston Platfoot, Morgan Rinderle, Corey Rodrigues, Renea

Schmitmeyer, Franklin Shimp, Cody Williams, and Victoria Wuebker.

As part of the Greenhand degree ceremony, greenhand members Tori Wuebker, Xavier Grillot, Noah Barga, Elliot George, and Trevor Huber presented the FFA creed and Luke Billenstein, Kobe Epperly and Haley Mangen explained the history of the creed and introduced the speakers. Greenhand Kobe Epperly introduced the guest speaker for the evening, the 2016-2017 State FFA Vice President at Large, Kameron Rinehart. At the end of the ceremony members and parents enjoyed various pumpkin desserts as well as apple cider. Congratulations to all Greenhands!!

December Member of the Month

At the Versailles FFA December FFA Meeting at McBo's on December 19th, Versailles FFA recognized three senior members as members of the month. Senior Lane Feltz has contributed his time to FFA meetings, fruit sales, Farm Day, the soup and sandwich social, greenhand conference, and other activities in our chapter. He has participated in CDE's such as Wildlife. He is currently enrolled in the environmental and natural resources class and is a member of the greenhouse committee. His SAE consist of working for Alex Dirksen milking cows. Lane is the son of Bruce and Jennifer Feltz of Versailles. Lane received a t-shirt and certificate for being named member of the month. Congratulations to our first December member of the month Lane Feltz.

The second Versailles FFA December member of the month was senior Lindsay Schultz. Lindsay has contributed her time to FFA meetings, fruit sales, Farm Day, color run, soup and sandwich social, greenhand conference, and other activities in our chapter. She has also participated in CDE's such as Food Science and Technology and Dairy Foods. She is currently enrolled in the Ag Business class and is a committee co-chair of the Economic committee. Lindsay SAE consist of working at the Sweet Shop, raising rabbits, and growing a garden.

Lindsay is the daughter of Eric and Beth Schultz of Versailles. Lindsay received a t-shirt and certificate for being named member of the month. Congratulations to December member of the month Lindsay Schultz.

The third Versailles FFA December Member of the Month was senior Jonathan Moorman. Jonathan has contributed his time to FFA meetings, fruit sales, canned food drive, Farm Day, the soup and sandwich social, greenhand conference, outdoor learning lab, nursing home visits, and many other activities within our chapter. Jonathan has participated in CDE's such as wildlife. He is currently enrolled in the Ag Business class and serves on the cooperation committee. His SAE consist of working at Schmitmeyer Dairy Farm. Jonathan is the son of Ken and Jill Moorman of Versailles. Jonathan received a t-shirt and certificate for being named member of the month. Congratulations to member of the month, Jonathan Moorman.

December SAE Member of the Month

On Monday, December 19th, the Versailles FFA had their monthly meeting at McBo's Bowling Alley where they awarded the December SAESpotlight. This award is given to two FFA members each month who go above and beyond with their Supervised Agriculture Experience (SAE). The first recipient was Ian Gehret who is a freshman this year and a second year member of Versailles FFA. Ian SAE consist of raising two market hogs and showing the market hogs successful at the Darke County Fair. This was Ian's first year of raising swine and Ian learned how to raise and show market swine as part of this project. Ian is the son of Jill and Gary Gehret of Yorkshire. The second SAESpotlight was Makayla Berger who is a senior this year. Her job placement SAE consists of working at Nature's Reflections. Her responsibilities include making floral arrangements, making deliveries, and assisting customers. Makayla works approximately sixteen hours a week, and she has been working there since October 2013. Makayla is the daughter of Steve and Linda Berger. Both Makayla and Ian received an FFA t-shirt for their SAE success. Congratulations to our SAE spotlights, Ian and Makayla!

First Quarter Point Winners Awarded at December Meeting

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Chapter Activites

Versailles FFA has a Successful Darke County Fair

Versailles FFA members were busy over the summer getting ready to participate and compete in the Great Darke County Fair. On August 19, 2016, students were able to bring in their vegetables, crops, and shop projects. Shop and crop consist of bringing in various vegetables from the students garden as well as wood working items, welding

items, and grains for livestock. The Versailles FFA had 91 members bring in shop and crop, which was the most of any FFA Chapter in Darke County. Versailles FFA members that exhibited shop and crop included: Maggie Hedrick, Kayla Bruns, Gavin Lawrence, Toby George, Luke Billenstein, Trevor Huber, Alex Kaiser, Noah Gilmore, Isaac Gilmore, Samuel Gilmore, Hannah Niekamp, Lily George, Lewis Kremer, Grant Keller, Evan Keller, Sarah Hess, Seth Barga, Karina Kriner, Collin Peters, Joel Marshal, Andrew Schmitt, Pakus McClurg, Conner Reed, Vanessa Wendel, Brent Sherman, Cole Kremer, Alyssa Morgan, Ben Albers, Kimberly Winner, Kara Langenkamp, Tessa Tyo, Emma Gasson, Clair Schmitmeyer, Renea Schmitmeyer, Shelbie Schmitmeyer, Dean Heitkamp, Isaac Ruhenkamp, Erika Grogean, Olivia Bruening, Jared Niekamp, Leo Vogel, Maxwell Stachler, Faith Wilker, Andrew Heckman, Isaac Grilliot, Gavin Mills, Justine Francis, Holly Dirksen, Jasmine Francis, Logan Rodrigues, David Barlage, Anna Barlage, Nathan Grogean, Brianne Buzard, John Petitjean, Logan Schultz, Andrew Harshbarger, Derek Cavin, Ashley Petitjean, Natalie Wuebker, Jacob Wuebker, Ben Gehret, Jon Gehret, Kayla Bohman, Austin Timmerman, Marcus Berger, Makayla Berger, Brad Didier, Laney Petitjean, Jamie Hart Sarah Hart, Sean Besecker, Lindsay Cheadle, Colleen Gehret, Janelle Hoelscher, Jamie Hoelscher, Troy May, Jarett Petitjean, Courtney Batten, Jacob Heitkamp, Nathan Mescher, Jason Mescher, Maddison Henry, Katelyn Knapke, Eric Knapke, Isaac Gehret, Ian Gehret, Bridgette Holsapple, Caden Buschur, Emma Peters, and Ellen Peters.

Individual placing in the area of shop and crop include: Kayla Bruns received 1st in both household articles and tomato-cherry/grape, and 3rd in brown eggs. : Brad Didier placed 2nd overall in the area of Horticulture in the Shop and Crop Division, Maggie Hedrick received 3rd in reclaimed wood project. Gavin Lawrence received 1st in both electric light stand and concrete stepping stone. Toby George received 2nd in the small welding project. Noah Gilmore received 1st in gourds, and 2nd in both hay alfalfa and floral arrangement. Isaac Gilmore received 2nd in hay timothy. Samuel Gilmore received 1st in hay timothy, and 3rd in both

corn shelled product of last year and white eggs. Hannah Niekamp received 1st in SAE photo posterboard display. Lily George received 1st in grapes, and 3rd in both hay alfalfa and hay timothy. Cole Kremer received 1st in each of the following categories: medium welding project, spray paint equipment, and SAE research tri fold display. Ben Albers received 1st in each of the following categories: corn shelled product of last year, potatoes, and beets. Emma Gasson received 1st in miscellaneous produce. Clair Schmitmeyer received 1st in hay mixed, and 3rd in haylage. Dean Heitkamp received 1st in haylage, 2nd in hay mixed, and 3rd in tomato-mixed plate. Isaac Ruhenkamp received 2nd in both beets and plums, and 3rd in both peaches and miscellaneous crop. Erika Grogean received 1st in agricultural science research project, and 2nd in both SAE photo poster board display and honey display. Leo Vogel received 3rd in SAE photo postboard display. Faith Wilker received 1st in floral arrangement-live, and 2nd in both beans and tomato- mixed plate. Andrew Heckman received 3rd in wheat current year. Isaac Grilliot received 2nd in medium wood project. David Barlage received 2nd in corn silage. Anna Barlage received 1st in corn silage. Nathan Grogean received 2nd in both grapes and berries and 3rd in honey display. Derek Cavin received 1st in Zucchini. Natalie Wuebker received 1st in wheat current year. Tori Wuebker received 1st in oats current year, and 2nd wheat. Jacob Wuebker received 3rd in both single stock of corn and squash. Jon Gehret received 3rd in medium wood project. Kayla Bohman received 1st in each of the following categories: cabbage, herbs, and white eggs, and 3rd in squash. Brad Didier received 1st in both pumpkins and sweet corn. Jamie Hart received 1st in both pears and squash. Sean Besecker received 3rd in potatoes. Lindsay Cheadle received 3rd in watermelon. Colleen Gehret received 2nd in brown eggs. Troy May received 1st in both pepper-sweet bell and squash, and 3rd in both hay clover and grapes. Jarett Petitjean received 2nd in tomato-home garden. Jacob Heitkamp received 1st in both peaches and plums, and 3rd in both cabbage and pears. Jason Mescher received 3rd in corn silage. Katelyn Knapke received 3rd in onions. Eric Knapke received 3rd in 6 ears of corn in the current

year. Ian Gehret received 2nd in both reclaimed wood project and herbs. Caden Buschur received 3rd in pumpkins.

However, members did not only have the chance to show shop and crop, they also had the opportunity to show livestock. Twenty-eight members from the Versailles FFA Chapter showed chickens, dairy cattle, goats, horses, rabbits, sheep, steer, and swine.

In the area of chickens, Versailles FFA members that exhibited included: Sean Besecker, Justin Besecker, Ben Gehret, Sarah Gigandet, Evan Keller, and Grant Keller. Ben Gehret received Champion Guinea. Sarah Gigandet received 6th place and 8th place commercial chickens. Grant Keller, Evan Keller, Sean Besecker and Justin Besecker all received grade A with projects.

In the area of cattle, Versailles FFA members that exhibited included: Ian Gehret, Kyle Dirksen, Jacob Heitkamp, Emily Langenkamp, Troy May, Nathan Mescher, Lily May, Isaac Ruhenkamp, Clair Schmitmeyer, Shelbie Schmitmeyer, Renea Schmitmeyer, Kimberly Winner, Lewis Winner, Jacob Dirksen, Jacob Wuebker, Isaac Gehret and Natalie Wuebker. Ian Gehret received 3rd place overall Darke County Born and Bred, 3rd overall Breed Steer, 1st place Age 14 Showmanship, 2nd place 13-15 Age Skillathon, Reserve Champion Homegrown Steer and Market animal. Isaac Gehret had the Grand Champion Breed Steer. Jacob Heitkamp received Junior Fair Grand Champion Dairy Feeder calf, and Reserve Champion Dairy Feeder Calf in the open class. Emily Langenkamp received Junior Champion Guernsey in the junior show, Reserve Junior Champion in the open show, and 2nd place dairy steer in the open show. Nathan Mescher placed 1st overall in Senior Division with Dairy Steer and went on to place 5th overall in showmanship in the dairy barn. Isaac Ruhenkamp received 2nd place in showmanship, and 5th place in class showing dairy steers. Clair Schmitmeyer received Reserve Grand Champion Holstein cow, and 1st place showmanship 17 year old. Kimberly Winner received Reserve Grand Champion Market Beef Heifer. Lewis Winner received 3rd place overall Heavyweight Beef Steer, and 2nd place in weight gain in the beef department. Jacob Wuebker received Reserve Champion Dairy Steer, and 2nd

place 14 year old dairy beef showmanship. Natalie Wuebker received 1st place showman, and Grand Champion Dairy Feeder Steer in open class and Reserve Champion Dairy Feeder in Junior Fair. Jacob Dirksen placed 1st in age 14 division of dairy steer showmanship. Shelbie Schmitmeyer exhibited the Grand Champion Sr Holstein and the overall Grand Champion of all Dairy Breeds. Greg Bohman had the Grand Champion Dairy Steer in the junior show. Troy May placed 1st with his breeding heifer in open and junior fair. Lily George exhibited Champion Overall Hereford bull. Renea Schmitmeyer placed 1st in dairy grooming contest. Caleb Heitkamp was a division winner in dairy steer.

In the area of goats, Versailles FFA members that exhibited included: David Barlage, Anna Barlage, Danielle Hesson, Deanna Hesson, Ivan Pohlman and Brad Pohlman. Danielle Hesson received Reserve Champion Full blood Doe. Deanna Hesson received 1st in showmanship, Overall Percentage Grand Champion, overall fullblood Reserve Grand Champion doe, and overall fullblood Grand Champion doe. Brad Pohlman received Champion Junior dairy doe and placed 2nd in market wether classes. Ivan Pohlman placed 4th in market wether classes. David Barlage received grand champion yearling doe and reserve grand champion yearling doe.

In the area of horses, Versailles FFA members that exhibited included: Bailey Wilson and Breanon Hall. Bailey Wilson received 1st place Western Pleasure, and 1st place team tournament. Breanon Hall placed 1st in Darke County Horse and Pony Show.

In the area of rabbits, Versailles FFA members that exhibited included: Hallie Mills, Evan Rammel, Amberlyn Riley, Levi Sherman, Darian Feltz and Logan Winner. Hallie Mills received 1st place in senior class 11 showmanship, and was crowned rabbit queen. Evan Rammel received Grand Champion Homegrown rabbit, 4th place meat pen, 4th place single, 3rd place single, and was crowned rabbit prince. Amberlyn Riley received 1st place, 4th place, and two 5th places in the junior fair, and 3rd place in the open show. Levi Sherman received Reserve Champion meat rabbits. Logan Winner received 1st in showmanship.

In the area of sheep, Versailles FFA members that exhibited included: Emma Peters, Laney Petitjean, and Taylor Tyo. Emma Peters received 2nd place in showmanship, Grand Champion Corriedale Ewe, Grand Champion Corriedale Ram, and Supreme Champion Ewe. Laney Petitjean received 5th and 7th. Taylor Tyo received Reserve Grand Champion Market Lamb in the Open Show, 1st place in Jr Fair Market Lamb Class, 1st place in Homegrown class, 1st place in Junior Fair Born and Bred class, and 5th place in age 16 Showmanship.

In the area of swine, Versailles FFA members that exhibited included: Ben Albers, Ian Gehret, Andrew Heckman and Nick Litten-Stonebraker. Ben Albers received 6th place and 11th place in junior fair and 3rd place and 5th place in the open class. Ian Gehret received 2nd place and 3rd place in class with duroc, and two 3rd places in class with yorkshire. Nick Litten-Stonebraker received Grand Champion Yorkshire, and reserve champion Yorkshire barrow. Andrew Heckman placed 7th and 8th in his class.

Also at the fair, the Versailles FFA had two judging teams with members participating through FFA the, dairy judging and general livestock judging. The dairy judging team placed 3rd and the team consisted of: Caden Buschur, Isaac Ruhenkamp, Shelbie Schmitmeyer, Clair Schmitmeyer, Renea Schmitmeyer, Sarah Hess and Jon Gehret. The general livestock team placed 3rd and the team consisted of Ian Gehret, Deanna Hesson, Ben Albers, Alex Kaiser, Isaac Gehret, Kimberly Winner and Lewis Winner. Issac Gehret was awarded 1st place individual in the general livestock contest.

Congratulations to all Versailles FFA members on their success at the fair!

Versailles FFA Members Recognized at Farm Bureau Meeting/ Banquet

Five Versailles FFA members attended the Annual Farm Bureau Meeting/ Banquet on Thursday, Sept 1st at the Light House Christian Church. A special thanks to the Darke County Farm Bureau for providing free tickets for the event. Greg McGlinch served as the guest speaker for the night on his recent trip with the soybean board to.

The meeting was ran by Darke County Farm Bureau President Matt Aultman. The Versailles FFA members assisted with clean-up, set-up and helped serve. The Versailles FFA members in attendance included: Hallie Mills, Janelle Hoelscher, Natalie Wuebker, Sarah Gigandet, Tessa Tyo and Jacob Wuebker.

Versailles FFA Hosts 1st Annual Farmers Market/ Fall Harvest Sale

On Saturday October 1st, the Versailles FFA conducted their 1st Farmers Market/Fall Harvest Sale. The event was held at the Versailles High School from 8am to 12pm. There were light refreshments served along with apple cider slushes. The vendors for the event included: Honey from Nathan and Erika Grogean, pumpkins and gourds from Aultman Farms, apples and cider from Downing Fruit Farms through Versailles FFA, vegetables and fruits from Emily & Krista Harman, assorted homemade baked goods along with fruits and vegetables from Bowman Produce and Greenhouse, craft burlap flags from Emily's Burlap Flags, craft wood items from Bob's Woodworking and craft restoration decor by Social Graces. Along with these vendors the FFA sold two-hundred plus mums that were grown and raised by Versailles FFA member Makayla Berger and Versailles Ag Ed Students. The activities allowed Nathan Grogean and Makalya Berger to market and sell their SAE's at the fair. Also as part of the activities Versailles FFA members painted faces and pumpkins. The Versailles FFA will be donating from the profits to the American Cancer Society-Breast Cancer Research. Versailles FFA would like to give a thank you to Nathan and Erika Grogean, Aultman Farms, Downing Fruit Farm, Emily Harman, Bowman Produce and Greenhouse, Emily's Burlap Flags, Bob's woodworking, and Social Graces for supporting us and coming out to make the event a great success. A special thanks to Doris Goubeaux for donating gourds and pumpkins with the proceeds to benefit American Cancer. Members who helped make the event a success are as followed: Anna Barlage, Hannah Gehret, Grace McEldowney, Emma Gasson, Franklin Shimp, Ben Davis, Caden Buschur, Aaron Buschur, Makayla Berger, Trevor Huber, Luke Billenstein, Grace McEldowney, Caitlyn Luthman, Natalie Wuebker, Danielle

Hesson, Marcus Berger, Sarah Gigandet, Jamie Hart, Sean Besecker, Even Clark, Alex Groff, Lindsay Schultz, Laney Petitjean, Jamie Hart, Sarah Hart, Sean Besecker, Jessica Lyme, Alexis Jay, Aaron Knapke, Renea Schmitmeyer, and Elliot George.

Versailles FFA Hosts State-Wide Greenhand Conference for Greenhand Members

For the 24th consecutive year, the Versailles FFA held its annual State FFA Greenhand Conference. The Conference was held at the Versailles High School on Saturday, September 17th for all of the Greenhands in the state of Ohio. Greenhands are first year members in the FFA. This year we had 380 members attend from all across Ohio. Schools that participated in the conference include: Graham, Anna, Ansonia, Arcadia, Arcanum, Arlington, Botkins, Bradford, Coldwater Tri Star, Cory Rawson, Greenon, Greenville, Eaton MVCTC, Franklin Monore, Houston, Jackson Center, Kalida, Kenton, Madison-Plains, Mechanicsberg, Miami East, Milton Union, National Trail, Newton, Northridge, Ohio High Point, Pettisville, Pike-Delta-York, Ross Bulter Tech, Southeastern, St Mary's, Talawanda, Tri-County North, Tri-Village, Twin Valley South, MVCTC, Valley View, and Versailles.

The theme of the conference was "First Down and Life to Go." The goal of the conference was to make FFA members aware of opportunities within the FFA as well as develop their leadership skills, and to get new members excited about the FFA. The day started off with an official welcome and speech from the National FFA officer Sydney Snider, followed by Haley Hampton talking about the National FFA Ag explorer program. Preceding the guest speakers were various workshops such as: Opportunities in the FFA, Teamwork, Goal Setting, SAE and Communication. The students then broke for lunch which was donated by Papa John's and Subway and door prizes were awarded. To finish out the day the students participated in CDE roundtables presented by officers and other members to learn more about the different career development events within the FFA. The CDE's exposed in the roundtable's included: Job Interview, Agricultural Communications, Public Speaking, Ag Sales, Tractor Trouble Shooting, Soils, Ag Issues,

Wildlife/Nature Interpretation, Food Science, Dairy Foods, Greenhand Quiz, Parliamentary Procedure, General Livestock, Dairy, Horse, and Poultry. Overall the day was a great success. Each greenhand participant left with a greenhand conference t-shirt designed by past Versailles FFA president Brent Stammen. FFA Chapters had the opportunity to participate in a canned food drive. The winning school was Miami East, and Greenon placed second. The conference was conducted by the Versailles FFA Officer Team, Versailles FFA Leadership Committee, Versailles FFA members, State FFA Officers, National FFA Officer, and Ohio National FFA Officer Candidate.

The Versailles FFA Officers that made the conference possible were: President Danielle Hesson, Vice-President Maggie Hedrick, Secretary Kayla Bruns, Treasurer Sarah Gigandet, Reporter Makayla Berger, Student Advisor Cole Kremer, Historian Taylor Tyo, Sentinel Marcus Berger, Parliamentarian Grace McEldowney, Assistant Vice-President Tessa Tyo, Assistant Treasurer Andrew Harshbarger, Assistant Student Advisor Abigail White, Assistant Sentinel Janelle Hoelscher and Versailles FFA Advisor Dena Wuebker. Other members who helped were: Deanna Hesson, Emily Langenkamp, Ashley Petitjean, Cole Luthman, and Brigitte Holsapple.

The State FFA Officers that attended the conference were: National FFA Eastern Region Vice President Sydney Snider, National FFA Candidate Matthew Kloppenstein, State President Mary Buehler, State Vice President Meredith Oglesby, State Secretary Josie Montoney, State Reporter Lauren Grover, Vice President at large Maggie Hovermale, Vice President at large Ryan A. Matthews, Vice President at large Trishat Seckel, and Vice President at large Kameron Rinehart were also in attendance.

Versailles FFA Attends National FFA Convention in Indianapolis, Indiana

On October 19th, 21 members of the Versailles FFA chapter left for the 89th Annual National FFA Convention in Indianapolis, Indiana where there were over 64,000 FFA members in attendance. This makes the National FFA Convention the world's largest youth convention. FFA members from all over the United States,

Puerto Rico, and the Virgin Islands were in attendance. The Motto of this year's convention was Transform. Versailles FFA traveled to National FFA Convention on a school bus with the St. Mary's FFA chapter.

Highlights of the convention included keynote speakers as well as speeches from National FFA officers. Activities members attended were the career show, a Buckeye Bash Dance for all FFA members from the state of Ohio, Rascal Fun Zone, and even attended a concert of Cole Swindel and Chris Young. Versailles FFA members were also able to tour Indiana Veneer, and Elanco- Animal Health Company.

Many exciting accomplishments for the Versailles FFA took place at this year's convention. At the National FFA Convention the Versailles FFA was named a Top Ten Chapter in the Nation, from over 7,000 chapters in the area of Chapter Development with their activity called "What's Your Flavor". A special thanks to Maggie Hedrick and Tessa Tyo for presenting the National FFA Chapter presentation. Versailles FFA was also recognized as a Three Star National FFA Chapter, the highest individual ranking that the National FFA bestows upon chapters.

Along with the success of the Versailles FFA were the three American Degree recipients. The American FFA Degree is the highest honor an FFA member can receive at a National Level. From the Versailles FFA Chapter, members that received this degree were Rachel Osterloh, Katerri Schmitmeyer, and Mikeala Buschur. Congratulations on your accomplishments!

Versailles FFA members who attended the National FFA Convention were: Maggie Hedrick, Sarah Gigandet, Janelle Hoelscher, Kayla Bruns, Makayla Berger, Andrew Harshbarger, Clair Schmitmeyer, Abigail White, Lucas Perassoli, Faith Wilker, Ashley Petitjean, Tessa Tyo, Justin Besecker, Jamie Hart, Sean Besecker, Marcus Berger, Jacob Wuebker, Troy May, Austin Timmerman, Laney Petitjean, and the St. Mary's Chapter. A special thanks to the Katerri Schmitmeyer, Mikeala Buschur and family, and Rachel Osterloh and family for joining us at National FFA Convention and Lisa Hedrick for assisting with the National FFA Chapter

presentation. Most of all thanks to the Versailles Board of Education for allowing the Versailles FFA Chapter to participate in National FFA Convention.

Versailles FFA Hosts 2nd Annual Color Run 5K and Health Fair

The Versailles FFA held their 2nd annual Health Fair and Color Run on October 29th. The Color Run had over 200 runners and the top three results in each age division was recognized.

The winners included: The top three for 12 and under girls division included: first Jenna Marshal, second Allison Mangen, and third Lexi Timmerman; 12 and under boys division included: first Evan Vanskyock, second Max Gehret, and third Jason Simmons.

Age 13-18 girls division included: first Jada Barlage, second Olivia Waymire, and third Kate Griesdorn; age 13-18 boys division included: first Jordan Sam, second Dylan Hahn, and third Thomas Miller.

Age 19-24 girls division included: first Kelsey Berning, second Lynnsey Barga, and third Lindsey Didier; age 19-24 boys division included: first John Barga, and second Andy Stiaham.

Age 25-34 girls division included: first Renae Borchers, second Amy Shappie, and third Maria Homan; age 25-34 boys division included: first Clayton Mikesell, second Brian Shappie, and third Shawn Fitzgerald.

Age 35-44 girls division included: first Julie Magato, second Sara Wagner, and third Shannon Gehret; age 35-44 boys division included: first Eric Miller, second Matt Magato, and third Mark Thomas.

Age 45-54 girls division included: first Sandy Heitkamp, second Kim Keller, and third Christa Nealeigh; age 45-54 boys division included: first Jim Morehouse, second Kevin Hedrick, and third Mike Heoker.

Age 55 and up girls division included: first Gloria Burns, second Arlene Luttmer, and third Kathy Magoto; age 55 and up boys division include: first John Guttadore, second Ivan Steinke, and third Mike Mullen.

A special thanks to community member Lynn Blakeley for singing the National Anthem at the start of the race and thanks to the town of Versailles for their cooperation with this activity.

In conjunction with the race, the Versailles FFA sponsored a Health Fair before the race the health fair was going on in the high school.

The Health Fair included 10 stations which were: Kristi Kaiser- 21 Day Fit Challenge, Kara Didier- Donate Life, Cain Chiropractic Clinic, Wayne Health Care, Fitness Factory- Alex Luthman, CPR Education- Tracy Cordonnier, American Cancer Society, Kaup Pharmacy, Versailles EMS- blood pressure and heart rate checks, Colleen McKnight & Associates with Doterra Essential Oils. The sponsors for the race and health fair included: Versailles Ace Hardware, Kremer Roofing, Edwin F. Nickol Inc., Second National Bank, St. Denis Knights of Columbus Council #1756, Fullenkamp's Frenchtown Trailer Sales & Supply Company, Bruns Animal Clinic, C.F. Poeppelman Inc./Pepcon, Winners Meats, Greenville National Bank, Versailles FFA, Versailles FFA Alumni, Greenville Ace Hardware, McBo's Bowling Alley, Prosperity Promotions, Boring and Associates CPA, Kaup Pharmacy, and American Cancer Society.

A special thanks to Versailles FFA parents Doug Hesson, Darlene Lyons, Angie Mangen, Jill Gehret, Kris Barlage, Cheryl Nieport, and Mark Hess for assisting with the activity.

A special thanks to the following FFA members for helping set-up, clean-up and conduct the Color Run they include: Lindsay Schultz, Emily Kramer, Hallie Mills, Nicholas Didier, Xavier Grilliot, Breanna Nieport, Noah Gilmore, Alexis Jay, Elliot George, Trevor Huber, Tori Wuebker, Josh Luthman, Jaimee Hoelscher, Cole Luthman, Kayla Bohman, Garrett Toops, Sarah Hess, Isaac Grilliot, Sarah Gigandet, Isaac Gehret, Deanna Day, Alex Kaiser, Grace McEldowney, Caitlyn Luthman, Dallas Hess, Shiloh Hess, Deanna Hesson, Toby George, Gavin Lawrence, Tyler Pleiman, Emma Gasson, Courtney Batten, Kimberly Winner, Jenna Mangen, Ian Gehret, Brad Didier, Faith Wilker, Colleen Gehret, Darian Feltz, Alexa Didier, Caleb Heitkamp, Caden Buschur, Danielle Hesson, Makayla Berger, Marcus Berger, Grace McEldowney, Maggie Hedrick, and Sarah Gigandet.

As a result of the success of the Health Fair and color run, the Versailles FFA is donating a sum of the money made to the American Cancer Society. A special thank you to all the runners, sponsors and

helpers that made the 2nd annual Color Run and Health Fair a major success.

Versailles FFA Hosts 8th Bi Annual Firefighter/ EMT Safety Training

On Saturday, September 24, the Versailles FFA and Versailles Fire Department hosted the biannual EMT/Firefighter Safety Training with over 50 attendees in attendance. The program started off with a welcome from Versailles FFA President Danielle Hesson. Following the guest speakers was a meal prepared by Marilyn Wyler, Jodi Kremer, and Jenny Walter.

The program was then taken outside for sessions that allowed hands on experience for the firefighters and EMS's. The sessions were the following: Ag Construction, Ag Chemicals/Pesticides on the Farm, DPL Electrical Presentation, tractor rollover, set-up deacon, and PTO/Auger mock accident.

The day ended with a mock disaster which this year dealt with a mock care-flight mass casualty along with a hazmat program demonstrating a chemical spill at a school setting to allow the firefighters and EMS's to use the skills they learned throughout the day in a realistic situation.

Versailles FFA members played the role of the injured students in the chemical spill.

Versailles FFA would like to thank Brian Pearson, Kevin Harman, Ken Livingston, Matt Harvey, Scott Garrison, and Crystal Buteau for helping plan the event. We would also like to thank North Star Hardware and Implement for their generous donation to help fund the event. Versailles FFA would also like to thank Mote and Associates- Mike Burns and Mitchell Pitsenberger, Sunrise-Cory Canover, DPL, Matt Harvey, Mike Bailey, Scott Rupp, and Chris Hansley for instructing the stations.

We would like to give a special thank you to the Versailles Fire and Rescue Department for helping make this event so successful and allowing us to use their facilities.

Community Service

October Nursing Home Visit

Members of the Versailles FFA made their monthly visit to the residents at the Versailles Health Care Center in October. Residents engaged in making a craft for Halloween. Members helped the residents paint pumpkins to place in their court year to decorate for Halloween. They also enjoyed delicious cookies, pretzel/ candy snacks and apple cider brought in by FFA member Maddy Henry. Sarah Gigandet, Maddy Henry, Morgan Rinderle, Hannah Gehret, and Emily Kramer also attended the monthly visit.

November Nursing Home Visit

On Monday November 14, 2016, the Versailles FFA chapter traveled to the Versailles Health Care center to assist the residents in making a Thanksgiving craft. The Versailles FFA members helped the residents make a turkey. Haley Mangen brought cookies for all to enjoy, residents also enjoyed punch and fresh fruit as part of their snack. Members who attended the November nursing home visit include: Danielle Hesson, Deanna Hesson, Haley Mangen, Alex Kaiser, Kobe Epperly, Jamiee Hoelscher, Tori Wuebker, Noah Gilmore, and Hannah Gehret.

December Nursing Home Visits

On Monday, December 12, 2016, the Versailles FFA made their monthly visit to the Nursing Home. Members assisted the residents in making a Christmas hand wreath. Jamiee Hoelscher brought cookies for the residents. Along with the cookies, residents enjoyed candy and a strawberry Jell-O dessert. Members that attended include: Haley Mangen, Greg Bohman, Jamiee Hoelscher, Breanna Nieport, Morgan Rinderle, Hannah Gehret, and Madison Henry.

CDE Contests

Versailles FFA Places 1st at District Soils Contest

On Wednesday, September 29th the Versailles FFA participated in the District 5 FFA Soil Judging competition. The Versailles FFA had seven members participating in the contest. Versailles hosted the contest on Long Rd. The members who participated include Dean Heitkamp, Danielle Hesson, Andrew Harshbarger, Deanna Hesson, Dallas Hess, Cole Kremer and Sarah Gigandet. Versailles FFA placed 1st in the District contest out of over 35 teams and the team consisted of Dean Heitkamp, Danielle Hesson, Dallas Hess, Deanna Hesson, Andrew Harshbarger, Cole Kremer and Sarah Gigandet. Over 250 FFA members participated in the contest, Danielle Hesson placed 1st overall as an individual, Andrew Harshbarger placed 2nd overall as an individual, Dean Heitkamp placed fourth as individual, Sarah Gigandet placed 7th, Cole Kremer placed 11th, Deanna Hesson placed 25th, and Dallas Hess placed 27th in the competition. A special thanks to Dr. Steve and Angie Ruhenkamp for allowing us to use their property as part of the contest and Darke County Soil and Water Conservation District for hosting the contest.

Versailles FFA Places 8th at District Soils Contest

On Saturday October 8, 2016, the Versailles FFA participated in the State Soil Judging Competition in Fairfield County. Members that participated include: Andrew Harshbarger, Danielle Hesson, Sarah Gigandet and Dean Heitkamp. The team placed 8th in the state level out of 50 teams, which is the best Versailles FFA has done in many years at the state level. The team was led by Dean Heitkamp who placed 8th overall. A special thanks to Miss. Walters for helping coach the team. Congratulations on your accomplishment!

Versailles FFA Attends Sub-District Job Interview Contest

On Tuesday, November 1st Versailles FFA members competed in the sub-district Job Interview contest. The contest is designed to assist FFA members in the development of oral and written skills that are associated with the job application and interview process. Students

had to create a resume and cover letter, fill out a job application pertaining to a specific agricultural job, complete an interview, and compose a follow-up thank you letter. The members who participated included Alex Kaiser who placed 1st in the 8th grade division of the job interview contest, Ian Gehret placed 2nd in the Freshman division of the job interview contest, Colleen Gehret placed 1st in the sophomore division and Ben Davis placed 4th in the sophomore division, Kylie Lyons placed 1st and Hallie Mills placed 2nd in the junior division of job interview and Hannah Rose placed 1st in the senior division of job interview. Good luck to Hannah, Kylie, Colleen and Ian as they represent Versailles FFA in the District 5 Job Interview Contest.

Versailles FFA Attends District 5 Job Interview Contest

On Tuesday, November 8th, four Versailles FFA members participated in the District 5 FFA Job Interview Competition at Botkins High School. The contest is designed to assist FFA members in the development of oral and written skills that are associated with the job application and interview process. Students had to create a resume and cover letter, fill out a job application pertaining to a specific agricultural job, complete an interview, and compose a follow-up thank you letter. The members who competed in this contest included: Ian Gehret, Hannah Rose, Kylie Lyons, and Colleen Gehret.

Ian Gehret received a gold rating in the freshman division. Kylie Lyons competed in the junior division and placed 5th out of 23 FFA members. Colleen Gehret competed in the sophomore division and placed 2nd out of 23 FFA members. In the sophomore division, Hannah Rose placed 3rd in the senior division out of 23 FFA members. Congratulations to Colleen, Ian, Kylie and Hannah for their hard work.

Versailles FFA Places 3rd at District Food Science & Technology Contest

On Wednesday, November 16th, members of the Versailles FFA participated in the District 5 Food Science and Technology Contest at Minster High School. The contest required students to identify aromas, conduct a taste test, take

a written test over food quality and safety, identify safety problems from a customer complaint letter, and identify food processing tools. Members who competed in this contest include: Taylor Tyo, Sarah Gigandet, Emily Kramer, Tessa Tyo, Andrew Heckman, Abigail White, Grace McEldowney, Emily Clack, Dallas Hess, Shiloh Hess, Emma Peters, Ashley Petitjean, Isaac Gehret, Courtney Batten, Bridgette Holsapple, Caitlyn Luthman, Alexa Didier and Kayla Bohman. There were 41 teams competing in the District Five contest with 125 individuals. The Versailles FFA had five teams competing in the contest. The team consisting of Taylor Tyo, Sarah Gigandet, Dallas Hess and Tessa Tyo placed 3rd overall. The team consisting of Andrew Heckman, Emma Peters, Emily Clack and Courtney Batten placed 8th out of 41 teams in the district. The team consisting of: Emily Kramer, Isaac Gehret, Grace McEldowney and Brigette Holsapple placed 5th in the district. The team consisting of Caitlyn Luthman, Ashley Petitjean, Abigail White and Alexa Didier placed 12th out of 31 teams. The combined team of Shiloh Hess and Kayla Bohman placed 25th. Versailles FFA was led by Taylor Tyo who tied for 8th overall followed by Emma Peters and Grace McEldowney. Congratulations to all!

Versailles FFA Attend County Parliamentary Procedure Contest

Congratulations to the Versailles FFA who competed in the Darke County FFA Parliamentary Procedure Contest on Monday, Nov 21st. As part of the Parliamentary Procedure contest, each team, consisting of eight members, was responsible for completing a fifteen minute demonstration of parliamentary procedure that included using six different abilities, motion and debate each motions. Each student also took a test that assessed their knowledge of rules of order related to parliamentary procedure.

The Varsity team consisted of chair Taylor Tyo, secretary Tessa Tyo and members-Dallas Hess, Chelesa McGlinch, Hallie Mills and Sarah Gigandet. The team placed 2nd overall in the county out of 9 teams and received a gold rating and will advance onto the District Contest on Nov 30th.

Versailles FFA also had two teams competing in the novice division that were both

8th grade students. Versailles FFA 8th grade team that placed 2nd in the county and will advance to the that compete in the District contest included: President-Kobe Epperly, Vice-President-Noah Barga, Secretary-Emma George, Treasurer-Jason Mescher, Reporter-Haley Mangen, Sentinel-Cody Williams, Student Advisor-Renea Schmitmeyer and Member-Breanna Nieport. This team placed 2nd out of 9 teams in the Darke County Contest and will advance to the district contest on Nov 30th. The team consisting of President-Luke Billenstein, Vice-President-Maddy Henry, Secretary-Alex Kaiser, Treasurer-Greg Bohman, Reporter-Tori Wuebker, Sentinel-Elliott George, Student Advisor-Xavier Grillot and Member-Darian Feltz placed 4th overall out of 9 teams at the Darke County Parliamentary Procedure contest and received a gold rating. Congratulations and good luck to the advanced and novice teams as they compete on November 30th.

Versailles FFA Places 5th at District Parliamentary Procedure Contest

Congratulations to the Versailles FFA who competed in the District 5 FFA Parliamentary Procedure Contest on Wednesday, November 30th. As part of the Parliamentary Procedure contest, each novice team, consisting of eight members, was responsible for completing a fifteen minute demonstration of parliamentary procedure that included using six different abilities, motion and debate each motions. The varsity team, consisting of six members, was responsible for completing a 12 minute demonstration of parliamentary procedure that included using 10 different abilities, motion and debate each motions. Each student also took a test that assessed their knowledge of rules of order related to parliamentary procedure.

The Varsity team consisted of chair Taylor Tyo, secretary Tessa Tyo and members-Dallas Hess, Chelesa McGlinch, Hallie Mills and Sarah Gigandet. The team placed 5th in the district and received a gold rating.

Versailles FFA novice team that placed 5th in the District and the team included: President-Kobe Epperly, Vice-President-Noah Barga, Secretary-Emma George, Treasurer-Jason Mescher,

Reporter-Haley Mangen, Sentinel-Cody Williams, Student Advisor-Renea Schmitmeyer and Member-Breanna Nieport. Congratulations to all!

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