

DAVID CITY FFA CHAPTER

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THE THREE PART MODEL & AET

Since 1917, Agricultural Education has been a transformational part of the high school curriculum for millions of young people. Based on an integrated model of delivery, students experience direct instruction in the classroom and laboratory, leadership development through FFA, and experiential learning via a student's Supervised Agricultural Experience (SAE). These three strategies combine to create a holistic development program that prepares students for Nebraska's largest career field.

The David City FFA Chapter would like to highlight the SAE project and record keeping system. All 9-12th grade FFA members should keep records on one or more projects. These can be jobs, entrepreneurship, or research based. We typically ask students "What do you do when you're not at school?" Usually their answer is a starting point for an SAE project. We work with the students to expand these projects. Ultimately for kids pursuing an ag career, we work to expand their project to build their personal resume and network with business and industry. The bulk of the records are hours, income/expense, and journaling.

The Nebraska FFA adopted a web based record keeping system called AET. The AET record keeping system is found at www.TheAET.com. The chapter ID number is NE0029. Members can easily access not only from a computer, but from their smart phones too. Parents can help by taking pictures of your child completing various tasks involved in their project. Many projects are seasonal and difficult to stage such as cutting hay or mowing a lawn. These images are used in their proficiency applications that earn them awards and money. Lastly, an SAE project is required in order to earn the State FFA Degree as a senior.

UPCOMING EVENTS & IMPORTANT DATES

MAY 24-26 COLT Session 3
 JUNE 11 Chapter Meeting @ 5:00pm
 Officer Meeting @ 3:00pm
 JUNE 14-15 D4LC Conference
 JUNE 15 State and County Fair Registration Due
 JUNE 18-19 D4LC Conference
 JUNE 25-26 PASE
 JULY 5 Chapter Meeting @ 5:00pm
 Officer Meeting @ 3:00pm

JULY 17-22 Butler County Fair
 JULY 19 Sheep/Goat Show @ 11:00am
 JULY 20 Swine Show @ 8:00am
 JULY 21 Beef Show @ 8:00am
 JULY 21 Nitrate Water Testing @ 4:30pm
 JULY 21 Team Roping @ 11:00am
 JULY 22 Kiddie Tractor Pull @ 1:00pm
 JULY 22 Parade @ 5pm
 JULY 25 Officer Retreat @ 9:00am

MEET THE 2018-2019 OFFICER TEAM

Who or what inspired you to become a FFA officer?

Laurel Ockander- "I became an FFA officer just because I wanted to become more involved as a freshman and I wanted to grow as a leader. As I've continued to be an officer through high school, I have realized that being an officer is much more. I've not only grown as a leader, but have found new interests, friends, passions, and ways to impact peoples' lives."

Hannah Moravec- "The previous officer team and Mrs. Kocian both inspired me to become an officer. They encouraged me to try out for a position and I knew that I would gain many new friendships and learn a lot from being an officer."

Kirsten Bell- "When my sister Brooke Bell joined FFA is when I really got interested in it. When she became an officer, I wanted to follow in her footsteps as well. I've also grown up on a farm and that influenced me too."

Jacson Valentine- "FFA was in my history. My grandpa was an advisor, my mom was an officer, and my uncle was a North Dakota State officer. I think I was inspired by them and knew that I could do more than just go to meetings and events."

Miles Eggleston- "I saw guys like Dustin Papa when I was a freshman and how much ag meant to them and how they could show that through their officer position, and I am ecstatic to have the opportunity to inspire my peers to find ways to express that same passion for agriculture."

Ivy Schmid- "I was inspired by former officers like Brooke Bell who pushed me out of my comfort zone, and by former state officers who inspired me to share my passion for agriculture."

Spencer Allen- "I enjoy being a part of FFA and I wanted to become more involved. Becoming an officer would help grow my leadership and communication skills. I have many relatives that have agriculture in their blood, and I see how far they have gone in life. I want to follow in their footsteps."

Payton Andel- "I was inspired to be an FFA officer because I really enjoy leading others. My experience in FFA has been great so far and I've had so many great opportunities. I wanted to become even more involved and experience working as a team with others who share the same interests as me."



FRONT L to R: Payton Andel, Ivy Schmid, Laurel Ockander. SECOND: Hannah Moravec, Miles Eggleston, Spencer Allen, Jacson Valentine, Kirsten Bell. The 2018-2019 David City FFA chapter officer team pose for a picture after being inducted at the annual chapter banquet on April 27th.

FFA MEMBERS VOLUNTEER THEIR EFFORTS

On May 2nd, fourteen David City FFA members traveled to Lake Wanahoo in Wahoo and fought cold temperatures and rain to enhance their leadership abilities. Members volunteered to lead more than 300 local fifth and sixth graders in activities focused around natural resource conservation.

Conservation Sensation is put on by Desiree Tepol of the Lower North Platte Natural Resource Department along with the help of local businesses. Tepol invites fifth and sixth graders from elementary schools in the Butler, Colfax, Platte, Dodge, and Saunders counties areas. Conservation Sensation has been an annual event since its induction in 1991.

Elementary students were able to learn various skills in a fun environment, those skills included: tree planting, survival skills in the "Hunger Games," lake ecosystems, fishing and casting, drone technology, and wildlife. FFA members led the groups of students to each activity and assisted those who hosted each activity.



LEFT: The fourteen FFA members that volunteered to help at Conservation Sensation. **FRONT L to R:** Ivy Schmid, Brooke Bell, Haden Forney, Laurel Ockander, Lydia Ockander, Payton Ansel, Kirsten Bell. **SECOND:** Spencer Allen, Jacson Valentine, Valeria Whitmore, Miranda Sterns, Grace Farmer, Keetyn Valentine, Miles Eggleston. **RIGHT:** Sophomore FFA member Austin Mastera showcases one of his sheep at the annual barnyard. The barnyard has been an annual activity for more than ten years according to David City FFA advisor Mrs. Jenny Kocian.

STUDENTS LEARN ABOUT AGRICULTURE AT BARNYARD

FFA members opened the shop doors for local to students to learn about livestock and farm equipment at the annual barnyard on May 11th. The barnyard was hosted in the shop at David City High School, and students from David City Elementary School, Bellwood Elementary School, and St. Mary's Catholic School attended as well as children from local daycare centers.

Livestock on display included calves, a miniature horse, a quarter horse, pygmy goats, lambs, ducks, chicks and an adult chicken, a rabbit, horse, and a chinchilla. Members also showed off a John Deere tractor and baler, a New Holland tractor, and a Thunder 6000 XII trailer from Timpte. University of Nebraska- Lincoln Extension also presented a short lesson and activity about pollination, and Junior FFA member Allie Frasher provided fresh goats' milk for students to sample.