



Winter 2017-2018

DeWitt Central FFA

Central Blue & Gold

Upcoming Dates

- **Chapter Meeting-**
February 12th
- **FFA Week-**
February 19th-23rd
- **Sub-District Contest-**
February 19th
- **Culvers Night-**
February 19th

**MEMBER
OF THE
MONTH**



Kailee Schnoor is a freshman. She has been involved in many different FFA events, including National Convention and Legislative Symposium. Kailee's SAE project is raising ducks, she has cared for two ducks since they were hatched. She is also currently on the Ag. Issues team that will soon be traveling to contests. Keep up the great work Kailee!

Trivia Night 2017



All of the FFA members who worked at Trivia Night

By: Kailey Clark, Chapter Reporter

Welton, IA- On November 4th, the DeWitt Central FFA hosted another successful Trivia Night at Buzzy's. Buzzy's kindly provided a meal that was served at 6:30pm with the trivia to follow at 7pm. This year at Trivia Night there were fifteen FFA members that worked the event and eight members that helped set up and made up the FFA Trivia Team. Including the FFA team the event brought together seventeen teams for the

ten rounds of trivia. This year the ten themes were Small Engines, T.V. Shows, FFA Knowledge, Saturday Night Live, College Mascots, Sports Knowledge, Green Acres, Dog Show Knowledge, Movies, and Songs. Before the event began members at the check in table sold mulligans and double downs along with chapter t-shirts, koozies, and 50/50 raffle tickets. FFA members went around during the rounds of trivia selling the 50/50 tickets and at the end of the night they made

\$380 to split with the winner. The winner of the raffle was Jonah Ewers and he was kind enough to donate the money back to the chapter. Just like Jonah, all of the winners of the Trivia Night event also donated their winnings back to the chapter. At the end of the night the chapter made a total of \$2,004. The chapter would like to thank everyone that came out to support the FFA and to the Welke family for helping make Trivia Night possible by running the event. The chapter would also like to give a big thank you to Buzzy's for allowing us to host the event yet again at their facilities.



The officer's introducing themselves to the guests

212/360 Leadership Conference

By: Kailey Clark Chapter Reporter

Ankeny, IA- On November 11th seven members of the DeWitt Central FFA Chapter were up early and ready to head off the annual 212 and 360 Leadership Conference. This year there were two seniors that attended the 360 conferences (Skylor Arp and Skylar Bloom) and there



were three freshmen (Keaton Simmons, McKenna Stevens, and Lane Walker) and two sophomores (Kailey Clark and Emma Sailor) that attended the 212-leadership conference. The 212/360 conference was an all-day event and when the members arrived they were split up into their groups and they began their days. These conferences were

Did you know that the average family farm in Iowa grows enough food to feed over 279 people?

Inside the Ag Room

During Small Animal Science, students were assigned to create a dog made out of chicken wire and paper mache. The dogs were then painted to match a specific breed of dog chosen by the student. These dogs are now showcased in the library.



put on by the Iowa State FFA Officer and even a National FFA Officer from Iowa helped run some of the activities and parts of the conference throughout the day. During the event the officers had the members fill out their booklets with answers that would help them build their self-confidence to become great leaders, so then they could teach others to do this as well and help to teach them to be leaders as well. When the conference was done the members had the opportunity to go and see a College level hockey game. Then they were able to go ice skating to end off the day. All in all, these members had an excellent time learning, yet again, about the new leadership skills that everyone has to offer.



Emma answering a question during the 212 Leadership Conference

Greenhand Fire up

(November 2, 2017)- Each year Southeast district and Iowa FFA officers plan and facilitate Greenhand Fire up Conferences for FFA members in the Southeast district. Mid-Prairie High School welcomed FFA chapters from all over the Southeast district on Thursday, November 2nd, 2017.

While at Mid-Prairie High School on November 2nd, district and state officers lead four interactive workshops for first year high school FFA members, also known as Greenhands, for the annual Greenhand Fire-up Conference.

The workshops facilitated were leadership focused with an emphasis on the experiences that occur in the lives of beginning high school students. Iowa FFA President, Zach Hamilton, stated, "Greenhand Fire-Up provides a chance for first-year members to get a sneak peek of the opportunities that FFA holds, and is a conference for members to meet and interact with state and district officers." The officers prepared and facilitated workshops of: authenticity,



The Greenhands having a blast at Mid-Prairie

balancing priorities, communication, and FFA opportunities – in order to provide the first-year FFA members with skills they would use both within and outside of FFA. The goal was to engage FFA members in learning about the tools that would allow them to be successful in anything they are part of through high school and beyond.

By: Kailey Clark Chapter Reporter

The Alumni Page

Alumni Concessions

The DeWitt Central FFA Alumni loves supporting their community and local FFA Chapter, so one of the activities that the Alumni participates in to get their name out in the community is working concession stands. For years now the Alumni has put on the concessions for every home game that the Saber Girls Basketball team plays. The Alumni also holds the concessions on the nights that Central DeWitt has their home

double headers. At these concessions, the Alumni gets the profit at the end of the evening and any donations go back to the DeWitt Central FFA Chapter. Also, FFA members are encouraged to come and help with each Alumni concession event so they can not only get to know members of their Alumni, but also members of their community.

By: Kailey Clark Chapter Reporter



Rake N' Run

DeWitt, IA- On November 15th members of the DeWitt Central FFA Chapter had a mini Rake N' Run this year. Unfortunately, there were two original dates that both unfortunately were rained out. However, because the Chapter loves serving its community, several members gathered up their rakes and leaf blowers and headed out to rake

few yards for those that were unable to rake their own yards. This has been an annual community service event that the chapter has done, and it is one that many members were sad to see canceled because not only are the members happy to help others, they also have loads of fun when they are all together and bonding with the hard work that they do for their community. Overall all the members that came were greatly appreciated for their dedication not only by the community but also by their chapter.

By: Kailey Clark Chapter Reporter

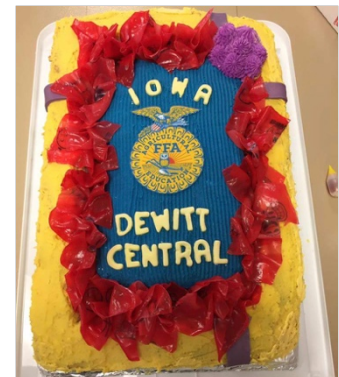


Cake Auction



Members decorating the cake!

In December 2017, DeWitt Central FFA member Drew Dunlavey baked a cake for our chapter to decorate and enter into the cake auction. Members gathered ideas and then spent an evening frosting and decorating the cake. Our cake made it to where it was then auctioned off at a basketball game. Our cake was bought by the DeWitt Central FFA Alumni!



Fruit Sales & Helium Reward

DeWitt, IA- On December 7th members of the DeWitt Central FFA Chapter were asked to come in before, after, and during school to collect all of the FFA fruit that the members sold. This year the chapter sold \$28,489.00 worth of fruit and they were exceptionally happy with the participation from each of the members. This year there were many goals set for fruit sales, but one of the best achievements was that all of the FFA fruit was either taken home by the members or was delivered within 24 hours of the delivery on that Thursday morning.



Fruit Sales sellers got to stop at Whitey's

It was an overall awesome fundraiser, but the fun didn't stop there! On January 22nd at 5:30 pm any and all FFA members that sold fruit were invited to go to the Helium Trampoline Park in Eldridge, Iowa. The whole chapter was invited, but only the members that sold fruit would have their way paid into the activity that night. The members all had awesome times jumping around and being active with their fellow FFA members.

We would just like to thank everyone that sold FFA fruit and anyone that purchased FFA fruit this year. This is one of our largest fundraisers and the Chapter appreciates all the help it can receive from our community.

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Christmas Party



Members participating in the Christmas Party activities

On December 11, 2017, the DeWitt Central FFA hosted a chapter wide Christmas party. This year the party was combined with our monthly chapter meeting, where members could join the chapter in celebrating. At the Christmas Party there were fun games planned, one of the games was a white elephant gift exchange. Members were encouraged to bring a present so that they could participate and draw a gift of their own. The final gift of our Secret Santa gift exchange was to be given during the party. Members were to guess who their secret Santa was and then had the opportunity to thank them. Other fun and

entertaining activities were planned including a saran wrap ball activity, an elf name activity, and a game that included opening gifts with oven mitts on.

Chili was provided by the chapter, along with a hot chocolate bar that had many different things to make your hot chocolate unique. Members brought cookies to share, and it was a great night that ended with our monthly chapter meeting. Thank you to the Christmas party planning committee!

