

Wapsie Valley FFA Members Assist with Local Farm Safety Days

By: Lydia Martins, Chapter Reporter

Members from the Wapsie Valley FFA Chapter took time out of their school days to assist with the Bremer and Buchanan County Farm Safety Days. These events are set in place with the purpose to educate the youth about being safe around farm equipment, and what to do in situations that may arise while being on a farm. The Farm Safety Days are especially important, being that many youth today are growing up in agriculture communities.

On May 4th, eighteen Wapsie Valley FFA members traveled to the Bremer County Fairgrounds in Waverly to assist in educating elementary students about being safe on the farm. The FFA Members exemplified correct procedures to follow in order to prevent obtaining serious injuries. In different sessions, students were taught how to act around farm equipment, livestock, and vehicle safety. The FFA members aided in impacting the elementary students with lessons that will be important in their future.

Later, on May 11th, another group of seven Wapsie Valley FFA members traveled to Independence to assist at the Buchanan County Farm Safety Day. Anna Richards, Sloane Banger, Rylan Duffy, Trystan Lampe, Matthew Richards, Jackson Willey, and Jason Harks lent their help throughout the day with the important task of educating the youth about proper farm safety. They were helpful in the setup, as well as the breakdown of the event. They were also charged with the task of helping groups of elementary students to their sessions, and from buses to various stations.

The experiences at both Farm safety Days were beneficial to not only the youth but the FFA members who helped as well. The Wapsie Valley FFA members that assisted sincerely hope the youth learned a great deal and they use the curriculum in their future.

(Caption: Bremer FSD) From left to right: Kennadi Neil, Hannah Miller, Cole Neil, Austin Schares, Blake Reckhemmer, and Grant Grober with a farm model they used to educate students on proper farm safety.

(Caption: Bremer FSD 2) Madison Landsgard assists a young boy in a project that helps them understand proper attire while working on a farm.