

# **Wapsie Valley FFA Awards Greenhand and Chapter Degrees to Members**

By: Erika Jeanes, Chapter President

The Wapsie Valley FFA hosted its annual Greenhand and Chapter Initiation Ceremony during their November monthly meeting on Monday, November 20th. The evening started out with Mr. Anderson, Wapsie Valley High School Principal, giving a welcome to the parents and members in attendance. At the ceremony, 29 members were awarded their Greenhand Degree and 20 members were awarded their Chapter Degree. The Greenhand Degree is awarded to first year members who have satisfactory plans for a Supervised Agricultural Experience or (SAE). The Greenhand Degree recipients are awarded a bronze pin, which is a metal noted for its strength. Upon receiving the Greenhand Degree members are informed just as there are more precious metals, there are more valuable degrees to be earned in the FFA organization. The following members were awarded their Greenhand Degree Sam Banger, Levi Boevers, Ayden Cummings, Jaden Fenske, Taylor Flaig, Ben Foelske, Olivia Hershey, Tylen Hirsch, Asa Kelley, Kaylee Kleitsch, Brayton Kohl, Jared Minikus, Katie Mortensen, Ethan Oltrogge, Tyler Ott, Adri Platte, Matthew Rabenhorst, Jack Rollins, Trevor Sauerbrei, Isaac Schimmels, Courtney Schmitz, Brody Shover, Kaleigh Thurm, Emily Uribe, Juan Uribe, Dori Washkat, Reese Welcher, Wyatt Wilson, and Dallas Wittenburg. Congratulations to these members on this great accomplishment!

The Chapter Degree is for second year members. This is the highest degree that can be received at a local chapter level. Members have to invest a designated amount of hours into their Supervised Agriculture Experience to receive this award. The members who received the Chapter Degree are Sloane Banger, Tanner Bantz, Tegan Briddle, Brendon Brown, John Ebaugh, Ethan Garlow, Jason Harks, Viktoria Luloff, Grady Meyer, Hannah Miller, Jackson

Nading, Cole Neil, Kennadi Neil, Andruw Powell, Anna Richards, Reily Richards, Hunter Rottinghaus, Sam Schnor, Brittany Shover, and Kyle Voy.

In honor of this ceremony Zach Hamilton, the State FFA President gave an inspiring speech to help our members to continue to “Reach New Heights.” Thank you to Zach for taking time to visit our chapter and a huge congratulations to all our members who received their Chapter and Greenhand Degrees.

### **Captions to photos**

These Greenhands are excited to jumpstart their future in the FFA.

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These Sophomores continue to “Reach New Heights” in the Wapsie Valley FFA.

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Zach Hamilton emphasizes to members to “Get out of your comfort zone!”

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