

## **FFA Members of Wapsie Valley Participate in Skilled Career Development Events**

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On April 26, five Wapsie Valley FFA members participated in the Northeast District Agricultural Mechanics Career Development Event. Landen Kuhlmann, Bryce Kleitsch, Bradey Butters, Jackson Willey, and Rylan Duffy traveled to Northeast Iowa Community College in Calmar to test their knowledge of agricultural mechanics, including electricity. They worked through five stations, where they were asked to complete various tests and activities associated with mechanics. Also, they spent a separate session taking soil samples as an educational lesson into the technology associated. The team really learned a lot of new information from the judging event. Sophomore Landen Kuhlmann stated, "It was cool to see people from other schools and it was a great learning experience." There were 23 teams that participated in the event from 14 different schools throughout the district.

Just a couple weeks later, three members of the Wapsie Valley FFA chapter competed at the State Horse Judging Career Development Event in Iowa Falls, Iowa on May 12. Peyton Schares, Breanna Hakeman, and Megan Lahmann worked as a team to evaluate tack and complete a 20 question multiple choice test. Individually, they tested their skills as they judged performance classes and halter classes. The girls also presented two rounds of oral reasoning with the judges explaining why they placed two classes the way they did. At the end of the day, the team took 10th place out of over 54 teams and approximately 200 people.

Both teams represented the Wapsie Valley FFA chapter extremely well and had fun, educational experiences!

**Captions:**