

## **Showcasing Skills at the Iowa State Fair**

**By Natalie Risse, Chapter Reporter**

During the Iowa State Fair, August 11-21, Wapsie Valley FFA members were busy showcasing their skills, projects, and demonstrations. Connor Jones entered a restored tractor and received a purple ribbon. Brandon Nading entered two restored tractors and received blue ribbons for both. Multiple members displayed photographs they had captured, including Alana Platte, Marina Hilbert, Marisa Thurm, Alec Marticoff, Marisa Thurm, and Dayten Wittenburg. They all did very well receiving mainly blue ribbons. Peyton Schares showed her horse receiving a white ribbon in flags, a red ribbon in poles, and 5th place purple in barrels. Breanna Hakeman also showed her horse receiving a white ribbon in flags, a blue ribbon in barrels, and a blue ribbon in poles. Eric Richards represented the chapter by showing in the dairy show. He received 1st place senior yearling. Britney Hershey exhibited market and breeding meat goats in the meat goat show as well. Her market wether received 8th, 3 to 6 month received 10th, ½ year doe received 8th, and 2 to 3 years doe received 4th.

In addition to the entries, many Wapsie FFA members participated in the Iowa State Fair through the chapter's agricultural demonstration and running the Dairy Goat show. This year, the chapter's agricultural demonstration was a trivia game for the public. Through the Iowa FFA Association, FFA chapters from across the state are encouraged to hold an agricultural demonstration to educate the fairgoers about the importance of agriculture. Also, the Wapsie Valley FFA chapter is responsible for setting up, checking in, and keeping score at the FFA Dairy Goat show.

Overall, the members of Wapsie Valley FFA represented the chapter and Iowa FFA Association very well.