

## **Learning By Doing**

**By Natalie Risse, Chapter Reporter**

When Wapsie Valley FFA members are hosting a field day for the FFA test plot located by the Wapsie Valley High School on September 15th from 4:30 to 7:30. Different seedcorn dealers will be on hand along with the Readlyn and Dunkerton Cooperative along with Innovative Ag located in Oran. Pork loin sandwiches along with chips and bars will be served. It was decided to hold this field day as when members planted the chapter test plot this year, they did something a little bit different than normal. It was decided that different brands and varieties of seedcorn would be planted and compared, rather than planting a field of just one brand. The chapter received seed donations from various donors, and also received fertilizer, lime, and other chemicals from donors as well. The plot is managed by Wapsie FFA members Bryce Kleitsch, Conner Jones, Landen Kuhlmann, Carson Woods, Jackson Willey and Hunter Robinson. The chapter would like to extend a sincere thank you to the following companies, dealers, and individuals for their gracious contributions:

**Dekalb seed from Dave Wheeler**

**Pioneer seed from Kyle DeVoe**

**Stine seed from Mick Kane**

**LG seed from Doug Perry**

**Becks seed from John McMillan**

**Channel seed from Steve Rathe**

**Agrigold seed from Mat Martin**

**Soil Analysis and Lime from the Readlyn Co-op (Representative Corey Happel)**

**Fertilizer from the Dunkerton Co-op (Representative Kevin Bodensteiner)**

**Tillage by Ben Huebner**

**Planting and Harvesting by Conner Woods**

## **Land rental from VanDaele Farms**

### **UAN-Resicore-Atrazine from Innovative Ag, Oran (Representative Scott Neil)**

The test plot truly gives members the ability to learn by doing and to evaluate different varieties of corn and their patterns.

#### **Caption:**

**(Test Plot):** Photo of the Wapsie Valley FFA test plot as seen by a drone used by Wapsie FFA member Carson Woods to monitor the plot.