

# **Wapsie Valley FFA Competes at State Level**

**By Lydia Martins, Chapter Reporter**

The Wapsie Valley FFA chapter was actively involved at the Iowa State Fair, August 10th-20th.

Members were busy showcasing their skills, projects, and demonstrations. Members who captured pictures to exhibit included Alana Platte, who received three blue ribbons and a red ribbon. Brandi Marticoff and Dayten Wittenburg received an assortment of blues and reds. Olivia Willey received a blue ribbon and a red ribbon. Members who exhibited dairy were Breanna Hakeman, Eric Richards, and Jordan Kalenske. Breanna won first place summer yearling jersey and reserve champion jersey. Richards and Kalenske won a variety of purple, blue and red ribbons. Bryce Kleitsch exhibited his restored John Deere 4030 where he received a purple ribbon in his division. Crops were also exhibited by Kyle Voy, Carson Woods, Jacob Joerger and Kaitlyn Westendorf. Jacob received 4th place for his new crop corn while Kyle received 1st place with his corn display (2 stalks of corn), 6th with his soybean plant display (5 plants) and 4th with his new crop hay.

In addition to the entries, many Wapsie FFA members participated in the Iowa State Fair through the chapter's agricultural demonstration, assisting in the FFA Foundation Booth 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. The chapter received third place for this. While running the agricultural demonstration and coordinating the FFA Dairy Goat Show, members also assisted in the Foundation Booth. Members honed their salesmanship skills by selling tractors and prints to fair attendees while also explaining to the public what the FFA organization is along with an agricultural program.

Also, the Wapsie Valley FFA chapter is responsible for setting up, checking in, and running the FFA Dairy Goat show. Members Mitchel Bartels, Olivia Willey and Brittany Shover assisted with this event. They were responsible for checking tattoos, health papers, and registration papers of the dairy

goats as they were entered. They also helped clerk the actual show and assisted with ribbon dispersal and other duties as deemed necessary.

All in all the Wapsie Valley FFA members were very active in the state fair and represented Wapsie Valley very well.

### **Pictures and Captions**

**Bryce Ribbon:** Bryce Kleitsch poses upon his John Deere 4030 with his awarded purple ribbon.

**Breanna Showing:** Breanna Hakeman exhibits her dairy calf at the Iowa State Fair.

**Foundation Sales:** (From left to right top row) Wapsie FFA Members Rylan Duffy, Trystan Lampe, Olivia Wiley, Brittany Shover, (bottom row), Grant Grober, Brody Shover, Jacob Risse, Erika Jeanes, Julia LaRue, and John Ebaugh participate in Foundation Sales to support the Iowa FFA Foundation.

**State Fair Ag Demo:** Member Grant Grober helps a young boy in trying to win a beanbag game at the FFA Ag Demo.