

Wapsie Valley FFA Encourages Safety on the Road

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On September 15th and October 13th 2017, the Wapsie FFA conducted their annual Buckle Up or Eat Glass event to encourage drivers to make safe decisions on the road. Buckle Up or Eat Glass includes FFA members stopping and recording students and teachers as they pulled into the parking lot. The FFA members recorded if the students and teachers had their seatbelts fastened, and if their cell phones were turned off or placed away from the driver. The first round the majority of drivers passed the safety test, yet there was room for improvement with only 84% passing. After the first survey, the FFA invited Officer Terry Demlow to give a speech in front of the students and staff to educate them about safety on the road. He made sure to touch on safety on rural roads, as well as safety around farm equipment during farming seasons. His speech made a wonderful impact on all of drivers, with an astounding 100% success rate recorded at the second round and final survey. Winners from both surveys were drawn to receive prizes based off of their good driving habits. The Wapsie Valley FFA thanks Officer Terry Demlow for his important words, and the student body for providing a safe driving environment for everyone on the road.