

# August and September Shawnee FFA Newsletter

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## **August 24-26, 2012 Officer Retreat**

Officer Retreat is for officers only and this year they headed to Carlyle Lake. Officer Retreat is where the officers design the t-shirt, plan the activities/fundraising and prepare the POA for the year. Then throughout the days they do team building activities and leadership training activities. They also had some fun touring the Ski factory and going to the Harvest Thyme in the park where they met up with the Carlyle FFA Chapter to trade ideas.

## **August 27, 2012 DuQuoin Farmyard Follies**

DuQuoin fair ground was home once again to the Farmyard Follies. It is held for District 5 FFA members and we had 19 members attending. They competed in backseat driver, balloon toss, tarp fold, tug a war, shovel race, hay bale toss and hay bale stake.

## **September 4, 2012 Greenhand Workshop**

District 5 Greenhand Workshop is for anyone but is mostly centered on new FFA members. It was held at SIU and we had 16 members attending. At the workshop they were divided into small groups to attend 6 different seminars. In the seminars they learned about team building, leadership, communication, personal success, work ethic and Agriculture Industry. They watched opening and closing ceremonies put on by the Collegiate FFA Officers and an opening address from Kelli Thompson, Collegiate FFA President.

## **Shawnee FFA Officers**

*Advisor -Ms. Ochs*

*President- Austin McAllister*

*Vice President- Reagan Brown*

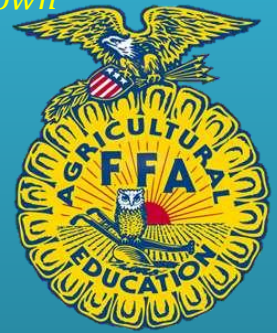
*Secretary- Kyle Kutak*

*Reporter- Allyssa Barnes*

*Treasure- MaKayla Jonson*

*Sentinel- Billy Davis*

*Chaplin- Levi Ford*



Reminder that beef Jerky will be sold on Fridays during the first 5 minutes of ag classes and every FFA meeting!

### **FFA meeting from the months**

August 28, 2012

September 11, 2012

September 25, 2012

**FFA Fun Fact of the Month:**

**FFA was founded in the month of October.**

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## **September 4, 2012. Reporters Workshop.**

District 5 Reporter Workshop is for chapter reporters and anyone wanting to learn how to be a reporter. It was held at SIU and we had 3 people (Allyssa Barnes, Kyle Kutak, and Braden Mezo) attend this year. It was put on by our State FFA Reporter, Courtney Gerstenecker. In the workshop they learned about the duties of a reporter, and how to get a hold of the media, communicate with other reporters, tips on photography, social media tips, and what to put in articles and press releases when writing them. They also learned leadership and communication skills.

## **September 13, 2012 Chapter visits**

Chapter Visits is where one of the five State FFA Officers comes and talks to the intro classes. We had the State FFA President, Darren Residual and he came with our Section President Joel Vancil, Vice President Austin McAllister and Sentinel Ashlin Shultz. During the visit, they divided up the class and played jeopardy. There were five categories and they were State FFA, SAE, CDE, National FFA, and Ag in the Classroom.

## **September 14, 2012 FFA Date Night**

FFA Date Night is for any member who wants to come and have dinner as a chapter. We had 8 members and two guests KC and Chase. They went to Olive Garden in Cape to enjoy the endless pasta bowl. All members are invited to attend Date Night. It will be held the 3rd Friday of each month. We will be eating at El Jalapeño on October 19th.

## **FFA Members of the Week**

**September 24-28, 2012 - Jacob Hancock**

**October 1-5, 2012 - Tommy Whitaker**

## **September 19, 2012 FFA Foundation Drive**

The FFA Foundation is where each chapter has to raise so much money to send to the state. The money helps pay for our state FFA officers and section FFA officers travels. It also helps pay for some of the CDE awards we get. We get the money by sending the officers to the Anna and the Cape area to collect money from the business and farmers.

## **September 27, 2012 Forestry**

The students from the natural recourse classes, headed to Dixon Springs Research Center near Golconda, IL for the Forestry CDE. They identified 25 trees and 20 pieces of forestry equipment. They also had to compass and map read and see how many boards they could get out of a single tree. Then lastly, they timber cruising to determine which trees they would leave or harvest. They place 6<sup>th</sup> out of 20 teams and individually Allyssa 25<sup>th</sup>, Justin 27<sup>th</sup>, Levi 31<sup>st</sup>, and Tommy got 39<sup>th</sup> place out of 79 people. Congrats guys!

**We have 27 members in the Shawnee FFA Chapter.**

## **October Agenda**

4-Soils

6-State Forestry

10-Food Science

11-Lts

11-FFA Meeting

15-Farmer Feed

19-Date Night

23-FFA Meeting

24-27-National Convention

31-Trick or Treat for food pantries

