



**Shawnee FFA**



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## November/ December Blue & Gold Times



# National FFA Convention

Shawnee FFA members Allyssa Barnes, Colby Kuberski, Kyle Kutak, Braden Mezo, Ben Stanley, Tommy Whitaker, Billy Davis, and their advisor Ms. Ann Ochs attended the 86<sup>th</sup> National FFA Convention in Louisville Kentucky from October 30- November 2, 2013. On October, 30<sup>th</sup> the members attended the first general session along with fifty-three thousand FFA members from all across the United States. At the first session they heard a keynote speech from Rick Pitino the Louisville Cardinal Basketball coach on time management and living on a one day contract. The day concluded with a Jana Kramer/ Dierks Bentley. On October, 31 Shawnee FFA members attended the Career Show and the FFA Shopping Center. The career show is made up of colleges from all across the United States that have a great Agriculture programs. Other booths are made up of FFA supporters along with a variety of Agriculture base career booths. At the FFA Super mall, members can find anything imaginable for FFA. After the career show members headed to Schimpft Confectionary where they watched a batch of hard cinnamon candies being made from start to finish. The night ended with some of the members attending the Haunted Hotel for Halloween. On November, 1 the FFA members attended the fourth general session where they heard from keynote speaker Joe Torrillo former Fire Chief of New York. He told his story of how he was buried under both of the twin towers. That afternoon the members toured Churchill Downs where they learned all about the history of horse racing. They then headed over to Huber Winery/ Orchard where they learned how long wine is germinated and what type of barrels they are stored in. The night ended with the chapter attending the Seventh general session where they heard from keynote speaker, Josh Sundquist former Olympics skier. On November, 2 they attended the eighth general session where they watched more than three thousand FFA members received their American Degree the highest honor awarded by the FFA. At the 9<sup>th</sup> and final general session newly elected National FFA Officers were installed. The new National FFA Officers are: National FFA President: Brian Walsh, Virginia, National FFA Secretary: Mitch Baker, Tennessee, Central Region Vice President: Steven Brockshus, Iowa, Eastern Region Vice President: Wes Davis, West Virginia, Southern Region Vice President: Jackson Harris, Alabama, Western Region Vice President: Jason Wetzler, Oregon.



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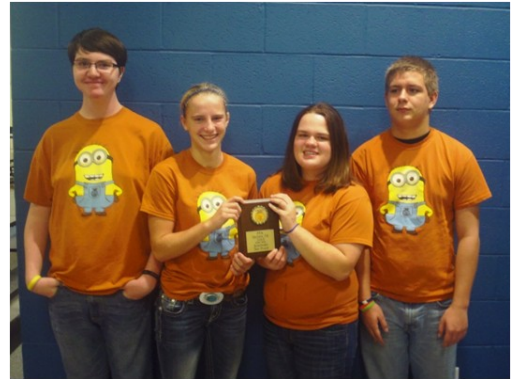
**You know  
you're an FFA  
member  
when.....**

**You've seen  
the "Sea of  
Blue Jackets"  
at Nationals.**



## Section 24 Agronomy CDE

The Section Agronomy Career Development Event was held at Pinckneyville High School on October 5, 2013. Shawnee FFA members that participated were Allyssa Barnes, Drew McLane, Colby Kuberski, and Aaron Newell. At the CDE members identify twenty-five weeds that can be found in Illinois ranging from yellow wood sorrel to common morning glory. Members also identified twenty-five crop seeds, such as corn, tomatoes, alfalfa, and perennial ryegrass. Then participants had to grade rings of alfalfa hay, corn silage, corn, wheat, soybeans and oats. Each crop had four samples where members placed which sample was best to worst. The Shawnee FFA Chapter placed third overall in Agronomy CDE with Allyssa placing 7, Drew placing 13, Colby placing 25, and Aaron placing 31 individually.



## District V Computer CDE

Shawnee FFA members Kyle Kutak, Allyssa Barnes, Brandy Prater and Mickayla Sichling competed in the District Computer CDE on November 20, 2013. At the contest members tested their knowledge on computers by taking a sixty question quiz on the basics of computers. They then put their skills to the test by making an Excel document and an Access document. The Shawnee FFA team came in fourth overall with Kyle coming in fourth individually.



## Christmas Party

On December 18, 2013 Shawnee's FBLA and FFA clubs came together to have a Christmas party. The night started out with members making M&M sugar cookies, peanut butter blossoms, and corm flake Christmas wreathes. They then enjoyed a family style meal together. The night ended with Christmas style games. The games included unwrapping a present with odd winter clothing on, unwrapping chocolate kisses with gloves on, drawing on your head, and moving a cookie from your forehead to your mouth.



## Section 24 Dairy Foods

On Tuesday, December 17, 2013 four Shawnee FFA members competed in the Section 24 Dairy Foods CDE at Egyptian High School. Shawnee FFA participants were Allyssa Barnes, Tommy Whitaker, Kyle Kutak, Colby Kuberski and TJ Foeste. The CDE consisted of a twenty-five question quiz over the dairy industry, milk production, and other dairy products. Students then participated in three practicum: Cheese identification, where students identifies 10 cheeses ranging from cheddar to brie; Real vs. Artificial, where students identified which product was a true dairy product; and Milk Quality, where students identified problems with the taste of milk. Shawnee FFA Chapter placed second overall with Tommy placing 4<sup>th</sup>, Allyssa 5<sup>th</sup>, and Kyle 6<sup>th</sup>, and Colby Kuberski placed 11<sup>th</sup> individually.



## SAE Ideas

Every student has to complete an SAE in an agriculture class. Remember that you must be able to work at least 10 hours a month for your SAE. Also keep in mind that this needs to be a year around project. Think about the cost involved, potential for profit, the space or land required, availability of equipment, the time you have available to commit to the project, what learning will take place, availability of transportation, and your personal interest. SAE's are split into four categories Entrepreneurship, Placement, Agriscience Research and Experimentation, and Exploratory. Examples include: Job shadowing people within the Ag careers, operate your own lawn care service, take care of livestock, work at a golf course, work at a local bakery, teach junior high kids about agriculture, repair and refurbish old farm machinery, ride and train horse, grow acres of crops, raise purebred animals, work at a local florist shop, make homemade jerky, sausage and other meat products.

## Essay Contests

### National Ag Day Essay Contest:

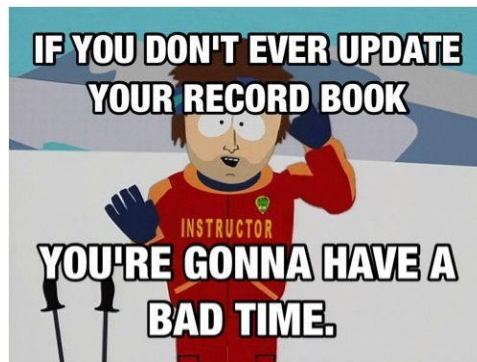
**Theme:** "Agriculture: 365 Sunrises and 7 Billion Mouths to Feed"

**Due:** January 31, 2014

**Website:**

<http://www.agday.org/media/pr6.php>

**Prize:** Top winner receives \$1000 scholarship and a round trip to Washington D.C. to present.



### Growmark Essay Contest:

**Theme:** Promoting Sustainability and Conserving Natural Resources

**Due:** March 14, 2013

**Info:** In Ag Hallway

**Prize:** State winner wins \$500. Top 4 runner ups \$125. Winning chapter receives \$300 dollars.



# Shawnee Informational Page

## SHAWNEE FFA WEBPAGE

[http://shawneeffachapter.  
weebly.com/index.html](http://shawneeffachapter.weebly.com/index.html)

Learning to do,  
Doing to Learn,  
Earning to Live,  
Living to Serve

Shawnee FFA Facebook

## Billy Davis Chapter Secretary



Billy Davis is a senior in high school and is the son of Billy and Monica Davis and the older brother to five younger brother and sisters. This is his fourth year in the FFA. His year he is serving as the Chapter Secretary, he was encouraged to join FFA because most of his family was members and they always told him stories of how fun it was so he thought he would give it a try. He is currently holding the chapter degree and is enrolled in the Ag Mechanics class. FFA has taught Billy to speak in front of people and not to be afraid to meet new people. Billy's goals for the chapter are to increase membership and have the chapter win a state CDE. His SAE is Small Animal Production and his favorite memory is having the chance to attend leadership camp where he met members from all over the state. If Billy had to tell you what his officer duties are in his own words he would say that he keeps notes and help others become involved.



**FFA Fact of the Month:** In 1950 Public Law 740 was passed to granted a federal charter to the FFA.

## Shawnee FFA

### Illinois State FFA Officers

President- Sam Detwiler  
Vice President- Rachel Hawk  
Reporter- August Schetter  
Treasure- Joe Heavner  
Secretary- Cody Carman



### January Agenda

15- FFA Meeting  
23- District Job Interview / Ag Issues CDE  
24-25- 212 Conference  
28- Farm Bureau Acquaintance Day  
29- FFA Meeting  
30- Veterans Memorial Committee Meeting

### February Agenda

4- Parli Pro CDE  
11- State Degree Interviews  
11- FFA meeting  
15-22- National FFA Week  
25- Sec 24 record Book Fair & Public Speaking CDE  
25- FFA Meeting  
27- Sec 24 Poultry CDE