

Corduroy Connection

Thursday, June 16, 2016

IN THIS ISSUE

- Retiring Advisors
- Alumni Development
- Indiana State Stars
- 1990-91 State Officers

A LOOK AHEAD

Interact with the newly elected State Officers at:

**Indiana FFA
Summer Challenge
July 5-8th**

SOCIAL MEDIA

Join Indiana FFA
in the Conversation
#87INFFACONV
#AmplifyINFFA

INFFA Newsroom Online
inffanewsroom.org

**Photos and Media Releases
can be found on:**
inffa.org

A Publication of the Indiana FFA
Association's Convention Newsroom

Advice for future Generations

by Rebecca Ruble, Drake Davis and Kervin Cutris

Being an agriculture educator can be a very rewarding experience on many levels. Some teachers are just beginning their journeys while others have dedicated a large portion of their lives to educating America's future agricultural leaders.

When it comes time to finally set the chalk down at the board and go home early for once, these teachers are more than ready to share advice to future agriculture teachers. This year, seven advisors involved in Indiana FFA are retiring. Here is the advice that three of these educators want future advisors to know.

Newsroom spoke with Advisor Gary Mosbaugh about advice for the future. Mosbaugh said:

"There is never a dull moment. It is a very rewarding job to see the kids develop and grow through the years. If you love FFA and want to continue being involved and give back, this is the perfect job. The fellow ag teachers are good about helping each other. Don't be afraid to ask your

neighboring teachers if you need help, you can get a lot of support from fellow advisors."

Mr. Mosbaugh has been an agriculture educator and FFA Advisor for thirty-seven years.

"Be dedicated. Be active, yet don't try to conquer the world. Also, teach the kids how they need to be taught according to their needs, keep the students' needs in mind when you're in the classroom. Teach to their interests but stay within educational standards," said Elvon Cutter.

Mr. Cutter has been teaching for thirty-seven years with five years in the Purdue Extensions Program.

Other retiring agricultural educators include: Joe McCain, David Reese, Ben Helms, Jeff Sherfield, Dan Webb, Terry Kulenkamp and Don Hudson.

Star in Agriscience Thoughts

by Emma Hall

Karson Harrison, Star in Agriscience, said the most challenging part of his SAE was getting started. Harrison's SAE is about developing hybrid and inbred corn. This honor will drive Harrison into a career as an Hybrid Development Agronomist.

Past State Officers return

By Sidney Steele

During the 87th Indiana State FFA Convention, there was a past state officer reception and dinner held on Monday, June 13th, at 5 pm. I had the opportunity to speak to some of the past officers from the 1990-1991 officer team, Mr. John Nagle, Mr. Travis Park, Mr. Christian MacKinnon, Mr. Mark Voors, and Ms. Beth Vorst.

Mr. Nagle hailed from the Angola FFA Chapter in District III. He was able to serve not only as the District III Vice-President, but as the Section I Director. Mr. Nagle has a lot of experience when it comes to giving speeches and public speaking. So, I asked him if he had any advice for students who are giving a speech. He stated, "be yourself", "tell your vision", and "tell what you've gotten from FFA and like to pass on to others".

After the rest of the officer team that was at the reception got together, I got to stand back and listen to all the officers talking. Everything I had heard was so positive about their serving experiences and all the

opportunities they had through it. They all were laughing and having a good time getting back together and visiting. The friendships they made through being a team together have stayed with them for 25 years and counting.

I overheard some of the conversations taking place between all of them and they were all talking about how the experiences through FFA and serving as chapter, district, and state officers have helped them reach their goals and reach where they are today.

Mr. Nagle, Mr. Voors, Mr. Park, Ms. Vorst, and Mr. MacKinnon, we would like to thank you for your years of service as chapter, district, and state officer. You have made an impact on this great organization and we hope you continue to support the Indiana FFA Organization.

FFA Alumni

By Brady Salesman

On Wednesday June 15th the Indiana FFA Alumni held a Boost your Impact workshop. It helped inform members about what the FFA Alumni is and what it does.

Presented by Allie Ellis the workshop talked about what FFA Alumni does and how it supports the members.

To begin with the members got into a group and informed others on what their chapter's Alumni does to support them. Then they took the best answer from the group and wrote on a piece of paper and then shared it with the other.

Next the groups were given paper clips and we're given a few minutes to explain why they had the best paperclip. In the end many similarities were made, one being the paper clips holds together just like the members of the chapters hold each other together



**START LEADING OTHERS.
START ABOVE THE REST.
START ACCOMPLISHING MORE.
START DEFINING YOURSELF.
START MAKING A DIFFERENCE.
START FEELING INSPIRED.
START STRONG.**

There's strong. Then there's Army Strong. Enroll in Army ROTC in Indiana to complement your education with training, experience, and skills needed to make you a leader. Army ROTC also offers full-tuition scholarships and a monthly stipend to help pay for your education. And when you graduate, you will have an edge in life as an Army Officer and a leader. All it takes is enrolling in MSL101.

For more information on joining Army ROTC, please visit goarmy.com/rotc/inffa or contact Mr. Paul Heslin at 765-494-2106 paul.e.heslin.civ@mail.mil



Indiana FFA Convention

Newsroom Team 2016

Student Reporters

Emma Hall, Scottsburg FFA
Sara Edwards, Scottsburg FFA
Sidney Steele, Western Wayne FFA
Brady Salesman, Sullivan FFA
Kervin Curtis, Southmont FFA
Drake Davis, Southmont FFA
Rebecca Ruble, Southmont FFA

Newsroom Coordinators

Nathan DeYoung & Celya Glowacki