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Fun Ag Fact:

“The average strawberry contains about 200 seeds on their surface.”

- From Ag Hires

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Food Finders

By: Grace Klopfenstein

On March 19th, seven of our IAAE-Purdue members travelled to the Food Finders warehouse and packaged 4,523 pounds of eggs. Food Finders, along with other organizations, provide food to battle food insecurity in North Central Indiana. Our members had an EGGcellent time packaging all of the duck eggs to help families and communities. We look forward to finding and volunteering for more service projects. Food Finders just might see more of our members at their warehouse!



Fun Night

By: Shania Brock

On Thursday, March 29th members of the ASEC, Purdue Farm Bureau club, and the Purdue Collegiate 4H club gathered in the Union Rack and Roll Bowling Center in the basement of the Union. We opened up five lanes to bowl in and formed group of five to



bowl against each other. After each of the five lanes had finished one game each, we picked the bowler with the best score from each of the three clubs and set up a tournament to see who would retain the bowling title for best bowler. The Hammer Trophy went to the Purdue Farm Bureau club for this year. This was a great opportunity to interact and talk with members from other clubs on Purdue campus!

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Upcoming Events:

- **Collegiate Exchange April 21st - 22nd**
- **Purdue Day of Giving April 25th**
- **Classes End April 28th**
- **Finals Week April 30th – May 5th**
- **Semester Ends May 5th**
- **Sandwich Making May 18th**
- **Animal Science Workshop June 14th**

Spring Fest

By: Grace Klopfenstein

To help celebrate agriculture, IAAE-Purdue had a booth at Spring Fest with Collegiate 4-H and Purdue ACT. We had “SOY” much fun helping children make soy ink, in which they put animal stamps into and stamped onto paper. Even though Sunday turned out to be rainy and a bit chilly, many families came out to Purdue! IAAE-Purdue is looking forward to educating about agriculture next year at Spring Fest!



Banquet

By: Grace Klopfenstein

Members, guest, alumni, and sponsors gathered at the Becks Center on April 14th for IAAE-Purdue Annual Banquet. We celebrated the past year by enjoying a meal and presenting awards. IAAE-Purdue recognized members for their outstanding participation through the year and many received scholarships. Mr. Josh Merrill, our guest speaker, talked about his career and the connection to agricultural education.

Congratulations to all of the scholarship and award winners! Banquet is a great networking experience for our members and special guests. Thank you to all of the individuals who have supported our organization and hope to see you at banquet next year.



240 Speaker: Charity Keffaber

By: Leah Hefty

Mrs. Charity Keffaber came to speak to YDAE 24000 about CBAT, Coaching for Beginning Ag Teachers. Mrs. Keffaber taught in the classroom for about 15 years before she decided to transfer out of the classroom for her children. From a National AgEd Summit, the CBAT program became important in Indiana. She explained that CBAT was created to help recruit high school students to study agriculture education in college. Then to retain the current students in the program and aid them to graduate with an agriculture education degree. She is very passionate about agriculture education and the program which leads to success. IAAE-Purdue wants to thank Mrs. Keffaber for taking the time to talk to our class!

240 Speaker: Lisa Chaudion

By: Leah Hefty

Lisa Chaudion spoke to our YDAE 24000 class about the Indiana FFA Foundation, the Indiana FFA Leadership Center, and fundraising for your FFA chapter. Lisa gave some tips from other teachers about how to encourage fundraising. The top five do's are to get students excited by helping them see value in fundraising. You need to make sure you are selling something that the community wants to buy, however, you have to think about fundraising rather than selling. Finally, she mentioned that having an awards system would be beneficial to help raise money. Lisa said this is because some students who do not participate in any other events in FFA could potentially be the best fundraisers. She is very knowledgeable about FFA and the background about the organization. YDAE 240 is thankful that Lisa Chaudion took time to talk to our class about the FFA Foundation and fundraising for our chapter.

240 Speaker: Ron Noll

By: Kenna Porter

Mr. Ron Noll came and spoke to YDAE 240 on April 17th. He is an ag teacher from Prairie Heights High School. He talked to us about staying in the position of teaching ag. He spoke about how he did not go straight into teaching after graduation, he went back home to the dairy and worked for 20 years until the family was tired and worn down from the work. He then transitioned from the dairy, to a feed mill, and lastly to a teaching position at Prairie Heights. He has been there for 15 years. Mr. Noll's Ag Department has their own facilities. Within the facilities there are 3 classrooms, a shop and they also have 60 acres of tillable ground with irrigation, woods, and pasture field. They also have a pavilion area that they rent to the community. He talks how it's good to have those good ties with the community.

He speaks about how it's not only good to have the ties with the community, but you will have ties with the students as well. He reflects back on his experience with his ag teacher, and says he wants to be able to give his kids the same opportunities. He talks how being a teacher some days it's going to feel like your pulling the boat forward, and others you are just guiding the boat as the students drive it. His students are what keeps him teaching. The opportunities that the students get play a big role in that.



Collegiate Exchange: The Ohio State University

By: Grace Klopfenstein



In October of 2014, IAAE-Purdue launched our new “Ag Ed Collegiate Exchange” Program. Ag Ed Collegiate Exchange is aimed at networking, meeting, and learning about other nearby agricultural education programs. So far, IAAE-Purdue Collegiate Exchange has hosted Michigan State University, University of Illinois, and Western Kentucky University and our members have traveled to Western Kentucky University and Michigan State University. Now, we can say that we have hosted the Ohio State University as well! IAAE-Purdue members took Ohio State students on a campus tour, Grand Prix race, and a tour to Fairy Oaks. We hope to make this a yearly tradition of hosting and traveling to other universities!

Teacher Spotlight: Hannah Goeb

By: McKenzie McCoy

1.) How many years have you been teaching?

I have been teaching for 4 years and I am at Whiteland Chapter in District 8.

2.) What is your favorite course to teach?

Animal Science

3.) What has been your biggest accomplishment with your FFA program?

There are so many great accomplishments we have had over the last four years it's hard to pick one! My favorite would probably have to be the chapter earning the Top Ten Chapter award last year at State Convention. It was a true testament to how much the chapter has evolved and changed over my four years of being here.

4.) What made you want to teach?

My Ag Teacher, Chris Kaufman, was a huge motivator and role model for me as a young adult. It is because of his influence, encouragement, and support that I chose to enter the Ag teaching profession. During my final few years at Purdue, my home chapter was struggling with their program and it during that time I made the goal to one day return and rebuild the program. Luckily, timing worked out and I got to go back right when I finished at Purdue.

5.) What advice would you give to a future teacher?

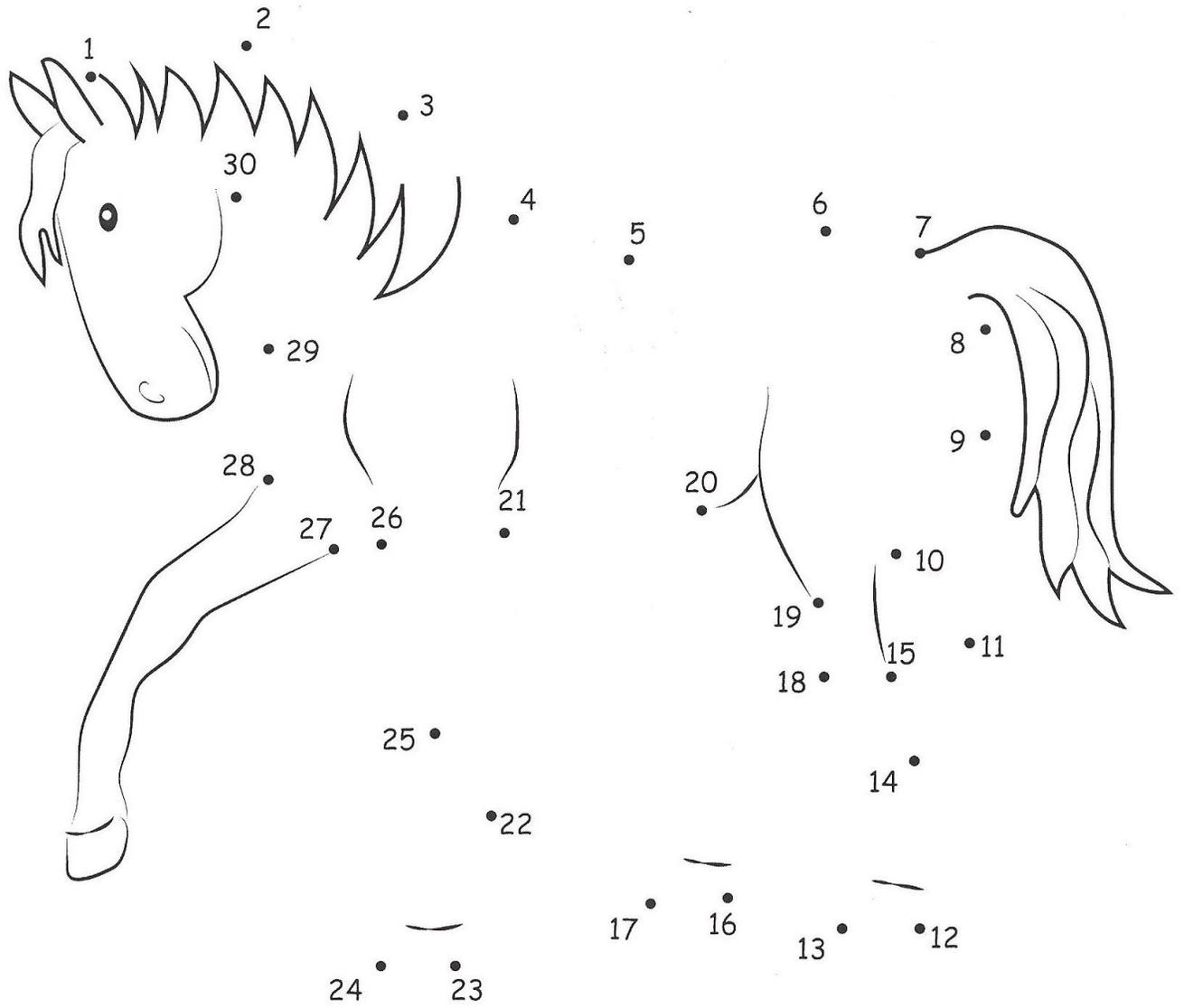
Take time for yourself, especially if you are in a single teacher program. You cannot do everything or you will start to burn yourself out! Utilize parents, community members, and alumni to help you and know that it is okay to say "no" every once in a while!

6.) How do you motivate students to get involved?

Individually talking with students and really trying to find a contest, event, or activity that fits their specific personality and interests has been one of my best ways to get new members involved. Our points system is also a big motivator. Students earn points for everything they do throughout the year and there is a reward trip at the end of the school year.

7.) What is your favorite competition/event to take your students to?

My favorite competition is Leadership Development Events, particularly demonstrations and speeches. I love how those events teach students life skills they can take into any career they choose to enter.



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