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Breckenridge FFA Receives Silver Award in Agricultural Issues Contest at 2010 National FFA Convention

INDIANAPOLIS- The Breckenridge Michigan FFA Chapter received a silver award in the National FFA Agricultural Issues Forum Career Development Event (CDE). The event was held in conjunction with the 83rd National FFA Convention in Indianapolis, Ind. Dr. Jerry Peters of Indiana served as superintendent of the event.

Team members were as follows; Angelica Armstrong, Lauren Bluemer, Cassandra Draves, Rebecca Gulliver and Evan Willman.

The National FFA Agricultural Issues Forum CDE is a competitive activity that tests students' knowledge of agricultural issues and evaluates how well they can apply classroom knowledge to real-life situations. To qualify for the National Agricultural Issues Forum CDE, teams must design a presentation that addresses multiple viewpoints of a contemporary agricultural issue and present it to a number of audiences in their community. For the national event, they present a portfolio based on their local audiences' feedback and deliver their presentation to a panel of judges.

This event, held at the Westin Hotel in Indianapolis, Ind., is one of many educational activities at the national FFA convention in which FFA members practice the lessons learned in agricultural education classes.



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Durand FFA Receives Bronze Award in Agricultural Mechanics Contest at 2010 National FFA Convention

INDIANAPOLIS- The Durand Michigan FFA Chapter, received a bronze award in the National FFA Agricultural Mechanics Career Development Event (CDE). The event was held in conjunction with the 83rd National FFA Convention in Indianapolis, Ind. Mr. Von Peavy of Georgia served as superintendent of the event.

Members of this team were Brandon Bush, Ryan Muston, Zachary Gentz and Brandon Wascha, all of which received individual bronze awards.

The National FFA Agricultural Mechanics CDE is a competitive activity that allows students to apply classroom knowledge to real-life situations. Activities included in the event are a written exam, a team activity, demonstration of problem-solving skills, and hands-on performance activities. Areas of emphasis include environmental and natural resource systems; machinery and equipment systems; structural and energy systems; and industry and marketing systems. Each team in the event has competed with other chapters in their state for the privilege of participating in the national event.

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Branch Area Career Center FFA Receives Gold Award in Agricultural Sales Contest at 2010 National FFA Convention

INDIANAPOLIS- The Branch Area Career Center of Coldwater Michigan, received a Gold Award in the National FFA Agricultural Sales Career Development Event (CDE). The event was held in conjunction with the 83rd National FFA Convention in Indianapolis, Ind. Mr. Troy Selman of Texas served as superintendent of the event.

Members of this team included Logan Bracy and Heather Van Lieu who received individual gold awards, as well as Jacob Sloan and Karice Hard who received individual silver awards.

The National FFA Agricultural Sales CDE is a competitive activity that allows students to apply classroom knowledge to real-life situations. The event includes actual sales presentations, a written exam, a team sales situation, an individual practical situation focusing on customer relations, customer service, or prospecting for customers. Each team competed at local and state levels for the privilege of representing their state at the national FFA convention.

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Montague FFA Receives Silver Award in Agricultural Communications Contest at 2010 National FFA Convention

INDIANAPOLIS- The Montague Michigan FFA Chapter received a silver award in the National FFA Agricultural Communications Career Development Event (CDE). The event was held in conjunction with the 83rd National FFA Convention in Indianapolis, Ind. Mr. Richard Gearhart of California served as superintendent of the event.

The National FFA Agricultural Communications CDE is a competitive activity that tests students' skills in all areas of the agricultural communications field and evaluates how well they can apply classroom knowledge to real-life situations.

Participants attend a simulated news conference and use the information gathered to complete individual practicums in news story writing, press release writing, radio broadcasting, web design, and graphic design. Prior to the event, students compile communication project proposals related to innovative agricultural practices, management techniques and marketing tools. Each team then creates a 15-minute presentation based on their proposal. Members also compete in an editing exercise and a general communications quiz.

The event, held at the University Place Hotel in Indianapolis, Ind., is one of many educational activities at the national FFA convention in which FFA members practice the lessons learned in agricultural education classes.

Members of this team were Kaylee Kessler, Nicholas Verbanic and Sydney Lohman who received individual silver awards, as well as Samantha Miller and Teasha Johnson who received individual bronze awards.

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Corunna FFA Receives Silver Award in Agronomy Contest at 2010 National FFA Convention

INDIANAPOLIS- The Corunna Michigan FFA Chapter received a silver award in the National FFA Agronomy Career Development Event (CDE). The event was held in conjunction with the 83rd National FFA Convention in Indianapolis, Ind. Mr. Harold Brown of Ohio served as superintendent of the event.

Members of this team included Casie Forbush, Emily Tomasek, Caelah Doerr and Kylie Taphouse who all earned individual silver awards.

The National FFA Agronomy CDE is a competitive activity that allows students to apply classroom knowledge to real-life situations. Participants' knowledge of agronomic sciences was tested through several levels of competition including developing solutions for problematic scenarios; identification of seeds, insects, soil and crops; and other management practices.

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Perry FFA Student Receives Bronze Award in Creed Speaking Contest at 2010 National FFA Convention

INDIANAPOLIS- Emily Feuka, of the Perry FFA Chapter received a bronze award in the National Creed Speaking Career Development Event (CDE). The event was held in conjunction with the 83rd National FFA Convention in Indianapolis, Ind. Dr. Kimberly Bellah of Texas served as superintendent of the event.

The National FFA Creed Speaking CDE is designed to recognize outstanding FFA members for their ability to present the National FFA Creed in a competitive setting. Members deliver the Creed from memory and respond to three questions. The event gives FFA members the opportunity to develop their ability to communicate in a powerful, organized and professional manner.

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Fremont FFA Chapter Receives Bronze Award in Dairy Cattle Evaluation Contest at 2010 National FFA Convention

INDIANAPOLIS- The Fremont Michigan FFA Chapter received a bronze award in the National FFA Dairy Cattle Evaluation Career Development Event (CDE). The event was held in conjunction with the 83rd National FFA Convention in Indianapolis, Ind. Mr. James Ertl of Minnesota served as superintendent of the event.

Members of the team included Morgan Proctor who received an individual silver award, as well as Caitlin Grabill, Rachel DeKryger and Max Kempf, who all received individual bronze awards.

The National FFA Dairy Cattle Evaluation CDE is a competitive activity that tests the student's ability to select and manage quality dairy cattle. Event components include six classes of dairy cattle, linear classification of five Holstein cows, a sire selection and dairy management exercise and placing of four dairy animal pedigrees. Each team competed at local and state levels to earn the privilege of representing their home state at the national FFA convention.

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Saline FFA Receives Silver Award in Dairy Foods Contest at 2010 National FFA Convention

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Members of this team included Neil Flavin, Kyle Marcyan and Samantha Mamarow, who received individual silver awards, as well as Colin D'Agostino who received a individual bronze award.

The National Dairy Foods CDE is a competitive activity that allows students to prove their knowledge about the recognition, selection and management necessary for quality dairy foods. Participants must complete a written exam on milk production and marketing, evaluate milk samples for flavor and quality, identify cheeses, evaluate milk sediment pads and milker parts for defects and distinguish dairy and non-dairy products. Each team competed at local and state levels to earn the privilege to represent their state at the national FFA convention.

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Ionia FFA Student Receives Gold Award in Dairy Cattle Handlers Contest at 2010 National FFA Convention

INDIANAPOLIS- Bridget Stout of the Ionia FFA Chapter received a Gold award in the National FFA Dairy Cattle Handlers Activity, that was held in conjunction with the 83rd National FFA Convention in Indianapolis, Indiana. Ron Tilford of Ohio served as associate superintendent of the activity.

The dairy cattle handlers activity is sponsored by Association of Equipment Manufacturers, Dean Foods Company, and National FFA Foundation.

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Chesaning FFA Receives Gold Award in Environmental and Natural Resources Contest at 2010 National FFA Convention

INDIANAPOLIS- The Chesaning Michigan FFA Chapter received a gold award in the National FFA Environmental and Natural Resources Career Development Event (CDE). The event was held in conjunction with the 83rd National FFA Convention in Indianapolis, Ind. Mr. Billy Sumrall of Mississippi served as the superintendent of the event.

Members of the team included Leo Devota and Bryan Mahoney, who received individual gold awards, as well as Luke Dankert and Rob Kovach who received individual silver awards.

The National FFA Environmental and Natural Resources CDE is a competitive activity that allows students to apply classroom knowledge to real-life situations. This event focuses on testing students' problem solving and decision making skills in environmental and natural resources. These areas concentrate on soil profiles, water and air quality, waste management, environmental analysis, and use of global positioning units. Each team competed at local and state levels for the privilege of representing their home state at the national FFA convention.

The event, held at Purdue University in West Lafayette, Ind., is one of many educational activities at the national convention in which FFA members practice the lessons learned in agricultural education classes.

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Byron FFA Receives Bronze Award in Farm Business Management Contest at 2010 National FFA Convention

INDIANAPOLIS- The Byron Michigan FFA Chapter received a bronze award in the National FFA Farm Business Management Career Development Event (CDE). The event was held in conjunction with the 83rd National FFA Convention in Indianapolis, Ind. Mr. Colby Blair of Kentucky served as superintendent of this year's event.

Members of the team included Juliana Forbush, Joseph Whaley and Becky Whaley who received individual silver awards, as well as Skylar Pratt who received an individual bronze award.

The National FFA Farm Business Management CDE is designed to test the ability of students to apply economic principles and concepts in analyzing farm and ranch business management decisions. Participants respond to questions concerning economic principles in farm business management as well as a problem-solving analysis section. Each team in the event has competed with other chapters in their state for the privilege of participating in the national event.

The event, held at the Crowne Plaza Hotel in Indianapolis, Ind., is one of many educational activities at the national FFA convention in which FFA members practice the lessons learned in agricultural education classes.

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Lapeer County Career Center FFA Receives Gold Award Extemporaneous Public Speaking Contest at 2010 National FFA Convention

INDIANAPOLIS- The Lapeer County Career Center received a gold award in the National FFA Floriculture Career Development Event (CDE), placing 5th in the nation. The National FFA Floriculture CDE was held in conjunction with the 83rd National FFA Convention in Indianapolis, Ind. Mr. David Kercheval of Texas served as superintendent of this year's event.

Members of the team included Olivia Saliga, who placed 7th in the nation receiving a gold award. Additional team members were Mary Listwak and Chelsea Mikolowski who received individual gold awards, as well as Kaitlynn Brennan who received an individual silver award. The top three individuals and the national winning team members received scholarships to further their education at a post-secondary institution of their choice. The scholarships and the floriculture event are sponsored by Ball Horticultural Company of West Chicago, Illinois and the National FFA Foundation. Merchants in the Indiana area also donated and loaned plant materials used for the event.

In the National FFA Floriculture CDE, FFA members test their knowledge and skills in the production and retailing of flowers, plants and foliage. Participants must complete a general knowledge exam on the floriculture industry, identify plant materials, and demonstrate problem solving and decision making skills, employment and customer service skills, technical floral skills and the ability to work as a team. Teams competed at the local and state levels to earn the privilege of representing their home state at the national FFA convention.

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Mason FFA Receives Silver Award in Forestry Contest at 2010 National FFA Convention

INDIANAPOLIS- The Mason Michigan FFA Chapter received a silver award in the National FFA Forestry Career Development Event (CDE). The event was held in conjunction with the 83rd National FFA Convention in Indianapolis, Ind. Mr. Marion Fletcher of Arkansas served as superintendent of this year's event.

Members of the team included Danielle Lee, who received an individual gold award, Dan Abbot, who received an individual silver award, as well as Karly Fogle and Brandon Baldwin who received individual bronze awards.

The National FFA Forestry CDE is a competitive activity that tests students' skills and knowledge in the area of forest management. Event components include a general forest knowledge exam, tree and equipment identification, tree/forest disorders identification, a chainsaw practicum, forestry issues interview, and a team activity. Each team competed at local and state levels for the privilege of representing their state at the national FFA convention.

This event, held at Fort Harrison State Park in Indianapolis, Ind., is one of many educational activities at the national convention in which FFA members apply classroom knowledge to real-life situations.

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Jonesville FFA Receives Silver Award in Horse Evaluation Contest at 2010 National FFA Convention

INDIANAPOLIS-The Jonesville Michigan FFA Chapter received a silver award in the National FFA Horse Evaluation Career Development Event (CDE). The event was held in conjunction with the 83rd National FFA Convention in Indianapolis, Ind. Ms. Shannon Cunningham of Oklahoma served as superintendent of the national event.

Members of the team included Kayla Hubbell, who received a individual gold award, Phoebe Hartsell who received an individual silver award, as well as Chelsea Burlew and Kaitlyn Mapes who received individual bronze awards.

The National FFA Horse Evaluation CDE is a competitive activity that tests the student's ability to select and evaluate horses. Event components include eight selection classes that consisted of four halter classes and four performance classes. Students also give four sets of oral reasons with two sets coming from each evaluation class. Each team competed at local and state levels for the privilege of representing their state at the national FFA convention.

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Durand FFA Student Receives Silver Award in Job Interview Contest at 2010 National FFA Convention

INDIANAPOLIS- Jennifer DeClerg, of the Durand FFA Chapter received a silver award in the National FFA Job Interview Career Development Event (CDE). The event was held in conjunction with the 83rd National FFA Convention in Indianapolis, Ind. Mr. James Shiflet of Virginia served as superintendent of the national event.

The job interview CDE is a competitive activity that tests student's ability to perform effectively throughout the entire job application process. The participants prepare a resume, cover letter and complete a written application. They also participate in phone, one-on-one and panel job interviews as part of the competition.

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Corunna FFA Receives Bronze Award in Livestock Evaluation Contest at 2010 National FFA Convention

INDIANAPOLIS- The Corunna Michigan FFA Chapter received a bronze award in the National FFA Livestock Evaluation Career Development Event (CDE). The event was held in conjunction with the 83rd National FFA Convention in Indianapolis, Ind. Mr. Van Smith of Alabama served as superintendent of the event.

Team members included Taylor Janicek, who received an individual silver award, as well as Rachel Barnum, Blake Lulham and Jocelyn Janicek, who received individual bronze awards.

The National FFA Livestock CDE is a competitive activity that tests the student's ability to select and evaluate livestock. Event components include eight evaluation classes of beef, sheep, swine, and goats; oral placement reasons on four classes; and a written exam on livestock production. A team event, based on production performance records, demonstrates the team's breeding livestock selection ability. Each team in the event competed at local and state levels for the privilege of representing their state at the national FFA convention.

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Springport FFA Receives Bronze Award in Marketing Plan Contest at 2010 National FFA Convention

INDIANAPOLIS- The Springport Michigan FFA Chapter received a bronze award in the National FFA Marketing Plan Career Development Event (CDE). Placing was announced on Friday at the annual awards banquet. The event was held in conjunction with the 83rd National FFA Convention in Indianapolis, Ind. Ms. Gail Kiley Sanders of Vermont served as superintendent of this year's event.

Team members were as follows; Erika Prine, Nicole Potts and Andrew Lammers.

The National FFA Marketing Plan CDE helps students practice and sharpen skills in marketing through the development and presentation of a marketing plan. The plan may focus on the introduction of a new agricultural product, supply or service or on improving marketing of an existing product, supply, or service. Each team competed against teams in their state for the privilege of participating in the national event.

The event, held at the Embassy Suites Hotel in Indianapolis, Ind., is one of many educational activities at the national FFA convention in which FFA members practice the lessons taught in agriculture classes.



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Sanilac Career Center FFA Receives Bronze Award in Meats Evaluation and Technology Contest at 2010 National FFA Convention

INDIANAPOLIS- The Sanilac Career Center FFA Chapter received a bronze award in the National FFA Meats Evaluation and Technology Career Development Event (CDE). The event was held in conjunction with the 83rd National FFA Convention in Indianapolis, Ind. Dr. Randy Harp of Texas served as superintendent of this year's event.

Team members included Alexander Nichols and Breanna Ross, who received individual silver awards, as well as Rose Pierson and Karryn Lane who received bronze awards.

The National FFA Meats Technology and Evaluation CDE is a competitive activity that tests students' skills and competencies in evaluating and identifying meat carcasses and products. Event components include a general knowledge exam; beef carcass evaluation; identification of wholesale and retail cuts of beef, lamb, and pork; quality and yield grading of beef carcasses; a team meat merchandising activity; and solving of a meat formulation problem. Each team has competed on the local and state levels to earn the privilege of representing their state at the national FFA convention.

This event, held at The University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign in Champaign, Ill., is one of many educational activities at the national FFA convention in which FFA members apply classroom knowledge to real-life situations.

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Kent Career Technical Center FFA Receives Bronze Award in Nursery and Landscape Contest at 2010 National FFA Convention

INDIANAPOLIS- The Kent Technical Center FFA received a bronze award in the National FFA Nursery Landscape Career Development Event (CDE). The event was held in conjunction with the 83rd National FFA Convention in Indianapolis, Ind. Dr. Alan McDaniel of Virginia served as superintendent of this year's event.

Team members included Lance West, who received an individual silver award, as well as Cory Jolliffe, Tamra Capps and Anna Patton who received individual bronze awards.

The National FFA Nursery Landscape CDE is a competitive activity in which FFA members test their knowledge and skills in nursery practices and landscaping. Contestants must complete a general knowledge exam testing horticultural principles including plant anatomy, production, marketing, turf, landscape design and maintenance. Each participant must also complete practicums involving a landscape drawing, landscape estimating, plant propagation or potting, identification of plants, disorders and equipment. Each team competed on local and state levels to earn the privilege of representing their state at the national FFA convention.

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Centerville FFA Receives Silver Award in Parliamentary Procedure Contest at 2010 National FFA Convention

INDIANAPOLIS- The Centerville Michigan FFA Chapter received a silver award in the National FFA Parliamentary Procedure Career Development Event (CDE). The event was held in conjunction with the 83rd National FFA Convention in Indianapolis, Ind. Dr. James Connors of Idaho served as superintendent of this year's event.

Team members were; Kent Butcher, Samantha Eastwood, Abe Merten, Alex Milliman, Jay Sweet and Tyler Teadt.

The National FFA Parliamentary Procedure CDE tests students' ability to effectively communicate ideas during a meeting. Components included a general knowledge exam of parliamentary law, a ten-minute demonstration of parliamentary procedure, oral questions, and written minutes of the demonstration. Each team competed against chapters from across the nation.

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Laker FFA Receives Gold Award in Poultry Evaluation Contest at 2010 National FFA Convention

INDIANAPOLIS- The Laker Michigan FFA Chapter received a gold award in the National FFA Poultry Evaluation Career Development Event (CDE). The event was held in conjunction with the 83rd National FFA Convention in Indianapolis, Ind. Mr. Richard Roller of Missouri served as superintendent of this year's event.

Members of the team included Karlee Herzog and Nick Verhaar who received individual gold awards, as well as Katie Smith, who received an individual silver award and Tiffany Kreh who received an individual bronze award.

The National Poultry Evaluation CDE is a competitive activity that tests the participant's ability to select top quality poultry and poultry products needed for successful production and marketing. Event participants must complete a written exam on poultry management, evaluate classes of live birds for eggs and meat production, evaluate quality of eggs, and evaluate and identify parts and products. Each team competed at local and state levels for the privilege of representing their state at the national FFA convention.

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Cassopolis FFA Member Receives Bronze Award in Prepared Public Speaking Contest at 2010 National FFA Convention

INDIANAPOLIS- Kyle Miller, of the Cassopolis FFA Chapter received a bronze award in the National FFA Prepared Public Speaking Career Development Event (CDE). The event was held in conjunction with the 83rd National FFA Convention in Indianapolis, Ind. Mr. Horace Johnson of North Carolina served as superintendent of this year's event.

The prepared public speaking CDE is designed to recognize outstanding FFA members for their ability to prepare and present a factual speech on a specific agricultural issue in a well thought out and logical manner in a competitive setting. Members prepare and deliver a six-to eight-minute speech from memory and respond to five minutes of questions. The event is just one way FFA members can develop their ability to communicate in a powerful, organized and professional manner.

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