

**DAVID CITY FFA CHAPTER**

**FFA WAY**



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## SAE PROJECTS ENCOURAGE CAREER SUCCESS

What is an SAE? Do any of the members actually have an SAE project? SAE stands for Supervised Agricultural Experience. There are three types of SAE projects. An SAE can be classified under paid or unpaid placement, entrepreneurship, or research. An SAE project does have to have an agriculture connection, but the state has made a few exceptions. According to David City FFA Chapter Advisor Mrs. Jenny Kocian, "Over the past few years the Nebraska State FFA Board approved certified nursing assistants (CNA) and babysitting due to members living in small communities and completing this type of work available."

Chapter Treasurer Miles Eggleston's SAE falls under the category of beef production. Eggleston works at Grass Valley Farms and Feedlot. "Having a job like mine has helped me develop my independence and SAE records have helped me to remain responsible and focus my attention to accurate details," Eggleston said. Senior FFA member Allie Frasher's SAE is a research project. Frasher said, "I have a number of projects revolving around poultry. Most are experiments on laying hen or broilers, concentrating on health, productivity, and efficiency." Chapter Vice President Kirsten Bell is beginning her own succulent business. "My goal is to raise succulents, make arrangements and sell them. Entrepreneurial projects are hard and may take time, but if you stick to your goal it will all work out in the end and be rewarding," Bell said.

"There are several reasons an SAE is important. It allows a student the opportunity to develop real world skills that many times are directly connected to their future career pathway and can be used as resume builders. An SAE allows for networking in their intended career field which can lead to internships and a clear direction as they plan for college. The highest state recognition attained through participation in FFA is the State FFA Degree and requires two consecutive years of records. Finally, the National FFA Organization awards more than 2 million dollars in scholarships to high school seniors and requires an SAE project," Kocian said.

## UPCOMING EVENTS & IMPORTANT DATES

JULY 5 Chapter Meeting @ 6:00pm

Officer Meeting @ 3:30pm

JULY 17-22 Butler County Fair

JULY 19 Sheep/Goat Show @ 11:00am

JULY 20 Swine Show @ 8:00am

JULY 21 Beef Show @ 8:00am

JULY 21 Nitrate Water Testing @ 4:30pm

JULY 21 Team Roping @ 11:00am

JULY 22 Kiddie Tractor Pull @ 1:00pm

JULY 22 Parade @ 5pm

JULY 25 Officer Retreat @ 9:00am

## LOOK INTO THE LIFE OF DAVID CITY'S OWN STATE OFFICER

What do the names Ryan Hassebrook, Vic Bohuslavsky, Leo Meister, Steve Schmit, and Brooke Bell have in common? These five alumni of the David City FFA Chapter were chosen to represent Nebraska FFA as a state officer for their respective term. On April 6, 2018 alumni of David City High School Brooke Bell was chosen as a 2018-2019 Nebraska State FFA Vice President. A few of Bell's duties as a state officer include hosting the Chapter Officer Leadership Training Conference (COLT), traveling to meet FFA members nationwide and presenting at state convention in April of 2019.

Bell said, "My favorite part of being a state officer is talking to members and learning the impact FFA has had on their lives." According to Bell, life as a state officer is never dull. Bell said, "I'm not sure if there has been a normal day." Bell ended with giving advice to any members wanting to add their name to the list of officers from David City. "My advice as you go through the interview process is make sure you're being honest with the judges, with the other candidates, and with yourself. State office is an opportunity to grow, but in order for that to happen you have to be willing to allow growth to happen."



L TO R: President Amanda Most, Secretary Grady Johnson, Vice President Brooke Bell, Vice President Brytany Gama, Vice President Marie Meis, Vice President Halie Andreasen, Vice President Jordan Popp. The seven state officers were chosen from a pool of thirty candidates who interviewed for positions in March. Photo courtesy of Nebraska Agricultural Education

## BLAST FROM THE PAST: FFA EDITION

Today, females make up forty-four percent of the total number of FFA members nationwide, but it was not always that way. FFA originated in 1928; a time when boys were losing interest and leaving family farms. According to the National FFA Organization, "Walter S. Newman proposed forming an organization that offered farm boys "a greater opportunity for self-expression and for the development of leadership. In this way they will develop confidence in their own ability and pride in the fact that they are farm boys."

Female members were not inducted as full members into the organization until 1969. Many felt that denying female membership rejected the importance that women have played on farms and in agriculture since the days of American pioneers. In 1970, Anita Decker of New York and Patricia Krowicki of New Jersey became the first female delegates at the national convention. The first female national FFA officer was Julie Smiley of Washington in 1976, and the first female national FFA president was Jan Eberly of California in 1982. Today, female members hold roughly fifty percent of all state leadership positions.

### FFA Way

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