**Northwestern FFA Has Large Participation in Fair**

This year, the Northwestern FFA had many participating members exhibit shop projects and/or animal projects at the Wayne County Fair. There were nearly 50 shop projects this year displayed at Northwestern’s booth in the FFA building. These projects included medium and large wood projects, welding, and electrical projects.

Kyle Badger, Austin Beegle, Aaron Kline, Dylan Martin, Lawrence Noble, Tucker Ott, Colt Slanczka, Kenny Strait, and Joey Ballinger, had projects displayed that were made in Ag Shop. The projects ranged from small welds to electric boards.

Other projects on display were small shelves made by the Ag Science 1 class. Cassidy Brown, Sara Cassady, Brandon Gerkens, Austin Horsky, Elizabeth Howman, Valerie Imhoff, Max Madrill, Dylan Martin, Tori McConnell, Lawrence Noble, Blake Riel,Desiree Smith, Riley Stull, Brianna Troyan, Craig Wellert, Cole Wharton, Adam White, Noah White, and Haley Wilson, all had their projects displayed. There were also benches made by the Ag Science 2 class. Kyle Badger, Alex Borton, Madelyn Cherry, Travis Cochran, Leeanna Ruegg had their projects on display.

Besides the shop projects, Northwestern FFA had a large number of members participate in animal exhibits. Many FFA members showed market hogs at the fair. Avery Garver, Jordan Melegari, Cody Morrow, Colt Slanczka, Brock Tegtmeier, Cody Tegtmeier, Haley Wilson, Alex Borton, Cole Wharton, Elizabeth Howman, and Riley Stull showed a market hog. Showmanship winners include Jordan Melegari, 5th place; Cody Morrow, 6th place; Colt Slanczka, 6th place; Cody Tegtmeier, 2nd place; Alex Borton, 3rd place; Cole Wharton, 5th place; Elizabeth Howman, 1st place; and Riley Stull 1st place and reserve intermediate.

Jessie Bair, Abby Ramseyer, and Cole Wharton, all exhibited beef projects. Jessie Bair placed 1st in her market division. Bair’s steer was also 6th overall. Ramseyer placed 6th in her AOB Beef Heifer class. Wharton had the Champion Born and Raised Steer, placing 1st in his market class.

Colt Slanczka, Skylar Dawson, Taylor Dawson and Riley Stull, showed lambs at the fair this year. Slanzcka earned 1st, 2nd, and 6th in his market classes with his lambs. Stull received 2nd in her market class. Skylar Dawson placed 11th in his market class, and Taylor Dawson placed 8th in her market class.

In showmanship, Colt Slanczka placed 1st and 2nd. Riley Stull took 2nd, with Skylar Dawson placed 6th, and Taylor Dawson placing 9th.

Kyle Piscone and Riley Stull also exhibited goats this year. Piscione took grand champion in market, and 7th in showmanship, while Stull took 2nd in market and 1st in showmanship.

 There were also an assortment of other projects exhibited by members. Austin Beegle, Haley Wilson, Riley Stull, and Lizzy Howman showed dairy cattle. Beegle placed 3rd with his intermediate calf, Wilson placed 1st with her winter yearling. Stull placed 2nd and 3rd with her heifer and cow, respectively. Howman placed 1st and 2nd in multiple classes; she also received an honorable mention and was the Jr. Reserve Champion. Showmanship placings were as follows: Beegle in 2nd, Stull in 1st, Howman in 2nd, Wilson in 3rd. Desiree Smith took a rabbit. Smith received a 1st, 1st, 4th, and 2nd. Desiree also had a goose and ducks that were shown. Desiree placed 2nd with her goose, and 4the with her duck. One member showed horses this year. Claire Vaughan place 1st in her Sr. Western Horsemanship class, among many other top placings.

The Northwestern FFA also had members participate in the Ashland and Medina County Fairs. Taylor Dawson, Rylee Dawson and Skylar Dawson showed at Ashland.Taylor exhibited a market steer, baby beef, market hog, open class breeding beef . Taylor placed exceptionally well in her classes. Rylee Dawson exhibited a market steer, baby beef, market hog, and a feeder calf, also placing very well. Skylar Dawson took a market steer, baby beef, market hog, and feeder calf, placing in the top of each of his classes. The three siblings had an incredible year at the fair.

Kaitlyn Praisler showed her horse, mini, dog, pig, and rabbit at the Medina County Fair. She had a very successful year with all of her animals! She earned a Grand Champion with her rabbit, 4th place in her hog market class, and no faults in an Obedience and Agility class with her two dogs. With her horse, she placed 1st in reining, 3rd in ranch riding, and 2nd in liberty. Her mini took 1st place in Costume Contest, and 2nd in mini showmanship.

The Northwestern FFA Chapter is proud of all of the members that exhibited at the Wayne, Ashland, Medina, and Lorain County Fairs this year! The Chapter looking forward to next year’s participation.