

### **The top corn yields were:**

3. Charles Yedlik	Dekalb 6179	246.51 Bushels/Acre
2. Kyle Henkle	Pioneer 1197	246.65 Bushels/Acre
1. Mike Kaufman	Pioneer 1197	261.31 Bushels/Acre

### **Sub-District Awards**

This February, we had fifteen members participate in leadership contests at Hawkeye Community College.

- **Chapter Program:** Kenyatta Yarbrough, Grant Ries, Madison Novotny -- Gold, Advance to Districts
- **Conduct of Meetings:** Isaac Wiley, Riley Schneider, Franki Evans, Amy Thomas, Eric Henkle, Miranda Walker, Shelby McDonald --Silver
- **Creed Speaking:** Kaylee Sorum -- Silver
- **Ag Sales:** Jordan Pattee -- Bronze
- **Job Interview:** Ben Eden-- Gold, Alternate to Districts
- **Public Speaking:** Bree Tharp -- Bronze
- **Greenhand Quiz:**
  - Franki Evans -- Gold, Amy Thomas -- Gold, Miranda Walker -- Gold
- **Chapter Farmer Quiz:**
  - Isaac Wiley -- Gold, Shelby McDonald -- Gold, Tailynn Tharp -- Silver

### **District Awards**

@ Monticello

**Chapter Program:** Kenyatta Yarbrough, Grant Ries, Madison Novotny -- Silver

- **Experience the Action:** Brianna Lundvall, Riley Bateman -- Bronze
- **Chapter Quiz Individual:** Eric Henkle, Shelby McDonald -- Silver
- **Ag Issues:** George Haefner, Ethan Horak, Morgan White, Brock Ortner-- Bronze
- **Secretary's Book:** Colton Evans -- Gold
- **Treasurer's Record book:** Erin Cantrell -- Gold, Advance to State
- **Farm Business Management:** Drew Wiley, 6th individually, Kaylee Sorum, Bree Tharp -- Silver
- **District Officer Elections:** Isaac Wiley -- Southwest Sub-District Vice-President
  - Shelby McDonald and George Haefner also interviewed for district officer, and they represented our chapter with pride and gained many new skills to use throughout their life.

### **State Awards:**

April 9th-11th in Ames.

- **Biotechnology:** Erin Cantrell, Ethan Horak, Logan Holst, Madeline Moen--Silver
- **Chapter Exhibit:** Erin Cantrell, Isaac Wiley, Blake Witzel, Cassie Kenny, Faith Pladsen, Tailynn Tharp -- Gold 2nd Place
- **Farm Business Management:** Drew Wiley, Bree Tharp, Ben Eden, Nicole Venneman -- Gold

- **Greenhand Quiz:** Amanda Cardenas -- Silver, Kaylee Sorum -- Bronze
- **Poultry:** George Haefner, Eric Henkle, Shelby McDonald, Grant Ries -- Bronze
- **Team Ag Sales:** Amy Thomas, Weston Bierschenk, Morgan White, Kenyatta Yarbrough -- Bronze

- **Treasurers Book:** Erin Cantrell -- Silver
- **State Officer Candidate:** This year Erin Cantrell was our state officer candidate and went through 7 rounds of intense interviews and tests.
- **State Degrees:** This year we had seven members achieve the requirements for earning their state FFA Degrees. These members have had two or more years of Ag education and FFA membership, have earned their Chapter Farmer Degree, and have an SAE project where they have productively earned and invested at least \$1000. This year's State Degree recipients are: Colton Evans, Ethan Horak, George Haefner, Logan Grabin, Brittany Hansen, Madeline Moen, and Erin
- **Academic Achievement Award:** This year we were able to nominate five senior FFA members for the State Academic Achievement Award. To qualify for this award, members have to have at least three years of membership and maintain a cumulative GPA of 3.5 or higher. So would you please help me congratulate Erin Cantrell, Cassie Kenney, Faith Pladsen, Kayla Schneider, and Drew Wiley as they come up to receive their awards.

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#### **State Chapter Awards:**

- **Ambassador Award:** In recognition of our financial support to the Iowa FFA foundation.
- **WHO Public Relations Award:** This is an award to recognize our efforts in publicizing our chapter and classroom activities. This would not have been possible without our chapter reporters.
- **Supreme National Chapter Award:** *Gold Award: 11th place chapter in state – advancing to the National level.* This award recognizes chapters based on three overall categories of growing leaders, building communities, strengthening agriculture. The application was judged at the state level and received 11th place. The application will advance to nationals and be judged in July for our national ranking.

April 25th four members participated in District Ag Mechanics. These four members placed 12th as a team in the District and one member was 24th individually.

- Eric Henkle
- Jakob Long
- Grant Ries
- Trent McFatrige
- Amy Thomas - Individual placing 24th

On May 9th, 7 members participated in District Floriculture.

- Team 1 - Placing 1st in the district

- Erin Cantrell - 1st Individually
- Brianna Lundvall - 4th Individually
- Madison Novotny - 7th Individually
- Kailey Lazenby - 10th Individually
- Team 2 - Placing 4th in the district
  - Jordan Pattee
  - Riley Bateman
  - Tailynn Tharp

Star Greenhand: Amy Thomas

Star Chapter Farmer: Cassie Kenney

Star Placement: Brittany Hansen

Star Agribusiness: Drew Wiley

#### Leadership/Merit Points

- A Greenhand must earn at least 125 points, a Chapter member at least 250, and Officers are required to earn at least 525 points. I am proud to present the Leadership Awards to the following 38 members.

#### **Greenhands**

- Weston Bierschenk
- Coralee Bodeker
- Tia Burke
- Jordan Cantrell
- Amanda Cardenas
- Franki Evans
- Payton Haefner
- Caroline Lang
- Madison Novotny
- Jordan Pattee
- Kaylee Sorum
- Ariana Svoboda
- Amy Thomas
- Miranda Walker
- Blake Witzel

#### **Chapter Farmers**

- Ben Eden
- Logan Grabin
- Eric Henkle

- Ethan Horak
- Cassie Kenney
- Brianna Lundvall
- Madeline Moen
- Brock Ortner
- Grant Ries
- Riley Schneider
- Bree Tharp
- Tailynn Tharp
- Nicole Venneman
- Kenyatta Yarbrough

### **Officers**

- Drew Wiley
- George Haefner
- Colton Evans
- Erin Cantrell
- Jakob Long
- Kayla Schneider
- Brittany Hansen
- Isaac Wiley
- Shelby McDonald

This year, 11 members sold 1000 dollars' or more of sales, making them members of our chapter's 1000 dollar club. The top selling members were:

- Eric Henkle \$3,000+
- Brock Ortner \$3,000+
- Jakob Long \$2,202
- Shelby McDonald \$1,886.50
- Riley Schneider \$1,389
- Cassie Kenney \$1,147.50
- Amy Thomas \$1,136
- Brittany Hansen \$1,069.50

### **Proficiency Award**

This year's Star in Swine Production works on his family farm where he breeds sows, power washes, and processes piglets. He has also taught the pig station at third grade ag day. Please help me congratulate Isaac Wiley!

This year's Star in Ag Mechanics has worked with his Grandpa to restore a 1936 John Deere Tractor. This included overhauling the engine, painting the tractor, and putting on new tires. Congratulations Grant Ries!

This year's Star in Goat Production oversees the day to day chores involved with her family's four boer goats. She oversees vet visits, prepares and shows the goats. Please help me congratulate Madeline Moen!

This year's Star in Beef Production has been working with his cattle all his life. Ranging from clipping and fitting his cattle for county fair to conducting artificial insemination, this member has worked very hard to maintain his herd. Congratulations, Jakob Long!

This year's Star in Dairy Production has gained experience with dairy cows by working on a farm where he helped take care of and milk cows. He looks forward to continuing his involvement and gaining knowledge in this field. Please help me congratulate George Haefner!

This year's winner in Diversified Livestock raises cattle that he also exhibits each year at the local county fair. He also works at his neighbors where he cares for their horses. Please help me congratulate Riley Schneider.

This year's Star in Equine Science has put many hours caring for and showing her horses. She also works at a stable where she cleans stalls and lunges horses. Please help me congratulate Cassie Kenney!

This year's Star in Ag sales and service has worked many hours over the past two years at the local Fareway store. She has learned responsibility as well as a strong work ethic. Please help me congratulate Kenyatta Yarbrough!

This year's star in Small Animal Care has worked many hours with her rabbits. She has learned a lot about taking care of them and responsibility about her animals. Please help me congratulate Brianna Lundvall!

This year's star in Feed Grain Production works at least a couple days after school a week working on a farm outside of town. He has gained a lot of skills working with animals as well as with machinery. Please Help me congratulate Colton Evans!

This year's star in Diversified Crop production farms 80 acres that he rents from his Grandpa. He has the task of taking care of the land, making management decisions, and much more with his grandpa mentoring him. Please help me congratulate Eric Henkle.

SAE Award: Colton Evans

## **Chapter Scholars**

honor the top student in each grade based on their cumulative GPA. The winners are:

- Freshman: Coralee Bodeker and Caroline Lang
- Sophomore: Morgan White
- Junior: Madeline Moen
- Senior: Kayla Schneider and Erin Cantrell

## **OUTSTANDING CLASSMEN AWARDS**

This award is given to the member of each class that has shown the most involvement in our chapter, based on the number of merit points they have accumulated and activities that they have taken part in.

- **Freshman:** Amy Thomas & Kaylee Sorum
- **Sophomore:** Eric Henkle
- **Junior:** Madeline Moen
- **Senior:** Kayla Schneider

Dekalb – Erin Cantrell

Senior Service Award – Ben Eden

### **Farmer's Savings Bank and Trust:**

Farmer's Savings Bank for many years now has been donating \$750 to a senior FFA member that has demonstrated leadership skills and outstanding service to the chapter and the community. This year's recipient of the Farmer's Savings Bank and Trust Scholarship is: Erin Cantrell. Erin has been accepted at Iowa State University and is majoring in Ag Biochemistry and International Agriculture.

### **The Ross and Shirley Wiley Scholarship:**

To qualify for the Ross and Shirley Wiley Scholarship, applicants must have at least 2 years of active FFA membership, maintain an honor roll cumulative GPA, be attending either a 2 or 4-year college in Iowa, and preferably pursuing a career in agriculture. This year's recipient is looking attending Kirkwood Community College and majoring in Veterinary Technician. Brittany Hansen.

### **Advisor's Scholarship-Sponsored by Chuck and Marilyn Yedlik:**

For the past several years, Mr. and Mrs. Chuck Yedlik have sponsored a \$1,000 scholarship to recognize a student that is pursuing a degree in the agriculture field. It is stressed that this financial award is not limited to only the highest achieving student, but merely hardworking and driven students looking to better themselves with higher education. This year's winner has demonstrated that they are hardworking and self-driven in many aspects of their life. This person has been an active FFA member for four years participating in many career development events and helping with whatever they can to make our chapter successful. This person plans to attend Kirkwood Community College in Medical Technician/Ag Studies. This year, the Advisor's Scholarship is proudly presented to: Cassie Kenney.

### **Bronson Paul Werning Scholarship:**

The Bronson P. Werning scholarship is in memory of a former chapter member and officer of the Vinton-Shellsburg chapter. Unfortunately his life ended too soon, but those that knew Bronson knew his fun spirit and passion for agriculture. In his memory, the family has decided to sponsor a \$500 scholarship to someone that exhibits many of these same qualities. The winner of the second annual Bronson P. Werning scholarship is Erin Cantrell.

### **Crop Plot Scholarships:**

This year's winners of the \$500 Crop Plot Scholarship goes to:

- Ben Eden
- Logan Holst
- Drew Wiley

Honorary Degree – Diane Kenny, Diane Lindsey, Andrew Noe, Alan Merchant, and Scott Garwood

## **APPRECIATION AWARDS**

We have a vast amount of supporters that help with many aspects of our chapter. We will be recognizing supporters in five different categories. Without the support of these community members, our chapter would not function.

### **The following are recognized for their contributions to our chapter's Crop Plot:**

- John Anderson
- Jeff Rollinger with New Century Farm Service
- Matt Horak
- Tama Benton Coop

### **The following are recognized for their contributions for CDEs:**

- Stacie Buhr
- Brian Carlson
- Mr. Duane Fisher
- Mrs. Mary Jo Hainstock
- Susie Henkle
- John Holst
- Mr. Matt Kingsbury
- Chad Newton
- Sue Gates
- Mr. Tony Islas
- Emily Cashman

### **The following are recognized for their contributions to our chapter in various ways throughout the year:**

- Belle Plaine FFA
- Benton County Corn Growers

- Benton Community FFA Chapter
- Benton County Fair Board
- Benton County Iowa State Extension and Outreach Office
- Paul Bierschenk
- Dillon Brummer
- Cedar Valley Times
- Cedar River Ink
- Tina Eden
- Fareway Grocery, Inc.
- Farmer's Savings Bank
- Christopher Fleming
- Scott Fleming
- Frazier Nursery
- GO VS
- Julie & Kevin Haefner
- Bob and Maureen Hanson
- Kyle Henkle
- Brent Hinde
- Jim Huber
- Diane Kenney
- Mr. Matt Kingsbury
- Vinton Kiwanis Club
- LaPorte – Dysart FFA Chapter
- Vinton Lions Club
- Marge & Jay McDonald
- McDowell's
- Allen Merchant
- Merchant's Grilling
- Teresa Meyer with Farm Bureau Financial Services
- Matt Marovec
- Linda Nebbe
- John and Ellen Olson
- Laurie Ortner
- Laura Payne
- Mark Pingnot
- Pizza Ranch
- Theisen's
- Michelle Thomsen
- Mr. Eric Upmeyer
- V-S Cooks
- Vinton Newspapers
- Vinton Parks and Recreation Department
- Vinton Today
- Vinton Trophy



- The Vinton Vet Clinic
- Virginia Gay Hospital
- Rachel Webster
- Jason White
- Todd Wiley

**The following are recognized for their contributions to our chapter's Labor Auction:**

- John Anderson
- Benton County Cattlemen
- Benton County Pork Producers
- Brian Carlson Crop Insurance
- Bob Hanson-- B&B Seeds
- Buhr Farms
- Coots Material
- Tina Eden
- Fareway Grocery, Inc.
- Farmers Savings Bank and Trust-Vinton
- Brenda Hackbarth
- Henkle Farms
- Kenny Henkle
- Kyle Henkle
- Interstate Swine
- Lori Lang
- Nature's Corner - Emily Cashman
- Ben Olson
- Ted Newton
- Joel Schmitz Auctioning
- Thomas Repair

**The following are recognized for their unconditional support of the Ag Ed/FFA Program:**

- John Anderson
- Duane Fisher

**Graduating Seniors**

- Alina Armstrong
- Erin Cantrell
- Ben Eden
- Brittany Hansen
- Logan Holst
- Cassie Kenney
- Faith Pladsen
- Lane Rowe
- Clark Robertson
- Alyssa Root
- Kayla Schneider

- Drew Wiley

The 2016-2017 Vinton-Shellsburg Officer team will include!

- Officer At Large – Kaylee Sorum
- Sentinel – Amy Thomas
- Co-Reporters – Shelby McDonald & Franki Evans
- Treasurer – Madeline Moen
- Secretary – Isaac Wiley
- Vice President – Colton Evans
- President – George Haefner