2011-2012 Banquet

This year the Midland FFA held their annual banquet on Monday 26. There was 237 members and guest attended the banquet. The auctioneers for the desert auction were Justin Steward, Joe Cruise, and Zac Brauer. Kenny Somerville bought the most expensive dessert; it was a lemon pie that went for $385. A combine sunset painting by Ashtyn Dove from Dike was donated and purchased by Brad Hansen; with the $500 going to the Cancer Society. The auction went very well and we raised $9,072.50. We would like to thank our Midland community that supports to our chapter and members through the year. Our guest speakers were Brad Kinsinger and Jon Hansen. They talked about their trip to Brazil on March 8-18. They shared their experience about what they learned about the agriculture in Brazil and they both explained the weather, the classes of people, and the main crops they grow. While in Brazil the got to tour 9,000 acres, which was considered a small farm. We had three active members receive there Iowa Degree; Jared Jeffery, Meagan Fields, and Logan Pestka. The DeKalb Agricultural achievement award was presented to Jared Jeffery. The Dean Feuess Memorial award went to Meagan Fields. Alumni Scholarships were awarded to Jared Jeffery, Trevor Greenfield, and Tyler Osterkamp. The Herman Welter Memorial Scholarship was awarded to Jennifer Dammann. Logan Pestka was named the Star Chapter Farmer and Madison Gravel the Star Greenhand. Shelby Hageman received the leadership excellence award. Alaina Martens received the Rising Star excellence award. Jen Dammann and T.J. Bowen received the Citizenship excellence award. Kasey Lasack received the Excellence Award.
Agriculture Issues

The members that participated in Agriculture issues team were Meagan Fields daughter of Jeff and Darla Fields, Tyler Mullins son of Tim Mullins, Elli Slouha daughter of Danny and Jamie Slouha, Aubrie Soper daughter of Jason and Mandy Soper, Shelby Hageman daughter of Travis and Donna Hageman, Cole Lineburg son of Terry and Karen Lineburg, and Sam Reilly son of John and Carol Reilly. The topic that the ag issues team presented to the judges at districts was antibiotic residue in meat and milk. At districts they received second and advanced to state. At state the team chose to keep the topic strictly on antibiotic residues in meat.

Each member had a different character that was apart of the process of distributing and selling of the antibiotics. Meagan Fields was the Chairman who lead the discussion. Tyler Mullins was a member of the Center for Disease control, and was against the use of antibiotics. Elli Slouha was the owner of Heartland farms, and was for the use of antibiotics for the health of her calves. Cole Lineburg was a Veterinarian and the director of the national beef council, he was for the use of antibiotics if they were used properly. Aubrie Soper and Shelby Hageman were members of the group F.A.C.T.( Food animal concerns trust). They were against the use of antibiotics due to the health of the people. Sam Reilly was the national food and safety director, he was for the use of antibiotics for safe human consumption. The team received a silver and 6th over all at the State competition, after receiving a gold at districts.

State Trap shoot

The Midland FFA took 7 members to the State Trap Shoot at the Cascade Site. There is three possible sights that the FFA’s could participate at. We had a few who this was the first time for them, and a couple who placed. The following members are the ones who participated in the Trap Shoot: Sheldon Macke, Aaron Kurtenbach, Cole Lineburg, Shane Steckline, Trevor Greenfield, Tyler Mullins, Alex Franzen. They did very well over all. Aaron Kurtenbach and Alex Franzen placed for the first time participating. Trevor also placed for his second appearance at a Trap Shoot.

Upcoming Fairs

There are four fairs in which you can participate in this summer. The Wyoming Fair will be held July 6th through the 8th. The Jones County Fair will be held July 16th through the 22nd. The Jackson County Fair will be held July 24th through July 29th. The State Fair will be held August 9th through the 19th. At these fairs you could participate in a series of different events. Some of those events include indoor exhibits, livestock showing, fashion shows and enjoying the entertainment. Any members that are participating in a class called FSQA. The class will be held June 18th at the fairgrounds in Maquoketa.
SAE Spotlight—Mackenzie Petersen

This edition of the SAE spotlight focuses on Mackenzie Petersen. Mackenzie’s SAE includes her farm animals. This starts as a process of Raising, Showing and Selling goats from the Petersen Family Farm. Her brother also did this in his early years. The Farm that this takes place on is located near Lost Nation. They farm is located approximately 3 Miles west of Lost Nation. She has been involved in the Raising, Showing and Selling of the Goats starting back a few years. This was started when she first became a member of the Monmouth Co-Ed 4H of Jackson County. She is a 4 Sport Varsity Letter winner here at Midland Community High School. She has participated in Volleyball, Basketball, Track & Field, and Softball. She has been involved in showing for the Jackson County Fair.

Skid Steer

The fourth annual skid steer rodeo will be held July 8th. There are 3 people per skid-Steer team. It is a very fun event to participate in. There are different chapters that participate too. They can have as many teams as they please. When participating you go through many different challenging obstacles. It takes speed and accuracy to achieve high for your chapter. After completing each step/obstacle you get points for that step. At the end they add up all the points to see who has the best score. After adding up all the scores, that will determine what place you get. In the past the members enjoyed this activity, we hope too see more involvement in the years to come.

State Convention

At 1:00 p.m. on Sunday, April 22nd, eight Midland FFA members left Wyoming heading towards Ames, Iowa for the Iowa State FFA Convention. They arrived in Ames at the Gateway Inn at 4:00 p.m. The next day was the first day of the Convention. The Ag issues team checked into the holding room at 8:30 a.m. to wait for their turn in the competition. The team presented at 11:00 a.m. The presentation went very well and they got 6th place out of 12 teams. Also that morning, the chapter exhibit was set up in the Hilton Concource. We received a silver on the chapter exhibit. Every member participated in workshops that were held throughout the days. The members that received their State Degrees were: Logan Pestka, Jared Jeffery, and Meagan Fields. On the members’ free time, they relaxed in the hotel’s pool, and met new people.
Officer Spotlight—Tyler Osterkamp

In the officer spotlight this time is your Vice President from Wyoming, Ia. Tyler is one of four children to Stacy and Kevin Osterkamp.

Tyler is a four year member of the FFA, to add to that is he is a 2 year Officer of the Midland FFA. He has served as the Chapter Sentinel, and now currently is the Chapter Vice President. Tyler has learned many very good lessons being involved in the FFA.

He enjoys practicing his lines for his acting school, he has made numerous trips to Los Angeles doing what he thinks will help him follow his dreams of becoming an actor.

After graduation, Tyler plans to continue with his acting school and spending time in Los Angeles. He is pursuing his dreams and will become an actor. We as the Midland FFA can only do our best to help him prepare himself for his future plans. Tyler loves to hang out with his close friends and he enjoys playing his guitar and making comical videos that he shares on YouTube.