



JANESVILLE CRAIG

CRAIG FFA

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NEW YEAR, NEW CLASSROOMS

The agriculture department was fortunate enough to receive two new classrooms as part of the referendum at Craig. The new rooms are equipped with brand new computers, SMART Boards, and new furniture.

Room 816 is equipped with a new animal lab, teacher planning room, and science lab facilities. The animal lab houses all of the classroom pets that the agriculture department has including two Flemish giant rabbits (Buddy & Snowball), hedgehog (Harley), two rats (Max & Moca), and a mini rex rabbit (Oreo). These

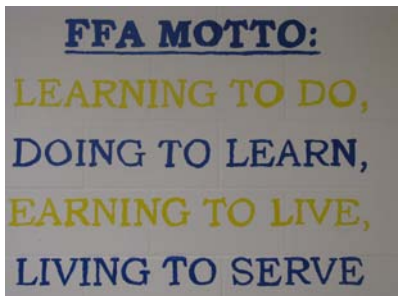
animals live in the animal lab during the school year. We will be looking for students to take the animal's home during the long school breaks and also during the summer.

The officer team spent some long hours in the new classrooms helping to decorate the walls. In each agriculture classroom there are two paintings. One painting is of the FFA emblem and the other painting is the FFA motto.

To see more pictures go to the Craig website www.janesvillecraigffa.org and click on photos and officer planning and cleaning photo album.



Megan painting the FFA emblem in room 816



FFA motto painting found in both rooms

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FFA MYTHS:

- You have to be a senior to be an FFA officer.
- You have to live on a farm to be in FFA.
- You have to be in an agriculture class to be in FFA.
- FFA only participates in farming activities.

MEET THE 2009-2010 JANESVILLE CRAIG FFA OFFICER TEAM

This is the second year in a row that the Janesville Craig FFA officer team has consisted of all females. The officers are: President Katie Rich, Vice President Megan Daluge, Treasurer Allison Funk, Secretary Lauren Durdan, Reporter Kayla Pallansch, and Sentinel Greta Arndt.

The officer team worked hard this summer to plan a whole calendar of events for the FFA to participate in.

If you are interested in being an FFA officer in the future or want to learn more about what they do ask any of the officers or Mrs. Skemp or Mrs. Runde.

Mrs. Skemp and Mrs. Runde are the agriculture teachers and FFA advisors at Craig. Mrs. Runde has been teaching at Craig for 13 years and Mrs. Skemp has been teaching at Craig for three years.

To see learn more about the officers and advisors go to the Craig website www.janesvillecraigffa.org and click on officers.

Officer team pictured below: left to right Lauren, Megan, Greta, Allison, Katie, and Kayla.





Students who attended Jag Lake

JAG LAKE SUMMER TRIP

Ten FFA members traveled to Boulder Junction Wisconsin to stay at the state FFA cabin located on Jag Lake. The trip started way too early in the morning and we were sure that there would be no room for all of the students "roughing-it" supplies. Mrs. Runde saved the day with her expert packing skills and found a way to fit everything in the two vehicles. Once we were on the road it was smooth sailing with Hattie Arndt navigating the way with her map reading skills, while Greta Arndt, Katie Rich, Nate and Stephanie Kalish, Justin Runde, Molly Anderson,

Alison and Kaylyn Funk, and Sarah Johnson, all slept in the back of the vehicles for the five hour car ride up to Bolder Junction. The four days that we spent at Jag Lake were filled with fishing, swimming, sleeping, eating, rowing boats, hiking, horse shoes, volleyball, ladder golf, and bon fire every night. The students planned and cooked every meal during the trip and it seemed to be a learning experience for some.

Students learned how to cast fishing lines, tie fishing knots, fillet fish, and bait hooks while on the trip.

Almost everyone caught a fish on the trip and most students were first time fisherman.

Students also experienced pudgy pies on the nightly bonfire at the cabin. There were some interesting pudgy pies made over campfire.

To see more pictures go to the Craig website www.janesvillecraigffa.org and click on photos and Jag Lake photo album.



All the fish we caught at Jag Lake



Katie, Greta, and Allison rowing the paddle boat

please contact Mrs. Runde or Mrs. Skemp. Land judging practice and competition will start in the spring of the year and continue onto the summer months.

To see more pictures go to the Craig website www.janesvillecraigffa.org and click on photos and Land Judging at Green County and State Land Judging photo albums.

"I am a strong believer in LUCK and I find the harder I work... The More I Have Of It."
-Benjamin Franklin

LAND JUDGING IN THE SUMMER MONTHS

The FFA went to two land judging competitions during the summer months. The practice competition was in Monroe WI and was held in early July. The State competition was held at Farm Technology Days in Waterloo. At the State competition Craig had two teams compete one in the senior division and one in the junior division. The senior team finished 11th place out of a total of 19 teams. Greta Arndt was the highest placing individual

for the senior team placing 27th out of 78. The junior team placed in the middle of the pack, but Eliza Arndt placed 10th out of 36 for her individual score. The senior team consisted of: Greta Arndt, Hattie Arndt, Megan Daluge and Sarah Johnson. The junior team included Eliza Arndt, Theresa Larson and Michael Baumann.

Land judging is a competition that is open to any FFA member. If you are interested in being on this year's land judging team

MRS. SKEMP'S FAMILY FARM TRIP

This summer six students traveled to Hollandale Wisconsin to Mrs. Skemp's family dairy farm. Students who attended were: Nate Kalish, Greta Arndt, Katie Rich, Allison Funk, Stephanie Kalish, and Hattie Arndt. While at the farm the students each had the opportunity to milk cows, ride horses, ride 4-wheelers, feed calves, watch a cow

being artificial inseminated, and play with the many animals on the farm. The students also had a rare opportunity to visit a neighbor's hobby farm. While at the hobby farm the students saw a three day old donkey, pot bellied pig, goats, chickens, ducks, rabbits, cats, and miniature horses. Students spent the night at the farm.

We also had the opportunity to see Mrs. Skemp's elementary school, middle/high school, and eat ice cream from the local gas station. Everyone had lots of fun.

To see more pictures go to the Craig website www.janesvillecraigffa.org and click on photos and Mrs. Skemp's Farm photo album.



FFA STUDENTS EXHIBIT AT THE ROCK COUNTY FAIR

This year the Craig FFA had 26 FFA members exhibiting at the Rock County Fair. Students showed dairy, beef, swine, rabbits, horses, and sheep. We also had students enter projects in cooking, painting, clothing, photography, crops, plants, and gardening. The Craig FFA was represented by Kelsey Andrews and Tyler Briggs for the fair royalty court. Each FFA member that exhibited did well and they all received ribbons for their accomplishments.

Any FFA member can exhibit at the Rock County Fair.

STATE FFA CONVENTION IN MADISON

Each June students from the Craig FFA chapter are recognized for their accomplishments at the State FFA Convention in Madison. This past June the convention was held during finals week at Craig, so only students receiving awards attended the conference.

Jessica Liebelt, Tyler Briggs, KC Powers, and Kelsey Andrews all received their State FFA Degree. The State Degree is the highest degree that FFA students can receive from the State. Students must take agriculture classes,

Information about the fair is handed out at the FFA meetings and forms need to be turned in on time. If you are interested in exhibiting at the Rock County Fair this year see Mrs. Skemp or Mrs. Runde for information.

To see more pictures go to the Craig website www.janesvillecraigffa.org and click on photos and Rock County photo album.

have an SAE, receive a C average or higher grade point average, and have community service hours in order to obtain this degree. The Craig FFA chapter was also recognized at the convention for our website and scrapbook. The chapter website was awarded a red ribbon and the scrapbook was awarded a white ribbon.

Jessica Liebelt, Tyler Briggs, Kelsey Andrews, and KC Powers were also recognized at convention for their gold placing proficiency applications based off of

Below: Megan Vincent



Below: Sara Johnson



Greta Arndt with her steer



Allison Funk with her cow

their SAE projects. Jessica worked at the Janesville West Veterinary Clinic and placed gold in the Veterinary Science and Ag Sales placement proficiency areas. Kelsey Andrews worked at Mounds and placed gold in the Ag Sales placement proficiency area. Tyler Briggs worked at Funk Farms and placed gold in the Dairy Science Placement proficiency area.

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Jessica Liebelt, Tyler Briggs, and Kelsey Andrews showing off their State FFA Degrees

WORLD DAIRY EXPO

On Tuesday, September 29th 40 students attended the World Dairy Expo in Madison. While at the World Dairy Expo students watched a dairy cattle show, talk to local vendors of the dairy industry, judge dairy cattle, and dairy products, and meet other Wisconsin FFA members.

The dairy judging team

placed 10th out of 127 teams at the Expo. Dakota Neimeier placed 17th individual and was the top finisher for Craig. Allison Funk and Megan Daluge were the other two team members. The dairy products judging team placed 33rd out of 84 teams. Sarah Pruefer placed 20th individual and was the top

finisher for Craig. Dayna Halloran and Kaylyn Funk were the other two team members.

To see more pictures go to the Craig website www.janesvillecraigffa.org and click on photos and World Dairy Expo photo album.

RUNDE BENEFIT

This summer Mrs. Runde's husband passed away suddenly unexpectedly. The Janesville FFA Alumni along with the help of the Craig FFA chapter and many other organizations is planning the benefit. FFA students will be working at the benefit to help serve food, clean-up, run games, and to help with the auctions.

Janesville Craig FFA
Mrs. Runde & Mrs. Skemp
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Janesville, WI 53545

RUNDE FAMILY BENEFIT In honor of Brian Runde

WHEN: Friday, October 16th

WHERE: Rock County Fair Grounds

WHAT: Silent Auction 5pm
Costume Contest 6pm
Live Auction 7:30pm
Hay Rides
Food & Drinks
Kid's Games
Pumpkin Decorating/Carving Contest

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To donate please contact Stacy Skemp
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HOW TO STAY INFORMED ABOUT FFA

If you are wondering what the FFA is up to or what events the FFA has coming up in the next month look to the website or the white board outside of room 816. The website is www.janesvillecraigffa.org and there is more to see than just the calendar and the website is updated weekly.

OCTOBER

- Parli Pro every Sunday work time 5-7pm
- 9th FFA Homecoming
- 10th FIRE Conference@ U-W Madison
- 15th FFA Meeting @ lunch
- 16th Runde Benefit @ 5pm @ Craig Center
- 21-24 National FFA Convention

NOVEMBER

- Parli Pro every Sunday work time 5-7pm
- 6th End of 1st Quarter
- 11-12th Parent Teacher conference.
- 13-14th MFE/ALD@ Eau Claire
- 18th Jim Wand Assembly and Show
- 19th FFA Meeting at Lunch and Advisory

FFA

Motto

*"Learning to do
Doing to learn
Earning to live
Living to serve"*

