

# Hillsboro FFA Chapter Newsletter

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## Coop Conference:

L to r, Riley Dixon, Brendan Beach, and Savannah Slightom, represented the Hillsboro FFA Chapter at the Southern Illinois University – Carbondale Cooperative Conference, June 10-11. The three had the opportunity to learn in some depth what the cooperative way of doing business means as well as having the opportunity to set up and run a small cooperative during the conference.



## Chapter Officer Retreat:

L to r, Noah Gallion, Tommy Justison, Gabe Osborn, Emma Anderson, Brendan Beach, and Abbi Mehlberg attended the chapter officer retreat at the Lincoln Land College campus in Litchfield, June 6, 2011. These officers discussed upcoming plans, how to serve the members better, and set some goals for the chapter for the coming year.



## State FFA Convention:

The Hillsboro FFA Chapter received first place with their chapter exhibit at the state FFA convention June 14-16. Pictured l to r, are Eric Pinkerton, Emma Anderson, Gabe Osborn, Brendan Beach, Tommy Justison, and Noah Gallion.

The exhibit was in the form of a movie theater with the movie showing of the chapter's year in review. This was used to reflect the convention's theme of "FFA – In the Spotlight."

Anderson and Justison also served in the State FFA Chorus that performed during the convention. The chapter's voting delegates, helping to elect the 2011-12 state FFA officer team were Tommy Justison and Gabe Osborn.

Also at the convention Patricia Justison was recognized for winning the Agricultural Mechanics Energy Systems proficiency award. She now forwards her application on to the national level.

On the last day of the convention, P. Justison, left, and Andrew Wedekind (pictured below) received their State FFA Degrees. This is the highest degree the state association can confer upon its members.



#### **Washington Leadership Conference:**

Brendan Beach and Tommy Justison represented the chapter at the Washington Leadership Conference in Washington, D.C., June 27-July 3. During the week the two received training on becoming authentic leaders, learning what all is involved in developing their leadership abilities. Various sites around the nation's capitol helped the members see how to apply their skills.



#### **Most Active Club Trip:**

Left to right, Gabe Osborn, Noah Gallion, Blake Baum, Kord Lewey, Tommy Justison, Brendan Beach, Patricia Justison, Emma Anderson, Andrew Wedekind, and Erik Elliott visited the Tennessee State Agricultural Museum in Nashville, TN. Nashville was the final destination for the members on this year's trip. These members had earned enough points on the chapter's point system to enable them to go on the trip. Other activities included the Tennessee River Pearl Farm, Chaffin's Barn Dinner Theatre, Stones River Battlefield, Country Music Hall of Fame and Museum, the Hermitage – Andrew Jackson's home, and Ryman Auditorium. Next year's trip will be to either Chicago, IL, or Kansas City, MO.

#### **Hillsboro Tractor Show:**

The Hillsboro FFA Chapter conducted the pedal tractor pull again for the Hillsboro Tractor Show, July 16. There were two divisions with four classes in each – Standard division with ages 3-4, 5-6, 7-8, and 9-10; and Modified division with female under 16, female 16 and older, male under 16, and male 16 and older.

#### **FFA meetings:**

The chapter held meetings on June 13 and July 18. Main activities discussed at the meetings included setting the 2011-12 chapter goals, deciding to have the Old Settlers pork pattie stand, and to publish a school activity calendar, similar to one the chapter had published up until about 5

years ago. The calendar will have all the dates that are known as of Aug. 1, and will be available at the chapter's tailgating parties this fall.



### **Chapter donates to Salvation Army:**

The Hillsboro FFA Chapter recently donated their share of the Illinois Products Expo income to the Hillsboro Salvation Army. Pictured l to r, are Manager Kathie Gonet, Assistant Manager Veronica Boas, Hillsboro FFA Chapter President Tommy Justison, Treasurer Brendan Beach, and Secretary Gabe Osborn.

The money was the FFA chapter's share of the soda sales at the Illinois Products Expo in March. The chapter decided to donate the money to the Salvation Army.



### **Hillsboro FFA at State Leadership Camp:**

Tommy Justison, second from left, and Brendan Beach, second from right are representing the Hillsboro FFA Chapter at the State Leadership Camp in Monticello, July 27-31. They are

pictured with State Treasurer Clayton Carley and Section 19 President Alex Russell.

### **Tailgating parties:**

The chapter will continue their tailgating parties before each home varsity football game this year. The first will be Aug. 26. Serving will be from 4:30 to 8 pm. Menu includes pork patties, Italian sausage, soda, and Marcoot Creamery Ice Cream. The chapter will plan to have lots of the Hiltopper flavor on hand. For those that don't remember – it is vanilla ice cream colored orange with oreos and reese's pieces. We hope to see you there.

### **Upcoming Dates to Remember:**

- Aug. 11 - FFA Officer meeting and program of activities review.
- Aug. 15 - FFA meeting with special activities for the incoming new members.
- Aug. 16 - First day of school
- Aug. 17-18 – Running the pork pattie stand at Old Settlers.
- Aug. 26 - First tailgating party of the season featuring pork patties, Italian sausage, soda, and Marcoot Creamery Ice Cream.