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Hoopeston Area FFA students bring home convention honors

SPRINGFIELD – Members of the Hoopeston Area FFA Chapter attended the 88th annual Illinois State FFA Convention on June 14-16 along with 3,500 other FFA members, advisors, and guests.



Megan Schmid and Gage Glotzbach

“BUILD” was the theme of the three-day event which recognizes annual successes of Illinois FFA members, elects the major state officer team, and celebrates agriculture. Students at the convention were greeted with activities including an exhibit hall featuring colleges and businesses, an evening dance and talent show, and an opportunity to engage in the history of Illinois’ capital city.



Bailey Theesfeld and Brady Moore

The convention program featured keynote presentations by National FFA Secretary Nick

Baker and National Football League chaplain and former player Ray McElroy. Attendees were also entertained by Mark Hood, a former contestant on “The Voice” as well as an Illinois FFA alumnus from Chicago.



Daniel Bass and Olivia Huls

During the convention, the following awards were presented to the Hoopeston Area FFA chapter:

National Chapter Award, Student Development Section Winner: As part of the National Chapter Award program and the chapter's program of activities, student development is designed to encourage the chapter to develop individual and cooperative activities to enhance students' life skills.



Nate Bushong and Corey Moore

National Chapter Award, Chapter Development Section Winner: As part of the

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Briefly

Retirement party for chaplain

Hoopeston Police Department will honor retiring Chaplain, the Rev. Lewis Mershon, from noon to 1 p.m. Thursday, June 30 at Hoopeston City Hall. Mershon has served the department as chaplain for 11 years.

Everyone is invited to join the department in honoring Rev. Mershon for his years of voluntary service to the community.

Reservation reminder

John Greer High School Class of 1953 members are reminded to make reservations for the yearly class luncheon at 1 p.m. Friday, July 22 at Autumn Fields. Reservations are required and should be made by July 1 to Bette Schmid or Ruth Neathery.

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National Chapter Award program and the chapter's program of activities, chapter development is designed to encourage opportunities and service for members, such as promoting increased member participation and financial responsibility, creating a positive image, and interacting with support groups and cooperatives through organized activities.

National Chapter Award, Community Development Section Winner: As part of the National Chapter Award program and the chapter's program of activities, community development is designed to encourage the local development of FFA partnerships with alumni affiliates and other organizations while taking a leadership role in making the community a better place to live and work.

Banker's Plaque Award Section Winner: The Bankers Plaque is given to the chapter in each section with the highest overall score on the National Chapter Award application. This award is sponsored by the Illinois Bankers Association.

The Illinois Association FFA is part of the National FFA Organization, formerly known as the Future Farmers of America. More than 17,500 students are in enrolled 333 different

Weather

Mostly sunny today. High 83. Tonight, chance of thunderstorms. Low 63. Tomorrow, storms likely. High 84, low 68.

The Gathering

Rossville area senior citizens are invited to The Gathering, at 1 p.m. Thursday at the fire station.

Fire Calls

Hoopeston Fire Department was called at 6 p.m. Sunday to Schumacher Electric, 1025 E. Thompson, for a report of heavy smoke coming from the building. The fire was put out and Ameren notified. No injuries were reported.

Firemen were called twice Sunday to Country Terrace, 701 E. Orange, for a malfunctioning alarm. Calls came in at 4:06 p.m. and 9:29 p.m. The alarm company was notified to service the alarm.

FFA chapters in the State of Illinois. FFA is a national youth organization of 629,367 student members – all preparing for leadership and careers in the science, business, and technology of agriculture. The FFA mission is to make a positive difference in the lives of students by developing their potential for premier leadership, personal growth, and career success through agricultural education. Visit www.illinoisffa.org for more information.

About the Illinois Foundation FFA
Illinois Foundation FFA engages individuals, industry, education, government, and foundations in securing funds to support quality agricultural education and FFA programs in Illinois, including providing awards at the State FFA Convention. To learn more and become involved, visit www.illinoisffafoundation.org.

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