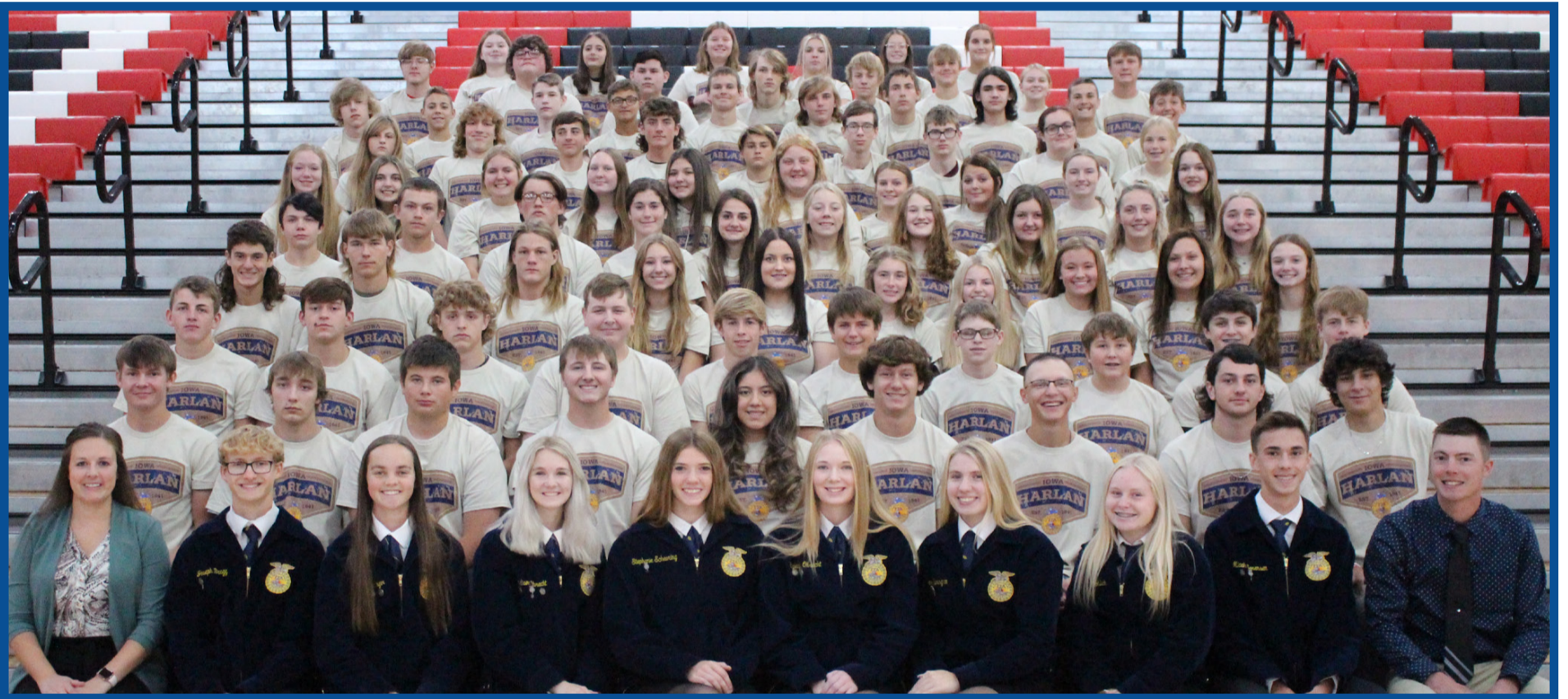




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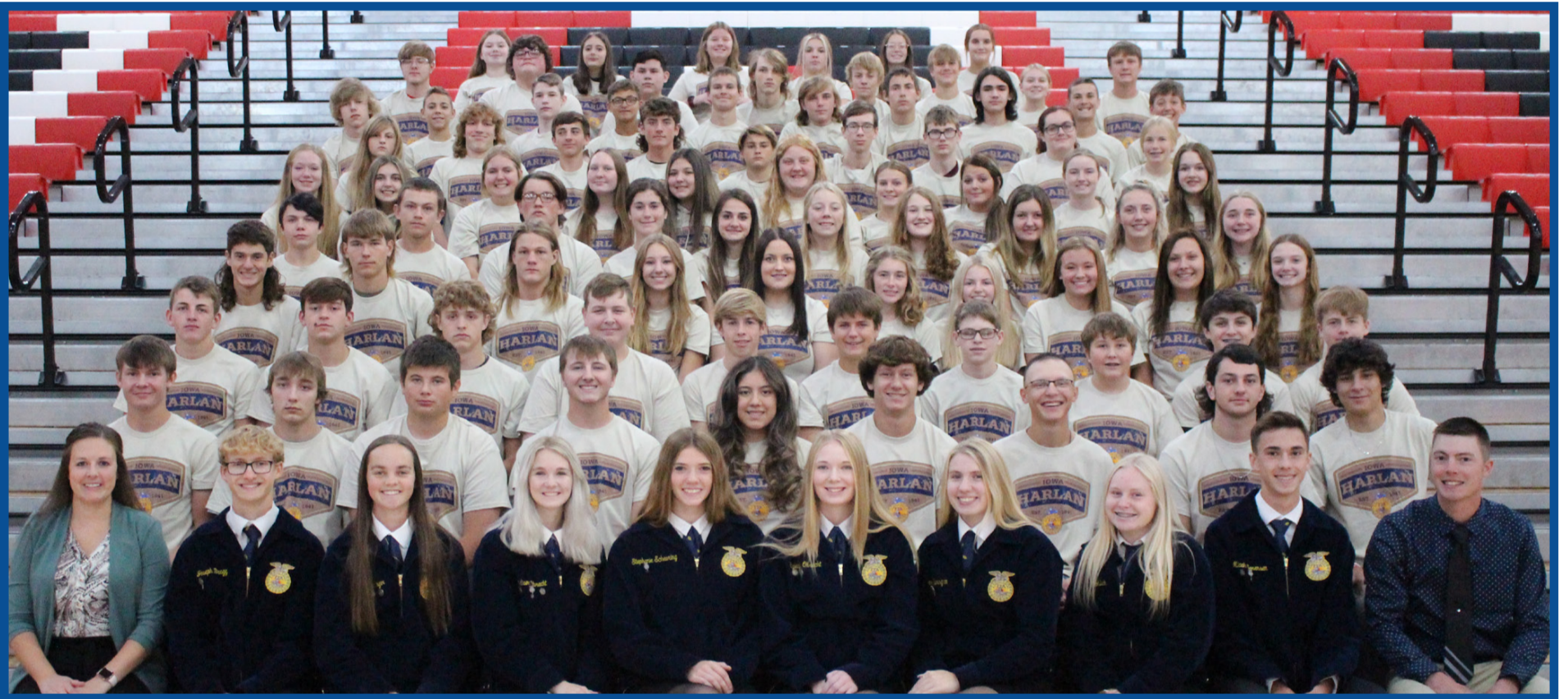


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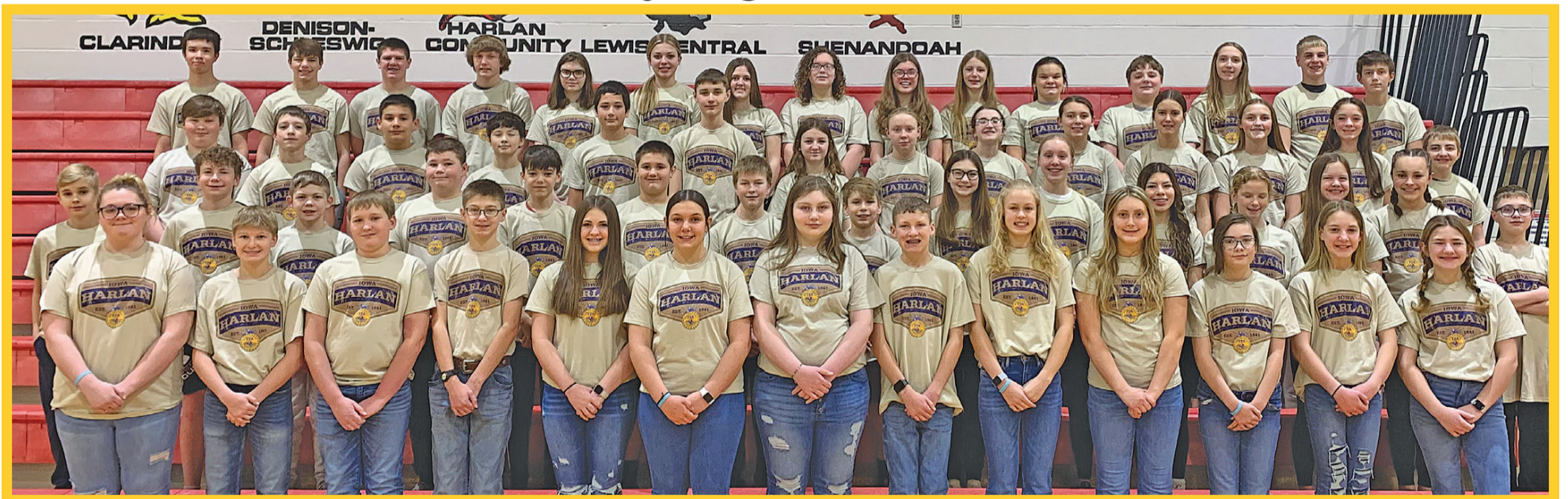
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Harlan FFA Chapter Celebrates 2023 National FFA Week

The Harlan Community School District's FFA Chapter celebrated National FFA Week, February 18-25, 2023. More than 850,000 members participated in National FFA Week activities at local, state and national levels.

Designated as National FFA Week in 1947, the week of George Washington's birthday is FFA Week, and runs from Saturday to Saturday. FFA Week gives FFA members an opportunity to educate the public about agriculture. During the week, chapters across the nation conduct a variety of activities to help others in their school and community learn about FFA and agricultural education. Harlan FFA celebrated National FFA Week by participating in various activities throughout the week. A coloring contest was held for all PK-5th grade students, with prizes being awarded to each grade level. Members hosted a faculty appreciation breakfast at the high school during the week. Other fun activities were school dress up days themed towards agriculture or FFA, FFA trivia activities, and an FFA Emblem scavenger hunt.

Today, FFA provides the next generation of leaders who will change the world. As the top school-based youth lead-

ership development organization in the nation, FFA helps young people meet new agricultural challenges by developing their unique talents and exploring their interests in a broad range of career pathways. FFA members are our future leaders, our future food suppliers, our future innovators and more!

The National FFA Organization is a school-based national youth leadership development organization of more than 850,000 student members as part of 8,995 local FFA chapters in all 50 states, Puerto Rico, and the Virgin Islands.

Harlan FFA stands strong at 180 middle school, high school, and college members. The FFA Mission states: "FFA makes a positive difference in the lives of students by developing their potential for premier leadership, personal growth and career success through agricultural education." Harlan FFA members' "Premier leadership" is built through participating in FFA Leadership Career Development Events. Students work on their "personal growth and career success" through their Supervised Agricultural Experience Projects and participation in Ag Skills Career

Development Events. Students' entrepreneurship projects include market and breeding beef, swine, sheep, horse, rabbits, and chickens. Placement projects include working on farms and at local agricultural businesses. Students in the agriculture program at Harlan Community Schools have the opportunity to learn real world connections by working with area businesses and hands on learning opportunities in the classroom, shop or greenhouse.

Annual community development activities include conducting the Food for America Program, a service project conducted by the FFA seniors to teach elementary students various agriculture related topics. FFA also assists with various service projects around the Harlan Community including cancer awareness fundraisers, food drives and promoting agriculture safety and advocacy. Members hold the values of the FFA Creed, "I believe that American agriculture can and will hold true to the best traditions of our national life and that I can exert an influence in my home and community which will stand solid for my part in that inspiring task."

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Learning to Do - One of the national requirements of being an FFA member is to be enrolled in an agricultural education class. At Harlan Community we have various agriculture classes for 7th-12th grade students. Classes focus on introductory agriculture, careers, animal and plant science, agricultural business, and agricultural mechanics. A large part of learning in agriculture classes is focused on hands-on, research and inquiry-based learning.



Ag 2/Agronomy students take a yearly trip to FSC in Defiance to gain a real world experience in the industry.



Eighth grade Agriculture students, Avery Manz, Abby Curren, Aubree Wegner, Kerrigan Kruse, and Kenzley Bruck mastering their beef jerky marinade recipes.



Ag 2/Agronomy students, Kendall Kohles and Aubrey Schwieso doing a lab focused on soil organisms.

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Brylee Schechinger is pictured with her broiler trio being exhibited at the Shelby County Fair.

“Earning to Live”

Supervised Agriculture Experience Programs - High School FFA members are all required to have a Supervised Agriculture Experience Program. Some of our members take these programs very seriously, earning awards based on these projects. Records are kept for SAE projects on the Agricultural Experience Tracker online program.



Katy Schmitz and Sydney O'Neill are pictured with their horses they exhibited at the county and state fair.



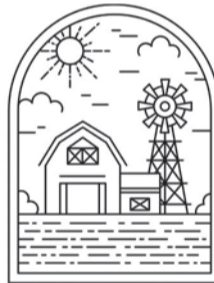
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“Doing to Learn”

Doing to Learn - FFA members compete in a variety of different leadership and career development competitions throughout the school year. Members compete in career skills events in the areas of livestock judging, soil judging, agriculture mechanics, agriculture sales, etc. Leadership competitions focus on public speaking and communication skills. Members read, write, and speak as part of all of the leadership competitions. These contests are meant to build career skills that will be valuable for FFA members’ futures, whether it be in agriculture or a career outside of the agriculture industry. Students also gain real world connections in class by partnering with local businesses or utilizing the shop or greenhouse facilities.

Below: One Career Development Event our chapter has excelled in is soil judging. Pictured is the team of Brylee Schechinger, Teya Frohlich, Emily Schechinger, and Marissa Schmidt from this past year at a practice event.



Yearly the Ag 2/Agronomy class partners with Farm Service Coop to utilize a crop plot area. The class makes decisions on seed selection and some fertilizer and pesticide applications.



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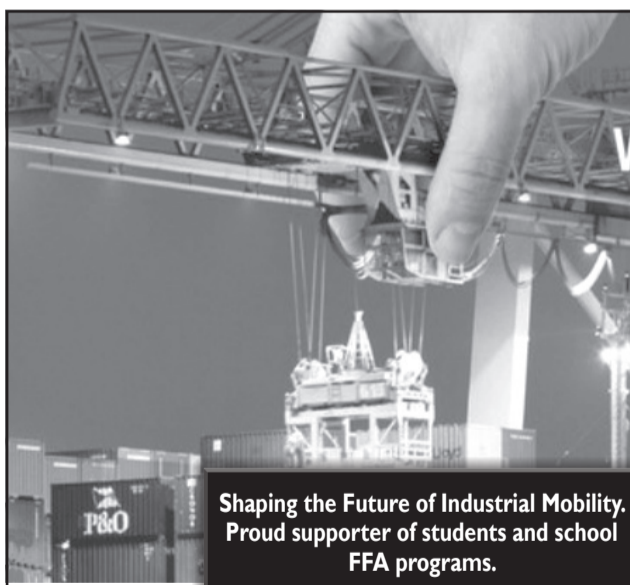
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Above: Tyler Fergason, Teya Frohlich, Cheyenne Obrecht, Ryleigh Obrecht, Olivia Jens, Stephanie Scheuring, and Ania Kaster helping bag trees that are handed out to all Harlan Community 5th graders on Arbor Day.

Right: Madison Thompson, Allison Retzlaff, Kienna Wilwending, Brylie Kenkel, Emma Zaiger, and Ashley Tunender helping with the Blue/Pink Out Spaghetti Supper.

“Living to Serve”

Living to Serve FFA members are active in their community helping with various projects. One of the recent highlights was the Blue/Pink Out Spaghetti Supper FFA members conducted. FFA members, with the assistance of FCS students, prepared the meal and served the meal at the same time as the Blue/Pink Out basketball event. The chapter was able to raise \$1,700 during this event. The free will donations collected from the meal were donated to the American Cancer Society/Shelby County Relay for Life. Yearly the chapter also helps with the annual Arbor Day Activities that the Shelby County Plant Iowa group leads.



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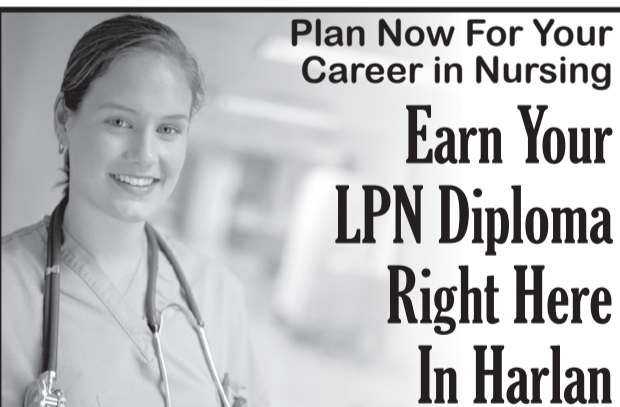
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