

Tuscola FFA Planning Bigs Things for FFA Week

By **DOMINIK STALLINGS**
Tuscola's FFA chapter is planning big things for the upcoming FFA week, starting Feb. 19. FFA officers Brogan Rennert and Claire Meyer said students will have different dress-up days and activi-

ties for each day of the week. On Friday, Feb. 24, students and Tuscola alike will be able to take part in the Barnyard event. Students will begin their FFA spirit week on Tuesday, Feb. 21, students are encour-

aged to partner up find and match their outfits. Some of the FFA members will also drive their tractors to school. Rennert said that kids can come outside and see the tractors and learn how they operate. There will also be a truck competition along with the tractor event.

Students are encouraged to wear FFA colors on Wednesday, which are blue and gold. FFA members will wear their official dress as well. The officers organized a catered lunch for the teachers to show their appreciation for the event.

Thursday will have one of the bigger events of the week. Students are taking part in the "Ag Olympics," and play a variety of games. "Thing to the future," is the dress theme for the day. Students will dress up as the career of their choice.

The students will have a large variety of games to compete in. In "Beep Beep Sheep," kids will herd white balloon "sheep" with a broom. There will also be an egg toss, tug of war, a bale toss, "human seed sack race," where students put on a pair of overalls, flannel, bib and a hat and carry their teammate across the gym in a race.

Students can show off their carpentry and forestry skills with "Hammerschlagen," where students drive nails into a tree stump.

Those with the biggest appetite might be able to win some prizes in the pie eating, or hard-boiled egg eating contests. Kids with a love for milk can participate in the milk drinking contest as well.

Friday's activities will in-

volve the Tuscola community as well. FFA is hosting their "Barnyard," event from 8 a.m. - 4 p.m. FFA members will bring farm animals for students and visitors to see and enjoy. Students get to dress up like farmers to finish the look as well. Students from North Ward and East Prairie will come over and visit to learn more about the animals. FFA officers said they plan on bringing a horse, a cow with calf, chickens, sheep, puppies, and a cat and dog.

"Barnyard is the day I'm most excited for. Helping the children learn is very exciting as someone who is in Ag," said Rennert.

Meyer said she is excited for Friday as well, because she likes interacting with the students. She also likes seeing how other students, who have't been raised on farms, react around the animals.

"Also looking forward the Olympics because we get to involve the entire school," said Meyer.

FFA members are also looking forward to Ag. literacy in March. Meyer said she is on the Ag. literacy committee and discusses with other FFA

members how to incorporate youth in agriculture. During the literacy event in March they will do lessons with the students to learn more about agriculture and how important it is in their daily lives.

FFA alumni will also host a big community event, the FFA Alumni Pie Auction, March 11, which is their biggest fund-

raiser all year. April 26, FFA students will take the time to recognize every FFA member and supporters at the FFA Banquet at the end of the year. Meyer and Rennert said they were both grateful of their FFA teacher Mrs. Schoon, who helped them organize the events as their FFA advisor.



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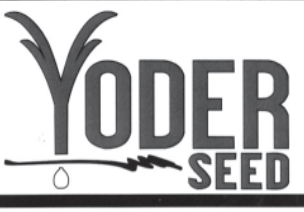
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Tuscola FFA Barnyard

When: February 24th 8:00-5:30

Where: Tuscola Community High School- The Ag Shop

Everyone in the community is invited!!



FFA Week at a glance:

- Twin Tuesday & Drive your Tractor to School
- Blue and Gold Wednesday & Teacher Apperication Lunch
- Think to Your Future Thursday & Ag Olympics
- Farmer Friday & Barnyard

