

The Corduroy Connection

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Lt. Governor, Sue Ellspermann, received a round of applause as she thanked the FFA members and State Officers for their attendance. She then gave everyone an inspiring speech about how appreciating FFA now, can help us apply the knowledge and skills we have acquired to our everyday lives.

By Dani Alspaugh



State Officer Opening Ceremony



The Indiana FFA State Officers kicked off this year's convention with the traditional three taps of the gavel.



Caleb Gustin impacted everyone with his inspiring speech, reminding everyone to "set your sights at what you want to hit, breathe in, breathe out, and hit your target."

By Dani Alspaugh

Talent Presentation

Two members of our Indiana FFA team braved stage fright and displayed great passion in the presentation of their talents. From Martinsville FFA, Kennedy Zig sang her heart out to the song 'Swingin!'.

The second presentation of talent was beautifully executed by Miss Courtney. The audience was awed by the beautifully choreographed dance to Katy Perry's 'Colorful'.

By Rebecca Rubel



Community Service

Scottsburg FFA and White River FFA joined together to do a community service project at Dennis Burton Child Care Center, a local daycare. Together they helped weed and plant vegetables in two raised flowerbeds. They also weeded the front flower garden and removed brush from the children's playground. The staff was very grateful for the time these hard working FFA members put in to improve the facility for the young kids in their care!

By Sara Edwards

Retiring Addresses: Derek Berkshire & Jacob Mueller

Indiana State Sentinel Derek Berkshire gave his retiring address. His main topic was how he grew up playing soccer. His main quote was, "Am I good enough?" He shared some of his hardships in learning to have fun in the game, and realizing that he was good enough to go to the places he wanted to go. This didn't only entail just his favorite sport, but with FFA as well. Mr. Berkshire was definitely right in the moral of his speech.

By Sara Edwards

Keynote Speaker

Katie Stam Irk, 2009 Miss America, spoke as the keynote speaker for this year's first session. Growing up on a dairy farm in Seymour, IN, she was the very first Miss America from Indiana. Mrs. Irk now serves as the official spokesperson for Midwest Ag Finance. She spoke about her experience serving as Miss America. She stated, "It is the courage to continue that counts during these rougher times throughout our lives." It was a great speech on how a small town girl made history becoming Miss America.

By Sara Edwards



Jacob Mueller spoke about a memorable experience at a concert at National FFA Convention & an experience at McDonalds as a child wanting a Buzz Lightyear toy. In both cases he thought he knew what he wanted, but in reality he wanted "more". As he searched for his passion he met a past National Officer who had a similar experience looking for "more", and found what it was when he was at the top of his FFA career and put his future in God's hands. Jacob Mueller urges everyone to go all out and do their very best.

By Allison Schwartz

Guess That FFA State Officer Answers: The Harry Potter obsession belongs to Kathleen Jacobs. The State Officer that is keen on organizing is Jacob Mueller.