

National FFA Week, February 16-23

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CARLEISLE - Members of Nicholas County High School's Future Farmers of America will join over 11,000 Kentucky members in celebrating national FFA week, February 16-23.

The local FFA chapter joins members across the nation to promote the theme of "Leadership For a Growing Future."

NCHS has been a member of the Kentucky Association of FFA since its inception in 1950.

The Future Farmers meet once a month and discuss the changing times of the agriculture industry, and prepare for the future.

Local chapter president Allan Welch said "Our group tries to learn as much as we can about farming."

The Nicholas County FFA attends many shows and competitions, including Merohard State University's and the University of Kentucky's exhibitions.

The local FFA also has several fund raisers a year to pay for their field trips.

The group also raises about 1500 pounds of tobacco on the school's property. The school gets half the proceeds, and the other half goes to the rest.



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Officers for the NCHS chapter of the Future Farmers of America (left to right): Allan Welch, president; Steven Mosley, vice-president; Michelle Brewer, secretary; Janice White, Denise White, Central; Malcolm Berry, Reporter.

Nicholas FFA Chapter also to celebrate the week

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CARLEISLE - The Nicholas County FFA chapter at Nicholas County High School, an affiliated member of the Future Homemakers of America, joins 11,000 other chapters in celebrating National FFA Week, February 16-23.

Observed as part of National Education Week, the annual event allows the local chapters to display their background in home economics.

The sponsors of the NCHS chapter are Bonnie Metcalf, Martha Taylor, and Karen Gilbert. Together, they try to help the members attain their goal of "A Better Home and Family Living."

Metcalf said that the local group is interested in making the family a stronger unit and promoting the members' individual growth.

The local FFA chapter has served Nicholas County since the national inception of the program in 1945.

Since then, over eight million members have been involved in FFA.

The Nicholas County group is active in the community. This year, the club has conducted tours for the Nicholas County Historical Society, performed Halloween safety skills for the elementary students, conducted projects for the local nursing home, and provided child care for the Head Start Program.

The chapter still finds time to attend various exhibitions and state-wide meetings.

The group meets once a month at NCHS, and has a wide range of plans to keep its members occupied.

The group is currently raising funds for an FFA scholarship, given to a senior member of the chapter.

Officers for the current school year are:

- Alli Hatten, President
- Tammy Wagner, Vice-President for Programs
- Anne Koury, Vice-President for Site Events
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