

# *Purdue AgEd Views*

For alumni and friends of Agricultural Education  
at Purdue University

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## **Excitement Abounds for Purdue AgEd!**

Welcome Spring! Purdue Men's basketball made the NCAA Tournament, a Purdue education is both affordable and of great value, and changes are underway for Agricultural Education.

- Scholarships continue to increase with the addition of the Conda and Freda Martin Family Memorial Scholarship.
- Dan Gottschalk retired at the end of Fall 2014 semester.
- After 10 years as YDAE's first department head, Dr. Roger Tormoehlen is stepping down.

Hope you enjoy reading through the 20<sup>th</sup> edition of *Purdue AgEd Views*!

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## *Dan Gottschalk Retires as Academic Advisor for Agricultural Education at Purdue*

On December 31, 2014, Daniel L. Gottschalk effectively retired as the Academic Advisor for Agricultural Education. For the past 20 years, Dan provided excellent support and guidance to our undergraduate students in the Agricultural Education option at Purdue University. His dedication to our students has been essential in helping us provide a quality program and an effective learning environment.

If you would like to send a letter congratulating Dan on his service, we will be compiling all letters, cards, and greetings and presenting them to him at a reception on Tuesday, June 16, 2015, beginning at 6:00 p.m. just prior to the 7:00 p.m. Opening Session of the 86<sup>th</sup> Indiana FFA State Convention. The reception will be held in the old PMO Lounge located in Elliott Hall of Music, Room 141. The easiest way to the Lounge is to go down Aisle 1 & 2 towards the stage in the main auditorium and turn left towards the exit doors. Go through the first set of exit doors and the access to the Lounge will be directly to your right. Look for signage to help direct you to the room. Please send all correspondence for Dan to:

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We ask that all correspondence for Dan be received in our office by Friday, June 12, 2015. If you would like to email Dan, his address is: dgott@purdue.edu



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# Agricultural Education Scholarship Recipients

The following students are 2014-2015 school year scholarship recipients:

## AGRICULTURAL EDUCATION

### **Purdue Agricultural Education Endowment**

Elizabeth Brown	Skylar Campbell
Catherine Chustak	Andrew Dardini
Anna Hall	Ashley Kirtman
Emelia Kratz	Caroline Kuhn
Wyatt Lucas	Jacob Mattox
Kristie Neighbors	Travis Olinske
Tyler Olinske	Emily Overs
Jordan Paine	Alexis Pearson
Kelsey Quinn	Kelsey Shaw
Matthew Summerlot	Macie Wippel
Bridgette Yanos	

### **W.I. Boyd Memorial**

Audrey Neuman

### **Dr. Robert Brinson**

Catherine Chustak	Jacob Mattox
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### **CAERT**

Anna Hall

### **Dr. James Clouse**

Olivia Steckler

### **Florida Fruit Company**

Kelsey Quinn	Alexis Pearson
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### **Gary and Jean Geswein**

Andrew Helming

### **Indiana Association of Agricultural Educators**

Travis Olinske	Macie Wippel
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### **Indiana Farm Bureau, Inc.**

Bridgette Yanos

### **Christian Kropf Fundraising**

Elizabeth Brown	Wyatt Lucas
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### **Lois Maddox Memorial**

Emily Overs

### **National Association of Agricultural Educators**

Kelsey Shaw	Matthew Summerlot
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### **Dr. Jerry L. and Susan M. Peters**

Ashley Fritz

### **Terry Robertson-Smith**

Skylar Campbell

### **Terry and Joanne Small**

Sarah Correll

### **Eric Steiner**

Laura Crosby

## COLLEGE OF AGRICULTURE

### **Leonard B. Clore Scholarship**

Andrew Helming

### **Farm Credit Services of Mid-America Scholarship**

Sarah Correll

### **Goecker Scholarship**

Catherine Chustak

### **Gruel Memorial Endowment Scholarship**

Andrew Helming	Emelia Kratz
Audrey Neuman	Travis Olinske
Tyler Olinske	Olivia Steckler

### **Rex Hall Memorial Scholarship**

Holly Kyler	Jacob Mattox
Adam Miller	Kristie Neighbors

### **Paul J. Hellmich and Robert J. Hellmich Scholarship**

Laura Crosby

### **Wayne and Barbara Jennings Memorial Scholarship**

Skylar Campbell	Bradley Laidig
Casondra Lehmann	

### **William G. and Marilyn A. McVay Scholarship**

Kelsey Quinn

### **Milligan Agricultural Scholarship**

Ashley Fritz

### **J. Kelly O'Neill and Margaret Ritchey O'Neill Memorial Scholarship**

Sarah Correll	Jestine Furness
Emily Overs	Kelsey Shaw
Matthew Summerlot	

### **Harry L. Pearson Outstanding Leader**

Sarah Correll	Laura Crosby
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### **Herbert E. Parker Memorial Scholarship**

Mallarie Stookey

### **Walter Pugsley Scholarship Fund**

Bridgette Yanos

### **Lewis Runkle Scholarship Endowment**

Emily Overs	Kelsey Shaw
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### **Lloyd and Gene Sellers Scholarship Fund**

Sarah Correll

### **Hillis D. and Esther M. Wickizer Scholarship**

Kelsey Shaw

### **F. Richard Willsey and Helen Willsey Scholarship**

Sarah Correll	Emelia Kratz
Olivia Steckler	Matthew Summerlot

### **Van Scoy Scholarship in Agriculture**

Macie Wippel

### **Mauri and June Williamson Agriculture Ambassador Scholarship**

Macie Wippel

Upper Division Scholarships

Emelia Kratz

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## Students Excel at National FFA Convention

Purdue Agricultural Education students recognized at the National FFA Convention were:

**2014 Proficiency State Winner**

Caroline Kuhn  
Alexis Pearson

**2014 American Degree Recipients**

Skylar Campbell	Laura Crosby
Cameron Frazier	Ashley Kincaid
Caroline Kuhn	Lucinda Phares

Purdue Agricultural Education students serving as tour guides and recruiters were:

**2014 CDE Tour Guides**

Marina (Cadle) Mullen	Ashley Kincaid
Ashley Kirtman	Shelbi Louck
Jacob Mattox	Travis Olinske
Brandon Rice	Mallarie Stookey
Olivia Steckler	Macie Wippel

**2014 Career Show Booth**

Skylar Campbell	Laura Crosby
Jacob Mattox	Travis Olinske
Olivia Steckler	Mallarie Stookey
Matthew Summerlot	Macie Wippel

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## Outstanding Members Selected

Each year, Indiana Farm Bureau sponsors awards for outstanding members of IAAE-Purdue. The selection is based on student's grade point average, participation in organization activities, and service to IAAE-Purdue. The following students were selected as award recipients at the 2013 and 2014 banquets for their respective years:

**2013**

Skylar Campbell, Sarah Correll, Olivia Steckler.....	Outstanding Freshmen
Ashley Fritz, Andrew Helming .....	Outstanding Sophomores
Abby Coy, Janna Oxford, Katie Pitts .....	Outstanding Juniors
Ashley Wehner, Amanda Workman.....	Outstanding Seniors

**2014**

Laura Crosby, Jordan Paine, Matthew Summerlot.....	Outstanding Freshmen
Skylar Campbell, Olivia Steckler .....	Outstanding Sophomores
Andrew Helming .....	Outstanding Junior
Abby Coy, Janna Oxford, Katie Pitts .....	Outstanding Seniors

# Student Success and Recognition

- Ag Ambassadors for 2014-15 include:  
 Brandon Brunt                      Caroline Kuhn  
 Kelsey Shaw                         Macie Wippel
- Ag Council officers for 2014-15 include:  
 Brandon Brunt (President)    Mallarie Stookey (Public Relations)  
 Sarah Correll (member)        Laura Crosby (member)
- One Agricultural Education senior, Emelia Kratz, received a national Upper Division Agricultural Education Scholarship from the National Association of Agricultural Educators for 2014-15. Only 15 scholarships are awarded each year.
- Sarah Correll, AgEd major with an AgEc second major, was appointed to the student position on the Indiana Commission for Higher Education.
- Samantha Paschal, senior in AgEd, was selected as a BLAST OFF Conference Facilitator for the National FFA Organization.
- Matthew Summerlot, sophomore in AgEd, was selected as 1 of 12 national Teach Ag Ambassadors.
- Callie Edie and Charlie Huelsenbeck, AgEd majors, were members of the 2014 National Collegiate Livestock Judging Contest championship team from Purdue! This was Purdue's first championship in the competition since 1978.
- Over 150 students, parents, faculty and staff, and guests attended the 2014 Spring IAAE-Purdue banquet. Our guest speaker was Mrs. Stefany Deckard.
- For the ninth year freshmen participated in the Agricultural Education Learning Community. These students took classes together, participated in educational as well as fun activities, and became a strong part of the Agricultural Education family.
- Fall 2014 undergraduate enrollment was 84.

## IAAE-Purdue Elects Officers



Officers elected for 2014 and their retiring counterpart include:

Office	Retiring	2014 Officer
President	Janna Oxford	Andrew Helming
Vice President	Katie Pitts	Skylar Campbell
Vice President of Fundraising	Charlie Huelsenbeck	Natasha King
Co-Vice President of Fundraising	Skylar Campbell	Taylor Glaser
Secretary	Tyler Olinske	Olivia Steckler
Treasurer	Andy Helming	Emily Overs
Reporter	Olivia Steckler	Laura Crosby
Co-Reporter	Kelsey Shaw	Kristie Neighbors
Ag Council Representative	Michael Fouts	Jordan Paine

# Faculty and Staff Notes

The Agricultural Education program is housed on the second floor of the Agricultural Administration building. Room numbers are: Levon Esters – Room 224, Beth Theobald - Room 218, Jerry Peters - Room 220A, Allen Talbert - Room 224. Our mailing address is: 615 West State Street, West Lafayette, IN 47907-2053. Our secretary is Linda Hines, telephone (765) 494-8433.

Dr. Esters is serving as a member of the Integrated STEM Cluster Hire search committee, which will result in the hiring of 6 faculty to be a part of an integrated STEM initiative on campus. One of the cluster hire positions is for a joint appointment between the College of Education and the College of Agriculture (Youth Development and Agricultural Education).

Dr. Allen Talbert in collaboration with Indiana Team AgEd is working in recruitment of students into Agricultural Education and retention of current Agriculture teachers.

Beth Theobald, retired Delphi High School Agriculture teacher, was hired in 2014 for a two-year appointment as part-time mentor for Purdue AgEd undergraduates. Her goals are to recruit and retain AgEd students, introduce students to use of social media, and increase student engagement.

Amy Conrad has accepted the offer to join the Department of Youth Development and Agricultural Education as a Student Services Specialist in the area of Agricultural Education. Amy is currently the Agricultural Science and Business Instructor at Western High School in Russiaville, IN. Following completion of the 2014-15 school year Amy will join YDAE on June 22, 2015. Welcome Amy!

Along with his regular teaching load and serving on university committees, Dr. Jerry Peters continues to assist the Office of International Programs in Agriculture with the Afghan Junior Faculty Development Program. In May, he assisted Dr. Talbert in the ninth study abroad to Jamaica for Agricultural Education students. The Ebola outbreak in Guinea prevented his travel in August for a workshop at the University of Agriculture and Veterinary Science at Faranah (ISAVF). Dr. Peters was named the 2013-14 Frederick L. Hovde Outstanding Faculty Fellow at Purdue University. The Indiana FFA Association presented Dr. Peters with the Distinguished Service award at the 85th annual Indiana FFA State Convention held June 16-19th, 2014 at Purdue University.

## Recruitment into Agricultural Education

Recruitment of high school students into Agricultural Education at Purdue continues to be a top priority. We are again asking Agricultural Education alumni and friends to forward the names of students who might be interested in Agricultural Education at Purdue. Upon receiving these names, we will mail potential students a letter and a pamphlet explaining Purdue's Agricultural Education Program and invite them to our Purdue Agricultural Education Recruitment Day held in November on the Purdue campus. We have experienced a great deal of success with this one-on-one approach to recruiting.

We would appreciate your help by identifying those students who would be well served by Agricultural Education at Purdue University. You may send their name, address, phone number, and grade in high school via mail to: Agricultural Education, Purdue University, 615 West State Street, West Lafayette, IN 47907 or email to: [agedundergrad@ydae.purdue.edu](mailto:agedundergrad@ydae.purdue.edu) or telephone at 765-494-8433.



# Student Teachers

Seniors, and others, who completed their professional semester in Agricultural Education in 2014 along with the name of their school and their supervising teacher(s) are listed below:

## Spring 2014

Josh Reger  
Rensselaer HS  
Ron Wamsley

Clint Watts (LEAP)  
John Glenn HS  
Tim McLochlin

Katie Pitts  
Benton Central HS  
Amanda Mullins

Caleb Michalke (TTT)  
Seeger HS  
Gretchen Kirkpatrick

Nikki Thatcher  
Delphi HS  
Beth Theobald, Doug Walker

Taylor Plank  
Carroll HS @ Flora  
Steve Keown

Cindy Mote  
Jay County HS  
Melissa Wolters

Colton Prescott  
South Adams HS  
Jason Shuck

Janna Oxford  
Adams Central HS  
Mike A. Jones

Matthew Armbruster  
Danville HS  
Duane Huge

Carlee Dittmore  
Eastern Hancock HS  
Scott Jacobs

Shelby Wolford  
Eminence HS  
Michael Schimpf

Abby Coy  
Rushville HS  
Blair Orme

Mariah Huff  
Seymour HS  
Jeanna Eppley

## Fall 2014

Tyler Boganwright  
Wawasee HS  
Mariah Roberts

Nate Lenig  
Bremen HS  
Chad Berger

Tyler Olinske  
Prairie Heights HS  
Ron Noll, Ben Leu

Morgan Conder  
Southmont HS  
Gary Mosbaugh

Emmy Kratz  
Manchester HS  
Gwen Mize

Taylor Kerr  
Owen Valley HS  
Tom Wallace

Hanna Goeb  
Whiteland HS  
Becky Canary

Melissia Grant  
Knightstown HS  
Diana Arellano

Stephanie Jacobs  
Switzerland County HS  
Greg Curlin

Micah Wallace  
North Decatur HS  
Scott Johnson, Elizabeth Fry

# Scholarship Recipients Say “Thank You”

Our list of scholarship recipients has grown so large that their “thank you” notes cannot fit within the confines of our newsletter. With gifts from alumni and friends, 29 Agricultural Education students received \$26,300 in scholarships during the 2014-2015 school year.



I was very honored to be a recipient of the Agricultural Education Freshman Scholarship from Purdue University. I could not be more excited to begin my studies at Purdue. Thank you for helping to provide financial assistance for my college career. – Anna Hall

Thank you so much for your commitment to Agricultural Education as a whole and Purdue students like myself. I cannot begin to share my appreciation for the support I have received during my college career thus far. I feel so blessed for not only my education at Purdue but also the experiences I have had along the way. The opportunity to be active on campus, have internships and study abroad are just a few to name. – Emmy Kratz



Thank you so much for sponsoring a scholarship for the Purdue AgEd students. Your continuous support allows students, like myself, to pursue their goals. Your belief in our organization does not go unnoticed and it is greatly appreciated. With the help of this scholarship, I will now be one step closer to achieving my goal of becoming an agricultural education teacher. – Laura Crosby

Thank you very much in awarding me the Indiana Association of Agricultural Educators & the Agricultural Education Endowment scholarship. This scholarship will aid in the success of my education at Purdue University. After finishing my degree at Purdue in Agricultural Education, I plan to take my passion for teaching back to the classroom. I want to educate the future generations about an industry for which I am very passionate. – Macie Wippel



I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your generosity in funding the Agricultural Education Endowment Scholarships. I am truly blessed to be the recipient of this monetary award. This scholarship will help offset the cost of my educational needs. By awarding me this scholarship, you would financially empower me to pursue my dream of sharing my love of agriculture with my future students. I look forward to being able to give back to the community once I begin my career in teaching. – Kelsey Quinn

I feel very blessed to have the opportunity to attend Purdue and study Agricultural Education. I do not need to tell you what a uniquely special major this is! It offers such a diverse and practical agricultural foundation, and lends itself to a lifetime of helping children and communities grow and become the best that they can be. I am so grateful to you for helping me to do this. It has been a joy to be on campus for this first year. I now have so many new ideas of what I can do with my education to serve others. While I am looking forward to graduating and putting this into practice, I am equally as excited to learn more in the next few years. – Katie Chustak



# Graduate Student Updates

## Master of Science

### *May 2015*

Lynette Griffin  
Chimwemwe Chisenga, Extension Educator, Malawi

### *December 2014*

Raphael Mkisi—Extension Educator, Malawi

### *August 2014*

Esmeralda Cruz, 4-H Educator, Clinton County, IN  
Yakosa Charity Zgawa Tegha, Extension Educator, Malawi  
Abby Sweet, 4-H Extension Educator, Switzerland County, IN

### *May 2014*

Krystin Bodden, Assistant Director for LSC Operations, Sam Houston State University, TX  
Megan Anderson, Agricultural Science & Business Teacher, Clinton Central HS, IN  
Gabe Nobbe, Agricultural Science & Business Teacher, Connersville, IN

### *December 2013*

Josey Holscher, ANR Extension Educator, Jennings County, IN

## Doctor of Philosophy

### *May 2015*

Natalie Federer, 4-H Extension Educator, Pulaski County, IN  
Melissa Voigt

### *December 2014*

Melissa Welsh, Fiscal Extension Educator, The University of Maryland, Eastern Shore Region, Carolina Co., MD

### *August 2013*

Lisa Keefe, Assistant Instructional Professor, Texas A&M University

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## NAAE Region 4 Winners

We want to recognize the Indiana Agricultural Science and Business teachers and schools announced as 2014 National Award Winners. The following were recognized at the convention in Nashville, Tennessee, November 18-22, 2014.

<b>Ideas Unlimited</b>	Kari Roberts, Union County High School
<b>Teachers Turn the Key</b>	Becky O'Farrell, Twin Lakes High School
	Kim Self, Beech Grove High School

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## Martin Scholarship

Through the generosity of Dr. Robert (Bob) Martin, a scholarship endowment has been established to provide financial assistance for Agricultural Education students at Purdue University in their student teaching year. The Conda and Freda Martin Family Memorial Scholarship in Agricultural Education endowment is expected to award a scholarship to its first recipient for the 2018-19 school year.

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## Agricultural Education Endowment Report

A big thank you goes out to those who support Agricultural Education through your generous donations. For the December 31, 2014 Endowment reports, the Endowment combined with named endowments has more than \$425,000 generating scholarship support for Agricultural Education students.

Scholarships totaling \$26,300 were awarded for the 2014-15 school year for a total of greater than \$236,000 over the life of the Endowment.

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# Agricultural Education Placement Report

## School

Bremen High School  
Carroll High School at Ft. Wayne  
Cascade High School  
Clinton Prairie Jr./Sr. High School  
Connersville High School  
Corydon Central High School  
DeKalb High School  
Delphi High School  
Franklin Community High School  
Frontier Jr./Sr. High School  
Garrett High School  
Hagerstown Jr./Sr. High School  
Jasper High School  
Lanesville High School  
LaPorte High School  
Lebanon High School  
Lincoln High School  
Lincoln Jr. High School  
McCutcheon High School  
Mount Vernon High School at Fortville  
North Harrison High School  
North Putnam High School  
Northeast Schools (Sullivan Co.)  
Northview High School  
Oak Hill High School  
Plymouth High School  
Riverton Parke Jr./Sr. High School  
Rossville High School  
Scottsburg High School  
Seeger Memorial Jr./Sr. High School  
Shenandoah High School  
Sheridan Middle School  
Sunman-Dearborn Middle School  
Tecumseh High School  
Twin Lakes High School  
Union City High School  
Warsaw School Corp. Middle School  
Wawasee High School  
West Central High School (Pulaski Co.)  
Western Boone Jr./Sr. High School  
Westville High School (LaPorte Co.)  
Whiteland Community High School  
Whitko Middle/High School  
Winchester Community High School

## New Teacher

Shannon Verhaeghe  
Ross Dilts  
Greg Arnold  
Amber Bedwell  
Cindy Mote\*  
Dawn Flock  
Ashtin Balzer  
Taylor Plank\*  
Ashley (Bechman) Langreck  
Katie Pitts\*  
Warren (Andy) Giegold  
Kara Hendrickson  
Brian Meyer  
Ashley Burks  
Rob Walker  
Nikki (Thatcher) Love\*  
Kaitlyn (Culy) Lacey  
Clinton Watts  
Becky Snyder  
Cayla Mustin  
Darcy Kamer  
Janna Oxford\*  
Jamie Akers  
Ben Wegner  
Carlee Dittmore\*  
Clinton Watts  
Matthew Armbruster\*  
Jesse Davis  
Caroline VanGosen  
Blake Nickle  
Tammie Gadberry  
May Catherine Mills  
Arin Nanz  
Michelle Rexing  
Becky O'Farrell  
Ron Smith  
Steve Townsend  
Tyler Boganwright\*  
Shaw Hazelby  
Tyler Galloway  
William (Bill) Smith  
Hannah Goeb\*  
Karrin Koontz  
Colton Prescott\*

Purdue Graduate School – Abby Coy\*

Elanco – Mariah Huff\*

Peace Corps – Josh Reger\*

\*2013-2014 Purdue Graduate

# *2014 Agricultural Alumni Certificate of Distinction*

Beth Theobald graduated from Purdue University in December 1980 with a B.S. in Agricultural Education. She then embarked on a career as the agriculture teacher and FFA advisor for Delphi High School, a position she held for more than 32 years. In 1986, she earned her M.S. in Education from Purdue. She recently launched a business as co-owner of BeBe's Flowers.

Beth grew up on a farm in Jamestown and participated in the agriculture program at Western Boone High School, with both experiences contributing to her success as she entered what was then a male profession. Because she was successful, she had credibility with the young teachers, both men and women, who followed her. Moreover, because she was a woman, other women could see that this profession was indeed one that offered opportunities for them.

Professional service has been the hallmark of Theobald's career. As a member of the Delphi Community Teachers Association, she had chaired the Alternative School, Sick Bank, Discussion, Professional Development, and Tech Prep committees. She has served the Indiana Association of Agricultural Educators (IAAE) as District V Director, as evaluator for the Agricultural Education licensure exam, as a member of the curriculum development committee and as the state mentoring coordinator. As the leader of the state mentoring program, Theobald made changes to better meet the needs of inexperienced teachers, resulting in more active membership from the group. She has served the Purdue Youth Development and Agricultural Education (YDAE) Department as a member of the Agricultural Education Advisory Board and as a laboratory site for Education Block I and II students. For two semesters, while YDAE was searching for a new assistant professor in Agricultural Education, she was an instructor in the department. She has hosted more than 60 early field experience students to help them explore teaching careers, and 22 student teachers have gained experience under her direction.

Awards Theobald has received include: IAAE Outstanding Agricultural Educator and District V Outstanding Agriculture Department; National Association of Agricultural Educators State and National Mentoring Award; Indiana Trails Cooperative Teacher of the Year, Program of the Year and Leadership Award; Purdue YDAE Mentoring Award and Purdue-IAAE Honorary Member. The Indiana FFA Association awarded Theobald an Honorary Hoosier Farmer Degree.

(Adapted from Purdue Ag Alumni Fish Fry 2014 Program Brochure.)

## **Steve Hickey Honored**

Steve Hickey, Director of Leadership Programs at the Indiana State Department of Agriculture, was honored with the Beck's Agricultural Education Outreach Award in 2014. Beck's Hybrids partners with the Indiana Soybean Alliance and Indiana Corn Growers Association to honor individuals in four categories for the Beck's Beyond the Fence Awards.

Steve's contribution to Indiana's agricultural education extends more than three decades. Prior to his ISDA position, Hickey spent 33 years teaching agriculture and serving as an FFA advisor at Shenandoah High School. During his time there, he was responsible for transforming the FFA program and cultivating their agricultural curriculum. As the FFA advisor, the local chapter earned numerous state and national accolades and awards in leadership, CDEs, SAE, and community service efforts.

Following his retirement from teaching, Hickey was selected to serve as the Director of Leadership Programs at ISDA. Under his leadership, Indiana FFA has grown to more than 10,000 members, the highest enrollment in more than 25 years.

(Adapted from Indiana State Department of Agriculture news release dated March 13, 2014.)

# Necrology Report

Over the past year, we have lost several former agricultural science and business teachers. The following are those who have passed away this year. Please contact us if you know of others that have passed on this year.

**Ora V. Callahan**, 86, passed away on February 5, 2013. He taught 5 years as a Vo-Ag teacher at Mt. Comfort HS after graduating from Purdue University. He retired in 1983 from IN Farm Bureau Co-op after 27 years of service. He gave countless hours serving youth and agriculture organizations and received numerous awards from 4-H and FFA organizations for service and leadership.

**Dale Schinbeckler**, 97, passed away April 8, 2014. Dale first started teaching Vo-Ag in 1939 at Kendallville HS and was an Ag teacher for 43 years. He is remembered for his winning Ag judging teams, which won several state and national awards. He was recognized by the Noble County Soil Conservation Service for his contributions to Ag on 2 occasions and received 2 outstanding service awards in the 25 years he participated in the National Junior Vegetable Growers Association. He was a 4-H leader in Wayne and Milford townships for 27 years and judged numerous projects at both county fairs and the Indiana State Fair.

**Gerald M. Hess**, 97, died April 15, 2014. He was a Vo-Ag and science teacher at LaPaz HS for 5 years after graduation from Purdue University. As a teacher, he was instrumental in organizing the first Argos FFA Chapter in 1948 and served as an advisor to numerous FFA and 4-H judging teams and organizations.

**Melvin Ray Clodfelter**, 74, died April 15, 2014. He taught at Winamac HS, then New Paris HS until becoming the Ag teacher at Turkey Run Jr./Sr. HS. He was a 4-H leader in Parke County and member of the Indiana State Teachers Association.

**John Bryon Riggs**, 96, passed away May 16, 2014. John was a WW II veteran, who taught at area high schools for more than 35 years. He started teaching Vo-Ag and farming practices at Galveston HS in 1941. After serving 4 years in the Army Air Corps, he returned to Galveston HS and taught there until 1957, where he taught at Kokomo HS. He also taught at Haworth HS where he started the outdoor science lab. John was also a 4-H club leader in Cass County for more than 30 years.

**Roger G. Williams**, 74, died May 27, 2014. He taught Vo-Ag at Sand Creek HS, Thorntown HS, and Washington HS before becoming principal. He also served as superintendent or business manager at Washington HS, North Harrison Community School Corporation and Clarksville School Corporation.

**Loren R. Carswell**, 82, passed away June 16, 2014. After serving in the Army Loren began his teaching career at West HS in Plymouth. He also taught at LaPaz HS, Culver HS, Kewanna HS, and Culver Military Academy. Loren was busy coaching and officiating sports for which he received the Interscholastic Official Association award for Excellence in 1998.

**Shelby E. Willis**, 76, died September 24, 2014. He taught Ag and biology for 15 years at South Central HS. He worked for the USDA as a crop adjuster and retired from the Census Bureau. Shelby was an FFA sponsor and a coach for the Harrison County 4-H Entomology team.

(Adapted from various newspaper and online obituary reports.)

