

2021-22

# PITTSFIELD FFA CHAPTER

A yellow tractor is shown in a field, likely at a farm or agricultural event. The tractor is yellow with black tires and is positioned in the center of the frame. The background shows a field and some buildings.

AGRICULTURE INSTRUCTOR &  
FFA ADVISOR  
**JODY HEAVNER**





### Agriculture Education Enrollment

Enrollment in Agriculture Education classes at Pittsfield High School continues to be very strong with students from all backgrounds. Enrollment was 175 students with 158 unduplicated students.

- Introduction to Agriculture -58 students
- Agriculture Science - 33 students
- Biological Science Applications in Agriculture-25 Students
- Agricultural Business Management- 27 Students
- Veterinary Science- 16 students
- Horticulture Science-16 Students



### FFA Membership

FFA membership continues to be strong with both high school students and those maintaining membership after high school in order to obtain their American Degree.

FFA continues to be the largest student organization, by far, at Pittsfield High School. Due to a change in legislation and work with the Department of Agriculture, all member dues will be paid for the 2022-2023 school year.

Pittsfield FFA membership is currently 165 members.

Pittsfield FFA Chapter-Developing informed consumers and citizens for an ever-changing world.

# Learning to do...



# FFA PARTICIPATION



## Continued Excellence

FFA offers something for everyone-it is just up to the student to take advantage of it. Due to the outstanding dedication and work of the chapter, Pittsfield was named the Top Chapter in Section 13, Section Bankers Plaque, Gold Emblem Chapter and National Chapter Finalist.

Our members continue to serve in leadership roles above at the section level and above. Mckayla Jennings served as the Section 13 President for 2021-2022 with Chloe Chastain also a Section officer. For 2022-2023 Chloe Chastain will serve as Section President, Cody Bradshaw as Secretary and Wyatt McClintock as Sentinel for our 13 school area.

Pittsfield FFA members participated in numerous activities above the chapter level. Career Development Events (CDE), Leadership Development Events (LDE), and Leadership Conferences at the local, State and National levels.

### 21/CDEs- Hosted Forestry CDE

93 different members participated throughout the year

### 7 /LDEs

Public Speaking, Creed, Job Interview, Proficiency Interviews

### 7 /Leadership Conferences

Attended at the local, state and national level

### 1 /State Proficiency Award Winner

### 12/ State FFA Degrees

The most in the state for the 3rd year in a row

### 3 /American Degrees

Cody Bradshaw, Alayna Scranton, Drew Welbourne

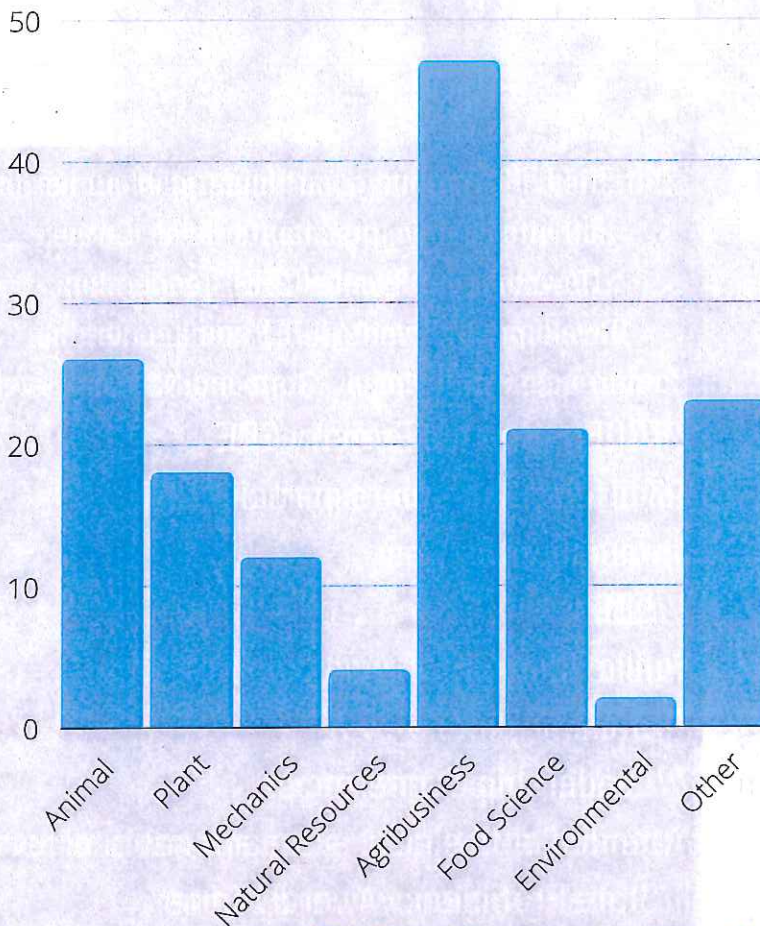
### National Chapter Finalist

# Doing to learn...



# Supervised Agricultural Experiences (SAE)

SAEs are an integral part of successful agriculture education programs and ours' is no different. All students are required to establish an SAE in their first semester of enrollment. Projects are based upon student interest and accessibility with a goal of connecting real world experience and classroom instruction. Students use AET as management software. Student SAEs are eligible for awards through the Proficiency Award Program at the Section, District, State and National Levels.



Pittsfield member  
success in the 2021-  
2022 School Year:  
23 Section Award  
Winners

3 District Award Winners  
1 State Award Winner

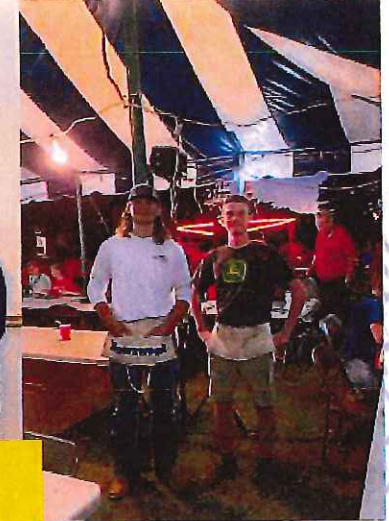
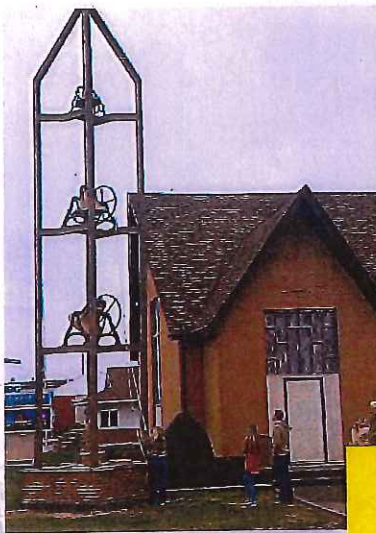


Our Members  
earned \$147,598  
through their  
SAEs in 2021



## Earning to live...





## **LIVING TO SERVE.**

Community Service has always been an important aspect of our work. "Living to Serve" is not just a part of the FFA Motto, it is character trait to be instilled in our members. Throughout the year, our members have been involved in numerous activities to benefit our local community as well as others in need. That service has been in the form of volunteer hours, donations and fundraising.

Members have volunteered their time to assist at the Milton Corn Carnival running Bingo, assisting at the concession stand and gathering and disposing of trash. Our members have worked with the Pike County Historical Society to ring the bells in remembrance of Pearl Harbor. Gathering food and household supplies for tornado victims as well as raising funds through the Grinch and Mooove the Herd projects and donating backpacks and supplies to all local law enforcement are just a two more community service projects.

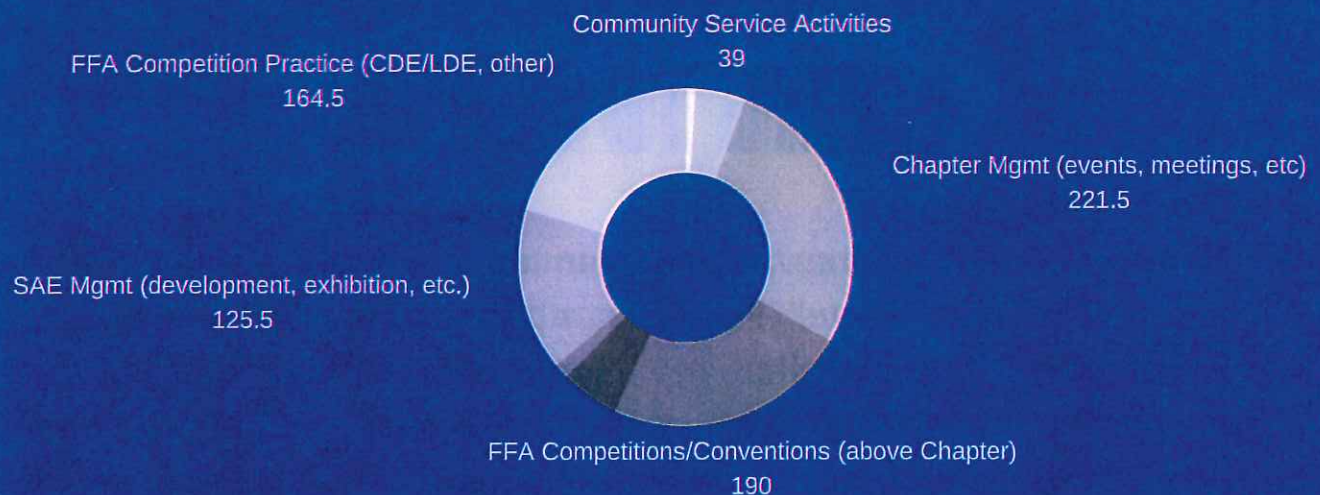
Members raised funds to purchase books for each kindergarten students at South Elementary in order to encourage literacy and delivered them at the end of the school year as a part of the Bookends Project. A Hat Day sponsored by the FFA benefitted the Pike County Animal Shelter. These projects and others offer our members numerous opportunities to get involved find a way to give back!



## Agriculture Instructor & FFA Advisor Extended Contract Hours

Paid Extended Contract Hours=400

Actual Extended Hours Worked by Mrs. Heavner=806



Through a combination of extended contract days and the State Agriculture Education Line Item funded Three Circle Grant, the Pittsfield High School agriculture instructor is under a 12 month contract and asked to accrue 400 hours of work outside of the regular school day hours. This is done through a variety of activities. From CDE practices and competitions to conferences and SAE work as well as State Level Committee work by the instructor, 806 additional hours were accrued by one instructor.

Mrs. Heavner serves in the following leadership roles within the state:

- Member of Illinois Committee for Agriculture Education (Governor appointed 13 member advisory committee to Illinois State Board of Education)
- Chairperson Illinois ICAE Advisory Committee for IAVAT
- Section 13 Advisor
- Section 13 Advocacy Representative



Our members have worked incredibly hard this year in competitions, serving the community, our school and members. Our chapter has an 11 member Officer Team in order to better serve. We take pride in our school spirit and our success at the State and National Levels.



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