

District Five

by Megan Lamb

During the holiday season, the VVS Chapter prepares food and helps serve senior citizens in their community through a pancake breakfast. Zackary Sherman, the President of the Madison FFA Chapter, explained how the Senior High Officer team made a difference by donating hams to their local church to use for food baskets in their local holiday basket drive! These chapters truly fulfilled the FFA motto when they lived to serve their community during the holiday season! Great job to all chapters and keep up the great work!

Member Spotlight

Congratulations Madison Dunbar, on being selected as the District Five Member of the Month! Madison Dunbar is a sophomore and a dedicated FFA member. Her FFA story is very unique and shows her passion for agriculture. Madison used to attend the Fort Plain Central School up until the 2016-2017 school year. The Fort

Plain Central School District had an FFA Chapter for the 2015-2016 school year, but then decided not to continue the program when school commenced again last September. Madison, during the one year of having an FFA program in her school, fell in love with FFA and the agricultural program and was very disappointed when the school decided not to continue the program for which she was so passionate. This upset however, didn't stop Madison from pursuing her passion for Agriculture; she now



attends the Oppenheim Ephratah St. Johnsville school district where she is an active member in the Mohawk Valley FFA Chapter and currently serves as chapter Reporter. Her advisor, Mr. Smith says he is very proud of Madison for following her passion in Agriculture. Madison's father and grandparents own farms and she enjoys her time spent helping

them with chores. While at Fort Plain, Madison competed in Prepared Public Speaking at the local level and then competed in Quiz Bowl at State Convention where her team made it to the semi-final round! This outstanding FFA member enjoys competing in many other Career Development Events as well. Madison's favorite FFA memories are attending the InTENse Conference and the National FFA Convention in Indianapolis, Indiana. These memories are ones that Madison will have for a lifetime. When her advisor was asked to describe Madison using one word, he replied, "Motivated." Madison's advisor, Mr. Smith, explains why he chose this word "If there is something to be done, or Madison wants to do something, she will find a way to make sure that happens," he explains. Congratulations Madison on being selected as the January Member of the Month! Your passion and motivation for Agriculture certainly will lead you in the right direction in your future! Once again Congratulations to Madison Dunbar!