



FFA Going Strong All Summer Long



Jake Norlin and Daniel Palmersheim work with some pheasants at Bailey's Ford.

The FFA has continued to be busy all summer. June activities included the Lake Delhi chapter party, district leadership camp for chapter officers at Hawkeye Community College, the farm toy show, the Washington Leadership Conference which Neal Johnson and Tyler Melchert attended. Also the Ag. mechanics team of Jason Nurre, Mark Nefzger, Mike Wendt, and Daniel Palmersheim placed second at the state contest. Tyler Willey received a participation at the state nursery/

landscaping contest, and the floriculture team of Sheila Wenthold, Neal Johnson, Tyler Melchert and Staci Wenthold placed ninth.

To kick off July, the chapter had its annual pool party. During the Delaware County Fair many members exhibited their animals. The officers enjoyed a trip to southern Missouri of officer camp. Members also helped out with hog wrestling at Delhi Days. The district meats team of Katie Freiburger, Todd Sheehy, Jason Nurre and Emily Nieman placed second. During July a few members and Mr. Marting helped build a pheasant pen at Bailey's Ford where the natural resource class is holding them.

In August, student and alumni members Adam Sheppard, Leon Glew, Dustin Glew, Becky Tekippe, Sara Wenthold, Sheila Wenthold, Staci Wenthold, Brian Wegmann and Jeff Offerman exhibited at the Iowa State Fair. The parent/ member softball game was held, the FFA sold brats and drinks at the Hopkinton Sesquicentennial, and the state meats and livestock took place. The meats team placed eighth and the livestock team of Neal Johnson, Tyler Melchert, Daniel Palmersheim and Austin Wessels received a bronze.

—*Sheila Wenthold, reporter*

Musicians

Spend Time at All-State Camp

Many athletes spend their free time in the summer improving their skills for upcoming sports seasons, and the same can be said of nine MV vocalists who spent three days in August learning All-State music at Wartburg College in Waverly.

Mrs. Mueller stated the students were able to learn the All-State music "notes" by the end of camp so they could continue practicing on their own. They will audition for All-State Oct. 25 in Oelwein.

All-State music is known to be challenging, and perfecting it to be selected for this honor choir is tough work.

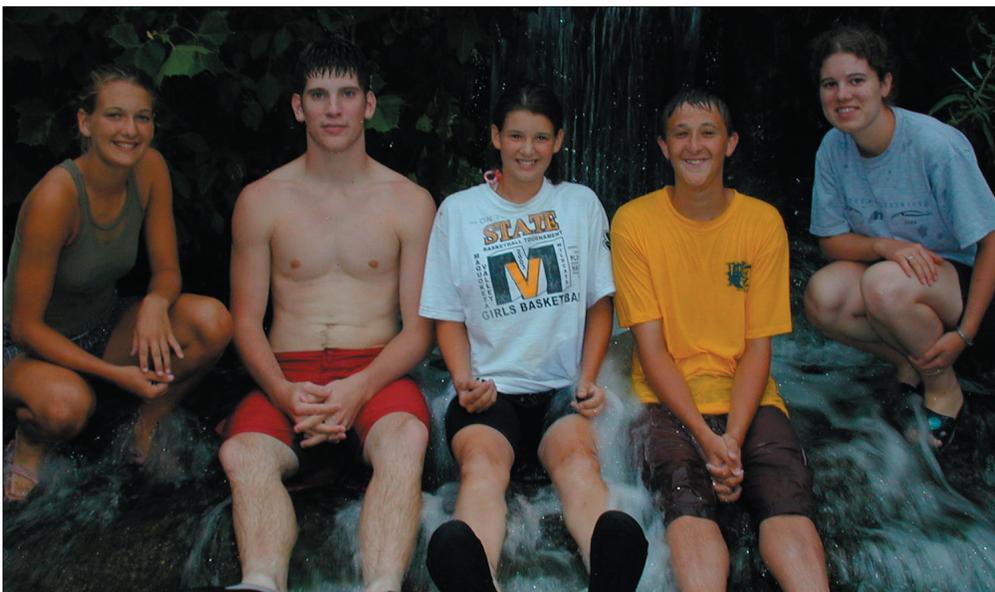
"The music is challenging but rewarding in the end," said Lalaina Rabary.

Another challenge of the music is that several songs are in foreign languages, such as Spanish and German.

Philip Mueller said that since he returned from camp, he's been working on his "rapid fire Spanish." Brian Wilson said he is still working out the rough spots in the German song "Schicksalslied."

Adam Ries is taking his practicing seriously, but realizes the amount of effort it takes. "I've been practicing all the time...when I have it!"

Students participating in the camp were Lalaina Rabary, Miranda Knake, Adam Ries, Brian Wilson, Laura Seibert, Mike Salow, Philip Mueller, Brett Huber and Amy Salow. Mrs. Mueller accompanied them.



Officers Sara Wenthold, Jake Norlin, Sheila Wenthold, Todd Sheehy and Hannah Reth pose for a picture during Chapter Officer Camp at Tecumseh, Missouri.