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Southern Huntingdon County FFA members, from left, Makayla Hawbaker, Sam Williams, Casey Carowick, Taylor Maslanik, Bryce Hawbaker, Matthew Edgin, Tyler Watkins and Chandlar Kern.

FFA Chapter Wins Cash

SAM WILLIAMS
Southern Huntingdon
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THREE SPRINGS, Pa. — Members of the Southern Huntingdon County FFA recently participated in a Sav-A-Caf online survey entitled "Learn and Earn." The survey consisted of multiple questions about the uses of milk products, colostrum and about animals the members were currently raising.

The competition lasted three months, with one chapter per month randomly selected to win a cash prize of \$500. Southern won for the month of December 2010.

The chapter plans to use the money to continue to sponsor various chapter activities and programs. Mr. Quigg, the chapter's advisor, said, "I'm very pleased to see that we won this money and we will put it to good use within our school."

For the Love of FFA

FROM THE OFFICER'S STATION

CAITLIN CLARKE
State Secretary

It's hard to believe that it is already February. This year has been flying by and with the start of a new decade, our team has been keeping busy as always.

Our team has had some incredible opportunities in the past and 2011 will be no different.

A few weeks ago, our team had the opportunity to assist with and attend Governor Corbett's inauguration. That evening, we also had the chance to attend the Inaugural Ball at the Farm Show Complex. In three days, the complex was transformed from livestock and tractors into a ballroom that showcased the finest Pennsylvania has to offer. The state officer team and members from several chapters were privileged to be part of the event.

The state officer team, as well as members from all around the state, have been anxiously awaiting our annual Agricultural Cooperation Establishes Success (ACES) conference, which is being held Feb. 12-13 and Feb. 19-20. The theme this year is "GPS: Guide to Personal Success."

Our members will attend interactive workshops, while mingling with old friends and making new ones during the afternoon. Attendees will then arrive at their "final destination," the dance.

The following morning, they will enjoy a delicious buffet breakfast and have one final activity before traveling back home.



CAITLIN CLARKE

It is sure to be a fun filled and exciting conference for both the state officer team and FFA members from all across the state.

With love in the air, it is our member's turn to celebrate their love for this amazing organization. National FFA Week is Feb. 20-26.

FFA Week gives

members a chance to educate the public about agriculture. During the week, chapters host teacher appreciation breakfasts, conduct "Ag Olympics" competitions, speak to the public about agriculture and the FFA, volunteer for community service projects and more.

On Feb. 22, members and supporters will gather at various Hoss's Steak and Seahouse locations across the state for "Meet your State Officer at Hoss's Night." If you would like to join us at one of the ten Hoss's locations, contact Mike Brammer at c-mbrammer@state.pa.us.

Abraham Lincoln once said, "Whatever you are, be a good one." FFA members from all around the state are living out this quote as they continue to strive and flourish through these cold winter months. The beginning of 2011 has been marvelous so far and I am eager to see what the rest of the year will bring.

If you have any articles to submit to the Blue and Gold section in *Lancaster Farming*, please send them to Mike Brammer at c-mbrammer@state.pa.us. For the due dates of the articles and more information on the Pennsylvania FFA, please visit paffa.state.pa.us.



Selinsgrove FFA Vice-President Elizabeth Lauver gets ready to donate blood.

FFA Co-hosts Blood Drive

ASHLEY WETZEL
Selinsgrove FFA Assistant Reporter

SELINGSGROVE, Pa. — On Feb. 3, the Selinsgrove FFA co-sponsored its second annual blood drive in partnership with the Future Business Leaders of America Chapter, also from Selinsgrove High School.

The Red Cross was able to collect 68 units of blood from the students and faculty members.

FFA member Abby Hetzendorf said, "I think it's important that we sponsor this event because it helps out the community."

Many of the students who gave blood were first time donors. The FFA members hope that this will encourage their peers to make donating blood a habit.

On the day of the blood drive, 12 FFA members helped the Red Cross volunteers by greeting, escorting donors and serving refreshments. Countless other members offered help by providing cookies and other goodies.

Every one pint of blood donated helps to save the lives of up to three people. For more information, visit the Red Cross at redcross.org/donate/give.

