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## Brian Tubbs recalls FBLA experience

Brian Tubbs, a 2002 graduate of Mound City, recalled being in high school and wanting to have a business organization like many area schools had. It was in his senior year that the Mound City Chapter of Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA) was begun. Brian became the first president of that organization.

Contests were a big part of the club that year, as mem-

bers worked to organize events and get the organization off the ground. Brian competed in two events at the district level. He qualified for state in Business Knowledge and finished in the top two, which advanced him to national competition in Nashville, TN.

"Nationals was a neat experience," Brian recalled. "There were lots of meetings that helped give us a better

picture of FBLA. The whole FBLA experience was good because it helped prepare members for life. Anything you learn in the business realm is good for life later on."

After graduation from Mound City, Brian obtained a four-year degree in Ag Economics and Ag Business from the University of Nebraska-Lincoln (UNL). He then entered Law School at UNL and, after passing the Bar Exam, started his law practice, The Law Office of Brian Tubbs, LLC, in Mound City, MO.

"It (FBLA) is very beneficial for everyone," stated Brian. "Contests also help because when you prepare for different aspects, you are often learning things in the business world that you might not learn in class."

## Leslee Monroe appreciates the leadership skills he learned and taught through FFA

Leslee Monroe, a 1979 graduate of Craig R-3, has evolved from FFA member, to FFA instructor, to industry manager, to owner of his own ag related company.

Leslee Monroe was actively involved in the Craig Chapter of the FFA. After graduation, he joined the Air Guard before attending both Missouri Western and Northwest Missouri State University and obtaining an Agriculture Education degree in 1985.

Leslee returned to Craig, where he was the vocational agriculture teacher and the FFA advisor. He loved teaching and had passion for it, which helped him strive to develop leaders.

"FFA is so big and vast that you can find a place for every type of student to excel. It gives lots of opportunities to develop leadership skills," commented Leslee Monroe. "It was the leadership aspect that helped me get into the industry."

Desiring to allow his wife to stay home and raise their children, Leslee decided, after six years of teaching, to get into the industry side of agriculture.

In 1991, Leslee became a district sales manager for Ciba-Geigy. Then in 1997, when the company merged with Northrup King and became Syngenta Seeds, Leslee became a regional

manager over Missouri and the southern half of Illinois.

Just last fall, Leslee, who with his family lives in Macon, MO, purchased a business called Agri Solutions, LLC. The corporation retails corn, soybean and alfalfa seed products to farmers in northeast and northwest Missouri, Illinois and Iowa. He is also building a seed treatment facility that will primarily be

used to treat soybean seed.

Leslee hasn't given up hopes of returning to FFA one day. His passion for teaching may resurface in future years, but for now, he is delighted to watch his son, Landon, apply for his Proficiency Award in FFA and to have already witnessed and supported two of his girls, Lindsey and Shelby, as they were involved in their local FFA as officers.

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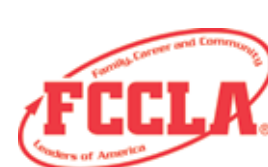
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## Mound City FFA Appreciation Breakfast February 24

The Mound City FFA Chapter will be hosting an Appreciation Breakfast on Thursday, February 24, from 6:30 a.m. to 8:00 a.m.

FFA Week, Tuesday, February 22, to Friday, February 25, will host an event each day:

Tuesday- Tractor Day

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## Scheib Drainage Products, Inc.- An agricultural asset

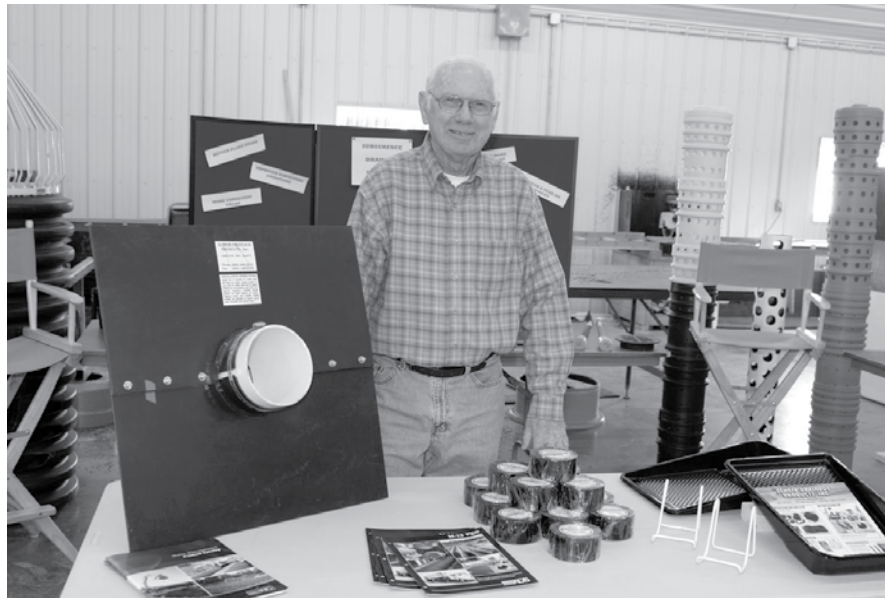
Don Scheib and his wife, Judy, of Oregon, MO, have turned Scheib Drainage Products, Inc., from a back yard and kitchen table operation to a multifaceted, nationally used product operation.

Don, who graduated from Oregon High School in Oregon, MO, recalled not having Future Farmers of America (FFA) in school when he attended, but knew that he would be a farmer. Don attended Northwest Missouri State University in Maryville, MO, where he obtained an Agriculture and Industrial Arts Degree. Following college graduation, Don began farming with his father.

"The soil here is some of the best soil in the world," stated Don, "but it is quite erosive, so we had to begin figuring out ways to stop the erosion in our field."

Don contacted a company, who, after visiting with the representative, began doing tiling on his own farm. The Scheibs owned a trencher and as other farmers saw what Don was doing, asked him to do the same on their farms. Now the Scheib business employs seven people and products are shipped all over the United States.

Don began the retail selling of products for the drainage work in 1976. The business expanded



from the Scheibs' own back yard to a store front in Oregon, to their present location at the building along Highway 59, north of Oregon. In 2010, an addition was added that houses more of the products needed to do drainage systems.

"Every year seems to be better than the last," stated Don, speculating that business had at least tripled over the past decade.

In the midst of progress and by means of necessity, Don invented an anti-seep collar. The collars are used to help prevent

pipes from being washed out. These collars have been tested and used all over the United States for the past 20 years.

Scheib Drainage is a volume dealer of corrugated and smooth-wall polyethylene pipe. Using a plastic welder, the company can custom build a wide variety of products. The plastic welder also allows for polyethylene tank repair, patchings or building polyethylene extensions or truck bed liners.

The corporation recycles all of the scrap pieces used in building these specialized polyethylene products. The scraps are collected and returned to the

polyethylene supplier for recycling.

Also over the years, Don and his employees have continued their schooling, attending schools to stay abreast of new ideas and industry regulations. The business has become more technical over the past few years, using GIS and mapping for location of underground drainage systems, for ease in future repairs or location.

Don or a member of his corporation attends a host of meetings and farm shows across the United States to market products. Additionally, Scheib

Drainage has a website that also draws in customers from around the United States. Orders are always processed promptly and turnaround is usually a couple of days.

Don's son, Scott, works with his dad in the farming end of business, while Don's daughter, Carol, works as the plant manager of Scheib Drainage.

"It's really fun when you work with your family," stated Don with a grin. "Nothing ever gets too serious around here that you can't laugh it off."

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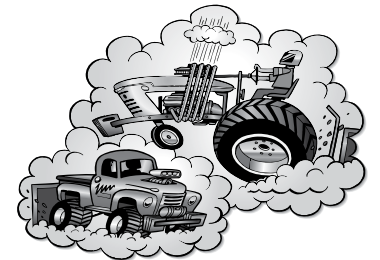


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## Craig FBLA activities

The Craig FBLA Chapter hosts several activities throughout the year. Members sponsor the Halloweenfest for grades kindergarten through 12th, which includes face painting, a haunted gym, hay ride and games. This is followed by a Spook Parade with grades kindergarten through sixth participating. Prizes are awarded for Most Original, Scariest and Best Overall.

The Craig FBLA Chapter has six students competing in the District FBLA Contests this year at Northwest Missouri State University in Maryville. Competition areas include: Digital Video Production, Business Communications, Word Processing, Business Math and Introduction to Technology Concepts. It is hoped that the

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Craig students will advance to state competition in Columbia, MO, April 17 through 19.

Other activities planned by the Craig FBLA Chapter include FBLA Week with events such as Dress-Up Days and Games at Lunch as well as Half-Court Shoot-Out, Oreo and Milk Contest, and Craig Idol. Also upcoming will be

the Buff Volleyball Night and possible fundraisers for the March of Dimes. Brittany Phillips serves as FBLA Advisor at Craig R-3.

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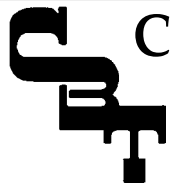


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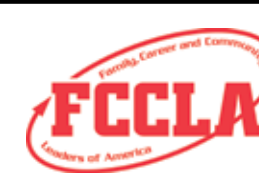
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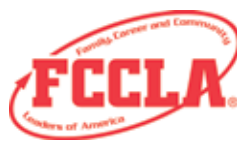


## South Holt FFA

Members of the South Holt FFA Chapter are pictured above, left to right - Front row - Doug Simpson, Kodi Parsley, Jacob McCully, Ben Dudeck (Vice-President), Blair Million (President), Jennifer Kieser (Secretary/Treasurer) and Jake Kurtz (Sentinel); second row - Lonnie Walker, Mitch Mueller, Emily Brendle, Katie Riley, Cami Scroggins, Austin Knabel and Pierce Elifrits; third row - Courtney Thompson, Katy Grubb, Megan Binder, Chelsea Acton, Sarah Costello, Darian Kurtz, Toshia Jones, Ashley Graupman and Eddie Jones.; and back row - Mandy Nurski, Atayha Messick, Caleb Townsend, Gavin Graupman, Nicole Meyer, James Fuller, Klyynn Sisk, Jeremiah Bragg, Cutler Derr and Tanner Chaney. The South Holt FFA Chapter Advisor is Lindy Holt.

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## Nicole Kahle lives out her FCCLA experience

Nicole Kahle, a 2008 graduate of Mound City R-2, has realized her dream of becoming a chef. Many facets of her Family, Career, and Community Leaders of America (FCCLA) experience, along with her Family and Consumer Science (FACS) classes, helped equip her for her occupation as a chef.

While attending Mound City, Nicole was an active member as well as an officer of FCCLA.

"Being in FCCLA helped me a lot with time management and planning," stated Nicole on her experience. "The culinary field is very tough, with long hours, constantly changing trends and opportunities to always learn something new; not to mention the dangers of

working with sharp knives and hot pans."

Nicole attended culinary school at Iowa Western Community College in Clarinda, IA, graduating in 2010.

Since graduation, Nicole has been employed as a line cook at Cantina Laredo restaurant, and at Uncle Buck's Grill in the Bass Pro Shops, both of which are in Omaha, NE. Nicole also works contract work with the Union Pacific Railroad.

Recently, Nicole went on a two-week contract train trip to the Super Bowl. Nicole immensely enjoyed her working trip and is looking forward to continuing her culinary pursuit.

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