

# Purdue AgEd Views

For alumni and friends of Agricultural Education  
at Purdue University

Dear Agricultural Education Friend,



This fall we welcome a new faculty member, Dr. Levon Esters! Dr. Esters joined the Purdue Agricultural Education staff and the YDAE Department this August. He received his B.S. degree in Agricultural Business from Florida A&M following which he then moved north to North Carolina A&T State University for a M.S. degree in Agricultural Education. Another northward trip landed Dr. Esters at Penn State University for a Ph.D. in Agricultural and Extension Education. Between his B.S. and M.S. degrees Dr. Esters taught high school agricultural science and business and served as the coordinator for the Ag-Business Career Pathway at CHSAS (Chicago High School for Agricultural Sciences). Dr. Esters' first faculty position, from 2004 to 2009, was with the Department of Agricultural Education and Studies at Iowa State University. He assumes the duties for several courses in the department's undergraduate and graduate agricultural education programs. His research focus will utilize his expertise in career development to greatly enhance the department's focus on life science education. He can be contacted at [lesters@purdue.edu](mailto:lesters@purdue.edu) or 765-494-8423.

This newsletter highlights some of the excellence by our students in Agricultural Education. Students continue to take advantage of study abroad opportunities and internships. Numerous Agricultural Education students hold leadership positions in the College of Agriculture, Purdue University, sororities, fraternities, and other student organizations.

We would also like to recognize the accomplishments of our alumni. Let us know of things you are doing through one of the contact methods below. In this issue we want to highlight a 2009 Distinguished Agricultural Alumni Award winner, Gregory Curlin (page 9). Also, we want to feature the accomplishments of the following 2009 Agricultural Alumni Certificate of Distinction honorees: Robert Brinson, Thomas Daugherty, and Robert Lyons (page 10).

We hope you enjoy reading this issue of *Purdue AgEd Views*, and catching up on happenings in our program.



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# Agricultural Education Scholarship Recipients

The following students are 2009-2010 school year scholarship recipients:

## AGRICULTURAL EDUCATION

### **Purdue Agricultural Education Endowment**

Kaitlyn Culy	Heather Dougherty
Julie Elsbury	Cara Hummel
James Kemble	Becky Korb
Chelsey Mann	Kelsey Sietsma
Quinn Wicker	

### **W.I. Boyd Memorial**

Logan Springstun

### **Dr. Robert Brinson**

Kaitlyn Culy	James Kemble
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### **Dr. James Clouse**

Nicole Fitzsimmons

### **Amir Faghiih**

Becky Korb

### **Florida Fruit Association**

Julie Elsbury

### **Gary and Jean Geswein**

Aaron McKim

### **Indiana Association of Agricultural Educators**

Rachel Demaree

### **Indiana Farm Bureau, Inc. Scholarship**

Heather Dougherty

### **Christian Kropf Company**

Chelsey Mann

### **Lois Maddox Memorial**

Rebekah Nortrup

### **National Association of Agricultural Educators**

Sadie Davis

### **Nussbaum Determined to Succeed**

Kelsey Sietsma

### **PEP**

Alyssa Besser

### **Dr. Jerry L. and Susan M. Peters**

Robert Hays

### **Terry Robertson-Smith**

Quinn Wicker

### **Terry and Joanne Small**

Mike Warstler

### **Eric Steiner**

Cara Hummel

## COLLEGE OF AGRICULTURE

### **Scholarship Awards of Excellence**

Brent Ertel	Emilie Kuhn
Janna Oxford	Lynsee Shaffer
Amanda Wagoner	Amanda Workman

### **Alice A. Blume 4-H**

Rebekah Nortrup

### **Leonard B. Clore**

Aaron McKim	Michael Warstler
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### **Farm Credit Services**

Logan Springstun

### **Gruel Memorial Endowment**

Nicole Fitzsimmons	Aaron McKim
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### **Rex Hall**

Robert Hays	Chelsey Mann
Tyler Mason	Rebekah Nortrup
Joshua Perry	Tricia Ritter
Michael Warstler	

### **Marquardt Alumni**

Tyler Mason	Michael Warstler
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### **William and Marilyn McVay**

Emilie Kuhn	Amanda Workman
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### **J. Kelly O'Neill and Margaret Ritchey O'Neill Memorial**

Dave Davies	Brent Ertel
Cara Hummel	Marianne Ingle
Justin Orme	Holly Shore

### **Harry L. Pearson Outstanding Leader**

Logan Springstun

### **Lewis Runkle**

Heather Dougherty	Nicole Fitzsimmons
Aaron McKim	

### **Richard D. and Emma F. Schweikhardt Memorial**

Quinn Wicker

## COLLEGE OF AGRICULTURE (continued)

**Jack W. Torr Memorial**  
Chelsey Mann

**F. R. "Dick" Willsey Memorial**  
Kaitlyn Culy

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## NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF AGRICULTURAL EDUCATORS UPPER DIVISION SCHOLARSHIPS

Nicole Fitzsimmons

Aaron McKim

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# Students Excel at National FFA Convention

Purdue Agricultural Education students recognized at the National FFA Convention were:

### **2009 American Degree Recipients**

Drake Babcock	Jacob Bacon
Ashtin Balzer	Kaitlyn Culy
Andrew Hesters	Emilie Kuhn
Chelsey Mann	

### **2009 Proficiency State Winners**

Emilie Kuhn

Purdue Agricultural Education students assisting with the National FFA Agricultural Issues Forum CDE were:

### **2009 Agricultural Issues Forum CDE**

Shelia Cole	Dave Davies
Aleesa Hege	Marianne Ingle
Kaitlin Leonard	Mark McClenning
Becky McMahel	Laura Ridge
Holly Shore	Sabrina White
Quinn Wicker	Ryan Wynkoop

Purdue Agricultural Education students serving as tour guides and recruiters were:

### **2009 CDE Tour Guides**

Alyssa Besser	Jill Chrisman
Heather Dougherty	Julie Elsbury
Erin Gilley	Rob Hays
James Kemble	Chelsey Mann
Logan Springstun	Mike Warstler

### **2009 Career Show Booth**

Logan Springstun      Desiray Simmons

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# Outstanding Members Selected

Each year, Indiana Farm Bureau sponsors awards for outstanding members of IAAE-Purdue. The selection is based on student's grade point average, participation in organization activities, and service to IAAE-Purdue. The following students were selected as award recipients in the **2008-2009** academic year for their respective years:

Rachel Demaree  
Michael Warstler  
Aaron McKim  
Ryan Wynkoop

Outstanding Freshman  
Outstanding Sophomore  
Outstanding Junior  
Outstanding Senior

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# Student Success and Recognition

- Agricultural Education students, Rebekah Nortrup, Desiray Simmons, and Logan Springstun, are serving as 2009-2010 College of Agriculture Ag Ambassadors.
- Each year one student in the College of Agriculture is selected to represent the undergraduate students on the Curriculum and Student Relations Committee (CSRC). Logan Springstun, an Agricultural Education student, was selected to serve for the 2009-2010 academic year.
- Robert Hays, an Agricultural Education student, was elected to serve as student government senator for the College of Agriculture.
- Our student organization, IAAE-Purdue, was recognized by NAAE as a 100% membership chapter.
- IAAE-Purdue received third place in the 2009 College of Agriculture Points Plus Program.
- Almost 200 students, parents, faculty and staff, and guests attended the 2009 Spring IAAE-Purdue banquet. Our guest speaker was Mr. Craig Rebich of Agribusiness Group.
- IAAE-Purdue co-hosted the Purdue Invitational Soils (for 350 FFA members) and Crops (for 60 FFA members) Career Development Events with the Agronomy Department.
- IAAE-Purdue provided student judges for FFA Leadership Career Development Events for many of the 12 FFA Districts.
- For the fifth year freshmen participated in the Agricultural Education Learning Community. These students took classes together, participated in educational as well as fun activities, and became a strong part of the Agricultural Education family.
- Fall 2009 undergraduate enrollment was 101.

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## IAAE-Purdue Elects Officers



Officers elected for 2009 and their retiring counterpart include:

<b>Office</b>	<b>Retiring</b>	<b>2009 Officer</b>
President	Joseph Dunn	Becky Korb
1 <sup>st</sup> Vice President	Aaron McKim	Aaron McKim
2 <sup>nd</sup> Vice President	Ryan Wynkoop	Logan Springstun
Secretary	Allison Sapp	Holly Shore
Treasurer	James Wolff	Nicole Fitzsimmons
Assistant Treasurer	Nicole Fitzsimmons	Rachel Demaree
Reporter	Sheila Cole	Sadie Davis
Historian	James Kemble	Mike Warstler
Chaplain	Sadie Davis	Jill Chrisman
Ag Council Representative	Sadie Davis	Rebekah Nortrup

# Faculty and Staff Notes

The Agricultural Education program is housed on the second floor of the Agricultural Administration building. Room numbers are: Levon Esters – Room 224, Dan Gottschalk - Room 220, Jerry Peters - Room 220A, Allen Talbert - Room 224. Our mailing address is: 615 West State Street, West Lafayette, IN 47907-2053. Our secretary is Mona Jackson, telephone (765) 494-8423.

Dr. Levon Esters is excited about being a part of the Purdue Agricultural Education family and is looking forward to working with the agricultural science and business teachers of Indiana. Boiler Up!

Dr. Allen Talbert and Dan Gottschalk led a fifth study abroad to Jamaica for 11 Agricultural Education students. A total of 59 students have participated in this program.

Both the College of Agriculture and the College of Education have new deans. Dr. Jay Akridge, an agricultural education student and successful FFA member when in high school, is the College of Agriculture dean. Dr. Maryann Santos de Barona is the new College of Education dean. She joins Purdue University from Arizona State University, where she served as senior associate dean for academic programs.

Dan and Cindy Gottschalk celebrated their 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary on June 1. Cindy continues under medical care for a damaged trachea at University Hospital Cincinnati, making regular visits for treatment.

Dr. John Graveel, Agronomy, is serving as an Assistant Dean of Academic Programs for the College of Agriculture. That office is coordinating concurrent credit offering from the College of Agriculture such as the Advanced Life Science courses in Animals, Plants/Soil, and Foods. He can be contacted at 765-494-8472 for more information.

Dr. Jerry Peters, in collaboration with the Purdue University Advancing Afghan Agriculture Alliance (A4), presented Agriculture and Veterinary Science Faculty Teaching Workshops at both Herat University and Kabul University and an Agriculture Student Leadership Workshop at Kabul University this summer. On a separate project with the Indiana Center for Cultural Exchange he traveled to Tanzania and Zanzibar to assess the feasibility for a USPORT program that could be offered to all regions of the country. Peters continues to work with two NGOs in Afghanistan, Mercy Corps and People in Need (PIN) to develop the agricultural curriculum taught in the agricultural vocational high schools of Afghanistan.

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## Recruitment into Agricultural Education

Recruitment of high school students into Agricultural Education at Purdue continues to be a top priority. We are again asking Agricultural Education alumni and friends to forward the names of students who might be interested in Agricultural Education at Purdue. Upon receiving these names, we will mail potential students a letter and a pamphlet explaining Purdue's Agricultural Education Program and invite them to our Purdue Agricultural Education Recruitment Day held in November on the Purdue campus. We have experienced a great deal of success with this one-on-one approach to recruiting.

We would appreciate your help by identifying those students who would be well served by Agricultural Education at Purdue University. You may send the name, address, phone number, and grade in high school via mail to: Agricultural Education, Purdue University, 615 West State Street, West Lafayette, IN 47907 or email to: dgott@purdue.edu or telephone at 765-494-8423.

# Student Teachers

Seniors who completed their professional semester in Agricultural Education in 2009 along with the name of their school and their supervising teacher(s) are listed below:

## Spring 2009

Katie Allen  
Western Boone Jr./Sr. H.S.  
Don Haberlin

Jeri Boone  
Lebanon H.S.  
Byron Ernest

Jenny Cherry  
Eastern Hancock H.S.  
Scotts Jacobs/Natalie Schilling

Isaac Dorrel  
Rushville H.S.  
Blair Orme

Joey Dunn  
Indian Creek H.S.  
Joe Park

April Harris  
Rochester H.S.  
Justin Pearson

Aleesa Hege  
Fountain Central Jr./Sr. H.S.  
Ashley Rice

Rebeka Herskedal  
North Montgomery H.S.  
Nancy Bell

Jessica Jones  
Brownstown Central H.S.  
Blake Hackman

Keith Konradi  
North Decatur H.S.  
Scott Johnson

Donny Lee  
South Newton Jr./Sr. H.S.  
Shane Storey/Darrell Allen

Samantha Moore  
Southmont Jr./Sr. H.S.  
Gary Mosbaugh

Megan Oldham  
Hagerstown H.S.  
Don Sturgeon

Travis Studtman  
Bremen H.S.  
Chad Berger

Elizabeth Wissel  
Delphi Community H.S.  
Beth Theobald/Ross Striebeck

James Wolff  
Tri-County H.S.  
Travis Scherer/Joe Martin

Ryan Wynkoop  
Seeger Memorial H.S.  
Eric Shideler

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## Telefund Supports Agricultural Education

A big thank you goes out to those who supported Agricultural Education through the Purdue Telefund. When a Purdue University student calls for the next Telefund, please be generous in your support to the Agricultural Education program as we strive to build our resources to serve our students better.

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## Agricultural Education Endowment Report

For the June 30, 2009 Endowment report, the Endowment reflects the downturn in the stock and real estate markets as the value declined to \$126,000. Purdue University endowments did experience less of a decline than the overall markets. Hopefully, the latter part of 2009 has begun a new growth period.

Scholarships totaling \$22,000 were awarded for the 2009-10 school year for a total of greater than \$119,000 over the life of the Endowment.

# Scholarship Recipients Say “Thank You”

Our list of scholarship recipients has grown so large that their “thank you” notes can not fit within the confines of our newsletter. The following students are representative of those receiving Agricultural Education Scholarships at the 2009 IAAE-Purdue Spring Recognition Banquet.

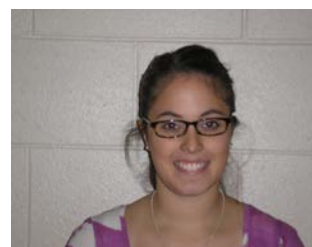


I wanted to take this opportunity to thank you for awarding me a scholarship. I have wanted to be an Ag teacher for as long as I can remember. It is my dream to teach the youth of America the importance of agriculture in our lives. Thank you for helping me in achieving my dream.

Sincerely, Sadie Davis

Thank you very much for the wonderful scholarship. This scholarship was a HUGE surprise! It will be very helpful in helping me with next year's tuition. Again, thank you for everything.

Sincerely, Heather Dougherty



I very sincerely appreciate your decision to select me as the recipient of this scholarship. After learning the story behind this award, I am very honored to have been chosen. As you well know, this award will help me in achieving my goals in the 2009/2010 academic year. Again, thank you for selecting me as the beneficiary of this wonderful award.

Sincerely, Kelsey Sietsma

Thank you so much for helping sponsor my scholarship. The scholarship is greatly appreciated. I love Agriculture and the Ag Ed program. Your contribution is truly appreciated.

Thanks again! Cara Hummel



I wanted to thank you for sponsoring a scholarship that I received at the IAAE-Purdue banquet. It was a welcome gift that I will be using to complete my degree in Agricultural Education. Thank you again.

Sincerely, Quinn Wicker

I just wanted to thank each of you for your help with this scholarship, whether it was copying the application and sending it off, writing a recommendation letter, or nominating me for this opportunity. I really appreciate your support over the past few years. I would not be here and would not have been as successful at Purdue without you all.

Thanks again, Nicole Fitzsimmons



# Graduate Student Updates

## Master of Science

### *August 2009*

- Kyle Bailey, Science Teacher, Norwell High School

### *May 2009*

- Elizabeth Wissell, Science Teacher, Delphi Community High School

### *December 2008*

- Kristen Baker, Agricultural Science and Business Teacher, Lebanon Community High School
- Kyle Kohlhagen, State Inspector for the National Poultry Improvement Plan, Indiana State Poultry Association, Purdue University
- Travis Scherer, Agricultural Science and Business Teacher, Tri-County High School

## Doctor of Philosophy

### *August 2009*

- Jia Jiang Peng, Post-Doctorate, Youth Development and Agricultural Education Department, Purdue University

### *May 2009*

- Tracie Egger, Assistant Director of Academic Programs, College of Agriculture, Purdue University

### *December 2008*

- John Schut, Agricultural Teacher, Lowell High School, Michigan

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## NAAE Region 4 Winners

We want to recognize the Indiana Agricultural Science and Business teachers announced as 2009 National Award Winners. The following people were recognized at the convention in Nashville, Tennessee November 17-21, 2009.

### **Outstanding Service**

Robert Juncker

### **Teachers Turn the Key**

Joe Martin, Tri-County High School

### **Outstanding Postsecondary/Adult Ag Ed Program**

Eastbrook Young Farmer/Adult Ed Program

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## *2010 Indiana Teacher of the Year*

Byron Ernest was presented the Indiana Teacher of the Year award on September 22, 2009. Superintendent of Public Instruction, Tony Bennett praised Byron's dedication to teaching. Ernest has taught in Indiana schools for 25 years and recently launched the agriculture department at Lebanon High School. The program now has more than 500 students enrolled.

Ernest will receive a technology package from the SMARTer Kids Foundation and a \$1,000 cash award. He will represent Indiana at the 2010 National Teacher of the Year competition in Washington, D.C. in the spring.



# Agricultural Education Placement Report

## School

Linton-Stockton High School  
Batesville High School  
Boonville High School  
Castle High School  
Delphi High School  
Eminence Junior-Senior High School  
Forest Park High School  
Franklin Community High School  
Hamilton Southeastern High School  
Huntington North High School  
Jac-Cen-Del High School  
Jay County High School  
Lakeland High School  
Maconaquah High School  
Martinsville High School  
New Harmony School  
North Harrison High School  
Norwell High School  
Pendleton Heights High School  
Southridge High School  
Triton Central High School

## New Teacher

Kimberly Hill  
Cassie Hartsell  
Rebecca Whitfill  
Susan Wagner\*  
Doug Walker  
Joey Dunn\*  
Abby Smith  
Charity Keffaber  
Amy Rasmussen  
Khara Kimmel  
April Hughes  
Cody Linville  
Katie Allen\*  
Samantha Moore\*  
Donny Sheldon  
Ann Duvall  
Jessica Jones\*  
Scott Caldwell  
James Wolff\*  
Chad Sickbert  
Kim Self

\*2008-2009 Purdue Graduate

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## 2009 Distinguished Agricultural Alumni Award

Gregory Curlin, agricultural science and business teacher at Switzerland County High School, received the Distinguished Agricultural Alumni Award in March 2009. Curlin is the Region IV vice president of the National Association of Agricultural Educators and was the region's Teacher of the Year in 2005. He is a member of the board of directors of the National Young Farmer Educational Association.

He has done his job well in Vevay. After earning his bachelor's in agricultural education in 1990, he returned to his hometown to teach. Today, 132 of the high school's 482 students are in the agricultural program. Curlin also mentors the FFA chapter, which has grown from 18 to 106 members under his tenure and earned top awards.

The school recently built a new greenhouse and completed a fish lab facility, and this year it will pilot a new high school agriculture curriculum in partnership with National FFA.

"The diversity Purdue offered in agricultural education gave me a good idea of what to expect and what I could do in the classroom. Purdue prepared me for challenges. I like challenges, and I went after them."

# 2009 Agricultural Alumni Certificates of Distinction

The Ag Alumni Association presented its highest honor, the Certificate of Distinction, to agricultural leaders during the Ag Alumni Fish Fry at the Indianapolis State Fairgrounds on February 7, 2009. Among the honorees were the following Agricultural Education graduates.

**Robert Brinson** retired in 1998 as superintendent of the Clinton Central School Corporation, completing a 37-year career that included 12 years as a classroom teacher and 25 years as a school administrator. A native of Henry County, Brinson graduated from Purdue University in 1958 with a B.S. in Agricultural Education. He earned his M.S. in Education in 1965 and his Ed.S. in 1978, both from Purdue.

His classroom teaching career began at Fayette Central High School near Connersville. In 1961, he was hired as the vocational agriculture teacher at Clinton Central. He established a highly regarded agricultural education program for secondary students and adults alike. In 1980 he led a movement to expand the agricultural education facilities by adding a classroom, a shop, a new tool room, and additional storage and workroom areas. With his support, the department and the Clinton Central FFA Chapter continued to thrive, receiving additional state and national recognition, and the Young Farmer chapters grew to seven, serving 155 families.

With his wife, Brinson established two annual scholarships to support Purdue students in Agricultural Education. In retirement, he has remained active in community service activities.

**Thomas Daugherty** recently retired from Maconaquah High School where he served as the agricultural science and business teacher, a position he held for his entire 37 year career. He graduated from Purdue University in 1972 with a B.S. in Agricultural Education, and received his M.S., also in Agricultural Education, from Purdue in 1977. Daugherty also graduated from Class IV of the Indiana Agricultural Leadership Program.

In addition to his many teaching accomplishments, he has distinguished himself through scholarly activities in service to agriculture and natural resources education. Daugherty has written several curricula that are in use statewide, including the Indiana Advanced Life Sciences: Animals course. In 2002, he co-authored a textbook, *Managing Our Natural Resources*, that is now in its 4<sup>th</sup> edition and is used throughout the United States in secondary agricultural education.

In Miami County, Daugherty's service has left an indelible mark. As the recipient of the prestigious Christa McAuliffe Fellowship for Indiana in 1999, he used the fellowship award to establish Together Everyone Accomplishes More (T.E.A.M.) Miami County Youth Leadership Academy that focuses on at-risk youth and engages them in community service projects. Daugherty serves as the director/principal facilitator of the T.E.A.M. academy.

**Robert Lyons** retired in 2006 after a 46-year career teaching biology and vocational agriculture in Jay County, Indiana, first at Portland High School and later Jay County High School. He is now a full time farmer with 1400 acres in production. A native of Bryant in northern Jay County, Lyons graduated from Purdue University in 1960 with a B.S. in Agricultural Education. He received his M.S. in Agricultural Education from Purdue in 1967.

For several years Lyons was the most successful FFA fundraiser in the state. He worked with other school staff, FFA members and the agriculture advisory board to build a state of the art greenhouse for \$270,000, using no tax dollars. The greenhouse is widely believed to be the best high school greenhouse in the state.

Lyons was honored for his work with the Jay County Fair when he was inducted into the Indiana Association of County and District Fairs Hall of Fame in 1987. Governor Mitch Daniels named him a Sagamore of the Wabash in 2008.

# Necrology Report

Over the past year we have lost several former agricultural science and business teachers. The following are those who have passed away this year. Please contact us if you know of others that have passed on this year.

**Lewis H. Worman**, 81, died Sunday, November 9, 2008. Mr. Worman moved from West Lafayette, IN to Albion in 1951. He retired from Central Noble School Corporation in Albion in 1989 where he had taught Vocational Agriculture since 1951. He was a World War II U.S. Army veteran.

**G. Allen Ullom**, 62, passed away Friday, March 13, 2009. He was a 1969 graduate of Purdue University. Mr. Ullom was a former agriculture teacher at Hagerstown High School and later raised hogs with his father on the family farm. He had served the last 20 plus years as a Purdue Cooperative Extension educator in Randolph, Perry, and Howard Counties.

**Aaron W. Parks**, 91, died Thursday, May 28, 2009. Mr. Parks was a retired agriculture teacher from Northeast Dubois and a World War II Army veteran.

**James Lee Carr**, 60, passed away Saturday, June 6, 2009. Mr. Carr received his Bachelor of Science in agriculture education and later earned a Master of Science in school administration. He taught school for two years at Clinton Prairie, and then taught school and later became assistant principal at Sheridan High School, where he served for 18 years. He then accepted the assistant principal's post at Hamilton Heights High School where he was currently working and had for 16 years.

**William V. Davis**, 76, died Saturday, July 11, 2009. He was a graduate of Purdue University and Indiana University. A dedicated teacher, Mr. Davis retired from 32 years of teaching agriculture and science in 1991. He taught at Ninevah High School, New Palestine High School, and Princeton High School. From 1978-1979 he served as president of the Indiana Association of Agricultural Educators. He was an FFA and 4-H leader for many years and touched the lives of many people.

**Dr. William H. Hamilton**, 89, passed away Sunday, August 9, 2009. He served in the Army Air Corps during World War II. He joined the Purdue University faculty as an assistant professor in fall 1967 in the Department of Education. Retiring in 1989 from Purdue University, Dr. Hamilton was awarded professor emeritus status in 1990. His preeminent work was the co-authored textbook *Agribusiness: An Entrepreneurial Approach* published in 1991. In addition, he authored or co-authored six other textbooks. He was chair for five Ph.D. dissertations including Dr. Allan Goecker Assistant Dean and Associate Director of Academic Programs, College of Agriculture, Purdue University. His primary role was in teaching and service to the Indiana Agricultural Education teachers. Dr. Hamilton taught undergraduate and graduate courses in Agricultural Teacher Education. He took graduate courses "on the road" across the state of Indiana to serve a need of teachers. A teaching expertise was in audio-visual equipment and teaching aids. During his 32 years at Purdue, he was university supervisor for 150 student teachers. He authored numerous bulletins and technical reports. His funded projects enhanced the curriculum for Indiana Agricultural Education especially in the area of agribusiness.

**Gerald L. Runyon**, 78, died Sunday, August 9, 2009. He served in the U.S. Army in Germany 1953-1955 and the U.S. Army Reserve 1955-1962. Mr. Runyon received a B.S. in education from Purdue University in 1953 and an M.S. in 1958. After the service he began teaching vocational agriculture and taught for over 35 years, the last 30 at Clay City High School. He was the FFA advisor at Clay City and continued to volunteer with the State FFA Foundation after retirement.