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FFA Jackets on Display during Program

Alpha Sigma News

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A NOTE FROM OUR PRESIDENT, DONNA KIDA

Greetings, Alpha Sigma!

Spring is here! Robins have returned. The days are getting longer. Some, not all, of my daffodils have broken through the ground. I enjoy watching for the signs announcing this new season.

I remember another thing I always enjoyed in the spring. When I was teaching, I was amazed at the progress certain students had made from winter break until spring break. It was these students who, back in December, were struggling with grade-level material. By continuing to work hard in January and February, these same students, by

March, were now not far behind their peers.

The story by Robert Kraus, *Leo the Late Bloomer*, is the story of these students. Just like Leo, and like my daffodils that won't all bloom at the same time, these students did "bloom" in their own time. As Leo's father learned, it takes patience.

Happy spring! Happy Easter!

Donna

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Mission

The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International promotes the professional and personal growth of women educators and excellence in education.

Our Next Meeting:

Saturday
April 15, 2023
9:00 AM Central

Country Kettle, Knox

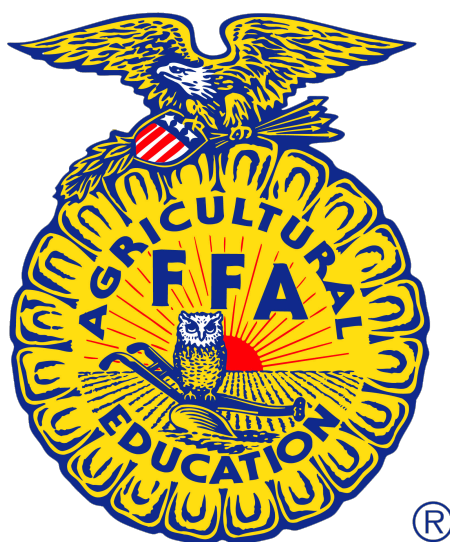
Program: Book Club/We Are Not from Here – Led by Susie Matzat and the Akers

Roll Call: Your favorite book.
Opening Thought: Heather Quinn
Media Review: Lauren Tunis
Refreshments: Order from Menu
Closing Thought: Sheila Akers

Collection: Support for Early Career Educators

FFA

Beth Cohagan and her son Evan presented a short history of FFA. Formerly named Future Farmers of America when it was organized in Virginia in the 1920s, it received a national charter in 1950. In 1988, it became the National FFA Organization.



The National FFA Emblem consists of five symbols, along with the words "Agricultural Education" and "FFA," to tell the organization's history, goals, and vision.

Cross-section ear of corn: A symbol of unity, "corn can be found" in every state across America. From the first Thanksgiving to a staple in American agricultural production, corn is a fundamental symbol of the National FFA.

Rising sun: This signifies progress. Just as agriculture continues to progress through new technologies and by responding to consumer demand, so must the National FFA Organization and its members.

Plow: This simple image stands for so much more as it truly shows agriculture is the backbone of America. Our country and the

National FFA are rooted in the labor and tillage of the soil.

Owl: A symbol of wisdom and knowledge. It takes smarts to be successful in the agricultural industry today.

Eagle: America is home to the free and brave; thus, it is only fitting the National FFA Emblem includes the eagle. The eagle is a national symbol that serves as a reminder of our freedom and ability to explore new horizons for the future of agriculture.



The headquarters of FFA is now in Indianapolis, Indiana, which makes it convenient for Hoosier FFA members to attend conventions and compete in various events.

Evan Cohagan feels that all of FFA is fun, but his best memory was competing in Ag Sales at the 2019 National Convention in Indianapolis and winning silver. He has also competed in soil judging, forestry, and public speaking.

Dates to Remember

Alpha Sigma Chapter Meeting

April 15, 2023
Country Kettle Restaurant, Knox

State Convention

April 28-30, 2023
Evansville, Indiana

DKG Conventions

Detroit, Michigan
July 11-16, 2023

Phoenix, Arizona
July 18-22, 2023

Tempere, Finland
July 26-29, 2023

Upcoming Program: Book Club

The program for our April meeting will be a Book Club discussion of *We Are Not from Here*. Author Jenny Torres Sanchez recounts the fictional tale of Pulga who has his dreams, Chico who has his grief, and Pequeña who has her pride.

None of the three teens has illusions about the town they've grown up in and the dangers that surround them. Even with the love of family, threats lurk around every corner. It is when those threats become all too real, the trio knows they have no choice but to run: from their country, from their families, from their beloved home.

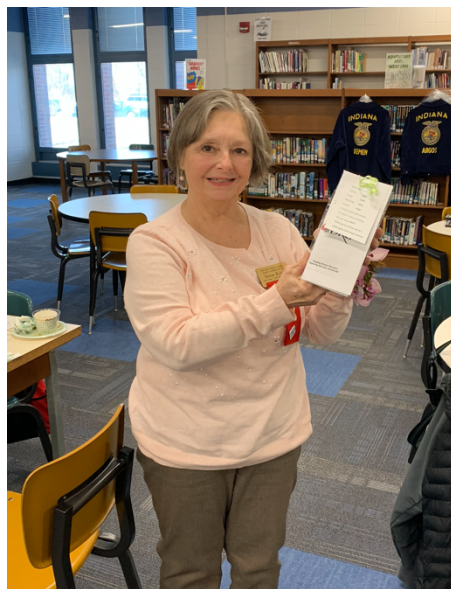
Crossing from Guatemala through Mexico, they follow the route of La Bestia, the perilous train system that might deliver them to a better life—if they are lucky enough to survive the journey. With nothing but the bags on their backs and desperation drumming through their hearts, Pulga, Chico, and Pequeña know there is no turning back, despite the unknown that awaits them. And the darkness that seems to follow wherever they go.

In this striking portrait of lives torn apart, the plight of migrants at the U.S. southern border is brought to light through poignant, vivid storytelling. An epic journey of danger, resilience, heartache, and hope.

We Are Not from Here is available at Barnes & Noble and Amazon in paperback, e-book, and audiobook. Read this interesting and riveting young adult novel and join our book discussion!

Support for Early Career Educators

Sharon Richie, chairman of the International Projects Committee, showed the gift bags that will be gifted to first-year teachers in the schools in Starke and Fulton Counties.



Members that work at the various schools were given gift bags to present to their new teachers.

New Member Prospects

Keep our chapter alive and growing. Look around you at school or among the teachers you used to work with before you retired.

Fill out the New Member Prospect sheet that accompanies this newsletter or go online to the Alpha Sigma website (alphasigmaindkg.org) under the Members tab and enter the information for the woman you would like to sponsor. If you use the online option you will need to log in with your email address and the password you've entered in the system.

Send your New Member Prospect forms to Angie Allender before our April meeting.
(angieallender@hotmail.com)
(7655 S 100 W, North Judson, 46366)

Dues Are Now Being Accepted

Active Members: \$73

Reserve Members: \$38

Due Date: June 24, 2023

Make checks out to DKG

**Send check to Treasurer:
Lauren Akers
0440 W 450 S
North Judson, IN 46366**

or

**Bring to April 15 Meeting or
June 3 Fun, Food, and Fellowship
Meeting**



In Memoriam

Kay Horn

January 16, 1937 - January 2, 2023

Inducted into DKG in 1967

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