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Mr. Kuffel,

I hereby request the following information under the FOIA: natural gas utility monthly invoices from supplier for Genesco CUSD 228 for fiscal year 2008 to present. Specifically invoices from whomever your supplier. I do not need or want your local utility bills.

An email response would be acceptable and preferred, however if it needs to be mailed or faxed, the information is below. This may or may not be used for commercial purposes.

Thank you,

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ANNUAL REPORT OF THE AGRICULTURAL EDUCATION DEPARTMENT

Geneseo High School

2010-2011

Scope of Agricultural Education

A comprehensive total program of agriculture is offered at the Geneseo Community Unit School District No. 228. The total program consists of four one year courses. A general overview of agriculture is taught to beginning students, and specific unit areas follow as the student goes through the program. Supervised Agricultural Experience Projects (SAEP) and the FFA organization are also implemented into the program as intra-curricular activities.

Enrollment by Classes

	1st semester	2nd semester
Introduction to the Agriculture Industry	25	24
Ag. Science (Animals)	14	12
Horticulture Science	49	47
Interrelated Cooperative Education	22	20
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TOTAL:	110	103
TOTAL UNDUPLICATED STUDENTS: 100 (taking an ag class)		

III. Course Outlines

Introduction to the Agriculture Industry

- History of FFA / Parliamentary Procedure
- Soil Science-Introduction
- Plant Science-Introduction
- Supervised Agricultural Experience
- Electricity
- Welding
- Woodworking
- Individual Projects
- Basic animal science

Plant/Animal Production

- Plant & Soil Science
 - Fertility
 - Biotechnology
- *Animal Science
-beef, swine, sheep
*Pre-Vet
*Animal Welfare/Rights

Horticulture

- Plant Requirements
- Plant I.D.
- Landscaping
- Terrariums
- Bonsai
- Hydroponics
- Turfgrass
- Floral Design

AG Business Mgt./Ops.

- * Oils & Filters
- * Batteries
- * Chemicals
- * Marketing
- * Business Structures
- * Machinery
- * Hydraulics
- * Tool Use & I.D.

IV. Advisory Council

Dean Olson, Garrett Plumley, Bill Dale, Dan Baum

B. Sept. 5, Oct.30, Dec. 15, Feb. 23, April 2

C. Discuss curriculum changes, starting middle school FFA, incentive grant funding, adult education, community involvement

V. The National FFA Organization

A. Membership

Active - 85

Alumni - 75

3. Honorary - 1

Of the total membership, 5 members have life membership.

FFA Alumni Membership

Officers- Todd Verheecke, Tim Anderson, Garrett Plumley, Al Lyman

Purpose and objectives

-support the local and the state FFA organization financially and with other available resources

Dean Olson is alumni president for the state association

S.A.E.

The students earned over \$150,000 through their projects with another \$100,000 being put into the local economy through their efforts.

Twenty Eight visits were made throughout the year to homes of students. This figure was up over last year as more students are carrying more projects. The purpose of the visits was to talk to the students on a one to one basis, giving advice, meet parents, and to look at the students projects. Home visits were made after school, on weekends, and weekdays during the summer. The students also took their projects to the summer vo-ag fair and did very well. Geneseo had 8 students receive premiums of \$3,637.12.

Supervised Agricultural Experience Programs
 A Summary of Students in SAEP

	2008	2009	2010	2011
AG Communications/AG Education	0	0	0	2
AG Mechanics Design + Fab.	0	1	1	1
AG mechanics R + M	0	1	1	1
AG Mechanics Energy Systems	0	0	0	0
AG Processing	3	2	1	2
AG Sales	1	0	2	1
AG Services	3	1	3	2
Aquaculture	0	0	0	0
Beef Production	2	4	5	4
Dairy Production	0	0	0	0
Diversified AG	2	0	1	2
Diversified Crop Production	2	1	1	1
Diversified Horticulture	0	0	0	0
Diversified Livestock	1	0	0	1
Electrical Technology	0	0	0	0
Emerging AG Technology	2	0	0	2
Environmental Science	1	0	0	0
Equine Science	3	3	4	5
Fiber + Oil Crop Production	3	1	0	2
Floriculture	1	0	0	1
Food Science Technology	0	1	0	0
Forage Production	1	1	0	1
Forest Products Management	1	1	0	1
Fruit Production	1	0	0	1
Grain Production	3	1	1	2
Home + Community Development	2	5	5	3
Landscape Management	3	2	2	1
Nursery Operations	0	0	0	0
Outdoor Recreation	3	1	2	2
Poultry Production	3	1	1	2
Safety	0	0	0	0
Sheep Production	1	1	0	1
Small Animal Care + Production	3	2	2	3
Specialty Crop Production	0	1	1	0
Swine Production	2	2	2	2
Turfgrass Management	2	3	3	5
Vegetable Crop Production	2	2	3	3
TOTALS	51	38	41	54

Summary of Activities

June

- 12-14 State FFA convention-Springfield
 - o rated a GOLD Chapter
 - o Fair Share Chapter (earned over \$2200 for foundation, Bill Dale Chair)
- 19-21 Illinois Association of Vocational Agriculture Teachers Conference-Springfield
- 23-24 Officer retreat
- 22-29 Washington Leadership Conference
 - o 2 members attending
 - 1 scholarship winner, 1 paid by Alumni

July

- 1+2 Section III VO-AG Fair
 - o 10 members involved
 - o 115 entries
 - o \$593.25 in entry fees
 - o \$3,637.12 in premiums earned
- 20 Bean dump at COOP -- fundraiser

August

- 1-4 State FFA Leadership Camp -- Monticello
- 8 FFA Meeting
- 14 Green hand Orientation Day
- 10-20 Illinois State Fair
 - o EFE Regional Agriculture meeting
- 31 Alumni/Chapter meeting-Culvers custard

September

- 8 West Central Advisory Meeting
- 13 Reporters Workshop-BHE
- 14 Leadership Training School-Geneseo.
- 18 State Horse Judging-1st place section,
- 21 Alumni meeting

October

- 5 Section III Soils Evaluation -- Bureau Valley
- 8 Officer Meeting
- 12 Chapter Meeting
- 16 Geneseo Fall Trap Shoot -- Bi-State in Colona, 17 teams
- 19 Geneseo AG Alumni Meeting
- 19-23 National FFA Convention -- Indianapolis, IN
 - National Winner in Grain Production-Aaron Prins
 - Bronze Creed Speaking-Jacob Miller

November

- 2 Section III Agronomy -- B.H.E.
- 4 Section III and District I AG Sales -- B.H.E.
- 6 Section III Trap Shoot
- 13 State AG Sales -- Champaign
- 16 Geneseo AG Alumni Meeting

- 23 Officer Meeting
- 24 Chapter Meeting

December

- 10 Officer Meeting
- 15 AG Alumni Meeting
- 16 AG Issues Presentation -- Farm Bureau Office
- 17 Chapter Meeting
- 23 Ski Trip to Sundown Mountain-50 members

January

- 12 Officer Meeting
- 13 Winter Section III AG Teachers Meeting -- Sherrard
- 14 AG Issues Presentation - Cambridge
- 16 Pancake Breakfast
- 19 AG Alumni Meeting
- 21 Chapter meeting
- 25 AG Issues Presentation -- City of Geneseo
- 27 Section III Job Interview and AG Issues
- 29+30 212 Leadership Conference-12 students

February

- 8 Middle school Presentation
- 9 Section Proficiency Awards record books + interviews - Geneseo
(entrepreneurship + placement)
 - 11 projects
 - AG Communications-Karla Chrisop
 - AG Mechanics Repair +Maintenance-Joe Ballegeer (ent.)
 - AG Mechanics Repair +Maintenance-James Rudy (placement)
 - Equine Science-Katie Hiebert
 - Food Service-Trent Taber (placement)
 - Forage Production -- Karla Chrisop (ent.)
 - Forest Products Management-Jacob Hancock
 - Grain Production-Landon Heaton (placement)
 - Sheep Production -- Lauren Lyman (ent.)
 - Small Animal Care + Production -- Karla Chrisop (ent.)
- 12 State AG Issues and Job Interview
- 15 AG Alumni Banquet and Labor Auction
- 17 Section III Public Speaking
- 19 Geneseo Invitational Livestock Contest -- B.H.E.
- 23 Chapter meeting and AG Olympics
- 24 Appreciation Breakfast and Bowling with Alumni

March

- 3 Officer Selection Committee
- 9 Ag Legislative Awareness Day

- 15 Alumni Oil Recycle Day
- 16 District Proficiency Awards
 - AG Mechanics-Ethan Swint
 - Grain Production-Aaron Prins
 - Sheep Production-Lauren Lyman
 - Turfgrass Mgt. -- Paul West
 - Food Service -- Trent Taber
 - Forage Production -- Karla Chrisop

April

- 2 State Proficiency Awards Day -- Champaign
 - AG Mechanics -- James Rudy
 - Food Service -- Trent Taber
- 6 District Speech-Bureau Valley (Creed, Extemp., + Prepared Qualifiers)
- 12 Chapter Banquet
- 14 Section III Dairy Evaluation
- 16 Geneseo Invitational Spring Trap Shoot -- Bi-State Sportsmen's Club
- 21 Section Ag Mechanics

May

- 5 Section Banquet-Geneseo
- 7 State Public Speaking-I.S.U.
- (Trent Taber 4th ,Jacob Miller 3rd and Haley Haverback 3rd)

Professional Improvements of Ag Instructor

Illinois Association of Agricultural Teachers - Springfield

- Professional Development Workshops
- Agriculture Teachers Workshop
- Professional Development Workshops
- County 4-H Judge -- Crops

Planned 2010 Summer Activities

June

- Illinois FFA Convention
- I.A.V.A.T. Conference
- AG Advisory Council Meeting
- FFA Meeting
- NAAE Regional Conference
- Washington Leadership Conference

July

- Section III VO-AG Fair
- 4-H Safety Camp
- FFA Leadership Camp
- FFA Meeting
- Officer Retreat

August

AG Advisory Meeting
FFA Meeting
Illinois State Fair

** throughout the summer I will be making project visits to all FFA members, checking on progress of students records, upgrading agricultural lesson plans, and creating new curriculum.

The incoming freshman class will partake in many community service activities which will solidify them as a group and get them more active as high school students.

The new officers will also have an officer retreat where they will complete leadership activities and learn their leadership roles for the upcoming school year.

Supplemental Funding 2010-2011

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| -S.A.E. recordbook material | - workshop registrations |
| -general supplies | - MFE, IFBYC, Alumni |
| - plants | |
| - | - EZ records |
| -awards | - national convention |

Conclusion

Geneseo accomplished many goals within the AG Dept. and the FFA Chapter participated in many activities throughout the year.

The AG Dept. curriculum will expand to include courses for dual credit / dual enrollment. The department also constantly updates equipment to bring the newest technology into the classroom/laboratory. Student achievement and success is the focus of the Ag Dept. and the AG Alumni.

The FFA is becoming known throughout the state for being very active and very competitive. Student interest and involvement drives the activities the chapter gets involved in. The future looks very promising and positive for those involved.

Geneseo FFA had two members compete on the National stage this year with a bronze and a National Winner, also having numerous 1st places (team & individual) at sectional & district events, and was again named a solid Gold Chapter.

Respectfully submitted this 24th day of May, 2011

Brian R. Stahl
Agricultural Education Instructor/FFA Advisor

Students with State-Level Awards
2010-2011 School Year

Teacher: _____ Brian R. Stahl _____

Student(s):

Award:

Jacob Miller

-State FFA Creed Speaking Winner (National Bronze)

Aaron Prins

-State Proficiency Awards Winner in Grain Production

-National Winner

James Rudy

-State Proficiency Awards in Ag Mechanics, 2nd place

Ethan Swint

-State Proficiency Awards Winner in Ag Mechanics

-National Bronze

Trent Taber

-State Proficiency Awards in Food Service, 2nd place

(proficiency is keeping a project with records during their high
school career)

Trent Taber

-State Winner in Ag Sales Customer Relations

Trent Taber

-Top 10 candidate for Major State FFA Office

Karla Chrisop

Haley Haverback

Tyler Oldfield

Jacob Miller

Trent Taber

Ag Sales – 4th place State

Haley Haverback

Jacob Miller

Tyler Oldfield

Catherine Trujillo

Tyler Verbeck

Ag Issues – 4th place State

Haley Haverback

Creed Speaking – 3rd place State

Jacob Miller

Prepared Speaking – 3rd place State

Trent Taber

Extemporaneous Speaking – 4th place State

Report: Education should prepare students for careers

BY KAY SHIPMAN

FarmWeek

Many Americans send their children to college, but that doesn't necessarily prepare those young adults for careers, the head of a Harvard University education project recently told Illinois educators, business executives, and government officials.

"We have to take a broader view of the jobs available ... not everybody is going to be a lawyer or a doctor," said William Symonds of the Harvard Graduate School of Education. Symonds is project director and primary author of a "Pathways to Prosperity" report.

The Pathways to Prosperity project started in 2008 to inves-

"The reality is for many young people a community college makes more sense and is more affordable," Symonds said.

Symonds recommended students, even those in elementary grades, be given information about potential careers to tap their interests and help prepare them for fulfilling careers.

Many students enter — and even graduate from — college only to discover they don't enjoy working in the field for which they've studied, he noted.

Symonds urged businesses to become involved by offering students work experience and even work-based learning that integrates school class work with job experience.

Industry involvement would provide effective vocational education with real-world application of academic principles, he noted.

"Vocational education is the best way for kids to learn ... because it's real world," Symonds said.

His wish list included a dramatic expansion of career counseling that would start with young students and continue through their college years. Industry needs to be a partner in his vision of career counseling, because businessmen have accurate views of the job market, Symonds said. "Illinois employers can play a role by talking to kids about jobs," he said.

"In Illinois, we have to get over thinking the only way to success is (attending) a four-year college ... and get over the stigma of vocational and technical education," he urged.

Symonds challenged the state to have a goal for every student to obtain post-high school education or training and earn the credentials for a successful career.



Pike County Farm Bureau President David Gay, right, testifies about the process of the Senate Redistricting Committee's hearing in Macomb, looking Randall, Senate Democrat staff member, and Sen. John Sullivan (D-Rushville) in the background. Another Farm Bureau leader, Samuel Serven, chairman of the Knox County policy task force, also testified. The Senate committee concluded its hearings last April 25. (Photo by Blake Roderick, Pike Co.)

State agriculture funding as lawmakers vote on ma

The Illinois Senate and House unveiled part of their respective state budget plans last week amid votes on major legislative bills.

One of those bills, authorization to carry concealed firearms, was defeated on a 65-52 vote in the House. A two-thirds supermajority (71 votes) was required for passage. Illinois Farm Bureau supported the measure, HB 148, sponsored by Rep. Brandon Phelps (D-Harrisburg).

The bill would have allowed a county sheriff to issue a concealed-carry permit to individuals ages 21 or older who completed required training and passed background screening.

The Senate defeated SB 173, which proposed to force consolidation or elimination of units of local government. IFB opposed SB 173 because it wouldn't have allowed local residents to vote on government consolidation.

On the budget, the veil was lifted on parts of both chambers' plans. The Senate Appropriations Committee introduced a large portion of their proposed state budget in 26 separate bills, said Kevin Semlow, IFB director of state legislation. Meanwhile, the House took testimony on its proposed budget and moved parts of that plan to the floor, Semlow noted.

SB 335 contains a proposal to suspend general revenue funding (GRF) next fiscal year for several agricultural-related funds, including those that finance fairs and fair premiums and support horse racing, Semlow said.

SB 2408 proposes to reduce some parts of the Illinois Department of Agriculture (IDOA) budget 5 percent and other parts by 7 percent. It proposes to cut funding for Soil and Water Conservation Districts by 10 percent and

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IDEA report project director

investigate solutions to help prepare young people for fulfilling careers. In Illinois, Symonds has been working with the Illinois Business Roundtable and state education and government leaders on high-quality career and technical education.

While schools have focused on students' academic needs to earn bachelor's degrees, the job market outlook shows two out of three jobs in the coming decade will require only some post-high school education, according to Symonds.

He cited another study that projected only a third of future jobs will require a bachelor's degree or more advanced education.

Illinois may develop career education initiative for