The Fall Area meeting of the Northern Area VAAE was held on Tuesday September 17th at Signal Knob Middle School. Ken Mathews disussed an Area YQCA training opportunity. It will be held on November 22nd at the VA Livestock Market in Front Royal. More information will be forthcoming but tentatively times will be 9:30 to 2:30 with a cost for lunch. Brenda Byard from LFCC  discussed the Associates Degree with an Agriculture Science Specialization that transfers to Virginia Tech. Please promote this degree with your students, enrollment has been low and it could be lost if there is not enough interest. Hannah Scherer gave an update from the ALCE department at Virginia Tech. Please reach out to her if you have an interest in assistance in implementing STEM in your program. October 10th is the Middle School Leadership Conference at VT. Concurrently there will be a Teach Ag Workshop for high school students.

They hope to have a minor in AgEd by the end of the year and the four year degree is still in progress.

 Andy Seibel gave Virginia FFA updates.

* State Fair notes: Make sure you have members participating on your roster. You will have until midnight the day before the contest to make changes to your registration. Order tickets separately from your registration. The schedule of events has changed from previous years, please check to make sure when contests are. For the Hippology contest judging will be through video, no live animals.
* State Land Judging will be November 5th at Broadway.
* State Officers will be on their international trip January 2nd -17th
* National convention- There is a free shuttle from the state hotel from the airport. This should be arranged ahead of time. The state busses will run a shuttle to and from the convention center.
* Notes from LeVetta- She needs teachers and business representatives for Operating the Farm Business
* There are no B&B dates at this time
* Information is up for the Co-op Conference at Graves Mtn
* Please let your Advisory council representative know of any concerns. There are possible changes to the Forestry and Livestock CDE’s at the State level.
* If you have a National Finalist for proficiency awards make sure you help them claim their money for travel to National Convention
* National FFA does check award applications for plagiarism
* Make sure you update your chapter profile on the FFA website- check in January or February for this to be live
* Winter InService is in the works- no date yet
* Middle School chapters can affiliate for $600.00

Katie Rines is working to make the Area Facebook page active again. Send her any news/photos you would like posted. Mary Hardesty reported on the Area account. Kathy Lineberg made a motion to use area funds to give each State Officer in attendance at the conference $20.00 in their travel accounts. It was seconded and passed. Tarinda Showman reported on the Area Rally. It will be April 3rd at LFCC. Tractor operators, small engines, and tractor troubleshooting will be held at Winchester Equipment again.

Area Forestry will be October 22nd, location TBA