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Kankakee Valley High School Celebrates FFA State Soil Judging Success and Senior Leadership

WHEATFIELD, IN — Kankakee Valley High School is proud to announce the outstanding performance of the Kankakee Valley FFA Soil Judging Team at the Indiana State Soil Judging Contest held on October 17th in Clay County, Indiana.

Representing Kankakee Valley against fierce competition from across the state, the team earned an impressive 17th place finish out of 44 competing teams. Competing in Clay County offered a unique hands-on educational experience, as students analyzed complex soil profiles formed along the historical boundary lines of the Wisconsin and Illinois Glaciers.

The 2026 State Soil Judging Team members include:

- **Tess Bell** (Senior)
- **Shawn Lee** (Senior)
- **Katie Fahey** (Senior)
- **Lydia Bell**

In addition to celebrating this strong team finish, Kankakee Valley High School extends special recognition to seniors Tess Bell, Shawn Lee, and Katie Fahey. Throughout their high school careers, these three student-athletes have demonstrated extraordinary dedication, qualifying for the state competition in each of their four years at KVHS.

"We are immensely proud of our FFA Soil Judging Team for their incredible effort and representation of Kankakee Valley High School," said the Principal Ryan Myers "Reaching the state level requires sharp analytical skills, teamwork, and hours of hard work. I want to especially congratulate our seniors—Tess, Shawn, and Katie—for four years of relentless commitment and repeating as state qualifiers. Their leadership sets a high standard for our entire school community."

Please join the entire Kougar family in congratulating Tess, Shawn, Katie, and Lydia on a fantastic season and a job well done!

Home of the Kougars