



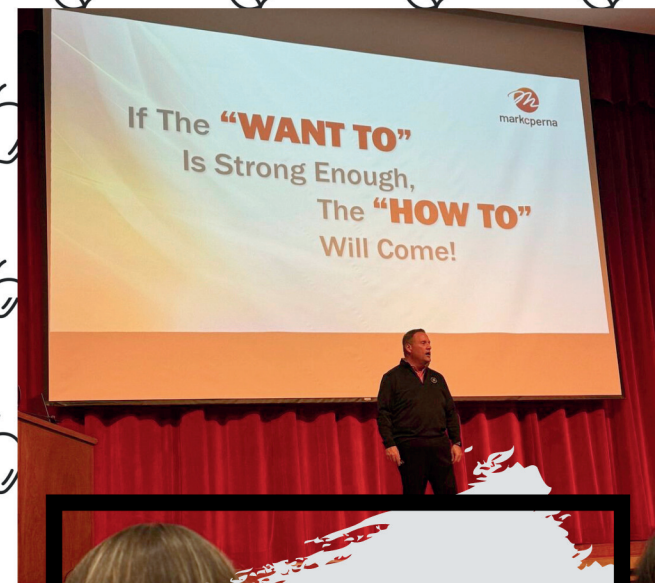
In Southern FFA, we are deeply committed to investing our time, energy, and pride into the community to make it a better place for everyone. Through service, leadership, and collaboration, our members work to create positive change, contribute to local projects, and support initiatives that strengthen the bonds within our community. Recently they helped the Blue Springs Methodist Church transport their goods to the Wymore Community Center so they could hold their annual Bazaar. In addition, some FFA members went around town and painted fire hydrants. We believe in the power of giving back and are dedicated to making a lasting impact for the benefit of all. Together, we are helping to build a brighter, more unified future for our neighbors and beyond.



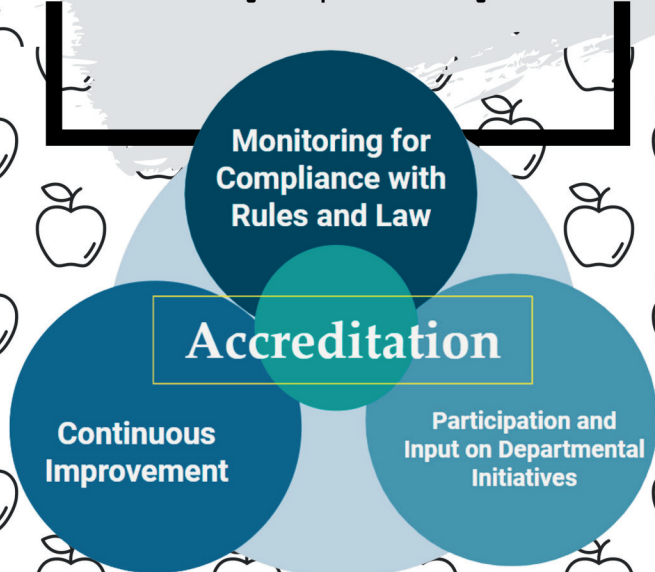
Southern SPOTLIGHT Q-2



Southern Elementary has a new addition to the playground. A gaga ball "pit" has been added to provide additional opportunities at recess. Gaga ball is played with up to 15 players at a time. Players hit or slap the ball underhanded to try and hit another player below the knee. Players are eliminated if they are hit below the knee or if they hit the ball out of the pit. The last player standing is the winner. Students have enjoyed this new addition to the playground. The gaga ball pit was purchased with money raised from a recent fundraiser. Thank you to all who supported Southern Elementary.



Over the past month, teachers and administrators attended a number of workshops to improve our craft. In October, some members of the steering committee attended a workshop put on by the Nebraska Department of Education (NDE) over school accreditation. In November, all certificated staff attended an ESU 5 regional in-service in Fairbury. Mark Perna served as the keynote speaker, and he talked about creating a competitive advantage for all students.



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