

## **Congressman Petri Visit to WAHS**

On Monday, April 19th, Congressman Petri traveled to Westfield to answer an invite from the Agricultural Education Department to learn about the Biodiesel Program. During his one hour visit, the congressman was pleased to hear about the cost savings to the district and the positive affects that it had on the students that were involved with the project. At the Transportation Department FFA members Jacob Blum, Beth Buchholz and Alex Klapoetke gave an overview of the biodiesel program at the production site. Superintendent Roger Schmidt; Powerful Assets Initiative Grant Coordinator Chris Langenfeld; Mechanic Brian Schaffrath and Work Study student Ben Anderson were also on hand to discuss their roles and the developments in almost 2 year old program.

The congressman then traveled the Westfield Area High School's Agricultural Department where FFA members discussed how liquid handsoap is made from the glycerin by-product. He was impressed to hear that the product was being successfully sold in stores such as Virch's True Value in Westfield, Portage's Pierce's and Coloma Supermarkets. Westfield School District would like to thank the Congressman for taking the time to see the exciting things that students are a part of at WAHS.



Pictured - FFA Members: Jakob Blum, Beth Buchholz, Alex Klapoetke, Mr. Zuelke and Congressman Petri with the Biodiesel Processor in the background.