



**2022-2023
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2022-2023 Chapter Officers: Back L to R – Jackson Trout, Griff Bonderer, Porter Ficken, Milo Costner. Middle L to R – Carson Samm, Claire Walker (President), Maci Johnson, Ella Johnson (Secretary), Mason Meservey. Front L to R – Emily Wilford (1st Vice President), Lilly Stedem, Emma Thompson, Avery Baxter, Emily Schreiner



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Annual Awards and Scholarships continued

GILLILAND FARM CAMP AWARD

Gilliland Farms will present a first year student, from Southwest Livingston R-I School, in Agriculture Education with a trip to State FFA Camp. In order to win this award, one must be a member in good standing, have a need for financial assistance. This award is made possible by Pete & Rhonda Gilliland.

CLAY BUSTER AWARD

The Bothwell Family presents a plaque and a \$50 check to the high point trapshooting member of each ninth through twelfth grade class. The award is based on the scores and participation during the year on the Chillicothe FFA Trapshooting Team.

JOHN YEOMANS PUBLIC SPEAKING AWARD

This award is presented in memory of John Yeomans. The award is given to the winner of a local fall or spring FFA Public Speaking contest represents the Chillicothe FFA Chapter at the Area II competition. The award consists of a check of \$100 made possible by the Hayen Family.

FARM BUREAU PUBLIC SPEAKING AWARD

The Farm Bureau Public Speaking Award is presented annually to the FFA member who represents the Chillicothe FFA at the District Farm Bureau Speaking Contest. This award consists of \$100 check and a plaque.

THE BILL GUTSHALL CREED SPEAKER AWARD

Bill Gutshall, a long time teacher of Vocational Agriculture in Chillicothe R-II School System, believed that every Agriculture student should be able to speak up, look people in the eye, and give a firm hand shake. In his memory the Chillicothe FFA Creed speaker will receive a \$100 for demonstrating their ability to speak up and look others in the eye while representing the FFA chapter as the Creed Speaker for this year.

GROZINGER FARM MANAGEMENT AWARD

The Grozinger family will present a plaque and a \$200 check to the outstanding senior Farm Management student.

The award is based on class grades in Agriculture Education, scores on the Farm Management contest, and general knowledge of production agriculture.

SAVAGE MEAT AWARD

The Savage Meat Award is presented to a student who shows the most aptitude in meats evaluation. Winners are selected on their performance at district and state Meats Evaluation contest. The \$100 award and plaque is sponsored by Dennis and Sherry Savage.

LIVINGSTON COUNTY SOIL & WATER DISTRICT AWARD

This award is given by the Soil Conservation Service. A \$50 award and plaque will be given to a student who shows the most aptitude of evaluating the soil and is based on the student's performance at contests.

WILLIAMS AGRONOMY AWARD

The Agronomy award is presented to a student who shows the most aptitude in crop production. Winners are selected on their performance at district and state Agronomy contest. The \$100 award and plaque is sponsored by the Williams Family.

T & R SOIL AWARD

The T & R Soil Service will present a plaque and a \$50 check to an outstanding member on the Ag Sales team.

DON CASSADA AWARD

Radcliff Construction (Steve Radcliff) will present \$50 and a plaque to an outstanding member on the Ag Mechanics Team.

HY-VEE AWARDS

Hy-Vee Food Stores will present \$50 and a plaque to an outstanding member on the Forestry, Livestock, and Poultry teams.

CHILLICOTHE FFA ALUMNI AWARDS

The FFA Alumni will present \$50 and a plaque to an outstanding member on the Conduct of Meetings, FFA Knowledge, and Parliamentary Procedure teams.

TOP GUN TRAPSHOOTING AWARD

The Award is given by Brandon & Brady Bothwell (past Chillicothe FFA Trapshooting Team members). \$100 and a belt buckle will be awarded to the top male and female members with the highest points, based on the student's performance at trapshooting competitions.

LIVINGSTON COUNTY AFA AWARD

AFA helps build bridges for young leaders to foster engagement and innovation in the food and agriculture industry. This scholarship will be awarded to one FFA senior that submitted an application. The scholarship is in the amount of \$3,200 with an additional \$1,000 to attend the AFA Conference.

CHARLES JONES MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP SPONSORED BY LIVINGSTON COUNTY FARM BUREAU

Charles David Jones, a lifelong farmer and resident of Livingston County, was an avid supporter of the Chillicothe FFA Chapter and a long-time active member of Missouri Farm Bureau. Charlie had a passion for agriculture and his community. He served on the Southwest School Board for many years, and was dedicated to ensuring those students had the opportunity to participate in FFA. Charlie was a kind, hardworking, family man who put others above himself and valued character and integrity. This year one member is being awarded a \$1,000 scholarship. In order to receive this scholarship, the member must be a member of Farm Bureau and submit an application.

LIVINGSTON COUNTY FARM BUREAU SCHOLARSHIP

The recipient's parents must be a member of the Livingston County Farm Bureau for at least a year and they must be planning to further their education after high school. This year 2 awards are being given in the amount of \$500.

CHILLICOTHE FFA



Agriculture Education, Grand River Technical School, Chillicothe, Missouri, May 6, 2022

2022 Chillicothe FFA Banquet

Opening Ceremonies	2021-2022 FFA Officer Team
Invocation	Claire Walker
Welcome	Joshua Eckert
Recognition of Award Sponsors	Clara Leamer
Introduction of Class Accomplishments	Claire Ripley
Freshman Class Accomplishments	
Introduction of Freshman Class	Kaelyn Potts and Bo Smith
Trapshooting Recognition	Carson Samm
Leadership Development Events	Carson Samm, Mason Meservey and Hadley Beemer
Career Development Events	Avery Baxter
Freshmen review the year	Kaelyn Potts and Bo Smith
Participation Awards	Joshua Eckert, Abbey Hayen, and Clara Leamer
Introduction of Annual Banquet Awards	Emily Schreiner
Freshmen Awards	
Chillicothe Animal Hospital Placement SAE Award	Bridgett Eller
Grand River Technical School Leadership Award	Rhyan Kincaid
Chillicothe State Bank Ownership SAE Award	Milo Costner
Reed Family Star Award	Milo Costner
Investor's Community Bank SAE Grant	Jackson Trout
Black Family FFA Camp Award	Maci Johnson
Gilliland Farm Camp Award	Maci Johnson
Clay Buster Award	Avery Baxter
Sophomore Class Accomplishments	
Introduction of Sophomore Class	Madison Albaugh and Lane Nickell
Trapshooting Recognition	Lilly Stedem
Leadership Development Events	Lilly Stedem and Emma Thompson
Career Development Events	Abby Brubaker and Ella Johnson
Proficiency Awards	Ellie Barnett
Sophomores review the year	Madison Albaugh and Lane Nickell
Participation Awards	Joshua Eckert, Abbey Hayen, and Clara Leamer
Sophomore Awards	
Chillicothe Animal Hospital Placement SAE Award	Emily Wilford
Grand River Technical School Leadership Award	Claire Walker
Chillicothe State Bank Ownership SAE Award	Carter Crawford
Reed Family Star Award	Chloe Clements
Clay Buster Award	Ellie Barnett
Top Gun Female Trapshooting Award	Chloe Clements
Honorary Chapter Degree	2021-2022 FFA Officer Team
Junior Class Accomplishments	
Introduction of Junior Class	Jessica Reeter and Hudson Corzette
Trapshooting Recognition	Claire Ripley
Leadership Development Events	Claire Ripley and Abby Brubaker
Career Development Events	Ellie Barnett and Abbey Hayen
Proficiency Awards	Ellie Barnett
Juniors review the year	Jessica Reeter and Hudson Corzette
Participation Awards	Joshua Eckert, Abbey Hayen, and Clara Leamer
Junior Awards	
Washington Leadership Conference	Claire Ripley
Chillicothe Animal Hospital Placement SAE Award	Claire Ripley
Grand River Technical School Leadership Award	Abby Brubaker
Chillicothe State Bank Ownership SAE Award	Joshua Eckert
Clay Buster Award	Clara Leamer
Agriculture Mechanics Award	Joshua Eckert
Woodworth Manufacturing Outstanding Agriculture Mechanics Award	Joshua Eckert
Recognition of Parents & Senior Slide Show	Joshua Eckert
Senior Class Accomplishments	
Introduction of Senior Class	Olivia Anderson and Christian Peniston
Trapshooting Recognition	Lilly Stedem
Leadership Development Events	Lilly Stedem
Career Development Events	Emma Thompson and Ella Johnson
Proficiency Awards	Emily Wilford
State FFA Degree	Claire Walker
Seniors review the year	Olivia Anderson and Christian Peniston
Participation Awards	Joshua Eckert, Abbey Hayen, and Clara Leamer
Senior Awards	
Chillicothe Animal Hospital Placement SAE Award	Carter Crawford
Grand River Technical School Leadership Award	Carter Crawford
Chillicothe State Bank Ownership SAE Award	Carter Crawford
Litton Award	Chloe Clements
Clay Buster Award	Chloe Clements
Top Gun Male Trapshooting Award	Chloe Clements
Agricultural Mechanics Award	Claire Walker
Bill Gutshall Handshake Award	Claire Walker
Chillicothe FFA Scholarships	Lilly Stedem
BTC Bank Leadership Scholarship	Lilly Stedem
Livingston County Farm Bureau College Scholarship	Lilly Stedem
Charles Jones Memorial Scholarship	Emma Thompson
Jackie Skipper Memorial FFA Scholarship	Emma Thompson
Smith Family Outstanding Senior Agribusiness Scholarship	Emma Thompson
Rusty & Karie Black Litton Scholarship	Emma Thompson
Wayne Boon Memorial Scholarship	Emma Thompson
For the Love of Farming	Ruger Cox
David M. Minnick FFA Scholarship	Ella Johnson
FCS Financial Scholarship	Ella Johnson
Missouri State Fair Youth in Agriculture Scholarship	Emily Wilford
AFA Scholarships	Emily Wilford
Jerry Litton Memorial Scholarship	Emily Wilford
Installation of New Officers	Senior Officers
Closing Ceremonies	2022-2023 FFA Officer Team

Year In Review May 1, 2021—April 30, 2022

Chillicothe FFA, with the help of our Agriculture Communications class, will highlight some of our Chapter’s awards and accomplishments through our “Year in Review Report.” Here are some of the chapter’s accomplishments: The chapter received 1st in the state for Model of Innovation in Strengthening Agriculture, was 26th out of 351 chapters in the state for the Chapter Activity Award, had 100% membership chapter, they also received the Gold Emblem award and received a 3-star ranking at the 94th National FFA Convention. Claire Walker was elected as the Area II Vice President and, Abbey Hayen applied and interviewed for a State Office. This year we were able to get back to normal and have a traditional FFA Barnwarming. \$49,256.96 (2nd Highest total EVER) was earned for chapter operations at Barnwarming. Twenty-five members competed for eleven fall speaking spots. At the area level ten gold ratings were earned. Nine speakers moved onto districts and two speakers competed at the state level. Eighteen members

State FFA Degrees Awarded

On March 2, 2022 it was announced that fifteen members of the Chillicothe FFA Chapter received their State FFA Degree, in Columbia, MO on April 22, 2021. Chillicothe had the most State Degree recipients from one chapter, out of 351 chapters. Before receiving this degree they had to meet a number of qualifications and fill out an application that followed their SAE and leadership skills.

Chillicothe FFA had the highest number of State FFA Degree’s of any chapter in the state of Missouri. The state FFA Degree is the highest degree that the Missouri FFA Association can give to its members. This degree is awarded to the top three percent of the total State FFA membership each year who have met the following qualifications:

1. Have received the Chapter FFA Degree.
2. Have been an active FFA member for at least two years (24 months) at the time of receiving the State FFA Degree.
3. While in school, have completed the equivalent of at least two years (360 hours) of systematic school instruction in agricultural education at or above the ninth grade level, which includes a supervised agricultural experience program.
4. A student after entering agricultural education must have: A. earned and productively invested at least \$1,000; or B. worked at least 300 hours in excess of class time; or C. a combination of thereof, in a supervised agricultural experience program.
5. Demonstrate leadership ability by:
 - a. Performing ten procedures of parliamentary law.



State Degree: Back L to R – Ethan Cooper, Josh Meservey, Wade Horton, Joshua Eckert. Middle L to R – Clara Leamer, Kolby Singer, Carson Crawford, Abby Burton. Front L to R – Abby Brubaker, Claire Ripley, Ellie Barnett, Abbey Hayen. Not Pictured – Makenna Campbell, Autumn Eckert, Owen Oesch

attended Barnwarming; two members attended MABA; one member attended HYPE, and four members attended HYMAX all of these camps/ activities were finally back to being in person. Six members attended Farm Bureau Leadership Day in Jefferson City. During the 2021-2022 year the Litton Crusaders Program held numerous activities, such as picking and delivering pumpkins, with pumpkins donated by Donnie and Sandy from Chula. The pumpkins were delivered to all classes at Bishop Hogan. Litton Crusaders also held a “Life on the Farm day,” where kids from CES Kindergarten classes and Parents as Teachers program participated in pedal tractor races, face paintings, retriever training, live animal viewing, and a fun lesson on how and why we ear notch piglets. Litton Crusaders along with the Beck family held a field trip for 1st and 3rd graders to Beck’s farm. The Litton Crusaders described how farms work, were able to take home plants and sample beef jerky. The Litton Crusaders went to CES where 1st graders planted marigolds and came to the Litton Campus for a tour of the school farm.

- a. Giving a six-minute speech on a topic relating to agriculture or the FFA.
 - b. Serving as an officer, committee chairperson, or participating member of a chapter committee.
6. Have a satisfactory scholastic record as certified by the local agricultural education instructor and the principal or superintendent.
 7. Have participated in the planning and completion of the chapter Program of Activities.
 8. Have participated in at least five different FFA activities above the chapter level.
 9. Have participated in at least 25 hours of community service, within at least 2 different community service activities. These hours are in addition to and cannot be duplicated as paid or unpaid SAE hours.

Those from our chapter who received the State FFA Degree include: Ellie Barnett daughter of Brent and Jill Barnett, Abigail Brubaker daughter of Robert and Amy Brubaker, Abigail Burton daughter of Travis and Ashley Burton, Makenna Campbell daughter of Derek and Teresa Campbell, Ethan Cooper son of Woody and Jeanna Cooper, Carson Crawford son of Reece and Shelby Crawford, Autumn Eckert daughter of Randy Eckert and Tiffany Cunningham, Joshua Eckert son of Rick and Becky Eckert, Abbey Hayen daughter of Bill and Shelley Hayen, Wade Horton son of David and Jennifer Horton, Clara Leamer daughter of Michael and Natalie leamer, Joshua Meservey son of Steven and Christie Meservey, Owen Oesch son of Oreland and Rhonda Oesch, Claire Ripley daughter of Steve and Catherine Ripley, Kolby Singer son of Buddy and Amber Singer.

Chillicothe FFA Barnwarming

On Saturday November 6, 2021 the Chillicothe FFA held its annual Barnwarming festivities. We were able to have a “Normal” Barnwarming this year with the dance being held inside the Jenkins Expo. Activities included a dance, games, and the coronation ceremony. This year the 2022 Barnwarming King and Queen were Josh Meservey son of Steven and Christie Meservey, Joshua Eckert son of Rick and Becky Eckert, and Ellie Barnett daughter of Brent and Jill Barnett. The Senior class won by raising a total of \$8,038 with a class average of \$287/member. The first runner up was the Junior class with \$13,763, averaging \$286 per student. Second runner up was the Sophomore class with a total of \$11,388, averaging \$271 per member. The third runner up was the Freshman class with a grand total of \$15,427 with students averaging \$245 per member. The chapter as a whole raised an astounding \$48,616. The Chillicothe FFA would like to thank the community for all their continued support. We greatly appreciate it!

Proficiency Award Winners

The following students received first place in the Area 2 proficiency award selection. These students competed at the state level against fifteen other area contestants.

- Carson Rhodes- Agricultural Mechanics Repair and Maintenance- Entrepreneurship- Member owns an enterprise or business involving the repair and maintenance of agricultural equipment (including lawn and landscape equipment) and/or structures, including agricultural power systems such as mechanical, electrical, chemical, wind, solar and/or water power. This includes agricultural equipment restoration where

Annual Awards and Scholarships — 2021–2022

JERRY LITTON MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

The Jerry Litton Family Memorial Foundation will present a \$5,000 and a \$3,000 scholarship to a graduating senior in the Chillicothe Chapter. The recipient must show evidence of strong leadership potential as demonstrated in FFA, school and community activities, and plans to continue his/her formal education.

WAYNE BOON MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

The \$600 Wayne Boon Memorial Scholarship and plaque will be presented to a graduating senior each year. The winner will be selected based upon the scope and quality of their production related SAE program for all their years in Ag Ed. Applicants are required to submit a written explanation of their SAE program.

JACKIE SKIPPER MEMORIAL FFA SCHOLARSHIP

The Skipper family and friends will present a \$500 scholarship to a graduating senior in the Chillicothe FFA Chapter. The recipient must show evidence of strong leadership potential as demonstrated in FFA, school, exhibiting livestock and community activities, and plans to continue his/her formal education.

RUSTY AND KARIE BLACK LITTON SCHOLARSHIP

The Jerry Litton Family Memorial Foundation will present a \$500 award to a graduating senior in the Chillicothe Chapter in honor of Rusty and Karie Black. The recipient must show evidence of strong leadership potential as demonstrated in FFA, school and community activities. The FFA member receiving this award has exhibited dedication to the Chillicothe FFA Chapter throughout their four years of membership.

BTC BANK LEADERSHIP SCHOLARSHIP

The BTC Bank Leadership Scholarship is presented annually to a Senior FFA member. Winners are selected on their four-year performance in leadership and service to FFA, school, and community. This scholarship includes a plaque and \$400 check.

CHILLICOTHE FFA SCHOLARSHIPS

The Chillicothe FFA Chapter presents five \$400 scholarships to senior FFA members who are planning to attend a college or vocational school. The members must have completed four units of Ag Education and is based on leadership in FFA, grades in agriculture classes and other school services, and need for additional funds.

FOR THE LOVE OF FARMING

Gary R. Webb, a long time Livingston County farmer, believed that every agricultural student should understand and have a fond respect for farming. Gary played an integral role in creating the partnership with Southwest R-I Livingston School and the Chillicothe FFA program. This is a \$250 scholarship awarded to one senior FFA member. This scholarship is sponsored by the family of Gary R. Webb.

DAVID and NANCY MINNICK FFA SCHOLARSHIP

Mr. Minnick was a 1974 CHS graduate that received many honors through Chillicothe FFA and wanted to give back to the chapter and all they did for him. Mr. Minnick is choosing to do this by awarding a graduating senior a \$3,000 scholarship, \$1,000 to be given the first year and \$2,000 the second year of college. The winner will be attending the University of Missouri-Columbia in the College of Agriculture, Food and Natural Resources (CAFNR) with financial need and leadership potential. If no candidate is found, the scholarship may be given to a Chillicothe FFA graduate attending Northwest Missouri State University at Maryville and studying agriculture.

SMITH FAMILY OUTSTANDING SENIOR AGRIBUSINESS SCHOLARSHIP

This scholarship will be given annually to a senior student enrolled in the agriculture program who is planning to further his/her education in a two- or four-year college program. The scholarship is designed to recognize the student who has done an outstanding job in their SAE program and demonstrated leadership ability now and in his/her future career plans. This scholarship is sponsored by Smith Farms and will be in the amount of \$200 and a plaque.

WASHINGTON LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE (WLC) SCHOLARSHIP

The Agri Leaders, TransOva Genetics, United Country Graham Agency (Ashley Gabrielson - Broker), American Family Insurance – Janet McCauslin Agent, Bothwell Family, Thompson Family, and Josh Quinn Memorial (George & Marta Quinn) sponsor \$900 to pay the expenses of three members to attend the Washington, Leadership Conference.

MISSOURI FFA ALUMNI WASHINGTON LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE (WLC) SCHOLARSHIP

This scholarship is a \$300 award. An application is submitted along with an interview at the state level.

BILL GUTSHALL HAND SHAKE AWARD

Bill Gutshall, a long time teacher of Vocational Agriculture in the Chillicothe R-II School system, believed that every agriculture student should be able to speak up, look people in the eye, and give a firm hand shake. This is a \$500 scholarship awarded to a FFA member that was the chapter Creed speaker as a freshman and has remained loyal to the FFA and what it stands for during their four years of high school. This scholarship is sponsored by the Bill Gutshall Memorial.

WOODWORTH MFG. OUTSTANDING AGRICULTURAL MECHANICS AWARD

This award is sponsored by Woodworth Manufacturing and is given annually to the member with the most outstanding agriculture mechanics project for the current school year. The winner must submit an application to be eligible as winner of a \$100 and a plaque. Criteria for winning are quality, scope and timely completion of the project.

CHILLICOTHE STATE BANK OWNERSHIP SAE AWARD

The Chillicothe State Bank presents a plaque and a \$75 check to a member of ninth through twelfth grade classes.

The award is based on quality and scope of the member’s ownership SAE project, knowledge of record keeping and management, participation, career development and FFA goals.

CHILLICOTHE ANIMAL HOSPITAL PLACEMENT SAE AWARD

Chillicothe Animal Hospital, Dr. A. Maberry and Dr. S. Maberry presents a plaque and a \$75 check to a outstanding members of each ninth through twelfth grade class. The award is based on placement SAE project, leadership, participation, career development and FFA goals.

REED FAMILY STAR AWARDS

The Reed Family presents a plaque and a \$75 check to each star award recipient. The Star Greenhand Award is given to two outstanding first-year students in both the placement and the ownership program, and the Star Chapter Farmer is given to second-year students in both areas. The award is based on scholarship, leadership, SAE Program and participation.

GRAND RIVER TECHNICAL SCHOOL LEADERSHIP AWARD

The Grand River Technical School presents a plaque and a \$75 check to each ninth through twelfth grade class.

The award is based on the total amount of points earned by each member for participating in the different FFA activities throughout the year.

LITTON AWARD

The Litton Award is given to students that contribute to the Litton Agri-Science Learning Center as a component through either their SAE project or through the Litton Crusaders. Winners are selected by their ability to care and manage their livestock, work ethic, responsibility and showing. The award consists of \$75 and is sponsored by the Jerry Litton Family Memorial Foundation.

AGRICULTURAL MECHANICS AWARD

The Agricultural Mechanics Award will be given annually to three students in either the junior or senior classes. The award will consist of a \$50 check and is sponsored by Pat Thorne Lumber Company and Orscheln’s Farm and Home of Chillicothe. The award is based on the projects constructed and completed in the shop class of the current year. The size and cost of the project, the quality of work and grades also used in determining the winner of the award.

INVESTORS COMMUNITY BANK SAE GRANT

The Investors Community Bank SAE Grant will be given annually to two first year FFA members who would like to pursue or expand his/her Supervised Agriculture Experience Program. Investors Community Bank presents a plaque and \$250 to go towards the purchase of items needed for their SAE project. Selection guidelines are future plans for SAE project, interest in agriculture, career plans, FFA participation, citizenship and cooperation at school.

BLACK FAMILY FFA CAMP AWARD

The Black family will present three first-year students in Agriculture Education with a trip to State FFA Camp. In order to win this award, one must be a member in good standing, have a need for financial assistance. This award is made possible by the Rusty & Karie Black family.

a student owns the piece of equipment.

- Abbey Hayen- Diversified Crop Production- Entrepreneurship- Member owns an enterprise or business that applies the best management practices available to efficiently produce and market crops from two or more of the following proficiency areas: grain production, fiber and oil crop production, forage production, specialty crop production (excluding floriculture production), vegetable production or fruit production.
- Kolby Singer- Diversified Agricultural Production- Entrepreneurship/ Placement- Involves the use of the best management practices available to produce and market a combination of livestock and crops in two or more proficiency areas. These areas include at least one species included in Diversified Livestock and at least one species included in Diversified Crop proficiency area.
- Ethan Cooper- Environmental Science and Natural Resources Management- Entrepreneurship/ Placement- Students receive practical experience concerned with the principles and practices of managing and/or improving the environment and natural resources. Activities may include the areas of management of agriculture waste (excluding common compliance with EPA regulations) recycling of agriculture products, environmental cleanup, land/wetland reclamation, serving in the conservation corps; managing agricultural energy usage (not for building or maintaining), multiple uses of resources, land use regulations pertaining to soil, water, and air quality, preservation of wet lands, shorelines, and grasslands, erosion prevention practices; public relations and education concerning pollution; installing subsurface drainage, public relations and education concerning pollution.
- Claire Walker- Ag Communications Entrepreneurship/ Placement- Includes programs in which a member is placed at a newspaper or other agricultural print (such as magazines) facilities to obtain training and practical experience in writing and publicizing in preparation for a writing communications career. Programs may also be at radio and TV stations, fair media rooms, or other businesses requiring speaking skills and knowledge of agriculture. The



State Proficiencies: Back L to R – Carson Rhodes, Ethan Cooper, Austen Minnick, Landon Winder. Middle L to R – Carson Crawford, Kolby Singer, Joshua Eckert. Front L to R – Abbey Hayen, Jaycie Stimpson, Clarie Walker, Carter Crawford

student may also own and produce an agricultural-related broadcast or show. This area also includes any use of or development of social media or new technology aimed at communicating the story of agriculture.

- Carson Crawford- Ag Sales Placement Entrepreneurship- Member owns an agricultural enterprise or business, not covered in a more appropriate proficiency award category. This could include sales of feed, seed, fertilizer, agricultural chemicals, agricultural equipment, machinery or structures. Enterprises could also include the merchandising (buying an item with the sole purpose to resell it in a short time frame) of crops, livestock, processed agricultural commodities, horticulture products (including quarry rock for decorative or landscape purposes), floriculture (including the creation of floral arrangements), and forestry items at either the retail or wholesale level.
- Jaycie Stimpson- Dairy Production- Entrepreneurship- Member owns an enterprise or business and applies the best management practices available to efficiently produce and market dairy cattle, including the raising of breeding animals for dairy purposes (i.e., bulls and heifers), and raw dairy cattle products. This award area also includes enterprises in which a member leases cattle for dairy production.
- Austen Minnick (1st Place)- Landscape Management Entrepreneurship/ Placement- Member owns the enterprise, or works for a business that includes experiences with planting and maintaining plants and shrubs, landscaping and outdoor beautification, grounds keeping, sprinkler installations and lawn mowing/care services, portions of the project can include hardscaping and the installation of decorative rock, etc.
- Landon Winder- Swine Production- Entrepreneurship- Member owns an enterprise that applies the best management practices available to efficiently produce and market swine and their raw products.
- Carter Crawford- Forage Production Entrepreneurship/ Placement- Member owns the enterprise, or works for a business that includes the best management practices available to efficiently produce and market crops for forage such as alfalfa, clover, brome grass, orchard grass, grain forages, corn and grass silages, all pastures and sorghum (not used for grain). NOTE: Custom bailing activities more appropriately fit in the Agricultural Services award area.
- Joshua Eckert- Turf Grass Management- Entrepreneurship/ Placement- Member owns the enterprise, or works for a business that involves the planting and maintaining of turf for outdoor beautification, providing a lawn mowing service that does not include installation or maintenance of additional landscaping, sod produced for sale and sport field or golf course management.

On April 21, 2022 at the Missouri State FFA Convention, Austen Minnick placed first with his proficiency.

Star in Placement



Joshua Eckert is a senior at Chillicothe High School. Joshua is the son of Rick and Becky Eckert. Joshua's Supervised Agriculture Experience began with employment at Eckert's Lawn Care. Eckert's Lawn Care specializes in turf and ornamental, specifically mowing, spraying, fertilizing, brush clean up, and landscaping. While at work, Joshua runs equipment regularly, such as mowers, trimmers, leaf blowers, and push mowers. He operates machinery to help with landscaping such as the tractor which he uses to move large amounts of rocks, dirt, boulders, and large trees. He also cares for and maintains the machinery and equipment, through servicing by changing oils, fluids and filters. His responsibilities changed over the last four years as he has gone from a crew member to leading his own crew.

He has competed at the state level with Division 1 Prepared Public Speaking, Missouri Soil and Water Conservation Speaking Contest, the Forestry CDE and the Farm Management CDE. He competed in Division 2 Prepared Public Speaking and Employment Skills at districts. He has attended the National FFA Convention, State FFA HYMAX Academy, State FFA Convention, Missouri State Fair. He has been an officer for three years beginning with Assistant President his sophomore year. His junior year he was elected 2nd Vice President and his senior year he served as the Chapter President.

He has been on the CHS Honor Roll for every semester and he has received an Academic Letter for all four years. He has been on the Junior and Senior Executive committee for 2 years. He has received multiple Random Acts of Kindness Everywhere awards for the past two years. He is a devotional leader in the Fellowship of Christian Athletes and a member of the National Honor Society.

Upon graduating from high school, he plans to attend North Central Missouri College.

Star Farmer



Kolby Singer is a senior at Hale High School. He is the son of Buddy and Amber Singer.

Kolby's Supervised Agricultural Experience program is Diversified Agricultural Production. He started his first year cash renting 31 acres of soybeans and has increased his cash rent to 169 acres of corn and soybeans as well as 82 acres of hay. His cattle herd has grown from 8 cow calf pairs and a bull to 15 cow calf pairs and a bull. He rents equipment to do his field work. He was able to save money his sophomore year in order to purchase a 4440 John Deere tractor and a 2004 379 Peterbilt his junior and senior year. He will use the tractor to do his haying so he does not have to rent machinery. He will haul his grain and also get paid to haul other farmers grain to elevators.

Kolby Singer is an active Chillicothe FFA member. He has attended many chapter FFA activities such as the National and State FFA Convention. He has participated on the Forestry and Ag Mechanics CDE teams at the state level and poultry at the district level. Kolby plays basketball, baseball, and runs track at Hale High School.

After High School Kolby plans on continuing to increase his operation by purchasing row crop ground. He would also like to increase his cattle herd. He will continue to haul grain for the farm and haul fertilizer, Distillers, and grain for other facilities. He would eventually like to buy another semi-truck. He would like to have enough work to hire full time employees.



Ag Mechanics: Back L to R – Kolby Singer, Carter Crawford. Front L to R – Carson Rhodes, Alt. Lance Clark and Austen Minnick



Ag Sales: Abbey Hayen, Clara Leamer, Lainey Thompson, Not pictured: Owen Oesch



Agronomy: Bridgett Eller, Emily Schreiner, Jackson Trout, Carson Samm



Area Degree: Back L to R – Christian Peniston, Olivia Anderson, Front L to R – Lainey Thompson, Dawsyn Lightner. Not Pictured – Quincey Jessen, Benjamin Pitthan



Conduct of Meetings: Back L to R – Langsten Johnson, Bo Smith, Jack Bernhardt. Front L to R – Anna Pfaff, Kealee French, Aubrie Burton. Not pictured: Emma Thomas



Creed Speaking: Kolt Neptune, Not pictured: Emma Thomas



Division I Speaking: Harlee Beck, Reagan Donoho



Division II Speaking: Carson Samm, Jackson Trout



Employment Skills: Joshua Eckert



Extemporaneous Speaking: Lucas Reynolds



Farm Management: Abby Burton, Joshua Eckert, Abby Brubaker, Not pictured: Autumn Eckert



Floriculture: Jackson Reeter, Seth Summers, Chase Emmons, Not picture: Harlee Clutter, Alt. Cooper Murphy



Forestry: Back L to R – Tucker Narr, Carver Crawford. Front L to R – Landon Bradley, Ethan Davis



HYPE and Area II 1st Vice President: Claire Walker



HYMAX: Langsten Johnson, Trent Peniston, Yoo Jung Lee, Sadie Burtch



Knowledge: Back L to R – Alt. Keeley Shira, Kaelyn Potts, Maci Stover. Front L to R – Lyla Oesch, Yoo Jung Lee, Koby Wagers, Sadie Burtch



Livestock: Back L to R – Ella Johnson, Alt. Jaycie Stimpson. Front L to R – Porter Ficken, Emma Thompson, Lilly Stedem



Meats: Back L to R – Alt. Hadley Beemer, Maci Johnson. Front L to R – Delanie Kieffer, Avery Baxter, Adra Stretch



Parliamentary Procedure: Back L to R – Hudson Corzette, Emily Wilford, Chloe Clements, Eli Warren. Front L to R – Glen Holt, Landon Winder, Griff Bonderer, Claire Walker



Poultry: Back L to R – Ethan Melte, Remington Rhodes, Jason Ralls, Rylee Anderson, Sammy Rodenberg, Madalyn Howe. Middle L to R – Alt. Cole Judy, Kolt Neptune, Trevor Peniston, Timothy Summers, Hallie Mayberry. Front L to R – Kaleb Carlson, Alikai Walker, Allie George, Trent Peniston. Not pictured: Remington Isaacs



Area Proficiency Participants: Back L to R – Cayleb Cothorn, Porter Ficken, Landon Winder, Cooper Murphy. 3rd row: Seth Summers, Hudson Corzette, Carson Rhodes, Ethan Cooper, Austen Minnick, Griff Bonderer, Carter Crawford, Kolby Singer, Lance Clark, Glen Holt. 2nd row: Ella Johnson, Chloe Clements, Carson Crawford, Emma Thompson, Josh Eckert, Lainey Thompson, Eli Warren, Rhyann Kincade. Front L to R – Lainie Epperson, Abbey Hayen, Jaycie Stimpson, Clarie Walker, Paige Guyett, Maggie Horton. Not Pictured: Jacob Roney, Skyler Stover, Jackson Reeter, Ruger Cox, Christian Peniston, Gavin Funk.



Record Books: Hudson Corzette, Seth Summers, Rylee Anderson. Not pictured Remington Isaacs



Soils: Back L to R – Jenna Hicks, Milo Costner. Front L to R – Mason Meservey, Rhyann Kincade, Lane Nickell



Scrapbook: Back Row L to R – Carson Samm, Jackson Trout, Milo Costner, Mason Meservey. Middle L to R – Hadley Beemer, Bridgett Eller. Front L to R – Maci Johnson, Emily Schreiner, Avery Baxter, Rhyann Kincade



State Chorus - Chloe Clements, State Talent - Hadley Beemer



Large Group Trapshooting: Wade Horton, Timothy Summers, Carson Crawford, Porter Ficken, Ethan Davis, Lance Clark, Carson Rhodes, Landon Bradley, Cooper Murphy, Carver Crawford, Carter Crawford, Langsten Johnson, Milo Costner, Cayleb Cothorn, Seth Summers, Carson Thompson, Jason Ralls, Remington Rhodes, Maggie Horton, Kolt Neptune, Hudson Corzette, Josh Meservey, Harlee Beck, Sadie Burtch, Hayden Chapman, Noah Meservey, Ben Pitthan, Trent Keith, Sammy Rodenberg, Ellah Geiser, Chase Emmons, and Landon Winder