

State Trap Shoot

April 26, 2014

LINN CREEK, MO - More than 85,000 shots rang out from the Missouri Trapshooters Association home grounds in Linn Creek on April 26, 2014 for the 27th Annual Missouri FFA and High School Trap Championship. More than 850 students from all over the state participated. "Despite the rainy weather, we saw several perfect scores and many 99s," said Missouri Department of Conservation (MDC) Education Outreach Coordinator Eric Edwards who helped staff the event. "We even had to have a shoot-off to decide placement in some divisions because of all the 100-out-of-100 scores these kids put up today." "The dedication of these young people amazes me," said Edwards. "Some are here just to have a good time and socialize with other kids from around the state, while others get very serious about the competition aspect. We had several shooters who will be going to college next year on full-ride scholarships to compete on a collegiate level in the shotgun sports." He added, "These outstanding youth along with their dedicated coaches show that not only is Missouri a great place to hunt and fish, but a great place to enjoy shooting sports too!"



L to R - Ben Burtch, Matt Dupy, Brandon Bothwell, Brady Bothwell, Timber Ballantyne, Zach Quinn

The team of Timber Ballantyne, Brandon Bothwell, Ben Burtch, Matt Dupy, and Zach Quinn placed 6th in the State FFA Shoot. As a team, they shot 460 out of 500. Other students that participated on an individual basis were Brady Bothwell. This year the coaching staff consisted of Sarge Ralls and Tony Burtch.

The student scores were Timber Ballantyne 91 out of 100, Brady Bothwell 81 out of 100, Brandon Bothwell 95 out of 100, Ben Burtch 98 out of 100, Matt Dupy 81 of 100, and Zach Quinn 96 out of 100. The objectives of the program are to involve students in the highest standards of safety, sportsmanship, and ethical behavior, along with safe and responsible use of firearms. Also, the program helps to develop self-confidence, personal discipline, sportsmanship, and teamwork.

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State FFA Convention 2014

April 24-25, 2014

State FFA Model of Innovation Award Winner in the Student Division

The Chillicothe FFA Chapter was selected as the 2014 Model of Innovation - Student Development award by the Missouri FFA Organization. Student Development serves as one of three FFA Model of Innovation award areas geared to drive complete development of an FFA chapter.

The Chillicothe FFA Chapter became eligible for the award after earning a Three-Star rating during state chapter judging completed by FFA during the 86th Missouri FFA Convention. There, judges evaluate a chapter's Program of Activities (POA) that contains activities specified by three standing chapter committees which are to be accomplished during the course of a school year. Each of the 334 FFA chapters statewide are required to develop a POA specific to their needs and goals.

The three key programs developed by the members of the Chillicothe FFA Chapter were to assist our members in their journey to becoming responsible adults. The three programs are Voices of Agriculture, Going for the Gold, and SAE on Display. Voices of Agriculture is designed to help all of our chapter members gain experience in public speaking, whether it be as simple as saying the FFA Creed to the class or becoming a state winning public speaker. Going for the Gold is designed to help our chapter members financially with school or SAE projects through scholarships and awards. SAE on Display is designed to help our chapter members let the public know what an SAE is and how it is important to them. Overall, the chapter created over 15 exceptional activities during the school year related to quality standards set by the National FFA Organization.

Also during the 86th Missouri State FFA Convention, the Chillicothe FFA Chapter was awarded three top honors. Those awards given to the chapter were Superior Chapter, 100% Membership, and Gold Emblem Awards.

The Chillicothe FFA Chapter placed 6th out of 334 chapters in the state of Missouri with their Gold Emblem Award. Only 10 percent of state chapters receive a top chapter designation each year. To qualify for the Superior Chapter Activity Award, chapters must verify that their chapter members have completed at least one activity related to each of the five quality standards established within the three divisions: Student, Chapter and Community development. The 100% Membership Award is given to those chapters who have a chapter membership roster that is equal to or greater than the number of members of 9-12 students enrolled in the schools Ag Education courses. The Gold emblem award is for chapters that completed and submitted a National Chapter Application on the state level. Selection is based on major activities described in Form II of the National Chapter Activity Award Application. The top chapters are submitted to the National FFA Organization where they compete for the National FFA Chapter Award. The competition will be this fall at the National FFA Convention in Louisville, KY.

The FFA makes a positive difference in the lives of students by developing their potential for premier leadership, personal growth and career success through agricultural education.

Additional State Convention Awards...

Once again a successful year! This year at the 86th State FFA Convention, students participated from Chillicothe and Southwest High Schools.

- In Division I Prepared Public Speaking Sarah Mason placed 1st with a group I rating.
- The FFA Knowledge team placed 45th and earned a group III rating. The team included Kyle Hansen, Hunter Hobbs, Tanner Hobbs, and Jake Sampsel.
- In the Record Book division Hunter Haakonstad and Kyler Manning both received a group I rating.
- The Parliamentary Procedure team placed 3rd and earned a group I rating; the team included Lane Bonderer, Erin Campbell, Nate McKiddy, Rachel Nowland, Victoria Overton, Robert Parkey, and Marissa Surber.

- The Ag Issues team placed 3rd and earned a group I rating; the team included Derek Eckert, Hallee Jones, Zach Quinn, Jozie Reeter, Colby Ruoff, Hailey Seeley, and Haelee Shady.
- The Livestock team placed 7th and earned a group I rating; the team included Lauren Haley, Bailey Henry, and Carlee Johnson.
- The Agricultural Mechanics team placed 22nd and earned a group II rating; the team included Ben Burtch, Gillen Gates, Tucker Jones, and Cody Kanninen.
- In Job Interview Elizabeth Warren received a group I rating.
- Five members were recognized at the state level for proficiencies; those members were Brandon Bothwell - 1st place, Shantel Cooper, Cody Kanninen, Marissa Surber, and Elizabeth Warren.
- Fourteen members received their [State FFA Degree](#); those members are Brandon Bothwell, Ben Burtch, Matt Dupy, Gillen Gates, Maggie Graves, Tucker Jones, Alicia Kieffer, Quinten Lewis, Jami Loney, Anthony Peniston, Faith Peters, Paige Peters, Walker Thomas, and Elizabeth Warren.
- In the Star division we had two contestants. The two individuals were Brandon Bothwell in the State Star Farmer division and Ben Burtch in the State Star in Placement division.
- The two individuals receiving scholarships were Bailey Henry, who received the Missouri FFA Alumni WLC Scholarship and Elizabeth Warren who received a \$1000 Youth in Ag Scholarship sponsored by the Missouri State Fair.
- Brandon Bothwell was selected to serve as a Missouri State FFA Vice President for the 2014-2015 officer team. [See press release >>](#)

The Chillicothe FFA Chapter was recognized as the state winner of the Model of Innovation Student Development and place 6th in the Chapter Activity Award. These were awards given to the top schools in the state of Missouri. There are 334 schools with agriculture programs in the state. The Chillicothe FFA Chapter was also recognized by the Missouri Beef Industry Council for being one of the \$150 district winners of the #BeefUpFFA social media contest which was designed to spread the word about beef.

Congratulations to all of the FFA members who participated on any contest team this year. Your hard work is a credit to each of you as individuals.

Proficiency Award Winners

April 24, 2014

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.



- Shantel Cooper - Agriculture Education - Related to education and extension, including, but not limited to: youth mentoring, agricultural education departmental assistants, PALS mentors and student coordinators, students developing and conducting informational materials and presentations for civic organizations and school aged youth, and students who are involved in SAEs surrounding educating the public about the broad topics of agriculture, agriculture education and the FFA.
- Marissa Surber - Agriscience Plant Systems Research - Research into the study of plant life cycles, classifications, functions, practices, through the study of crops, turf grass, trees and shrubs and/or ornamental plants.

- Elizabeth Warren - Goat Production - Involves the use of the best management practices available to efficiently produce and market all goat products.
- Brandon Bothwell - Grain Production Entrepreneurship - *1st place state winner* - Students owns an enterprise or business that applies the best management practices available to efficiently produce and market crops for grain production such as corn, barley, millet, buckwheat, oats, grain sorghum, milo, wheat, rice and rye.
- Cody Kanniainen - Swine Production Placement - Student works for an employer that applies the best management practices available to efficiently produce and market swine.

On April 24, 2014 at the Missouri State FFA Convention, Brandon Bothwell received 1st place in the Grain Production Entrepreneurship Proficiency Award. Bothwell will now advance to the national level and compete at the National FFA Convention in Louisville, KY in October 2014.

State FFA Degrees

April 25, 2014

On March 3, 2014 it was announced that fourteen members of the Chillicothe FFA will be receiving their State FFA Degree in Columbia, MO on April 25, 2014. Before receiving this degree they had to meet a number of qualifications and fill out an application that followed their SAE and leadership skills. 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:

- Have received the Chapter FFA Degree and have been an active FFA member for at least two years (24 months) at the time of receiving the State FFA Degree.
- While in high school, have completed the equivalent of at least two years (360 hours) of systematic school instruction in agriculture education at or above the ninth grade level which includes a supervised agriculture experience program.
- Have earned and productively invested at least \$1000 or worked at least 300 hours in excess of scheduled class time, or combination thereof in a supervised agricultural experience program.
- Demonstrate leadership ability by:
 - a. Performing 10 parliamentary procedures of parliamentary law.
 - b. Giving a six-minute speech on a topic related to agriculture or the FFA.
 - c. Serving as an officer and/or committee chairperson or a participating member of a chapter committee.
 - d. Making a satisfactory score on a written test on FFA.
- Show outstanding leadership participation in chapter activities and school and community activities by:
 - a. Participating in planning and conducting chapter program of activities.
 - b. Serving as chapter officer or committee chairperson.
 - c. Participating in at least 5 activities above the chapter level.
 - d. Participating in leadership positions outside the FFA.
 - e. Scoring a minimum of 150 points on the Leadership Section of the State FFA Degree application.
- Have a satisfactory scholastic record, certified by the local superintendent or principal.



Those from our chapter who received the State FFA Degree include: Brandon Bothwell son of Barrie and Julie Bothwell, Ben Burtch son of Tony Burtch and Amy Anderson, Matt Dupy son of Todd and Dawn Dupy, Gillen Gates son of Gil and Karen Gates, Maggie Graves daughter of Jason and Andrea Graves, Tucker Jones son of Todd and Christine Jones, Alicia Kieffer daughter of Robert and Michelle Kieffer, Quinten Lewis son of Clint and Angela Lewis, Jami Loney daughter of Nelson and Lesli Loney, Anthony Peniston son of Tony Peniston and Brandy Peniston, Faith Peters daughter of Bob and Berta Peters, Paige Peters daughter of Bob and Berta Peters, Walker Thomas son of Paul and Dorcus Thomas, and Elizabeth Warren daughter of Laura Warren.

Congratulations to these individuals on their accomplishments.

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Spring Plant Sale

Posted April 21, 2014

Students from Mr. Wolf's Greenhouse class at the Litton Agriculture Education Center were preparing for the spring plant sale. The students were learning about basic plant science as well as plant reproduction. Different types of plant reproduction the students are learning about are: planting from seeds, using plugs, and utilizing cuttings. During the semester students will have learned more about how a greenhouse works and how good nutrition and access to water affects plants at the Litton Agriculture Campus.



The students are busy gearing up for a plant sale which will be held at the school greenhouse on April 29, 30, and May 1, 2014 from 2:30 to 5:00 pm.

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Spring Preparations at Litton Ag

Posted April 21, 2014

The Litton Agri-Science Learning Center is in full swing. The Litton Center was created for Livingston County youth who do not have the facilities to house livestock to do so at the Litton Center. Currently the Litton Center is at max capacity livestock at the facility are cattle, goats, sheep, and swine.



Youth that belong to a Livingston County 4-H or FFA group are eligible to house livestock at the facility. The youth that house the livestock at the Litton Center are responsible for all of their daily care and they also work three hours a week at the Litton Center as a form of rent to use the facility. The youth will then spend the summer exhibiting the livestock at local, area, district, state and national livestock shows.



All the youth are extremely grateful to the Jerry Litton Family Memorial Foundation for the facility and their continued support. Without the foundation, most of these youth would not be able to have this experience.

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Area II FFA Awards Recognition Night

April 9, 2014

On April 9, 2014, Chillicothe FFA members attended the Area II FFA Awards Recognition Night held at the Gary Dickinson Performing Arts Center in Chillicothe, MO. This awards recognition night is held each year to recognize members of the 27 area schools that make up the Area II FFA Association for their outstanding achievements during the year.



The items for which students were recognized, at the area level, were as follows: fall speaking contests, FFA speaking contests, books, contests, talent, Area FFA Degree, proficiency awards, and officers. Elizabeth Warren, 2013-2014 Area II Reporter, and the rest of the Area II Officer team conducted the ceremony.

Brandon Bothwell was recognized as the Area II Star Farmer, and Ben Burtch was recognized as the Area II Star in Placement. At the conclusion of the night, Lauren Haley was initiated as the 2014-2015 Area II President.

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April FFA Meeting

April 9, 2014

On April 9, 2014 the Chillicothe FFA Chapter held their annual April FFA meeting in the Chillicothe High School Performing Arts Center where approximately 120 members attended. The meeting was held to vote on Honorary FFA membership which will be given out at the local banquet on May 2. The students also discussed class representatives who will also present at the local banquet. At the conclusion of the meeting, students got to enjoy donuts, milk, and juice and take pictures for the local banquet program.

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AG ISSUES FORUM

April 7, 2014

On Monday April 7, 2014, the Chillicothe FFA Agricultural Issues Forum presented to the Chillicothe Kiwanis Club at the Chillicothe Senior Center. They also presented the program for the seniors that were enjoying lunch at the Senior Center.

The purpose of the Agricultural Issues Forum is to provide students an opportunity to explore local agriculture issues and create an unbiased presentation to a public audience. The ability to understand

and communicate clearly with the public about agriculture is important to the career success of students and to the agriculture industry.



Front L to R - Hailey Seeley, Jozie Reeter, Haelee Shady
Back L to R - Colby Ruoff, Hallee Jones, Zach Quinn, Derek Eckert

Chillicothe FFA Chapter has chosen for their Agriculture Issues forum, "Should Horse Slaughtering be banned in the United States?" For decades, Americans have not accepted the fact the horses can be slaughtered for meat purposes. Even to this day, the debate continues as to whether horses are considered livestock or companion animals. This debate in recent years has taken center stage in not only the agriculture community, but among horse-lovers everywhere. The debate has made its way to Washington; and for the last eight years, Congress has debated a Horse Slaughter Prevention Act. However, more recently, in our surrounding community, this debate has added repercussions. Dave Rains, of Rain's Natural Meats of Gallatin, Missouri, built a slaughtering facility on the corner of his farm to process naturally-raised beef and pork. When big companies saturated that marketplace, he applied for a permit to butcher horses. He expected to be in business this time last year. However, a lawsuit, backed by the Humane Society, now stands between Mr. Rains and a state permit.



The Agriculture Issues Forum team has also present previously to the Livingston County Farm Bureau Board, the Chillicothe Agri-Leaders, Chillicothe Rotary, Chillicothe R-II School Board, and Chillicothe Chamber of Commerce. The team received first place at the area level and first place at the district level. The team will compete at the state level in Columbia, Missouri on April 24, 2014.

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Chillicothe FFA Alumni Pig Sale

April 5, 2014

On Saturday April 5, 2014, the Chillicothe FFA Alumni held the 13th Annual Pig Sale at the MW Jenkins Expo Center on the Litton Agriculture Campus. There were 25 sellers and 112 buyers present from all over the state of Missouri.

This pig sale is held to assist local youth with finding quality show pigs for the upcoming show season. Youth will exhibit these pigs during the summer at local, area, district, state, and national shows.

The money raised by the Chillicothe FFA Alumni goes to sponsor awards and scholarship at the Chillicothe FFA Banquet in May.



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District Contest Results

March 25-April 2, 2014

On March 25, 2014 the Chillicothe FFA Chapter participated in the Northwest District FFA Contest. The results are as follows: Agricultural Issues, 1st place (state) - Derek Eckert, Hallee Jones, Zach Quinn, Jozie Reeter, Colby Ruoff, Hailey Seeley, Haelee Shady; Parliamentary Procedure, 1st place (state) - Lane Bonderer, Erin Campbell, Nate McKiddy, Rachel Nowland, Victoria Overton, Robert Parkey (Chairman), Marissa Surber; Knowledge Team 1st place (state) - Kyle Hansen, Hunter Hobbs, Tanner Hobbs, Gunnar Leach, Joey Thompson (Alt); Prepared Public Speaking Division I 2nd place (state) - Sarah Mason; Prepared Public Speaking Division I gold - Jaime Albertson; Prepared Public Speaking Division II gold - Rebecca Pitchford; Job Interview 2nd (state) - Elizabeth Warren. All members advancing to the State FFA contest will participate when it is held in Columbia on April 24 & 25.

On April 1 and April 2, 2014 the Chillicothe FFA Chapter participated in the Northwest District Ag Contest. The results are as follows: Agriculture Mechanics 2nd place (state) - Ben Burtch, Gillen Gates, Tucker Jones, Cody Kannianen; Agronomy 23rd place - Timber Ballantyne, Kiley Boley (alt), Brandon Cook, Garith Felton, Katlyn Hamilton; Dairy Foods 22nd place - Kieara Hughes, Hannah Stotts, Addison Webb, Kristina Hamilton, Julia Minnis (Alt); Dairy Cattle 20th - Clayton Campbell, Hunter Haakonstad, Ben Jones, Brady Bothwell, Logan Sampsel (Alt), Levi Surber (Alt); Entomology 24th place - Helena McNamee, Jacob Denton, Hannah Roney, Risha Peery; Farm Management 11th place - Brandon Bothwell, Matt Dupy, Sara Frampton, Faith Peters, Paige Peters (Alt); Floriculture 26th place - Emily

Calvert, Shantel Cooper, Jordan Dixon, Jami Loney; Forestry 22nd place - Cal Toedebusch, Derek Hussey, Garrett Anderson, Joe Circo; Horses 8th place - Emma Leemer, Jalynn Reeter, Audrey Edmondston, Abby; Livestock 11th place (state) - Lauren Haley, Bailey Henry, Carlee Johnson; Meats 16th place - Sarah Eller, McKenna Ashford, Colton Hargrave, Maggie Resor; Poultry 12th place - Gunnar Leach, Tristen Sewell, Zach Trout, Mason Daniel, Tanner Lent (Alt); Soils 18th place - McCormick Campbell, Remington Cox, Shayler Keller (Alt), Trevor Shira, Jimmy Biticker. The teams that qualified will be participating at state contest on April 24th and 25th, in Columbia, MO.

The following individuals placed in the top ten in their team competitions: Bailey Henry 1st place Livestock; Lauren Haley 2nd place Livestock; Carlee Johnson 6th place Livestock; Cody Kanninen 3rd place Ag Mechanics; Tucker Jones 5th place Ag Mechanics.

The Chillicothe FFA fielded 16 teams and 4 speakers at District Agriculture and FFA Career Development Events. A total of 68 students competed from the Chillicothe FFA. The career development events were held at Northwest Missouri State University. 325 teams consisting of nearly 1350 students from 49 different schools competed this year.

Chillicothe FFA qualified 4 teams, 2 books, and 2 speakers for State FFA Convention. The convention is to be held on the campus of the University of Missouri on April 24 & 25, 2014 in Columbia, MO.

The local chapter is part of the Agricultural Education Program at the Grand River Technical School and is composed of students from Chillicothe and Southwest high schools.

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Missouri Ag Skills & Knowledge Event

March 20, 2014

On March 20, 2014, the North Central Missouri College was host to a MOASK event. There were 82 students from the Litton Agriculture Campus attending the event as well as approximately 1800 students from all over Missouri. Students completed skills assessments on the agriculture subjects of farm management, horse evaluation, poultry, meats, forestry, agronomy, entomology, soils, dairy cattle evaluation, and dairy products. These events are held to demonstrate knowledge and skill, improve the transition from secondary to post-secondary forms of education, and convey proof of skill mastery to potential employers.

The Office of College and Career Readiness implemented a plan that meets the requirements of the Perkins IV Act requiring Career Education students completing a program of study to be assessed for Technical Skill Attainment. At this time, all students completing a program of study are required to take a Technical Skill Assessment. As this program has evolved and with the implementation of MSIP 5 Standards, the Missouri Farm Bureau Federation has partnered with the Missouri Agriculture, Food & Natural Resources Education section to implement the Missouri Agricultural Skills and Knowledge (MOASK) Industry Recognized Credential (IRC) program. MOASK IRC accomplishes two purposes: 1) Provides for credentialing of students performing at proficient levels on Industry Recognized assessments and 2) Meets Technical Skill Assessment requirements for completers of a program of study.

According to the MSIP 5 Guidelines, an Industry Recognized Credential is a certificate awarded to a student that has completed the required education/training and demonstrated accomplishment of the intended learning outcomes recognized by industry. This industry related certificate must be renewable or stackable through continuing education, apprenticeships, or on-the-job training/work experience. The MOASK IRC meets these requirements, as it is industry related and is stackable as part of a sequence of credentials that can be accumulated over time to build up an individual's qualifications and help them

move along their career pathway. Students will be able to receive stackable Industry Recognized Credentials by taking multiple assessments in one pathway or by taking assessments in multiple pathways.

The Chillicothe FFA members that will receive a IRC from the events are: Brady Bothwell, Brandon Bothwell, Ben Burtch (2), Clayton Campbell, Kerrigann Cosgrove, Mason Daniel, Matt Dupy, Hunter Haakonstad, Kristina Hamilton, Bailey Henry, Kieara Hughes, Carlee Johnson, Ben Jones, Tucker Jones (2), Cody Kannianen (2), Elliott Keller, Alicia Kieffer, Gunnar Leach, Quinten Lewis, Tyler Long, Julia Minnis, Faith Peters, Paige Peters, Logan Sampsel, Tristen Sewell, Hannah Stotts, Levi Surber, Zach Trout, Addison Webb. The certificates will be given out at the Chillicothe High School awards assembly by the Livingston County Farm Bureau.

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AREA II CONTEST

March 19, 2014

On March 19, 2014, the Chillicothe FFA Chapter participated in the Area II FFA Contest. *The speaking results are:* Creed Speakers: Cole Gutshall - gold, Madelyn Warren - silver; Prepared Public Speaking Division I Speaker: Jaime Albertson - 1st and gold, Sarah Mason - 2nd and gold; Prepared Public Speaking Division II Speakers: Rebecca Pitchford - 1st and gold, Emma Rademacher - silver; Job Interview: Elizabeth Warren - 2nd and gold; FFA books Completed Ownership: Jozie Reeter - gold; Completed Placement: Colby Ruoff - gold; Beginning Ownership: Hunter Haakonstad - 1st and gold; Beginning Placement: Kyler Manning - 1st and gold; Scrapbook: Lane Bonderer, Erin Campbell, Colton Hargrave, Nate McKiddy, Helena McNamee, Rebecca Pitchford, Emma Rademacher, Maggie Resor, Marissa Surber, Zach Wood - silver. Parliamentary Procedure team: Lane Bonderer, Erin Campbell, Nate McKiddy, Rachel Nowland, Victoria Overton, Robert Parkey - 1st and gold. Agriculture Issues team: Derek Eckert, Hallee Jones, Zach Quinn, Jozie Reeter, Colby Ruoff, Hailey Seeley, Haelee Shady - 1st and gold. Those teams and individuals receiving 3rd place or higher will proceed to District competition March 25, 2014 in Cameron, MO.



Back Row L to R - Derek Eckert, Colby Ruoff, Cole Gutshall, Robbie Parkey, Zach Quinn, Hallee Jones, Nate McKiddy, Lane Bonderer; **Front Row L to R** - Elizabeth Warren, Sarah Mason, Emma Rademacher, Jaime Albertson, Hailey Seeley, Erin Campbell, Haelee Shady, Victoria Overton, Rebecca Pitchford, Rachel Nowland, Marissa Surber, Jozie Reeter

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AREA II OFFICER CANDIDATES

March 12, 2014

On March 12, 2014, the Chillicothe FFA Chapter sent two representatives to the Area II officer and state candidate interviews. The two representatives are Lauren Haley, area officer candidate, and Brandon Bothwell, state officer candidate.



Lauren is the daughter of Steve and Brenda Haley, was Chillicothe's representative for an Area II officer. Lauren was selected as the Area II FFA President for the 2014-2015 school year. Some of the activities that Lauren will serve in an official capacity are Area Greenhand Initiation, Greenhand Motivational Conference, North Central Missouri Fair, Area Chapter Officer Institute, organizing area meetings, as well as leading the officer team.

Brandon is the son of Barrie and Julie Bothwell and was Chillicothe's representative for Area II State Officer Candidate. Brandon was selected as the Area II State Officer Candidate and will serve on the 2014-2015

Missouri State FFA Officer Team. This officer team is in charge of running the statewide events for 25,145 FFA members in the state of Missouri. Some of the activities that Brandon will serve in an official capacity are Missouri FFA Leadership Camp, Public Speaking Academy, Hy-Max Academy, Leadership Adventure, Missouri State Fair, Greenhand Motivational Conference, Missouri FFA Convention, representing Missouri FFA at corporate and legislative activities, as well as their most important function chapter visits.

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AGRONOMY CLASS SPEAKER

March 11, 2014

On Tuesday March 11, 2014, the Litton Agriculture Campus hosted Kyle Jacobs, a Mycogen Sales Representative as a guest lecturer in the agriculture programs Agronomy class. The class is comprised of junior and seniors with an interest in the plant science industry. Mr. Jacobs spoke at the conclusion of the Weeds Unit highlighting areas of his career that related to the topics discussed in class. The students had the opportunity to discuss with Mr. Jacobs the ways in which his career relates to weed control and communication with producers.

Throughout this unit, the students learned how various weed species are classified, weed effects on crop production, control methods, and identification of common weeds in the area. Along with discussion of the plant science industry, Mr. Jacobs expressed the importance of FFA and the impact it can have on a future endeavors.





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8TH GRADE RECRUITMENT

March 11, 2014

On March 11, 2014, the 8th grade students from the Chillicothe Middle School were given the opportunity to visit the Litton Agriculture Campus. The purpose of the visit was to see what the Chillicothe Ag Department and Chillicothe FFA Chapter had to offer them next year as incoming freshmen in high school.



Senior members of the Chillicothe FFA gave an overview of what activities they could participate in, courses offered, and a tour of the campus.



The 8th graders are beginning the class selection process for their freshmen year of high school. A letter will be mailed home at the beginning of the week to all parents with what was discussed at the recruitment day.

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MU Livestock Grading and Judging

March 8, 2014

On Saturday, March 8, 2014, twenty-seven Chillicothe FFA members attended the annual Missouri Livestock Grading and Judging Workshop and Contest at the University of Missouri's Trowbridge Livestock Center in Columbia. The 2014 event was the Department's 26th year hosting the event to provide youth and adults better livestock evaluation tools. The workshop, which is open to youth in grades nine or lower, provides youth involved in 4-H and FFA programs an educational opportunity to learn the process and technique of grading livestock. The contest, which is open to all ages, allows the opportunity to apply national grading standards and to receive feedback on an individual level in traditional cattle, hog, sheep and goat judging.

Chillicothe students participating in the workshop were among the 118 individuals there that day. The results are: Ben Jones 1st, Tanner Lent 2nd, Zach Trout 3rd, Gunnar Leach 4th, Tristen Sewell 5th, Cole Gutshall 6th, Logan Sampsel 8th, Abbey Daly 9th, and Brady Bothwell 12th.

Chillicothe students participating in the grading and judging portion were among 255 individuals there that day. The results are: Overall Individual 17th Carlee Johnson, 19th Lauren Haley, 26th Faith Peters; Traditional Grading 8th Lauren Haley, 18th Carlee Johnson; Keep Cull 1st Carlee Johnson, 12th Tori Overton, 29th Faith Peters.

Chillicothe students participating in the team portion were among 77 teams there that day. The team consisting of Lauren Haley, Bailey Henry, Carlee Johnson, and Walker Thomas placed 4th in the overall event and 4th in the traditional judging event. The team consisting of Ben Burch, Faith Peters, and Paige Peters placed 6th in slaughter cattle.

The Missouri Youth Livestock Grading and Judging Contest is a competitive event for students in the 8th grade or above, or after two years of participation in the Missouri Youth Grading and Judging Workshop. The Contest includes both team and individual competition, with team scores based on 4 members and groups of fewer than 4 scored as individuals only.

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Kiwanis Guests

March 3, 2014

On March 3, 2014, the Chillicothe Kiwanis Club hosted a few of the Chillicothe FFA members at the Senior Center for their monthly meeting. The Chillicothe FFA members involved were: Jaime Albertson, Cole Gutshall, Sarah Mason, Madelyn Warren.



Jaime



Sarah



Cole



Madelyn

The students were using the audience as practice for their upcoming area competition. The students presented a speech or the FFA Creed. Jaime Albertson presented her Division I Prepared Speech entitled "80 Years of the FFA Jacket", Sarah Mason presented her Division I Prepared speech entitled "There's No Place Like FFA", and Cole Gutshall and Madelyn Warren presented the FFA Creed. We would like to thank the Kiwanis for the opportunity to showcase some of the Chillicothe FFA's speaking talent.

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Partner of the Year - Quail Forever

February 22, 2014



The Litton Agriculture Campus was selected as the Partner of the Year for the Shortgrass Quail Forever Chapter annual banquet. The banquet was held at the MW Jenkins Expo Center on the Litton Agriculture Campus Saturday, February 22, 2014.

Quail Forever is an organization dedicated to the conservation of quail, pheasants, and other wildlife through habitat improvements, public awareness, education and land management policies and programs. The Partner of the Year program recognizes groups or organizations from across the area for their wildlife habitat conservation efforts.

This year, the Shortgrass Quail Forever chapter chose the Litton Agriculture Campus as their Partner of the Year for their assistance with the pollinator

program. In the fall of 2013, the Litton Agriculture Campus set aside one acre of land on the campus to establish a pollinator plot. The Shortgrass chapter prepared the land, got donations for the seed, and then students at the Litton Agriculture Campus planted the seed. The planting process was filmed and hopefully in May of 2014 will be on the website. The plot should be up this spring.

*Pictured, Left - Andrew S. White (NW Missouri Farm Bill Wildlife Biologist)
Right - Neal Wolf (Ag Instructor at the Litton Agriculture Campus)*

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Ag Olympics

02/20/2014

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Chillicothe FFA hosted its annual Ag Olympics Thursday, February 20, 2014, at the Litton Ag Center. High school students from Chillicothe and Southwest schools competed in relay races which include wheelbarrow races, throwing hay bales and tractor tire races.



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Coloring Contest During FFA Week

February 17-22, 2014

The Chillicothe FFA Chapter and Livingston County Farm Bureau held a coloring contest during National FFA Week and Thank A Farmer week for students in Kindergarten and First grade. Each classroom was awarded a first place winner. The first place winner received a small prize, and every participant received a lollipop and pencil. This activity was to help educate youth about agriculture.

The winners were; Kindergarten - Lyla Beetsma, Makinlie Epperson, Lucas Gramenz, Emerie Kale, Molly Kennebeck, Ava Leamer, Connor Peery; First Grade - Brooklynn Alvarez, Kayson Anderson, Hayden Chapman, Anna Dewey, Madison Hull, Landon Jones, Yoo Jung Lee, Sophia Miller. Congratulations to all the winners. All contestant pages will be displayed at our local banquet on May 2, 2014.



L to R, Back Row: Alicia Kieffer (Chillicothe FFA 2nd Vice President), Landon Jones, Kayson Anderson, Hayden Chapman, Sophia Miller

Front Row: Brooklynn Alvarez, Madison Hull, Anna Dewey, Yoo Jung Lee



L to R, Back Row: Alicia Kieffer (Chillicothe FFA 2nd Vice President), Molly Kennebeck, Connor Peery, Lyla Beetsma, Makinlie Epperson;

Front Row: Emerie Kale, Ava Leamer, Lucas Gramenz

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FCCLA and FFA High School Blood Drive

February 13, 2014

On Thursday, February 13, 2014, the FCCLA and FFA sponsored a blood drive for high school students and staff at the Chillicothe High School Performing Arts Center. The Community Blood Center staff registered 53 volunteers and collected 38 units of blood. There were 26 first-time donors. The FCCLA and FFA members assisted the Community Blood Center staff with set-up, registration, passing out treats, and clean-up.



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Missouri Pork Association FFA Public Speaking Contest

February 11, 2014

The Missouri Pork Association FFA Public Speaking Contest is designed to develop agricultural leadership, provide for participation in agricultural public speaking activities, and stimulate interest in leadership and citizenship. The Missouri Pork Association continues its support of Missouri's youth and FFA students by holding a speaking contest each year. Students proceed through their area and district before reaching the state final where the top student in each of Missouri's six FFA districts competes for the top prize. Contestants may choose any current subject for their speeches which relates to the theme of "The Right to Farm - Why it is Important to Missouri Agriculture." While the speeches may touch on all of Missouri agriculture, special focus should be given to the pork industry.



Rachel Nowland represented the Chillicothe FFA Chapter at the Missouri Pork Expo contest held in Columbia on Tuesday, February 11, 2014. Rachel received first place at the district level and moved on to the state competition. For her participation at the state level, she received a \$50 cash prize and a plaque sponsored by Alltech.

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FFA Bowling Party

February 2, 2014

On February 2, 2014, the Chillicothe FFA held their annual Bowling Party at the Fast Lane in Chillicothe. This party represents a reward for members as well as a time for fellowship. There were approximately 85 members present and everyone seemed to enjoy the afternoon.



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Missouri Fairs and Festivals Speech Contest

January 31, 2014



The Missouri Association of Fairs and Festivals (MAFF) Public Speaking Contest is designed to develop agricultural leadership, provide for member participation in agricultural public speaking activities, and stimulate interest in leadership and citizenship. Contestants may choose any current subject for their speeches, which is of an agricultural character relating to county fairs and which is of general interest to the public. Lauren Haley represented the Livingston County 4-H and FFA Fair at this contest held January 31, 2014. **Lauren placed first at this state competition** with her speech entitled "Behind the Blue Ribbon". A small excerpt from her speech is: *I have gained many experiences, friendships, and memories from the fair. The fair has been and continues to be one of the main things I look forward to each year. It has shaped me into the person I am today. The fair has taught me responsibility, hard work, and perseverance. Some people go to a fair with their eyes set on winning the coveted blue ribbon, but to me it is what is behind that blue ribbon that really matters: friendships, opportunities, and the support of the community.* She received a \$1,000 scholarship for her first place winning. Congratulations to Lauren.

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Salvation Army Food Drive

December 11, 2013



This past holiday season, the Chillicothe FFA members made sure they did a little something to give back to those in our community who need a little assistance. The chapter held their annual food drive this past December. Students collected canned food items for the drive and compiled them at the December FFA meeting, which was held December 11, 2013. The canned food items were then delivered to the local Salvation Army. The chapter collected nine boxes of food to donate to the Salvation Army.

The chapter members adopted six families from the Salvation Army. The members bought clothing items, toys, household items, and gifts cards to purchase food. Giving to others is an important lesson for all people to learn, we hope our members see the value in giving to others.

The chapter members also went to a local business and rang the Salvation Army bell all day. The students hopefully learned a little about giving to others and that the money raised will go to deserving individuals.



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Christmas Party

December 11, 2013

On December 11, 2013, the Chillicothe FFA held their annual Christmas Party at the Chillicothe Middle School. This party represents a reward for members on an excellent Barnwarming this year as well as a time for fellowship. The members enjoyed dinner and then moved into the field house for some games. Members could have played basketball, dodge ball, volleyball, or participated in other activities.



The winners of the 3-on-3 coed basketball tournament were Whitney Clampitt, Gillen Gates, and Hannah Jones. The students also held a canned food drive and collected 15 boxes of canned food items. There were approximately 160 members present and everyone seemed to enjoy the evening.



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Livestock Building Improvements

December 16, 2013

The Ag Power and Structures class at the Litton Agriculture Education Center are assisting in the construction of an improvement to the sheep/goat side of the livestock building at the Litton Agri-Science Learning Center. The new improvement is a concrete pad approximately 22' by 31' long, along with some new gates and fencing. At this time, the new gates and fencing are not yet constructed. In the future, the classes will be constructing the pens inside and out. The skills that the students are learning include concrete construction, welding, project planning, and work ethic. The skills learned will hopefully help them in some area around their own homes.



The Litton Agri-Science Learning Center was created for the Livingston County youth with an interest in livestock that did not have the facilities of their own. All of the individuals involved with the Litton Agri-Science Learning Center, and especially Mr. Black and his classes, would like to thank Dewayne McCauslin for assisting with the planning and construction and the Liz Boon Memorial for funding this project. The Boon family is very generous in their support of the Litton Agriculture Campus as well as the youth of Livingston County. All who utilize the Litton Center should thank the students, advisors, and local individuals who have put time into making improvements to the Litton Center. Without this type of support, the Litton Center would not be as successful as it is today.

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State Officer Visit

November 25, 2013

Taylor Washburn, Area 2 Missouri State Vice President, talks to a group of Litton Agriculture Education Center students on Monday, November 25, 2013, at the Litton Agricultural Education Building at the Litton Agri-Science Learning Center. Samantha talked about what students could learn by being involved in the FFA organization and conducted leadership games with the students. Samantha is one of 16 Missouri State FFA Officers. Her home chapter is the North Harrison FFA Chapter.



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Ag Construction Demo - Roberts Tool and Die

November 19, 2013

On November 19, 2013, Ag Construction students from the Litton Agriculture Education Center had the opportunity to tour and view a live demonstration at Roberts Tool and Die Company. The tour was led by Tony Burtch and Gary Saville. Students traveled to Roberts Tool and Die on Industrial Road in Chillicothe, where they were given a live demonstration of a CNC machine. The class was also informed about training programs for a machinist, shortage of machinist in the job market, and job opportunities as a machinist in Chillicothe as well as the rest of the country. The students received an explanation of metallurgy and the products produced at Roberts Tool and Die. We would like to thank Roberts Tool and Die for the opportunity to show students local job opportunities in their field of interest.



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Fall Speaking Contests

Updated 12/17/13, November 6, 2013 & November 13, 2013



Missouri Soil and Water Conservation Speech Contest - The Missouri Soil and Water Conservation Public Speaking Contest is designed to develop agricultural leadership, provide for member participation in agricultural public speaking activities, and stimulate interest in leadership and citizenship. Contestants may choose any current subject for their speeches, which is of an agricultural character relating to the general interest to the public. Rebecca Pitchford represented the Livingston County Soil and Water District at the Missouri Soil and Water Conference contest held December 17, 2013. The contest consisted of students preparing a 6-8 minute speech on the topic of *Dig Deeper - Mysteries in the Soil*. Rebecca received first place at the district level (see below) and was one of six to move on to the state competition.

On November 6, 2013, Chillicothe FFA students participated in the Area II Fall Speaking Contest in Gallatin. Brandon Bothwell competed in the Missouri Farm Bureau Contest, Rachel Nowland competed in the Missouri Pork Producers Contest, Emma Rademacher competed in the Missouri Sheep Producers Contest, Carlee Johnson competed in the Missouri Institute of Cooperatives, Rebecca Pitchford competed in the Missouri Soil and Water Conservation, Bailey Henry competed in the Missouri Pet Breeders Association, Paige Peters competed in the Missouri Cattleman's, and Maggie Resor competed in the Missouri Young Farmers speech contest. Brandon, Rachel, Emma, Carlee, Rebecca and Bailey moved on to the district competition on November 13, 2013.

On November 13, 2013, Chillicothe FFA students participated in the Northwest District Fall Speaking Contest in Cameron. Brandon Bothwell competed in the Missouri Farm Bureau Contest, Rachel Nowland competed in the Missouri Pork Producers Contest, Emma Rademacher competed in the Missouri Sheep Producers Contest, Carlee Johnson completed in the Missouri Institute of Cooperatives, Rebecca Pitchford competed in the Missouri Soil and Water Association, and Bailey Henry competed in the Missouri Pet Breeders Association speech contest. Rebecca received first place in the Soil and Water competition and will compete at the state level on December 17, 2013 at the Lake of the Ozarks, MO. Rachel received first place in the Pork Producers competition and will compete at the state level on

February 11, 2014 in Columbia, MO. Bailey received second place in the Pet Breeders competition and is an alternate to the state level.



Back row: Emma Rademacher, Brandon Bothwell, Paige Peters;
Front row: Carlee Johnson, Bailey Henry, Rachel Nowland, Maggie Resor, Rebecca Pitchford

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14 Local Student Attend National FFA Convention

October 29 - November 1, 2013

On October 29 through November 1, 2013, 14 members of the Chillicothe FFA Chapter attended the National FFA Convention in Indianapolis, IN. The students attended many activities while in Indianapolis. The students attended leadership sessions, the career show, college fair, and convention sessions while at the convention hall. Students also attended a session where the speaker was Rick Pitino, a concert featuring Dierks Bentley and Jana Kramer, and got an opportunity to have a little fun at the hypnotist show.

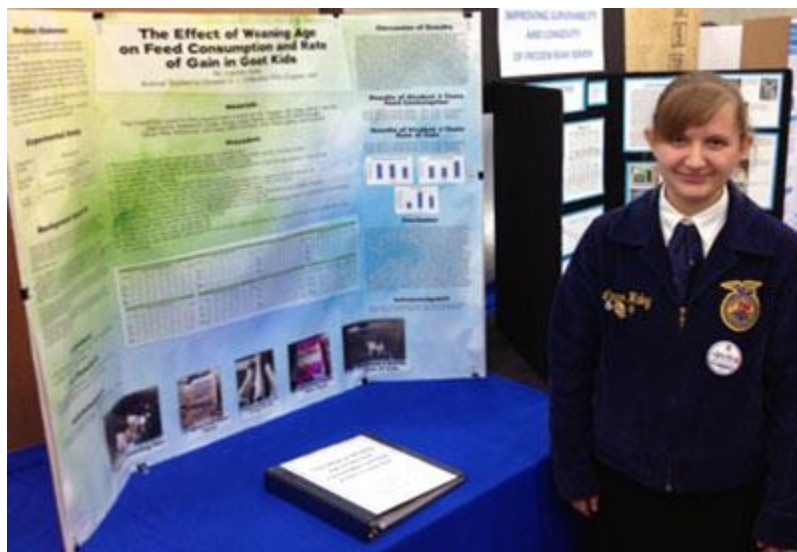
Local members that attended the convention were Kiley Boley, Ben Burtch, Derek Eckert, Lauren Haley, Katlyn Hamilton, Tucker Jones, Jami Loney, Rachel Nowland, Anthony Peniston, Jozie Reeter, Colby Ruoff, Hailey Seeley, Haelee Shady, and Brittany Twyman.



Back L to R: Anthony Peniston, Ben Burtch, Colby Ruoff, Derek Eckert, Tucker Jones
 Front L to R: Kiley Boley, Jami Loney, Haelee Shady, Hailey Seeley, Katlyn Hamilton, Rachel Nowland,
 Brittany Twyman, Jozie Reeter, Lauren Haley

National FFA Agriscience Fair - Haley Places 10th

LOUISVILLE- Lauren Haley of Chillicothe, MO recently competed in the National FFA Agriscience Fair. Lauren Haley was awarded with a Gold medal in honor of her 10th place project in the Animal Science Advanced Division section titled: *The Effect of Weaning Age on Feed Consumption and Rate of Gain in Goat Kids*. Lauren Haley placed 1st at the state level before moving onto the National FFA Agri-Science Fair. Participants received ribbons along with their medals and were honored at a banquet at the National FFA Convention, October 20 - November 2, in Louisville, KY.



Lauren's abstract to her Agriscience project is as follows: The purpose of this experiment was to study the effect of weaning age on feed consumption and rate of gain in goat kids. Weaning can be a management practice that will affect the profit of the producer. Weaning allows the producer to control the feed intake of his animal and evaluate the growth of the animal as well. People use varying guidelines as they make decisions about weaning. Some use the standard 90 day age while others wean earlier or use weight to determine when to wean. The control in this experiment was 90 day weaning, traditionally the time when

kids are weaned. This experiment was done on thirty nine goat kids in the same environment, vaccination history, and feeding program prior to the experiment. The independent variable in this experiment was weaning age. The dependent variables in this experiment were feed consumption and rate of gain in goat kids. The amount of feed consumed by each group was measured each day and then added together to determine the total amount of feed consumption over a seven week period from the age of 55 days to 90 days. Each kid was weighed when they turned 60 and 90 days old to determine their rate of gain. The results in this experiment showed that weaning age does have an impact on feed consumption and rate of gain in goat kids. The 60 day weaning group had the highest feed consumption while the control (90 day) weaning group had the lowest. The control (90 day) weaning group had the highest rate of gain while the 75 day weaning group had the lowest. The results show that the hypothesis was supported by comparing the 60 day and control (90 day) weaning groups and the 75 day and control (90 day) weaning groups. The hypothesis was not supported when comparing the 60 and 75 day weaning groups. The null hypothesis stating total feed consumption and rate of gain will not be significantly different between weaning groups must be accepted when comparing groups 60 day and 75 day weaning, but can be rejected when comparing groups 60 day and control (90 day) weaning and 75 day and control (90 day) weaning. Recommendations for further study would be to study earlier and later weaning ages. The effect of gender as it relates to weaning could also be studied.

The agriscience fair program is sponsored by Cargill and Syngenta as a special project of the National FFA Foundation, which includes cash awards.

NATIONAL CONVENTION - COURTESY CORPS

Almost any event becomes more intriguing when viewed from behind the scenes. The 86th National FFA Convention, which includes everything from arena stage events to the Day of Service and workshops for nearly 55,000 attendees, is no exception. It takes many volunteers to help make a convention of this magnitude a positive experience for all of its guests. This year approximately 900 FFA members, including students from the Chillicothe FFA Chapter, formed the National FFA Courtesy Corps. The students viewed the convention from the other side - backstage - playing a crucial role in the events logistics. Local members participating in the National FFA Courtesy Corps were Kiley Boley, Ben Burtch, Derek Eckert, Lauren Haley, Katlyn Hamilton, Tucker Jones, Jami Loney, Rachel Nowland, Anthony Peniston, Jozie Reeter, Colby Ruoff, Hailey Seeley, Haelee Shady, and Brittany Twyman. The 86th National FFA Convention was held October 30-November 2, 2013 in Louisville, KY. "Participants in the National FFA Courtesy Corps provide valuable services for the overall convention operation," says National FFA Advisor Dr. Steve Brown. "FFA gains a tremendous resource, and the participants gain wonderful volunteer experience and an insight into the planning and logistics necessary to ensure a safe and successful convention. They are key to our ability to create a premier leadership and educational event for nearly 55,000 guests."



Back Row: Tucker Jones, Colby Ruoff, Derek Eckert, Anthony Peniston, Ben Burtch
 Middle: Brittany Twyman, Katlyn Hamilton, Rachel Nowland, Jozie Reeter, Kiley Boley, Jami Loney, Lauren Haley
 Front: Haelee Shady, Hailey Seeley

LOCAL STUDENTS RECEIVE NATIONAL DEGREE

LOUISVILLE, KY - Each year, the National FFA Organization honors FFA members who show the utmost dedication to the organization through their desire to develop their potential for premier leadership, personal growth and career success through agricultural education. The American FFA Degree is bestowed up on a select group of students in recognition of their years of academic and professional excellence. Gabe Jeffries son of Doug and Michele Jeffries, Justin Lewis son of Rick and Sherri Lewis, Dani Moore daughter of Tammy Moore and the late Lee Mehrhoff, Daniel Nowland son of David and Nancy Nowland, Michaela Simmer daughter of Shawn and Kelli Simmer, Maresa Sykes daughter of Mark and Teresa Sykes, Haley Thompson daughter of Brian and Tina Thompson, Guy Vinson son of Robert and Michelle Vinson, and Jennifer Waits daughter of Jim and Kathy Waits received the American FFA Degree at the 86th National FFA Convention in Louisville on Saturday, November 2, 2012. It is the highest degree awarded by the National FFA Organization and recognizes Gabe, Justin, Dani, Daniel, Michaela, Maresa, Haley, Guy and Jennifer demonstrated leadership abilities and outstanding achievements in agricultural business, production, processing and service programs.

FFA members who qualify for the American FFA Degree: Have received a Greenhand FFA Degree, Chapter FFA Degree and State FFA Degree. Have been FFA members for at least three years. Have completed at least three years (540 hours) of high school agriculture classes, or 2 years of high school agriculture classes and one year of college agriculture classes (360 hours.) Have graduated from high school one year prior to the National FFA Convention at which their degree will be awarded. Have maintained detailed SAE records, which demonstrate outstanding planning, managerial and financial skills. Have earned and productively invested at least \$7,500, or have earned and productively invested at least \$1,500 and worked 2,250 hours beyond scheduled school hours through their SAEs. Have a record of outstanding leadership skills. Have a record of participating in community service activities. Have maintained a "C" grade average or better.

Sponsored by ADM Crop Risk Services, Case IH, DuPont Pioneer, Elanco, Farm Credit and Syngenta as a special project of the National FFA Foundation, the award recognizes demonstrated ability and outstanding achievements in agricultural business, production, processing or service programs. Less than one in 151 FFA members advance through their local chapter and state FFA degree programs to earn this national degree. They received a gold American FFA Degree key and a certificate in a blue leatherette frame to commemorate the achievement. Each of the 3,578 recipients of the American FFA Degree receives a gold American FFA Degree key and a certificate after being recognized on stage at that national convention.

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Greenhouse Class - Fall Plant Sale

1st Semester 2013-2014

Students from Mr. Wolf's Greenhouse class at the Litton Agriculture Education Center were preparing for the fall plant sale. The students were learning about basic plant science as well as plant reproduction. Different types of plant reproduction the students are learning about are: planting from seeds, using plugs, and utilizing cuttings. During the semester, students will have learned more about how a greenhouse works and how good nutrition and access to water affects plants at the Litton Agri-Science Learning Center.



The students are transplanting Cyclamen plugs into larger pots in order for them to be ready for sale around the first of December. Cyclamen is a tender plant that flowers during the winter. The plants are typically 6 to 16 inches tall with a mounded habit. The heart-shaped leaves are variegated. Their coloring is green with grey to silver mottling. The waxy flowers appear atop stalks several inches above the foliage and have an appearance similar to an orchid. Single, double, fringed, crested and frilled flower forms are available in colors ranging from white to pink, rose, red or purple. The flowers last approximately six weeks.

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Habitat House

October 21, 2013

During the week of October 21, 2013, students from the Litton Agriculture Education Center donated their time and manpower to prepare, fertilize, seed, and mulch the Chillicothe Chamber of Commerce [Habitat for Humanity](#) house. This was made possible by the Chillicothe Chamber of Commerce with labor and mulch donated by the Chillicothe FFA Chapter.



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Litton Crusaders Take Students to Papa Charlie's

October 17-18, 2013

Students from all the Kindergarten and First Grade classes at Dewey Elementary School were having a hands-on learning experience at Papa Charlie's Pumpkin Patch on October 17 and 18, 2013. The students learn about agriculture in the classroom through their regular curriculum and assistance from the Litton Crusaders program. During the school year, students will learn all about animals on the farm, crops grown on the farm, and what farmers provide to the general population.



Dewey 1st Grade

As part of the Litton Crusaders program, students got the opportunity to go to Papa Charlie's Pumpkin Patch for a farm experience with a little fun mixed in. High school students from the Litton Agriculture Education Center assisted in the days' activities. The students got to pet several animals in the petting zoo, visit with *Romeo* the donkey, see some longhorn cattle in their nature habitat, walk through a corn field, and get up close to hay bales. All in all, the kids had a fun day and would like to thank the Jerry Litton Family Memorial Foundation for supporting this activity through the Litton Crusaders program.



Dewey Kindergarten

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Grand River Livestock Market

October 16, 2013

On October 16, 2013, Ag Management students from the Litton Agriculture Education Center traveled to Grand River Livestock Market, owned by Dwain and Amy Ireland, where they were able to watch a live marketing event. Attending this event was used to help students understand how livestock in our area is marketed through a regional market, including health inspection, animal tracking, classifications of livestock, and the auctioning process. The students were also given the opportunity to take a tour of the facilities.



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Corn Harvest Demonstration

October 3, 2013

On October 3, 2013, Agronomy and Ag Management students from the Litton Agriculture Education Center had the opportunity to view a live demonstration on shelling corn. Students traveled to Loney Farms, east of Chillicothe, where they watched a live demonstration on harvesting corn. This demonstration was used to help teach physical characteristics of corn at time of harvest, how a combine works, marketing options, and storage options. The students were also given the opportunity to take a ride in a combine and a tractor during the demonstration.



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Parents' Night

October 9, 2013

On October 9, 2013, the Chillicothe FFA held their annual Parents' Night with 349 members and guests in attendance. This event helps welcome the first year FFA member and their parents to our organization, as well as showcase some of our members' talents. The evening began with FFA opening ceremonies followed by a motivating welcome given by Dr. Roger Barnes, Chillicothe R-II School Superintendent. The Chillicothe FFA Chapter officers and Chillicothe FFA Assistant Officers presented the program. The program consisted of the Greenhand FFA Degree ceremony, Chapter FFA Degree ceremony, commercial break presented by the assistant officers, skit presented by the Chillicothe FFA Chapter Officers, as well as six creeds presented by the Greenhands.



Gunnar Leach, Brady Bothwell, Mason Daniel, Tanner Hobbs, Risha Peery



Ben Jones, Emma Leamer, Julia Minnis, Jake Sampsel, Dawson Bradley

The creed was presented by Jami Albertson, Max Anderson, Brady Bothwell, Dawson Bradley, Clayton Campbell, Whitney Clampitt, Abbey Daly, Mason Daniel, Audrey Edmisson, Cole Gutshall, Kristina Hamilton, Kyle Hansen, Hunter Hobbs, Tanner Hobbs, Keara Hughes, Ben Jones, Hannah Jones, Gunnar Leach, Emma Leamer, Sarah Mason, Julia Minnis, Tanner Munson, Risha Peery, Jake Sampsel, Tristen Sewell, Hannah Stotts, Levi Surber, Joey Thompson, Zach Trout, and Maddie Warren.



Zach Trout, Maddie Warren, Jami Albertson, Audrey Edmisson, Cole Gutshall



Tanner Munson, Max Anderson, Whitney Clampitt, Kristina Hamilton, Hunter Hobbs



Clayton Campbell, Abbey Daly, Kyle Hansen, Hannah Jones, Tristen Sewell



Sarah Mason, Keara Hughes, Hannah Stotts, Levi Surber, Joey Thompson

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Ag Property & Maintenance Class

October, 2013

The Ag Property and Maintenance class at the Litton Agriculture Campus were putting their skills to use at the Chillicothe High School these past few weeks. The students were in charge of the repair of the high school trash bin that was damaged over the summer. The students evaluated the damage, created a plan for repair, purchased materials to complete the repair, and repaired the damaged bin.



Back L to R - Mark Anderson, Cody Kannainen, Gillen Gates, Tanner Roberts; Front - Nick Lawson

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FFA Creed

October, 2013

The past couple of weeks, the 72 FFA Greenhands have been working on presenting the FFA Creed in class. The FFA Creed states the beliefs and values that each FFA Member should uphold. The Creed has been revised two times, not to change the values or beliefs our organization holds but rather to reflect the change in our membership from the farm boys of the 1930s to the diverse population of members the FFA possesses today. The creed was written by E. M. Tiffany and adopted at the third National Convention of the FFA. It was revised at the 38th Convention and the 63rd Convention.



Presenting the FFA Creed is the students first chance at a public speaking activity. The students are to memorize a paragraph of the creed at a time and present it to their class. At the end, every student will recite the creed in its entirety fully memorized to the class as well. Several activities are conducted in class to assist the students in memorizing the creed. The picture above is students playing the plate game in order to assist them in memorizing the FFA Creed. Almost all past FFA members can still remember parts or all of the FFA Creed. Most of those individual remember the power of those first two words "I believe."

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Food Science Class

09/18/13

On September 18, 2013 the Food Science students at the Litton Agriculture Education Center were able to gain some "hands-on experience". The students have been learning about cuts of meat in their class and are now getting to put their knowledge to the test in the lab. This food science class teaches physical characteristics of carcasses and cuts as determinants of meat quality, as well as carcass identification and grading to facilitate descriptions and definitions of quality and cutability in meat animal products. The students were working with lamb meat and then they got to cook and eat the meat themselves. The carcass was prepared by Singer Locker in Chillicothe.



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Trapshooting

September 14, 2013

On September 14, 2013, the Chillicothe FFA Chapter attended the area trap shoot held at the Trenton Trap Range and sponsored by the Trenton FFA Chapter. The first place overall team was the Chillicothe team. The students enjoyed the day and learned a lot about competition. The Chillicothe FFA Chapter had six individuals shoot on Saturday: Timber Ballantyne with a score of 48 out of 50, Brady Bothwell with a score of 42 out of 50, Brandon Bothwell with a score of 50 out of 50, Ben Burtch with a score of 42 out of 50, Zach Quinn with a score of 46 out of 50, Trevor Shira with a score of 45 out of 50. Tony Burtch (volunteer coach) and Sarge Ralls (volunteer coach) also traveled to Trenton. The five- member first place team consisted of Timber, Brandon, Ben, Zach and Trevor. Brandon Bothwell received the honor of first place individual, and Timber Ballantyne received the honor of second place individual. The members of the team are looking forward to more events.



Trevor Shira, Timber Ballantyne, Zach Quinn, Brady Bothwell, Brandon Bothwell, Ben Burtch

With the help of the Chillicothe School District, school administration, and the Missouri Department of Conservation, the FFA is teaching students the self-discipline and responsibility of shooting sports. The objectives are to involve students in the highest standards of safety, sportsmanship, and ethical behavior, along with safe and responsible use of firearms. Additionally, the program helps to develop self-confidence, personal discipline, sportsmanship, and teamwork. The students were required to pass the Missouri Department of Conservation Hunter Education program and attended one of the safety meetings sponsored by the Ag Education Department.

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Area Greenhand Initiation

September 11, 2013

On September 11, 2013, seventy-three (73) Greenhands of the Chillicothe FFA Chapter attended the Area II Greenhand Initiation Ceremony in Gallatin, Missouri. The Area II officer team, which includes Reporter Elizabeth Warren of the Chillicothe FFA Chapter, conducted the initiation. During the initiation, the Greenhands listened to the 2013 Area Creed speaker recite the creed, watched a slideshow featuring Area II Greenhands, listened to the National FFA Officer, Joenelle Futrell, speak, and were presented their Greenhand pins during the Greenhand Ceremony.



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Record Setting Year for Chillicothe FFA!

Updated November 9, 2013

On Saturday November 9, 2013, the Chillicothe FFA held its annual Barnwarming festivities. These festivities included a dance, games, a hay tunnel, and the coronation ceremony.

This year's 2013 Barnwarming King and Queen are Brandon Bothwell and Alicia Kieffer. The Senior Class candidates, Alicia Kieffer (daughter of Robert and Michelle Kieffer) and Brandon Bothwell (son of Barrie and Julie Bothwell), raised \$9,206.63 with an average of \$255.74/person; the Junior Class candidates, Bailey Henry (daughter of Melinda Henry) and Derek Eckert (son of Lee & Mindy Batye and Rick & Becky Eckert), raised \$6,771.10 with an average of \$218.42; the Freshman Class candidates, Abbey Daly (daughter of Jason and Tonia Daly) and Gunnar Leach (son of Steve and Jenny Leach), raised \$8,510.28 with an average of \$125.15; the Sophomore Class candidates, Rebecca Pitchford (daughter of Greg and Donna Pitchford) and Lane Bonderer (son of Chris and Janet Bonderer), raised \$6,157.00 with an average of \$101.00. **The chapter raised \$30,645.01 this year for the chapter's operations that averaged out to \$156.35/member.**

This broke the previous record of \$29,258.04 set in 2011. We would like to thank all the member of the community for the long time support of our organization.





Back L to Right: Derek Eckert, Brandon Bothwell, Alicia Kieffer, Lane Bonderer
 Front L to R: Bailey Henry, Gunnar Leach, Abbey Daly, Rebecca Pitchford



The Chillicothe FFA has selected its King and Queen Candidates for the 2013 Barnwarming. These individuals will lead the charge in the fund raising efforts of the Chillicothe FFA members. The FFA members are now available to do your odd jobs around the house and farm. Give them a call and they will organize a work team to help you in your fall cleanup activities. The class that averages the most money per member will have their candidates crowned King and Queen on November 9, 2013 at the annual Barnwarming Dance. *The candidates are as follows:* Seniors: Alicia Kieffer (daughter of Robert and Michelle Kieffer) and Brandon Bothwell (son of Barrie and Julie Bothwell); Juniors: Bailey Henry (daughter of Melinda Henry) and Derek Eckert (son of Lee & Mindy Batye and Rick & Becky Eckert); Sophomores: Rebecca Pitchford (daughter of Greg and Donna Pitchford) and Lane Bonderer (son of Chris and Janet Bonderer); Freshmen: Abbey Daly (daughter of Jason and Tonia Daly) and Gunnar Leach (son of Steve and Jenny Leach). The chapter has set a goal to raise \$19,500 this year for chapter operations. If you have any type of job, please give an FFA member a call or call one of the advisors at the Litton Agriculture Campus at 660-646-3131.



Here are our Barnwarming Candidates for 2013:
Top - Brandon Bothwell, Alicia Kieffer
Bottom - Abbey Daly, Gunnar Leach, Rebecca Pitchford, Lane Bonderer, Bailey Henry, Derek Eckert

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WOODY'S THANK YOU!

June 25-29, 2013

Woody's Automotive Group of Chillicothe has graciously donated a truck for the Chillicothe FFA Chapter to use throughout the year. This truck assisted our chapter with giving back to the community as well as its members. The Chillicothe FFA Chapter is the largest student organization at Chillicothe High School. The chapter is so successful, in part to the support of our great community.



The Chillicothe FFA Chapter has used this truck to provide services to our community. Examples include: Conducting a petting zoo at the Chautauqua event in September; helping at the House of Prayer; adopting two families through the Salvation Army's Adopt-a-Family Program during Christmas; gathering food at the December meeting to give to the Salvation Army's food drive; transporting students to help with ringing the Salvation Army bell; visiting local nursing homes to speak with the residents and taking

them a flower to brighten up their day during FFA Week. The truck assisted in transportation to these activities. The truck is also a great assistance with the students' Supervised Agriculture Experience or SAE project. The truck was used to make SAE visits, haul animals to fairs, pick up a student's SAE project from Indiana, and any other activity that is needed to assist students.

Woody's has also donated two vans to the Chillicothe High School for their needs. We want to again thank Woody's Automotive Group of Chillicothe for being such an excellent hometown youth supporter.

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AUGUST MEETING

August 28, 2013

Chillicothe FFA Chapter held their annual August meeting Wednesday night, August 28, 2013. The meeting was held at the Litton Agriculture Campus and served as a new member orientation. FFA advisors report there are 74 new freshmen, and 64 of the new members attended. There were about 263 FFA members and parents present. Attendees enjoyed the FFA opening ceremonies presented by the Chapter Officers. The group was then broken into two groups - parents and students. The parents were given an overview of what to expect as an FFA parent.



FFA members watching the skit provided by the assistant officer team.

The students group had games, a skit provided by the Assistant Officer team, and were able to ask questions of the officers. The games (Ships & Sailors and the Human Chair) that the students played were mixers to help the freshmen get to know some of the upper classmen. The Assistant Officer team presented a skit based on the AT&T commercial called "It's not complicated "Infinity". Students in the Chillicothe FFA Chapter are from Chillicothe High School and Southwest High School.



FFA members playing the human chair game

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NATIONAL TEAM PUREBRED SHOW

June 25-29, 2013

Four local FFA and 4-H members attended the National Team Purebred Show in Springfield IL, June 25th through the 29th. Students exhibited swine, participated in judging contests and other contests throughout the week. The students attending were: Bailey Henry, Carlee Johnson, Kaylee Lewis, and Zach Quinn.



Zach Quinn



Carlee Johnson



Bailey Henry

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MISSOURI LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE

July 31, 2013

Members from the Chillicothe FFA Chapter recently attended the Missouri FFA Association's 2013 Leadership Adventure in Columbia. It was held July 31 at the University of Missouri Bradford Research and Extension Center. Agricultural careers, leadership development, and positive role models were the focus of the 23rd annual conference. Columbia was one of two locations for this conference; the other was in Springfield. Over 250 members and advisors registered for the two conferences from 38 chapters across Missouri. Nearly 6,500 Missouri FFA members and advisors have attended The Leadership Adventure since its beginning in 1990.



According to Conference Coordinators Marvin and Karen Hoskey, "This conference annually provides an excellent opportunity for Missouri FFA members to interact with other chapter, state, and national leaders. The sessions foster development of leadership skills and encourage students to practice teamwork and goal setting as they get motivated for the coming school year."

The leadership training was headed by Andrew McCrea, former state and national officer from Missouri, and Corey Flournoy, former state and national officer from Illinois. They were assisted by Sonja Perry, National Officer Candidate from Missouri. Current State FFA Officers from Missouri guided small groups during the training sessions, which were designed specifically for high school age FFA members' personal leadership development and planning for future success. Students wanting to learn the basics of self-discovery and understanding their leadership potential were taken

through activities to develop teamwork and people skills. The training focused on helping students create

an advanced plan for lasting impact on the world through utilizing personal leadership traits and healthy relationships to make their goals a reality.

Attending the conference from the Chillicothe FFA chapter were: Erin Campbell, Alicia Kieffer, Nate McKiddy, Helena McNamee, Rebecca Pitchford.

PHOTO: Back L to R: Alicia Kieffer, Nate McKiddy, Rebecca Pitchford, Erin Campbell, Helena McNamee; Front L to R: State Officers Miriam Martin, First Vice-President from Area 3, and Rylyn Small, First Vice-President from Area 15.

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Area II Chapter Officer Workshop

July 29, 2013

On Monday, July 29, 2013 the Missouri Area II Officers held a workshop for chapter officers at the Mervin Jenkins Building at the Livingston County Fair Grounds. The workshop focused on trying to instill a sense of drive and determination that would infect Area II FFA members and push them towards creating and achieving their goals. The workshop consisted of the Area II Officers conducting opening ceremonies then area chapters competed in both a rituals contest, best-dressed, most creative, and Ag Olympics competitions. The rituals contest is to see which officer team can present the official FFA opening ceremonies with the fewest flaws. The best-dressed contest is to see with chapter officer team was dress the best as a team. The most creative was given to the officer team with the most creative attire. The Ag Olympics was which officer team could complete the teamwork activities the most efficiently and quickly.

The workshop sessions were personalized to their respective offices, challenging chapter officers to think outside the box and push the envelope as a new year starts for their chapter. The Area II officers planned and conducted the event. The officers want to thank all those who attended the judges for the rituals contest, and HyVee for providing the day's meal. Continue to go for gold Area II!



PHOTO Back L to R: Faith Peters, Ben Burch, Zach Quinn, Matt Dupy, Brandon Bothwell, Paige Peters;
Front L to R: Lauren Haley, Carlee Johnson, Bailey Henry, Haelee Shady, Alicia Kieffer, Hailey Seeley, Elizabeth Warren

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Hymax Academy at Camp Rising Sun

June 28-30, 2013

Kaiser, MO - Lane Bonderer and Marissa Surber, members from the Chillicothe FFA Chapter, attended the second Hymax Academy from June 28-30, 2013.



The camp (sponsored by the Missouri FFA Association) was held at Camp Rising Sun located within the Lake of the Ozarks' State Park. The institute provided extensive leadership training for over 80 high school students who are members of FFA across Missouri every year. The high school students were selected out of many applicants to attend this specialized academy. They were trained by MO State FFA officers as well as past MO State FFA officers, agricultural educators, and MO FFA state staff. Students learn how to overcome obstacles and develop their communication and personal skills.

The National FFA Organization makes a positive difference in the lives of students by developing their potential for premier leadership, personal growth, and career success through agricultural education. Nationally, there are over 500,000 FFA members. Missouri ranks 4th in the nation with over 24,000 FFA members.

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Officer Retreat

July 1-2, 2013

On July 1-2, 2013, the Chillicothe FFA officer teams held their annual officer retreat. This year, it was held at Worlds of Fun in Kansas City, Missouri. The retreat focused on activities planning, communication skills, teamwork, and leadership. The officer teams set goals, planned activities for the chapter, worked on team building skills, and had a little fun.



The team started out at the Litton Agriculture Campus by working on the goal setting and team building activities. The group then boarded a bus and went to Worlds of Fun for a little bit of fun. Twenty-one of the twenty-three member officer team were in attendance.



Front L to R: Lauren Haley, Maggie Resor, Emma Rademacher, Helena McNamee, Marissa Surber, Erin Campbell, Faith Peters, Carlee Johnson, Alicia Kieffer, Hailey Seeley
Back L to R: Bailey Henry, Haelee Shady, Elizabeth Warren, Zach Wood, Ben Burtch, Matt Dupy, Brandon Bothwell, Zach Quinn, Colton Hargrave, Nate McKiddy

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State Leadership Camp

June 17-21, 2013

Thirty-six FFA members attended State FFA Leadership Camp at Camp Rising Sun in Lake of the Ozarks State Park June 17-21, 2013. The members attended leadership sessions, waterfront and archery instruction sessions, Mainstreet Opry, as well as competed in various leadership and athletic contest.



The Chillicothe FFA Chapter won first place at the rituals contest for this week of camp. While at camp, 14 members received the State Leadership Medal because of their hard work and attendance at various leadership workshops and contests.

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Missouri Pork Institute

June 10-12, 2013

Columbia, Mo. - The 2013 University of Missouri Pork Institute, sponsored by the University of Missouri and the Missouri Pork Association, was held June 10-12 in Columbia. The Institute is a three day educational event for high school students interested in the pork industry. Students enjoyed a tour of Triumph Foods, a processing plant in St. Joseph, Missouri and attended many educational sessions. They were also introduced to a variety of opportunities within the pork industry. At the end of their trip, students took a written exam covering all of the information learned. The students with the top two scores were awarded a scholarship.

On June 12, Thomas McFadden, director of animal science for CAFNR, awarded Chania Hoffman and Abigail Meffert each a \$500 scholarship to attend the University of Missouri upon completion of high school. Hoffman resides in Mexico, Missouri and will graduate from North Callaway High School in 2015. Meffert resides in Auxvasse, Missouri and will graduate from North Callaway High School in 2014.



Carlee Johnson is front row - third from the right.

Other students attending the event include Chandra Arbogast of Higginsville; Loren Belshe of Henley; Logan Billingsley of Steelville; Alex Buschjost of Jefferson City; Emma Campbell of Cuba; Tayluer Dunks of Jamesport; John Ezell of Fairdealing; Jonathon Gregory of Reeds Spring; Carlee Johnson of Chillicothe; Lawton Johnson of Slater; Joel Martin of Bucklin; Lindsey Robinson of Wellsville; Mason Sandidge of Marshall; Walter Schaefer of Callao and Lane Tracy of Doniphan.

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June FFA Meeting

June 13, 2013

On June 13, 2013, the Chillicothe FFA Chapter members met for their June FFA Meeting. The meeting was held at the Litton Agriculture Campus. The 60 members in attendance also participated in a team building softball game, fishing, hot dogs, and a "Movie Under the Stars". The purpose of the June FFA meeting was to promote fellowship amongst the members.



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Missouri Public Speaking Academy

June 4-5-6, 2013

Sixty-three FFA members from across the state participated in the Missouri FFA Public Speaking Academy held June 4, 5, and 6, and 8 on the University of Central Missouri campus. The Missouri FFA made it possible for FFA members to benefit from the professional staff at University of Central Missouri.



Back L to R - Taylor Washburn, Jozie Reeter, Brandon Bothwell, Emma Rademacher, Jonathan Bellis
Front L to R - Mitchell Blehm, Bailey Henry, Carlee Johnson, Carlee Buckner

During the three-day event, FFA members used the Internet and other communication technology to develop and refine an effective speech. Dr. Terry Cunconan, Dr. Wendy Geiger, Dr. Sam Cox and Nikki Freeman from the University's Speech Communication Department conducted the three days of intense learning. The academy was designed to help FFA members increase their confidence, develop organizational skills, use language effectively, analyze audiences and improve speaking skills by judging themselves honestly and critically while keeping a positive attitude. Each student presented his or her speech in competition at the conclusion of the academy.

Awards were presented at a banquet held at the Elliott Student Union on Thursday, June 6, 2013. The banquet included the presentation of certificates of completion to each of the participants and recognition of the winners in each division. The finalists in each division (Beginners, Intermediate, and Advanced) were presented plaques and a State Leadership Pin from the Missouri FFA Association. Members from the Chillicothe FFA Chapter that were recognized at the banquet were **Jozie Reeter who received first place in the Intermediate division, Bailey Henry who received second place in the Intermediate division, and Carlee Johnson who received third place in the Beginner division.**

Assisting with the three-day conference were State FFA Officers: Mitchell Blehm, State FFA 1st Vice President from the Morrisville FFA Chapter; Jonathan Bellis, Area 11 State Vice President from the Aurora FFA Chapter; Taylor Washburn, State FFA Secretary from the North Harrison FFA Chapter; Carlee Buckner, Area 15 State Vice President from the Alton FFA Chapter. The Conference Manager for the academy is Jamie Rogers, a past Missouri State FFA President.

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Litton Campus - Beginning Meeting

June 4, 2013

On June 4, 2013, youth from Livingston County began their work at the Litton Agri-Science Learning Center. The Litton Ag Campus was designed for the youth of Livingston County to learn more about agriculture as well as house their 4-H and FFA projects. In exchange for housing their projects there, the youth assist in the care and maintenance of the Litton Ag Campus. Local youth sign a contract that states they will provide care for their animal and help maintain the Litton Ag Campus grounds. In exchange, they are allowed to use the facilities and livestock equipment.



In the picture above, local youth are going over their contracts and learning what duties are expected of them. Most of the livestock will be housed at the Litton Ag Campus from early April to late August. This allows the youth to participate in local, state, and national livestock shows.

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LEAD Conference

May 29, 2013

On May 29, 2013, 23 Chapter and Assistant officers from the Chillicothe FFA Chapter attended the MO FFA LEAD Conference on the NCMC Campus in Trenton, Missouri. The conference was sponsored by the FFA Leadership Fund. The Learn, Educate, Advance Develop (LEAD) conference brings officers and their advisors together as they start off a new year as a new officer team. The officers identify specific values and traits he or she brings to the team, assess which roles he or she can effectively play within their team, and utilize strategies to resolve potential team conflicts.

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Pro Harvest Donation to the Chillicothe FFA Chapter

May 29, 2013

On May 29, 2013, [Pro Harvest of Missouri](#) made a \$160 donation to the Chillicothe FFA Chapter. In 2012, Pro Harvest of Missouri conducted a program to support local FFA chapters. The company wanted to invest in the future of Missouri Agriculture by supporting local FFA Chapters throughout Missouri. If a farmer purchased ProHarvest Seed for the 2012 planting season and completed an annual survey, ProHarvest of Missouri made a \$40 donation to the FFA Chapter of their choice.



The Chillicothe FFA Chapter would sincerely like to thank ProHarvest of Missouri for their generous donation as well as the local farmers Doug Doughty, Brad Wilford, David Morris, and Jonnie Mammen for participating in the program. This year, the Chillicothe FFA Chapter has chosen to use the money toward the purchase of a seed germination chamber for use in the Agronomy, Natural Resources, and Greenhouse classes at the Litton Agriculture Education Center.

The Chillicothe FFA Chapter would like to thank Mike Resor and Pro Harvest of Missouri for their generous donation. The chapter would also like to encourage individuals to participate in the program for the 2013 planting season.

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Pig Show Extravaganza

May 18 and 19, 2013

On May 18 and 19, 2013 the Litton Agriculture Campus-MW Jenkins Expo Building hosted three swine shows and two lamb shows. There were approximately 500 head of hogs shown during the two-day event and 260 head of lambs.



On Saturday morning, the North Central Missouri Showpig Bonanza was sponsored by the Chillicothe FFA Alumni with 259 head of hogs at this show. The sponsors of this show were American Family-Janet McCauslin, Barnes Baker Motors, BTC Bank, Chillicothe Animal Hospital, Chillicothe Chamber of Commerce, Chillicothe State Bank, Diamond J Livestock, Farmers Electric Cooperative, Grand River Technical School, Hoffman-Reed Inc., Hutchinson & Co., J.R. Reid Show Pigs, Martin Show Pigs, MFA Agri-Service, Simms Show Pigs, T & R Soil Service, Trans Ova Genetics, Williams Farms, Wolf Brothers, and Wolf Farms. The results of the show were: Supreme Gilt went to Cole Murphy, Reserve Supreme Gilt went to Paul McAlexander, Supreme Barrow went to Drew Jacobson, and Reserve Supreme Barrow went to Brent Boland. Showmanship results: Champion Novice Showmanship went to Ashlyn Igo, Reserve Novice Showmanship went to Addison Brown, Runner-up Novice Showmanship went to Auburn Cole, Champion Junior Showmanship went to Cole Murphy, Reserve Junior Showmanship went to Cooper Nailey, Runner-up Junior Showmanship went to Mallan Cole, Champion Intermediate Showmanship went to Will Robinson, Reserve Intermediate Showmanship went to Brooklyn Adam, Runner-up Intermediate Showmanship went to Brayae Adam, Champion Senior Showmanship went to Lindsey Robinson, and Reserve Senior Showmanship went to Kyle Fuehring, and Runner-up Senior Showmanship went to Anthony Peniston.

The two swine shows held on Sunday, May 19, 2013 were sponsored by the Princeton FFA and had about 240 head of swine.

The two lamb shows - Missouri Club Lamb Futurity which had approximately 100 head, and the Youth Lamb Show which had approximately 160 head - were held on May 18, 2013. These were put on by the Missouri Lamb Breeders Associations, T & R Soil Services of Chillicothe, and Honor Show Chow.



This year, there was a special recognition ceremony during the North Central Missouri Showpig Bonanza. Ron Wolf and Roger Wolf, Co-Directors at the Grand River Technical School, are retiring at the end of the 2012-2013 school year from the Chillicothe R-II School system after 78 years of combined service to the district. The Chillicothe FFA Chapter along with the Chillicothe FFA Alumni had chosen to honor the two men by renaming the North Central Showpig Bonanza to the "Wolf Showpig Bonanza." The two men were presented with jackets that had the new logo for the show embroidered on them. Ron and Roger have been strong supporters of the youth in

this community as well as influential in the growth of showing livestock in our community. We thank them for their service and know they will continue to support this community and the swine industry in this area.



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2013-2014 Chapter Officers



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