

## Farm Bureau Youth Leadership Day

04/09/15

At the Farm Bureau Youth Leadership Day, students gain an understanding of the importance of becoming informed and involved citizens. Additionally, they focus upon the agricultural and rural issues that impact our state.

The 21st Annual Missouri Farm Bureau Youth Leadership Day, April 9, 2015, attracted 475 students and chaperons from 55 counties. The action-packed day began early for many of the groups as they traveled from across the state to Jefferson City. Following a brief orientation at the MFB home office, they boarded buses to the Capitol. Sherry Jones, Livingston County Farm Bureau Board President, arranged for Chillicothe FFA members to meet with their respective elected official Senator Mike Pearce and Representative Mike Lair. Students interacted with members of the General Assembly and got a firsthand look at the activities surrounding a day at the Capitol.

Following lunch at the MFB home office, the group was welcomed by Missouri Farm Bureau President Blake Hurst. 2015 MFB Ambassadors Miriam Martin and Dustin Stanton spoke of the Ambassador program, shared highlights of their recent trip to Washington, D.C. with the Resolutions Committee and encouraged students present to look into this program.



Back L to R - Tommy Thompson, Remington Cox, McCormick Campbell, State Representative Mike Lair;  
Front L to R - Joe Circo, Colby Reed, Aaron Baker, Tyler Garcia

Chillicothe FFA members from Livingston County that attended were Aaron Baker, McCormick Campbell, Joe Circo, Remington Cox, Tyler Garcia, Colby Reed, and Tommy Thompson.

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## Chillicothe FFA Alumni Pig Sale

04/04/15

On Saturday April 4, 2015, the Chillicothe FFA Alumni held the 14th Annual Pig Sale at the MW Jenkins Expo Center on the Litton Agriculture Campus. There were 35 sellers and 88 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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## State Degrees

Announced 03/02/15 - Awarding 04/17/15

On March 2, 2015 it was announced that 14 members of the Chillicothe FFA will be receiving their State FFA Degree in Columbia, MO, on April 17, 2015. 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 ten 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. Participation 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. Participation in leadership positions outside the FFA.
  - e. Score 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: Timber Ballantyne the son of Jerry and Jeannie Ballantyne, Kiley Boley the daughter of Rick and Rachel Boley, Garith Felton the son of Larry and Marla Felton, Lauren Haley the daughter of Steve and Brenda Haley, Katlyn Hamilton the daughter of Randy and Ann Hamilton, Bailey Henry the daughter of Melinda Henry, Carlee Johnson the daughter of Russ and Sheila Thomspson, Hallee Jones the daughter of Pat and Ginger Jones, Zach Quinn the son of Raymond and Robin Quinn, Jozie Reeter the daughter of Brent and Ronda Reeter, Colby Ruoff the son of Chris and Brenda Ruoff, Hailey Seeley the daughter of Tina Long and Cory Seeley, Haelee Shady the daughter of Layne and Misty Shady, and Caleb Toedebusch the son of Kenny and Tammy Toedebusch. Congratulations to these individuals on their accomplishments!



*Back L to R - Katlyn Hamilton, Bailey Henry, Haelee Shady, Kiley Boley, Garith Felton, Jozie Reeter, Hailey Seeley, Carlee Johnson, Lauren Haley; Front L to R - Cal Toedebusch, Hallee Jones, Zach Quinn, Timber Ballantyne, Colby Ruoff*

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## District Contest Results

03/24, 03/31, 04/01/15

On March 24, 2015, the Chillicothe FFA Chapter participated in the Northwest District FFA Contest. The results are as follows: **Agricultural Issues** - 2nd place (state) McCormick Campbell, Tyler Garcia (Alt), Shayler Keller, Nate McKiddy, Helena McNamee, Rebecca Pitchford, Colby Reed, Maggie Resor; **Parliamentary Procedure** - 1st place (state) Jamie Albertson, Mason Daniel, Cole Gutshall, Ben Jones, Gunnar Leach (Alt), Emma Leamer (Alt), Jake Sampsel (Chairman), Zach Trout; **Knowledge Team** - 3rd place (state) Gracie Ellis, Emilee Haley (Alt), Ben Hayen, Molly Jones, Jackson Pauley; **Advanced Prepared Public Speaking** - (gold) Rachel Nowland; **Extemporaneous Public Speaking** - Alternate to state (gold) Madelyn Warren; **Prepared Public Speaking Division II** - (gold) Sarah Mason; **Job Interview** - (gold) Emma Rademacher; **Creed Speaking** - (gold) Liberty Cox. *All members advancing to the State FFA contest which will be held in Columbia on April 16 & 17.*

On March 31 and April 1, 2015 the Chillicothe FFA Chapter participated in the Northwest District Ag Contest. The results are as follows: **Agriculture Mechanics** 6th place (state) Timber Ballantyne, Derek Eckert, Zach Quinn, Colby Ruoff; **Agronomy** 23rd place McCormick Campbell, Trevor Shira, Marissa Surber, Tommy Thompson; **Ag Sales** 3rd (state) Lauren Haley, Bailey Henry, Carlee Johnson, Haelee Shady, Hailey Seeley (Alt); **Dairy Foods** 16th place Adler Marshall-Alt, Konner Sewell-Alt, McKenna Poling, Garret Donoho-Alt, Eric Davis, Elena Boon, Kimberlee Roney; **Dairy Cattle** 16th place McKenzie Anderson, Peyton Hein, Hunter Horton-Alt, Lane Peters, Colee Webb; **Entomology** 31st place Aaron Baker, Colton Hargrave, Colton Webb, Zach Wood; **Farm Management** 24th place Hallee Jones, Jozie Reeter; **Floriculture** 35th place Hunter Haakonstad, Katlyn Hamilton, Taylor Simmer, Riley Ward; **Forestry** 16th place Tristen Sewell (Alt), Clayton Campbell, Kyle Hansen, Dawson Bradley (Alt), Braxton Austin (Alt), Logan Sampsel, Brady Bothwell; **Horses** 7th place (state) Austin Case, Katelyn Clasiday, Noah Cross-Alt, Elitza Crouch, Brittany Derickson-Alt, Cameron Moore; **Livestock** 5th place (state) McKenna Ashford, Lane Bonderer, Erin Campbell, Tori Overton; **Meats** 19th place Kristina Hamilton, Julia Minnis, Cheyenne Harkins, Jalynn Reeter, Addison Webb (Alt), Hannah Stotts (Alt); **Nursery/Landscape** 13th Joe Circo, Remington Cox, Risha Peery, Hannah Roney; **Poultry** 11th place Jacob Anderson (Alt), Isaiah Boon, Wade Campbell, Nate Hoel, Drew Toedebusch; **Soils** 15th place Max Anderson (Alt), Tanner Lent (Alt), Abbey Daly (Alt), Hunter Hobbs, Kaylee Peel, Peyton Moritz. *The teams that qualified will be participating at state contest on April 16 and 17 in Columbia, MO.*



Chillicothe FFA qualified 7 teams and 1 book for State FFA Convention.  
The convention is held on the campus of the University of Missouri on April 16 & 17, 2015 in Columbia, MO.

The following individuals placed in the top ten in their team competitions. Bailey Henry 2nd place Ag Sales and Ben Hayen 7th place Knowledge.

The Chillicothe FFA fielded 18 teams and 5 speakers at District Agriculture and FFA Career Development Events. A total of 82 students competed from the Chillicothe FFA.

The career development events were held at Northwest Missouri State University with 313 teams consisting of nearly 1250 students from 55 different schools that competed this year.

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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### **Chillicothe FFA Alumni Preview Cattle Show**

03/28-29/15

On Saturday, March 28, and Sunday, March 29, 2015, the Litton Agriculture Campus was host to the StockShow Shootout which consisted of four junior preview cattle shows. The shows included Showing for A Cure, North Missouri Prospect Show, Milan FFA Jackpot, and the NWMSU Green & Gold Classic. During the weekend, there were over 670 cattle entries in the two days of events. With the beautiful and ideal weather, a huge crowd attended, and many spectators were on hand to watch the shows. Exhibitors showing were from eight different states and traveled many miles to compete for the \$18,000 in prize money from the four shows.



The *Showing for a Cure* show in particular was special to many exhibitors and attendees. All proceeds were donated to the Cancer Research Institute and the Chronis and Colitis Foundation of America. Chillicothe FFA members and Chillicothe FFA Alumni members helped to line up classes, announced results, and performed other general tasks to keep the shows running smoothly throughout the two days.



The Chillicothe FFA Alumni sponsored the *North Missouri Prospect* Show which was held on Saturday. There were 175 entries in the show which was held in the outside show ring. The Chillicothe FFA would like to thank the sponsors of the show. The sponsors were American Family Insurance (Janet McCauslin - Agent), BTC Bank of Chillicothe, Butterfield & Associates Grain, D & J Livestock, Farm Credit Services, Good Time Charlie's, Graves Cattle Company, Hutchinson & Company, MFA-Agriservices of Chillicothe, Sydenstricker Farm & Lawn, T & R Soil Service, Trans Ova Genetics, Walker and Graves Farms, and Woody's Automotive. Thanks again to all the individuals and businesses who helped make sure that the weekend went smoothly.

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## **Kiwanis Presentations**

03/23/15

On Monday March 23, 2015, the Chillicothe FFA Agricultural Issues Forum team and the Parliamentary Procedure team 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.

Chillicothe FFA Chapter has chosen for their Agriculture Issues forum, "Should the Grain Belt Express be Constructed in Eight Missouri Counties?" The line is proposed to pass through Missouri, starting south of St. Joseph and going through the area near Hannibal or Bowling Green - through 8 Missouri counties: Buchanan, Clinton, Caldwell, Carroll, Chariton, Randolph, Monroe, and Ralls. This issue will affect rural landowners who are in the path of the proposed line. Energy independence seems to be one of the leading issues facing Americans today. Specifically, renewable energy provides Americans with jobs, clean air, and energy security. However, continued growth of the wind energy industry depends on the expansion of the U.S. electric transmission grid. The United States has some of the best renewable resources in the world, but they are predominantly located far from large population centers. The challenge lies in connecting these rich resources to communities that need the power.

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 Rotary Club. The team received first place at the area level and second place at the district level. The team will compete at the state level in Columbia, Missouri on April 17, 2017.



The FFA members on the Agriculture Issues team are: McCormick Campbell, Shayler Keller, Nate McKiddy, Helena McNamee, Rebecca Pitchford, Colby Reed, Maggie Resor.

The Parliamentary Procedure team Parliamentary Procedure is an efficient way to run meetings. Parliamentary Procedure uses a set of "rules" known as parliamentary law or Robert's Rules of Order to conduct all types of orderly meetings - from business meetings to congressional sessions. Parliamentary procedure ensures all sides of an issue are equal and that everyone has the opportunity to voice their opinion and vote. It is designed to accomplish four main objectives in a business meeting: Focuses on one thing at a time, Extends courtesy to everyone, Observes the rule of the majority, Ensures the rights of the minority. 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 17, 2017.

The FFA members on the Parliamentary Procedure team are: Jamie Albertson, Mason Daniel, Cole Gutshall, Ben Jones, Gunnar Leach-Alt, Emma Leamer-Alt, Jake Sampsel, Zach Trout.

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## **NCMC MOASK Event**

03/19/15

On March 19, 2015, the North Central Missouri College was host to a MOASK event. There were 77 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:** Jacob Anderson, McKenzie Anderson, Elena Boon, Wade Campbell, Austin Case, Katelyn Clariday, Noah Cross, Elitza Crouch, Eric Davis, Garret Donoho, Lauren Haley, Peyton Hein, Nathan Hoel, Hunter Horton, Carlee Johnson, Adler Marshall, Cameron Moore, Lane Peters, McKenna Poling, Zach Quinn, Kimberlee Roney, Haelee Shady, Drew Toedebusch, Colee Webb, Courtney Westcott. The certificates will be given out at the Chillicothe High School awards assembly by the Livingston County Farm Bureau.

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### **Chillicothe Agri-Leaders and Livingston County Farm Bureau Meeting**

03/16/15

On March 16, 2015, both the Chillicothe Agri-Leaders and Livingston County Farm Bureau Board hosted a few of the Chillicothe FFA members at the Litton Agriculture Education Center at their monthly meeting. The members involved were: Creed Speaker Liberty Cox; Prepared Public Speaking Division I Speaker Claire Shipp; Prepared Public Speaking Division II Speaker Sarah Mason; Prepared Public Speaking Advanced Division Rachel Nowland; Parliamentary Procedure team Jaime Albertson, Mason Daniel, Cole Gutshall, Ben Jones, Emma Leamer, Gunnar Leach, Jake Sampsel, Zach Trout; and Agriculture Issues team Tyler Garcia, Shayler Keller, Nate McKiddy, Helena McNamee, Rebecca Pitchford, Colby Reed, Maggie Resor.



Ag Issues team presenting their skit.

The students presented their public speaking presentation in preparation for area competition. These groups assisted the members by giving them feedback on their presentations, asking questions, and



being a willing audience. We would like to thank the Chillicothe Agri-Leaders for their support and encouragement.

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## Area II Contest

March 11 and 18, 2015



On March 11, 2015, the Chillicothe FFA Chapter sent two representatives to the Area II officer and state candidate interviews. The two representatives were Erin Campbell, area officer candidate, and Lauren Haley, state officer candidate. Erin (daughter of Mike and Angie Boon and the late Jarret Campbell) was Chillicothe's representative for an Area II Officer. Erin was selected as the Reporter of the Area II Officer team for the 2015-2016 school year. Some of the activities that Erin 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. Lauren (daughter of Steve and Brenda Haley) was Chillicothe's representative for an Area II State Officer. Adam

Kirby, from the Trenton FFA Chapter, was selected as the Area II State Officer candidate for the 2015-2016 school year. Pictured (L to R) Erin Campbell, Lauren Haley

On March 18, 2015, the Chillicothe FFA Chapter participated in the Area II FFA Contest. The speaking results are: Creed Speakers: Liberty Cox 2nd and gold, Christian Reed silver (*pictured at right*); Prepared Public Speaking Division I Speakers: Marley Anderson gold, Claire Shipp silver; Prepared Public Speaking Division II Speakers: Sarah Mason 2nd and gold, Audrey Edmisson silver; Job Interview: Emma Rademacher 1st and gold; Extemporaneous Speaking: Madelyn Warren 2nd and gold; Prepared Public Speaking Advanced Division: Rachel Nowland 3rd and gold; FFA Books Completed Ownership: McCormick Campbell silver; Completed Placement: Tyler Garcia 1st and gold; Beginning Ownership: Kaylie Campbell 2nd and gold; Beginning Placement: Waylon Chapman gold; Scrapbook: Jaime Albertson, Clayton Campbell, Mason Daniel, Cole Gutshall, Emma Leamer, Gunnar Leach, Sarah Mason, Julia Minnis, Jake Sampsel, Madelyn Warren 2nd and gold; Parliamentary Procedure team: Jaime Albertson, Mason Daniel, Cole Gutshall, Ben Jones, Emma Leamer, Gunnar Leach, Jake Sampsel, Zach Trout 1st and gold; Agriculture Issues team: Tyler Garcia, Shayler Keller, Nate McKiddy, Helena McNamee, Rebecca Pitchford, Colby Reed, Maggie Resor 1st and gold. Those teams and individuals receiving 3rd place or higher will proceed to District competition March 24, 2015 in Cameron, MO.





Area Contest Participants - Back Row L to R: Tyler Garcia, Zach Trout, Claire Shipp, Sarah Mason, Jake Sampsel, Ben Jones, Emma Leamer, Cole Gutshall, Jaime Albertson, Gunnar Leach, Rebecca Pitchford, Nate McKiddy; Front Row L to R: Shayler Keller, Colby Reed, Helena McNamee, Audrey Edmisson, Madelyn Warren, Emma Rademacher, Maggie Resor, Mason Daniel, Rachel Nowland, Marley Anderson

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## Livingston County Retired Teachers and School Personnel Association

03/12/15

On March 12, 2015, the Livingston County Retired Teachers Association hosted a few of the Chillicothe FFA members at the Litton Agriculture Education Center for their monthly meeting. The Chillicothe FFA members involved were: Liberty Cox, Audrey Edmisson, Rachel Nowland, Claire Shipp.



Claire Shipp, Rachel Nowland, Audrey Edmisson, Liberty Cox

The students were using the audience as practice for their upcoming area competition. The students presented a speech or the FFA Creed. Liberty Cox presented the FFA Creed, Audrey Edmisson presented her Division II Prepared speech entitled "Urban Farming", Rachel Nowland presented her Advanced Prepared speech entitled "Should America's Farmers and Ranchers Continue to Utilize Antibiotics in Their Livestock Operations?", and Claire Shipp presented her Division I Prepared Speech entitled "Genetic Modification". We would like to thank the Livingston County Retired Teachers and school personnel for the opportunity to showcase some of the Chillicothe FFA's speaking talent.

## MU Livestock Grading and Judging

03/07/15

On Saturday, March 7, 2015, 14 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 2015 event was the Department's 27th 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.



Bailey Henry, Gunnar Leach, Zach Trout, Carlee Johnson

Chillicothe students participating in the **team portion** were among 45 teams there that day. The team consisting of Bailey Henry, Carlee Johnson, Gunnar Leach, and Zach Trout placed 4th in the overall event.

Chillicothe students participating in the **workshop** were among the 123 individuals there that day. The results are: Jacob Anderson, Austin Case, Eric Davis, Brittany Derickson, Garret Donoho, Molly Jones, Cameron Moore, and McKenna Poling.

Chillicothe students participating in the **grading and judging portion** were among 202 individuals there that day. The results are: Overall Individual 10th Carlee Johnson, 15th Zach Trout, 23rd Bailey Henry, and 43rd Gunnar Leach. Also participating in the grading and judging portion was Cole Gutshall and McKenna Ashford.

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 four members and groups of fewer than four scored as individuals only.

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## 8th Grade Recruitment

March 6, 2015

On March 6, 2015, 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 was mailed home at the beginning of the week to all parents with what was discussed at the recruitment day.



Senior FFA members led the recruitment.

Back L to R: Colby Ruoff, Cal Toedebusch, Derek Eckert, Brandon Cook, Zach Quinn  
Front L to R: Katlyn Hamilton, Lauren Jones, Riley Ward, Hailey Seeley, Kiley Boley, Haelee Shady, Carlee Johnson, Bailey Henry

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## Coloring Contest

February 23-27, 2015

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 of a box of colored pencils, and every participant received a piece of candy and an FFA pencil. This activity was to help expose youth to agriculture.



Kindergarten: Back L to R - Hallee Jones (Chillicothe FFA 2nd Vice President);  
Front L to R - Kierra Williams, Sophie Hurtgen, Izabella Leverett, Brandon Reed, Ryder Gates; Not Pictured - Adi Ford

The winners were; Kindergarten - Adi Ford, Ryder Gates, Sophie Hurtgen, Izabeela Leverett, Brandon Reed, and Kierra Williams; First Grade - Makenzie Epperson, Chloe Gray, Hayden Hansen, Aaron Holtzclaw, Kelly Hopper, Molly Kennebeck, and Aiden Peterie. Congratulations to all the winners. All contestant pages will be displayed at our local banquet on May 1, 2015.



First Grade: Back L to R - Bailey Henry (Chillicothe FFA Secretary);  
Front L to R - Aaron Holtzclaw, Hayden Hansen, Makenzie Epperson, Chloe Gray, Kelly Hopper, Aiden Peterie, Molly Kennebeck

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## FFA Week

February 23-27, 2015

National FFA week is the week that all FFA members and chapters across the country look forward to. Today, there are 610,240 FFA members, ages 12-21, in 7,665 chapters in all 50 states, Puerto Rico and the U.S. Virgin Islands. This week has marked 68 years of celebrating National FFA week, beginning in 1948. The FFA chose this particular week to encompass George Washington's birthday on February 22 in recognition of his legacy as an agriculturist, farmer, and leader. Thanks to FFA Week, members get to show their community what FFA is about and express their love of agriculture.

Throughout the year, the Chillicothe FFA Chapter is involved in many different activities, but FFA Week is one of the most memorable activities for our local chapter. It is tradition for the Chillicothe FFA Chapter to express our appreciation toward the multiple FFA supporters in our community. On Friday, February 20, we partnered with the Chillicothe Area Chamber of Commerce to host our annual [Salute to Agriculture Breakfast](#). On Sunday, February 22, our chapter attended church at the Saint Columbian's Catholic Church. All members attending the church service were dressed in full FFA official dress. A few members of our chapter were involved with the services. After church, members traveled to see Professional Bull Riding at the Sprint Center in Kansas City. This event serves as our chapter's annual participation trip.



Approximately 100 Chillicothe FFA members attended church at St. Columbian's Catholic Church.

FFA members have the opportunity to show off their creative skills and spirit for agriculture for the remainder of the week. Monday is Cowboy/Cowgirl Day or Dress Like Their Agriculture Instructors, which is what most students will choose to dress like. Tuesday is several students' favorite day because they are given the opportunity to wear boots and shorts or pajamas to school. Wednesday, CHS will be filled with blue corduroy jackets as students wear their full FFA Official Dress to school. Thursday is Chore Clothes Day, and students will participate in Ag Olympics during their agriculture classes that day. Class will not be in session on Friday of this week. While our members are dressed up, we will visit the elementary schools in our community to put on a coloring contest for younger students.



Senior FFA members dressed as an ag teacher.

With this great organization, students expand their agriculture awareness and are made aware of the importance of agriculture to every person's daily life. The success of our FFA chapter would not be possible without the support of parents, alumni, faculty, staff, teachers, and local businesses who have helped us throughout the year - not just this week - as we celebrate agriculture and those who hold an inborn fondness for the industry we all love and appreciate on a daily basis.

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## Salute to Agriculture

Friday, February 20, 2015

The eight annual Chillicothe Area Chamber of Commerce and Chillicothe FFA Salute to Agriculture was held at the Mervyn Jenkins Expo Center Friday, February 20, 2015. The Salute to Agriculture breakfast was sponsored by Woody's, Chillicothe Chamber of Commerce, and the Chillicothe FFA Chapter.



Chillicothe FFA students serve up a breakfast of pancakes, eggs, sausage, and fruit to around 170 people. The event was sponsored by Woody's and is held annually to celebrate National FFA Week and agriculture.



The program was emceed by Chillicothe FFA President Carlee Johnson. An invocation was given by Chillicothe FFA 2nd Vice President Hallee Jones and welcomed sponsor Darrel Rinehart of Woody's. Drawings were held courtesy of the Livingston County Farm Bureau, Investors National Bank, & Citizens Bank. Blake Hurst, president of Missouri Farm Bureau, was the guest speaker for the program. Monsanto's [check was presented for the Chillicothe FFA America's Farmers Grow Communities program.](#)



We would like to thank the following businesses for their support in sponsoring the breakfast: Barnes Baker Automotive, Chillicothe Ford, Citizens Bank & Trust, Farm Bureau Insurance, Investors Bank, MFA Agri-Services, Rafter C Auctions, Sydenstricker, Willcross Seed, Woody's Automotive Group, Woody's Outdoor Power, and Ziegler Machinery.

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## America's Farmers Grow Communities

February 20, 2015

Marshall Meservey Farms, was selected as the winner in Livingston County for America's Farmers Grow Communities sponsored by the Monsanto Fund. Under this program, eligible farmers in 1,289 counties across 39 states, including MO, could enter to win a \$2,500 donation for a local non-profit of their choice. Anthony was selected this year and chose to direct the donation to the Chillicothe FFA Chapter. Entrants



must live or farm in an eligible county, be 21 years old or older and actively engaged in farming a minimum of 250 acres of corn, soybeans, and/or cotton. Entrants are limited to one entry per qualified person. A farmer is "actively engaged in farming" if he or she performs the work, or hires and actively manages others who do so. The Marshall Meservey Farm has a 3500 acre row crop operation which allows him to be eligible for the program.



Monsanto America's Farmers Grow Communities check presentation for the Chillicothe FFA Chapter

The purpose of America's Farmers Grow Communities is to recognize and celebrate the important contributions farmers make to rural America and to help them grow their communities by supporting local organizations that are important to them. Rural communities are the heart of America. It's where we find the people who work hard to feed, fuel and clothe our country and the world. We believe in rural America, and we want to help grow farming communities. This is why we work directly with the farmers to determine where the \$2,500 is donated within their community. Farmers know best and choose the nonprofit organization in their community where the donation will make the most impact. More than 82,000 farmers across the country participated in the program this year, with a winning farmer selected in each eligible county.



Marshall Meservey Farms (Ralph Meservey, Jim Meservey, Joe Meservey),  
Monsanto Rep Chris Witting, and Chillicothe FFA Officers

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## Missouri Pork Association FFA Public Speaking Contest

02/10/15



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: *Feeding a Hungry World - How Pork Producers Have and Will Continue to Meet the Challenge*. While the speeches may touch on all of Missouri agriculture, special focus should be given to the pork industry.

Bailey Henry represented the Chillicothe FFA Chapter at the Missouri Pork Expo contest held in Columbia on Tuesday, February 10, 2015. Bailey received first place at the district level and moved on to the state competition. At the state competition, she placed third and received a \$100 cash prize and a plaque sponsored by Alltech.

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## FFA Bowling Party

02/08/15



On February 8, 2015, 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 96 members present, and everyone seemed to enjoy the afternoon.



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### **Pigs Visit Elementary Schools**

02/06/15 - Dewey

Students from Dewey Elementary kindergarten and first grade classes were having a hands-on learning experience on February 6, 2015. The students were learning about habitats and animals with assistance from the Litton Crusaders program.



The students got the opportunity to handle a baby pig and learn a little about them from the high school students. During the visit, students got to learn about their pigs gender, name (ear notch), breed, what they eat, and whatever other questions they came up with. Later on in the school year, the students will take a field trip to the Litton Agriculture Campus and revisit the baby pigs as market hogs.

02/05/15 - Field

Students from Field Elementary second and third grade classes were having a hands-on learning experience on February 5, 2015. The Litton Crusaders and the Livingston County Farm Bureau made this visit possible as part of the Thank-A-Farmer program. The elementary students got the opportunity to handle a baby pig and learn a little about them from the high school students.



During the visit, students learned about their pig's gender, name (ear notch), breed, what they eat, and whatever other questions they came up with. Later on in the school year, the students will take a field trip out to the Litton Agriculture Campus and revisit these baby pigs as market hogs. The purpose of the visit was to help educate youth about agriculture.



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### **Missouri Fairs and Festivals Speech Contest**

01/30/15

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 of an agricultural character relating to county fairs and which is of general interest to the public.

Jaime Albertson represented the Livingston County 4-H and FFA Fair at this contest held January 30, 2015, in Columbia, MO.

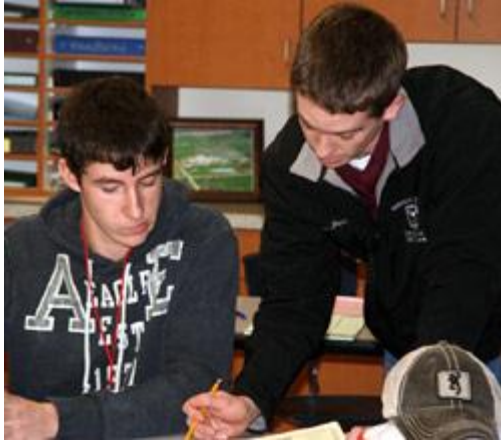


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### **Record Keeping**

01/22/2015



Students at the Litton Agriculture Education Center are learning the meaning of "Earning to Live". Students enrolled in all agriculture classes are working with the Missouri Agriculture Education Record Book to try and figure out the value of their own money. The Record Book is financial record keeping system for agriculture that combines placement, production, and directed experience SAE programs in a paper format. It contains sheets for recording receipts, expenditures, summary forms (which includes cash flow, depreciation, inventory, balance, profit/loss statements), supplemental (which includes ownership, placement, competencies, budget, enterprise analysis, loan/interest record, and breeding /performance records), and FFA forms (that include tracking FFA participation and leadership activities as well as records for non-FFA). Students use all these pages to track their SAE

project as well as their personal items. Pictured: Student (Zach) being assisted by Mr. Mauss (student teacher).



Students enrolled in Mrs. Schreiner's Animal Science Class

Learning how to keep track and utilize the money they have provides a strong foundation for them becoming financially independent. Students enrolled in agriculture education classes will utilize these record books throughout their time in these classes.

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### **Missouri FFA Members "Say Yes to Opportunity"**

January 8, 2015

On January 8, 2015, 62 members of the Chillicothe FFA Chapter attended the Greenhand Motivational Conference held at the North Central Missouri College Campus in Trenton, Missouri. Following the conference students got to tour the Barton Campus for an explanation of the facility and its opportunities for the students.



Over 4500 first year FFA members from more than 300 Missouri High Schools had the opportunity to learn about being positive role models, learning to get involved, making sound choices, becoming active team members and making a positive difference in their lives, school and community at the annual Greenhand Motivational Conferences. These conferences presented by the State FFA Officers and sponsored by MFA Incorporated were held January 6-9, 2015 throughout Missouri.

Through interactive workshops and skits, the State FFA Officers encouraged first-year FFA members to explore and reach outside their comfort zone for the opportunities provided through FFA membership. They helped the new agriculture students set goals for their education, careers, and FFA experience.

Eighteen conferences were held at 13 different locations throughout the state: University of Central Missouri, Warrensburg; Bowling Green High School, Bowling Green; Truman State University, Kirksville; Sullivan High School, Sullivan; Three Rivers Community College, Poplar Bluff; Missouri State University, West Plains; Lincoln University, Jefferson City; Southeast Missouri State University, Cape Girardeau; Waynesville High School, Waynesville; Missouri State University, Springfield; Missouri Western State College, St. Joseph; University of Missouri, Columbia; and North Central Missouri College, Trenton.

The FFA is a national youth organization of over 610,000 student members preparing for leadership and careers in the science, business and technology of agriculture with 339 chapters and more than 25,800 members in Missouri. The FFA strives to make a positive difference in the lives of students by developing their potential for premier leadership, personal growth and career success through agricultural education.

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## **Farrowing Hogs**

January, 2015

The Litton Agri-Science Learning Center has had a small upgrade to the Mildred Litton 4-H and FFA Community Center. The back of the building is being used to farrow hogs from the months of January to April, 2015. To prepare for the upcoming farrowing events, the building had new insulation installed, the sheds were placed inside, and gates were assembled to create pens. The facility will farrow a berk, duroc, chester, spot, two yorks, and four crossbred females. These 10 of the 13 females bred at the Litton Agri-Science Learning Center will farrow this spring.



The females belong to Montana Hall, Gabby Hapes, Carlee Johnson, Tanner Lent, Kaylee Lewis, and Zach Quinn. These individuals are members of Livingston County 4-H or FFA Chapters that showed the interest and capability to be granted the privilege of farrowing hogs at the facility. We would like to give a special thanks to Clint Lewis, Brent Dickson, Butch Bonderer, and all of the students for helping to prepare for the 2015 farrowing season.

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### **Chillicothe FFA Chapter Featured on RFD-TV!**

December 10, 2014

The Chillicothe FFA Chapter from Grand River Technical School will be showcased January 3-4, 2015, on "This Week In AgriBusiness", a weekly, one-hour television agri-news program hosted by two of the country's most well-known farm broadcasters Max Armstrong and Orion Samuelson. The Chillicothe FFA Chapter will include information about the chapter's history, activities and community service. It also includes several photos of the students and their participation in chapter activities.

Viewers can see the Chillicothe FFA Chapter during "This Week In AgriBusiness" which is aired on RFD-TV, a 24-hour television network for rural America. RFD-TV is carried on Dish Network channel 231 and on DirecTV channel 379, as well as a number of other cable systems. "This Week In AgriBusiness" airs four times on RFD-TV throughout the weekend. Broadcast times are 7:00 AM on Saturday; 5:00 AM and 5:00 PM on Sundays (Central Time Zone).

This presentation spotlight is sponsored by Nationwide Agribusiness Insurance Company. The Chillicothe FFA Chapter would like to thank Nationwide for their support of agriculture and the FFA organization. A video of the Chillicothe FFA Chapter is also on the [Nationwide Facebook page](#) - visit the site and like the video. This spotlight will also be broadcast on 84 other stations across the nation.

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## Salvation Army

December 10, 2014

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 held December 10, 2014. The canned food items were then delivered to the local Salvation Army. The chapter collected eleven boxes of food to donate to the Salvation Army.



The chapter members adopted seven 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 10, 2014

On December 10, 2014, the Chillicothe FFA held their annual Christmas Party at the Chillicothe Middle School. This party represents a reward for members for an excellent Barnwarming this year and provides a time for fellowship.



The members enjoyed dinner and then moved into the field house for some games. Members could play basketball, dodge ball, volleyball, or participate in other activities. The winners of the 3-on-3 coed



basketball tournament were Lane Bonderer, Nate McKiddy, and Ruthie Vinson. The winners of the coed volleyball tournament were Jacob Anderson, Isaiah Boon, Jessica Brade, Liberty Cox, Adler Marshall, and Konner Sewell.



The students also conducted a canned food drive and collected 17 boxes of canned food items. There were approximately 145 members present, and everyone seemed to enjoy the evening.

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## FFA Youth in Agriculture Update

November 25, 2014

Since May 2014, ProHarvest of Missouri and Resor Seeds LLC has been a proud sponsor of KCHI's "FFA Youth in Agriculture Update." This program airs every Saturday morning at 8:30 AM on KCHI Radio (102.5 FM). The program was designed to inform listeners about the activities and accomplishments of agriculture youth from 13 local FFA chapters within the KCHI listening area.



Each month, Bailey Henry, Chillicothe FFA member, goes to the KCHI studio and records a 30-second spot that will then air on Saturday morning. Bailey is responsible for writing the 30-second spot that highlights activities that have occurred in the Chillicothe FFA Chapter. This not only gives our chapter a way to inform the public about our activities it also gives students a chance to utilize their communication skills through radio.

If you have missed these on KCHI you can find them on the [Pro Harvest website](#). The Chillicothe FFA Chapter would like to thank Mike Resor and Pro Harvest of Missouri for their generous sponsorship of this program. Their dedication to agriculture is outstanding as well as their desire to inform the public of the importance of agriculture in our society.

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### **Northwest Missouri State Visits**

November 17, 2014

On November 17, 2014, Mr. Doyle Bounds from Northwest Missouri State University came to speak with the junior and senior students at the Litton Agriculture Education Center. Mr. Bounds came to speak with the students about furthering their education after high school. Mr. Bounds says that furthering your education will help when entering the work force. He also held a question answer session with the students regarding enrollment, scholarships, and general college information.



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### **Fall District Speaking Contests**

November 5 & 12, 2014

On November 5, 2014, Chillicothe FFA students participated in the Area II Fall Speaking Contest in Gallatin. Lauren Haley competed in the Missouri Farm Bureau Contest, Bailey Henry competed in the Missouri Pork Producers Contest, Sarah Mason competed in the Missouri Sheep Producers Contest, Carlee Johnson competed in the Missouri Institute of Cooperatives, Marissa Surber competed in the Missouri Soil and Water Conservation, Helena McNamee competed in the Missouri Pet Breeders Association, Brady Bothwell competed in the Missouri Cattleman's, and Madelyn Warren competed in the Missouri Young Farmers speech contest. Lauren, Bailey, Sarah, Carlee, Marissa, and Madelyn moved on to the district competition on November 13, 2013.



Back L to R - Bailey Henry, Sarah Mason, Madelyn Warren, Brady Bothwell;  
Front L to R - Helena McNamee, Lauren Haley, Carlee Johnson, Marissa Surber

On November 12, 2014, Chillicothe FFA students participated in the Northwest District Fall Speaking Contest in Cameron. Lauren Haley competed in the Missouri Farm Bureau Contest, Bailey Henry competed in the Missouri Pork Producers Contest, Sarah Mason competed in the Missouri Sheep Producers Contest, Carlee Johnson completed in the Missouri Institute of Cooperatives, Marissa Surber competed in the Missouri Soil and Water Association, and Madelyn Warren competed in the Missouri Young Farmers/Young Farm Wives speech contest. **Bailey received first place in the Pork Producers competition and will compete at the state level on February 10, 2015, in Columbia, MO. Lauren received second place in the Farm Bureau competition and is an alternate to the state level.**

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### **Papa Charlie's**

October 28 and 30, 2014

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 28 and 30, 2014.



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.



As part of the Litton Crusaders program, students had the opportunity to go to Papa Charlie's Pumpkin Patch for a farm experience with a little fun mixed in. 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, shoot a pumpkin cannon, 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.

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## **National Convention 2014**

*14 Local Students Attend National FFA Convention*

10/27/14 - 11/01/14

On October 28 through October 31, 2014, 14 members of the Chillicothe FFA Chapter attended the National FFA Convention in Louisville, KY. The students attended many activities while in Louisville. The students attended leadership sessions, the career show, college fair, and convention sessions while at the convention hall. Students also attended a session with speaker Nick Vujicic, a concert featuring Justin Moore and Easton Corbin, a session with Dr. Al Snyder (hypnotist), watched the races at Churchill Downs, and got an opportunity to have a little fun go carting.

Local members that attended the convention were McKenna Ashford, Erin Campbell, Cole Gutshall, Lauren Haley, Halle Jones, Gunnar Leach, Tanner Lent, Sarah Mason, Helena McNamee, Victoria Overton, Rebecca Pitchford, Maggie Resor, Marissa Surber, and Zach Trout.



Front L to R - Sarah Mason, Helena McNamee, Rebecca Pitchford, Hallee Jones, Cole Gutshall, Gunnar Leach, Tanner Lent, Zach Trout; Back L to R - Maggie Resor, McKenna Ashford, Erin Campbell, Marissa Surber, Victoria Overton

### **National FFA Courtesy Corps**

Almost any event becomes more intriguing when viewed from behind the scenes. The 87th 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 McKenna Ashford, Erin Campbell, Cole Gutshall, Hallee Jones, Gunnar Leach, Tanner Lent, Sarah Mason, Helena McNamee, Victoria Overton, Rebecca Pitchford, Maggie Resor, Marissa Surber, and Zach Trout.



Front L to R - Victoria Overton, Helena McNamee, Maggie Resor, Sara Mason, McKenna Ashford, Erin Campbell, Marissa Surber; Back L to R - Zach Trout, Rebecca Pitchford, Hallee Jones, Cole Gutshall, Gunnar Leach, Tanner Lent

"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."

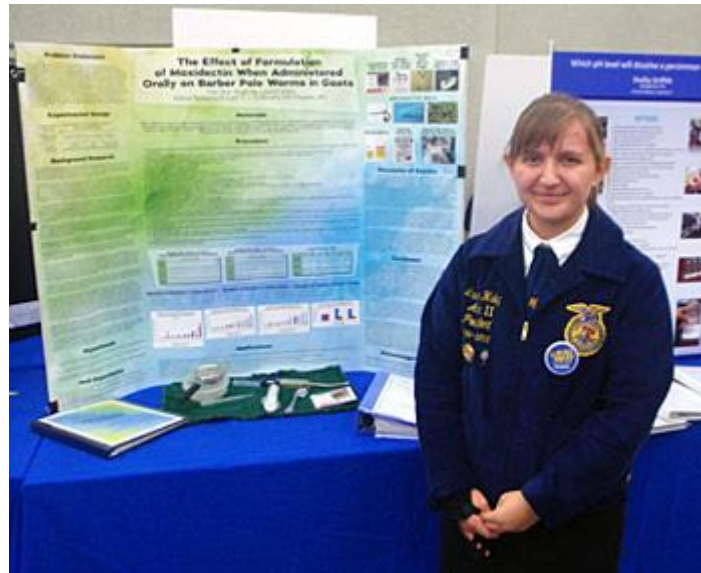
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## Haley 7th in National Agri-science Fair

10/29/14

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 7th place project in the Animal Science Advanced Division section titled: *The Effect of Formulation of Moxidectin When Administered Orally on Barber Pole Worms in Goats*.



Lauren's abstract to her Agriscience project is as follows: *The purpose of this experiment was to study the effect of formulation of moxidectin when administered orally on barber pole worm levels in goats. Barber pole worms are a major threat to a goat's health. These worms feed off the nutrients in the blood of the goat causing many health issues for the animal and additional cost to the producers. Moxidectin is a wormer that paralyzes the nervous system of the barber pole worms, therefore killing them. Administering moxidectin orally allows for the worms to come into full contact with the wormer which in turn decreases the population. The control in this experiment was a group of does receiving no moxidectin. This experiment was done on 36 female goats in the same environment, vaccination history, and feeding program prior to the experiment. The independent variable in this experiment was the formulation of moxidectin. The dependent variable in this experiment was barber pole worm levels in goats. Barber pole worm eggs present in the feces were counted to determine the amount of barber pole worms in the goat. The results showed a small decrease in the control's barber pole worm levels after no moxidectin was administered. The treatment groups before vs. after worm count levels showed decreases at a statistically significant level. The hypothesis stating if injectable moxidectin is administered orally, then the barber pole worm levels in goats will decrease more than in a group receiving no treatment was not supported on a statistically significant level. The hypothesis stating if oral moxidectin is administered orally, then the barber pole worm levels in goats will decrease more than in a group receiving no treatment was not*

*supported on a statistically significant level. With both of these comparisons there were reductions in each treatment group, but not enough to be considered statistically significant. Comparing the oral and injectable moxidectin, the results did not show a statistically significant difference. When comparing each group's before and after, worm counts the null hypothesis (the barber pole worm levels in goats receiving treatment will not be significantly different than those receiving no treatment) can be rejected for the oral and injectable moxidectin groups, but must be accepted for the control group. Recommendations for further study would be to use the FAMANCHA method of identifying a goat's worm level before trying similar tests with other types of worm medicines.*

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 29-November 1, in Louisville, KY.

The agriscience fair program is sponsored by Cargill, Syngenta, John Deere, Bayer CropScience and PotashCorp. Their financial commitment allows the National FFA Organization to provide recognition to students. It is vital to the continued success of this program that we recognize the support and encouragement of our sponsors.

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## **Star Chapter**

10/27/14

The Chillicothe FFA chapter of Chillicothe, Missouri, has been recognized in the 2014 National Chapter Award Program from the National FFA Organization. The program recognizes outstanding FFA chapters from throughout the country that successfully complete an annual set of required activities that encourage members to grow as individuals, work as a team, and serve others in their communities. Chapters that received star ratings during judging July 27-August 1 and will be recognized at the 2014 National FFA Convention & Expo, October 29-November 1, 2014 in Louisville, Ky.

Three star FFA chapters receive honors made possible by corporate sponsor John Deere as a special project of the National FFA Foundation. "Feeding some 9 billion people by mid-century brings with it unprecedented challenges for today's farmers", said Amy Allen, manager, national corporate contributions for John Deere. "The skills and experiences learned through the National Chapter Awards programs will help meet the critical needs."

The National FFA Organization provides leadership, personal growth and career success training through agricultural education to 579,678 student members in grades seven through 12 who belong to one of 7,570 local FFA chapters throughout the U.S., Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands.

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## **Public Speaking Results**

10/27/14

Students enrolled in courses at the Litton Agriculture Education Center are busy learning the importance of public speaking. Most individuals (adults and youth) have asked themselves "Why is public speaking important? Why do I need it? What is the purpose?" It would be as impractical as saying that you'll never need math in your life. By learning how to effectively speak in public, an individual will be able to increase their own self-confidence. Public speaking will help fine-tune a person's everyday verbal and non-verbal



communication skills. Public Speaking is a true career booster. Using public speaking effectively will allow a person to make a difference in their place of business and their community. Learning to master public speaking early is a great way for students to perform better in college, as well as excel in their career. If a person can master the finer points of public speaking, there's a great chance they'll be able to tackle the opportunities and obstacles that come their way.

Junior and seniors in the Ag Business Communications, Agronomy, and Animal Science classes must prepare and present a 5-minute speech, all sophomores enrolled in Ag Science II must prepare and present a 3-minute speech, and all freshmen must memorize and recite the FFA Creed. Indeed, learning how to become an effective public speaker will help them accomplish premier leadership, personal growth, and career success!

The chapter has held the fall public speaking contest. The winners of each contest are as follows:

FFA Creed - Liberty Cox  
FFA Creed (Southwest) - Christian Reed  
Division I Prepared Public Speaking - Claire Shipp  
Division I Prepared Public Speaking (Southwest) - Marley Anderson  
Farm Bureau - Lauren Haley  
Missouri Institute of Cooperatives - Carlee Johnson  
Missouri Pork Producers - Bailey Henry  
Missouri Cattleman's Association - Brady Bothwell  
Missouri Sheep Producers - Sarah Mason  
Missouri Pet Breeders - Helena McNamee  
Missouri Young Farmer/Young Farm Wives - Madelyn Warren  
Missouri Fairs and Festivals - Jaime Albertson  
Missouri Soil & Water - Marissa Surber

Other participants in the FFA Creed & Division 1 competition were: Garret Donoho, Brittany Derickson, Katelyn Clariday, Cameron Moore, Austin Case, Waylon Chapman, Kaylie Campbell, McKenzie Anderson, Ben Hayen, Jason Greer, Chris Adams, Elena Boon, Eric Davis, Zach Girres, Isaiah Boon, Wade Campbell, Elitza Crouch, Morgan Grable, Nathan Hoel, Jackson Pauley, and Madison Searcy. Other participants in the speech contests were Farm Bureau - Hunter Hobbs, Emma Leamer; Missouri Institute of Cooperatives - Dalton Hines, Jake Sampsel, Riley Ward; Missouri Pork Producers - McKenna Ashford, Erin Campbell, Audrey Edmisson, Victoria Overton, Rebecca Pitchford, Addison Webb; Missouri Cattleman's Association - Lane Bonderer; Missouri Fairs and Festivals - Hallee Jones, Rachel Nowland.

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## **Area Greenhand Initiation**

10/15/14

On October 15, 2014, 66 Greenhands of the Chillicothe FFA Chapter attended the Area II Greenhand Initiation ceremony in Gallatin, MO. The Area II officer team, which includes President, Lauren Haley of the Chillicothe FFA Chapter, conducted the initiation.



During the initiation, the Greenhands listened to the 2014 Area Creed speaker recite the creed, watched a slideshow featuring Area II Greenhands, listened to State FFA Officer, Brock Larson, speak, and were presented their Greenhand pins during the Greenhand Ceremony. During the event, members donated socks to the Area II FFA Socktober event. This event is in conjunction with the Green Hill Community Action Agency in Trenton which will take the donated socks and distribute them to those in need.

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### **Chillicothe FFA Parents' Night**

10/01/14

On October 1, 2014, the Chillicothe FFA held their annual Parents' Night with 322 members and guests attending. This event is to help 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 Carlee Johnson, Chillicothe FFA President.



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, 3 Chapter Degree speeches, as well as six creeds presented by Greenhands. The Chapter Degree speeches were presented by Jaime Albertson, Sarah Mason, and Madalyn Warren.



Madalyn Warren (Chapter Degree Speech)

The creed was presented by Marley Anderson, McKenzie Anderson, Elena Boon, Isaiah Boon, Kaylie Campbell, Wade Campbell, Austin Case, Katelyn Clariday, Liberty Cox, Elitza Crouch, Eric Davis, Brittany Derickson, Garret Donoho, Gracie Ellis, Zach Girres, Morgan Grable, Ben Hayen, Peyton Hein, Nate Hoel, Hunter Horton, Adler Marshall, Cameron Moore, Christian Reed, Kimberlee Roney, Madison Searcy, Claire Shipp, Zoe Souders, Drew Toedebusch, Tiffany Tolle, and Ruthie Vinson.



Katelyn Clariday, Austin Case, Brittany Derickson, Cameron Moore, Claire Shipp

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## FFA Creed

Fall, 2014

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 student's 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 each 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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## **HARVESTING CORN**

09/30/14

On September 30, 2014, Agronomy and Ag Management students from the Litton Agriculture Education Center had the opportunity to see a live demonstration on shelling corn. Students traveled to George Quinn Farms, east of Chillicothe, where they were given a live demonstration to the group on how to harvest 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 climb on a combine to look at how it works.



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## **BARNWARMING 2014!**

### **Record Setting Year for the Chillicothe FFA Barnwarming!**

November 8, 2014



On Saturday November 8, 2014 the Chillicothe FFA held its annual Barnwarming festivities. These festivities included a dance, games, a hay tunnel, and the coronation ceremony. This year's 2014 Barnwarming King and Queen are Timber Ballantyne and Lauren Haley (*pictured*).

The Senior Class candidates Lauren Haley (daughter of Steve and Brenda Haley) and Timber Ballantyne (son of Jerry and Jeannie Ballantyne) raised \$7,957.79 with an average of \$265.26/person; the Freshman Class candidates Elena Boon (daughter of Arte and Suzy Boon) and Isaiah Boon (son of Arte and Suzy Boon) raised \$10,317.01 with an average of \$147.39; the Junior Class candidates Erin Campbell (daughter of Mike and Angie Boon and the late Jarret Campbell) and Shayler Keller (son of Donnie and Susan Keller) raised \$6,210.65 with an average of \$124.21; the Sophomore Class candidates Jaime Albertson (daughter of Denny and Margie Albertson and Matt and Michelle Rardon) and Mason Daniel (son of David and Amy Daniel) raised \$6,388.59 with an average of \$104.73.



Front Row - Elena Boon, Isiah Boon, Mason Daniel;  
Back Row - Lauren Haley, Timber Ballantyne, Shayler Keller, Erin Campbell, Jaime Albertson

The chapter raised \$30,874.04 this year for the chapter's operations that averaged out to \$146.32/member. This broke the previous record of \$30, 645.01 set in 2013. We would like to thank all the member of the community for the long time support of our organization.



## Candidates Selected

September 30, 2014

It is Chillicothe FFA Barnwarming Time Again! The Chillicothe FFA has selected its King and Queen Candidates for the 2014 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 8, 2014 at the annual Barnwarming Dance.

The candidates are as follows: Seniors, Lauren Haley (daughter of Steve and Brenda Haley) and Timber Ballantyne (son of Jerry and Jeannie Ballantyne); Juniors, Erin Campbell (daughter of Mike and Angie Boon and the late Jarret Campbell) and Shayler Keller (son of Donnie and Susan Keller); Sophomores, Jaime Albertson (daughter of Denny and Margie Albertson and Matt and Michelle Rardon) and Mason Daniel (son of David and Amy Daniel); Freshmen, Elena Boon (daughter of Arte and Suzy Boon) and Isaiah Boon (son of Arte and Suzy Boon).



Back L to R - Lauren Haley, Timber Ballantyne  
Front L to R - Mason Daniel, Jaime Albertson, Elena Boon, Isaiah Boon, Erin Campbell, Shayler Keller  
The full restored 1946 Chevy truck belongs to Susie Ballantyne and Jerry Ballantyne.

The chapter has set a goal to raise \$20,000 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.

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## Mud Volleyball Tournament

September 24, 2014

On September 24, 2014, the Chillicothe FFA Chapter held its first annual Mud Volleyball Tournament. The tournament consisted of a 27 teams with a single elimination event. There were 223 members and spectators present at the tournament with a soup and sandwiches were provided for all. The tournament was to encourage a fun atmosphere for freshman members to become more acquainted with upperclassmen as well as fuel a little friendly competition.



L to R - Mason Daniel, Hallee Jones, Hannah Jones, Nate McKiddy, Whitney Clampitt, Zach Trout

The members would also like to thank the parents who helped prepared food as well as the parents and CHS staff who participated in the tournament. This year's winning team was *I'd Hit That Volleyball* which consisted of Nate McKiddy, Hallee Jones, Hannah Jones, Whitney Clampitt, Zach Trout, and Mason Daniel.



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## **Sandboxes for Elementary Students**

Fall, 2014

The Ag Property and Maintenance class at the Litton Agriculture Campus were putting their skills to use at the Chillicothe Behavior Management Program and Garrison Elementary School these past few weeks. The students were in charge of designing and building sand boxes for the elementary students to use.





The students designed a plan, created an expense sheet, purchased materials to complete the project, and constructed and implemented the sand boxes.

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## **MU HUNDLEY-WHALEY AGRI-SCIENCE DAY**

September 18, 2014

On September 18, 2014 students from the Ag Management and Agronomy classes at the Litton Agriculture Campus attended the MU Hundley-Whaley Research Center Agriscience Day in Albany, MO. The students had the opportunity to visit 19 learning stations which included: Soil Erosion, Forages, Farm Safety, MO Dept. of Conservation-Deer Antlers, Computers in Ag, Crops, Fistulated Cow, MU & College Prep, Hwy Patrol Seat Belt Demo, Drones, Mammals, Dangerous Bugs, Fire Handling, Entrepreneurship, Precision Ag, Beef Quality Assurance, Brandon Bothwell - FFA State Officer, Uses for Corn, and New Invasive Horticulture Pests.



Over 500 FFA students, advisors, MU Specialists, and staff were in attendance. We would like to thank the Hundley-Whaley Research Center staff: Bruce, Ted, Terry, and Jackie for making this day possible.



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## Area Chapter Degree Initiation

09/17/14

On September 17, 2014, 46 Chapter Degree recipients of the Chillicothe FFA Chapter attended the Area II Chapter Degree Ceremony in Cameron, MO. The Area II officer team, which includes President, Lauren Haley of the Chillicothe FFA Chapter conducted the ceremony.



During the ceremony, the Chapter degrees watched a slideshow featuring Area II Chapter Degrees, listened to the National FFA Officer, Wes Davis, speak, and were inducted in the Area II FFA Association as Chapter Degree members.



National FFA Officer, Wes Davis

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## Missouri Youth Sport Shooting Fall Classic

09/06/14

LINN CREEK, MO - Missouri Youth Sport Shooting Alliance (MYSSA) held their annual Fall Classic on September 6, 2014, in Linn Creek, MO. This event was an opportunity for 4-H, FFA, High School, and collegiate youth to show their skills. The team of Timber Ballantyne, Brady Bothwell, Garret Donoho, Zach Quinn and Trevor Shira **placed 7th** in the FFA Shoot. As a team, they shot 446 out of 500. Other students that participated on an individual basis were Peyton Hein and Colton Webb. This year, the coaching staff consisted of Sarge Ralls and Tony Burtch. Student scores were Timber Ballantyne 90 out of 100, Brady Bothwell 97 out of 100, Garret Donoho 89 out of 100, Peyton Hein 88 out of 100, Zach Quinn 87 of 100, Trevor Shira 86 out of 100 and Colton Webb 84 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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## Trapshoot - Area II

09/12/14

On September 12, 2014, 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.



Pictured L to R - Timber Ballantyne, Garret Donoho, Brady Bothwell, Trevor Shira, Colton Webb

The students enjoyed the day and learned a lot about competition. The Chillicothe FFA Chapter had 10 individuals shoot on Saturday: Timber Ballantyne with a score of 42 out of 50, Brady Bothwell with a score of 47 out of 50, Eric Davis with a score of 34 out of 50, Garret Donoho with a score of 46 out of 50, Colton Hargrave with a score of 32 out of 50, Peyton Hein with a score of 43 out of 50, Hunter Horton with a score of 42 out of 50, Jackson Pauley with a score of 23 out of 50, Trevor Shira with a score of 44 out of 50, Colton Webb with a score of 23 out of 50, Tony Burtch (volunteer coach), and Sarge Ralls (volunteer coach) that traveled to Trenton. The 5-member first place team consisted of Timber, Brady, Garret, Trevor, and Colton. Brady Bothwell received the honor of 3rd place individually. The members of the team are looking forward to more events.

With the help of the Chillicothe School District, school administration, and the Missouri Department of Conservation, 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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## Chautauqua Petting Zoo

09/06/14

This year, the Chillicothe FFA Chapter sponsored the petting zoo at the Chautauqua in the Park. This was our 12th year to participate in the Chautauqua. Our FFA Chapter took this opportunity to share information with community members about agriculture. Approximately 85 members assisted with the petting zoo which is enjoyable for people of all ages!



The petting zoo contained all sorts of animals such as a calf, puppies, rabbits, pigs, sheep, goats, and horses. The Livingston County Farm Bureau assisted with the petting zoo this year by providing signs and hand sanitizer for all individuals making their way through the petting zoo.



Thanks to all of the individuals that visited the Chillicothe FFA Chautauqua Petting Zoo!

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## Chillicothe FFA Honored by the Governor at Missouri State Fair

August, 2014

The Chillicothe FFA Chapter has had a long tradition of participating at the Missouri State Fair. This year, the Chillicothe FFA was honored for their participation with the Governor's Award. This award is given to the chapter which has the most points exhibiting livestock during the Missouri State Fair. Points are given

according to exhibitors placing (gold, silver, bronze), number of exhibits, and number of exhibitors. The Chillicothe FFA had 118 entries that were exhibited by 45 exhibitors.



In the past 15 years Chillicothe FFA has received is award 11 times. This just shows how agriculture and the youth of Livingston County have been represented across the state.

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## AUGUST MEETING

08/27/14

Chillicothe FFA Chapter held there annual August meeting Wednesday night, August 27, 2014. The meeting was held at the Litton Agriculture Campus and served as a new member orientation. FFA advisors report that there are 73 new freshmen and 64 of the new members attended. There were about 223 FFA members and parents present.



Attendees enjoyed the FFA opening ceremonies presented by the Chapter officers. The group was then broken into two groups - one parents and one students. The parents were given an overview of what to expect as an FFA parent.



The students' group had games, a skit provided by the Assistant Officer team, and got to ask questions of the officers. The games included Ships & Sailors, Telephone, Spaghetti in a Can, Honey I Love You, Human Table, and the Human Chair. The students played mixers to help the freshmen get to know some of the upper classmen. The Assistant Officer team present a skit called "A year with Mr. Martin". Students in the Chillicothe FFA Chapter are from Chillicothe High School and Southwest High School.

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### Woody's Thank You

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



Chillicothe FFA coordinates a petting zoo at the Chautauqua each year. The truck has helped out at the House of Prayer. During the Christmas season, the FFA Chapter adopts two families through the Salvation Army's Adopt-A-Family program. They also gather food at the December meeting to give to the Salvation Army's food drive. Members also ring the Salvation Army bell. Members visit local nursing homes to speak with the residents and take them a flower to brighten up their day during FFA Week. Members also conduct agriculture related activities with the Livingston County youth through the Litton Crusaders program. The truck assists in transportation to these activities. The truck is also a great assistance with students Supervised Agriculture Experience (SAE) projects. The truck is used to make SAE visits, haul animals to fairs, pick up a student's SAE project from Indiana and Minnesota, 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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## **MYSPC Results**

August 6, 2014

On August 6, 2014, four individuals from Livingston County were recognized at the Missouri Pork Producers Youth Show Pig Circuit banquet held at the Missouri Pork Place located on the Missouri State Fair grounds. The MYSPC provides Junior Swine Exhibitors the opportunity to further their development of citizenship, leadership and sportsmanship and reward Missouri youth for their participation and hard work in the statewide exhibition of swine projects while helping promote a fun and honest atmosphere. MYSPC also provides educational and skill-building opportunities to enhance the knowledge of Missouri youth about the purebred, show pig and commercial segments of the swine industry. The show season is from May-June, with recognition at the Missouri State Fair. Points from 60% of MYSPC sanctioned shows counted toward a member's points.



Pictured Front L to R - Carlee Johnson, Gabby Hapes; Back L to R - Garrett Donoho, Bailey Henry

Winners from Livingston County were Garrett Donoho - 5th place High Point Duroc Gilt, Gabby Hapes - Champion High Point Duroc Gilt, Bailey Henry - Reserve High Point Spot Gilt, and Carlee Johnson - Reserve High Point Berkshire Gilt. We would like to congratulate these young people on their hard work and dedication to the pork industry.

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## **Missouri Leadership "Adventure" Conference**

July 31, 2014

Members from the Chillicothe FFA Chapter recently attended the Missouri FFA Association's 2014 Leadership Adventure in Columbia. It was held Thursday, July 31st at the University of Missouri Bradford Research and Extension Center.





Attending the conference from the local FFA chapter were *L to R*:  
Emma Leamer, Erin Campbell, Jake Sampsel, Clayton Campbell, Nate McKiddy,  
Rebecca Pitchford, Marissa Surber, Gunnar Leach, Julia Minnis

Agricultural careers, leadership development, and positive role models were the focus of the 24th annual conference. Columbia was one of two locations for this conference; the other was in Springfield. Over 200 members and advisors registered for the two conferences from 34 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 Jaelynn Bergmann, 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.

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### **Carlee Johnson Attends Teach Ag Academy**

July 15, 2014

Columbia, MO - Carlee Johnson was one of 20 high school students from Missouri selected to participate in the first-ever Teach Ag Academy hosted by the Department of Agricultural Education and Leadership at the University of Missouri. The Academy was designed to introduce high school students to the opportunities associated with being a high school agriculture teacher and FFA advisor. The Academy participants worked with professors in the department. Sessions with department faculty included discussions on what it was like to teach agriculture and engaging agriculturally based science experiments appropriate for high school students.



L to R - Jennifer Waits, Carlee Johnson

A guest panel, consisting of State FFA Advisor Leon Busdieker and National FFA Staff Member Larry Gossen, addressed what it was like to be an FFA advisor. Academy participants also had the opportunity to plan a lesson and teach it in front of the department faculty. Finally, Academy members received a campus tour, participated in a session of social media networking, and participated in a behind-the-scenes tour of Mizzou Arena, the university's newest basketball venue.



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## **Area II Chapter Officer Workshop**

July 28, 2014

On Monday, July 28, 2014 the Missouri Area II Officers held a workshop for 174 chapter officers at the Mervyn Jenkins Building at the Litton Agriculture Campus. The workshop focused on trying to instill a sense of drive and determination that would inspire Area II FFA members and push them toward creating and achieving their goals. The workshop consisted of the Area II Officers conducting opening ceremonies then area chapters competing in a rituals contest, best-dressed, and most creative competitions. The rituals contest determines which officer team can present the official FFA opening ceremonies with the

fewest flaws. The best-dressed contest determines which chapter officer team was dressed the best as a team. The most creative was given to the officer team with the most creative attire.



Back Row L to R: Bailey Henry, Rebecca Pitchford, Zach Quinn, Derek Eckert, Erin Campbell;  
Front Row L to R: Maggie Resor, Hailey Seeley, Carlee Johnson, Haelee Shady, Marissa Surber

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 begins for their chapters. The winner of the rituals contest was the Chillicothe FFA Chapter, the most creative was the Trenton FFA Chapter, and the best dressed was the Norborne FFA 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 Hy-Vee for providing the day's meal. Continue to go for gold Area II!

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### **Chillicothe FFA Chapter Officer Retreat**

July 8-9, 2014

On July 8-9, 2014 the Chillicothe FFA Officer teams had their annual officer retreat. This year, it was held at Longbranch Lake in Macon, 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.



Back Row L to R: Hallee Jones, Derek Eckert, Nate McKiddy, Zach Quinn;  
Middle Row L to R: Clayton Campbell, Maggie Resor, Haelee Shady, Maddie Warren,  
Mason Daniel, Gunnar Leach, Jake Sampsel, Cole Gutshall; Front Row L to R: Bailey Henry,  
Lauren Haley, Hailey Seeley, Carlee Johnson, Marissa Surber, Rebecca Pitchford, Jaime Albertson, Sarah Mason

The officers had some time on the lake as well. When the work was over, the officers enjoyed swimming at the lake and having some good fun around the camp fire. The Bothwell family graciously donated the use of their boat and equipment for the day for the students to be able to enjoy water sports such as water skiing and tubing. All in all the officers enjoyed their time together and have some new and fun events planned for the year.



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## Area II Sports Day

June 30, 2014

On June 30, 2014, the Chillicothe FFA participated in the Area II FFA Sports Day in Polo, Missouri, with 32 members. This softball tournament represents a reward for members as well as a time for fellowship. There were approximately 208 area members present and everyone seemed to enjoy the day.



One of the Chillicothe FFA teams received first place in the softball tournament. The chapter also won the Food Drive collection. All the 327 cans of food collected at the tournament were taken to the Caldwell County Food Pantry in Hamilton, Missouri.

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### **Team Purebred**

June 24-28, 2014

Seven local FFA and 4-H members attended the National Team Purebred Show in Springfield Illinois, June 24 through the 28. Students exhibited swine and participated in judging contests and other contests throughout the week.



Kayla Groebe (Litton Intern), Carlee Johnson, Jake Sampsel, Bailey Henry, Zach Quinn

The students attending were: Eric Davis, Ethan Davis, Bailey Henry, Carlee Johnson, Kaylee Lewis, Zach Quinn, and Jake Sampsel.



Bailey Henry

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## **National Dairy Month**

June 26, 2014

On June 26, 2014, the Livingston County Farm Bureau went to the visit the Kindergarten class at Field School in honor of National Dairy Month. Suzi Beck, Livingston County Farm Bureau Board member, spoke with the students and discussed what products are made from milk and where milk comes from.



Afterward, courtesy of the Livingston Farm Bureau, the students enjoyed an ice cream sandwich. The Litton Crusaders also assisted with passing out the ice cream. This activity was to help educate youth about agriculture.



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## **HYMAX Academy**

June 20-22, 2014

Clayton Campbell and Julia Minnis members from the Chillicothe FFA Chapter attended the Missouri FFA State FFA HYMAX (Helping Youth Maximize their Agricultural eXperience) Academy June 20-22, 2014. The HYMAX Academy is sponsored by the Missouri FFA Leadership Fund in honor of Dr. Terry Heiman, who served as Missouri's State FFA Advisor for 28 years.



HYMAX Academy was held at Camp Rising Sun located within the Lake of the Ozarks State Park. The academy focuses on leadership, communication, and agricultural experience culminating in creating strong advocates for Missouri agriculture. The HYMAX Academy is comprised of the TOP 100 sophomore high school students who are members of FFA across Missouri. The high school students are mentored by Small Group Leaders who are college students, many who are former State FFA officers. Tours are provided for students to experience non-traditional agriculture and Agricultural Education programs. In addition, students network with industry leaders, agricultural education teachers, current state officers, and peers to build lasting relationships.

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 25,000 FFA members.

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## **June FFA Meeting**

June 17, 2014

On June 17, 2014 the Chillicothe FFA Chapter members met for their June FFA Meeting. The meeting was held at [Chilli Bay](#) and the Litton Agriculture Campus.





The 75 members in attendance also participated in activities at Chilli Bay; then back at the Litton Campus, a team-building wiffle ball game, food, and a "Movie Under the Stars" were enjoyed.



The purpose of the June FFA meeting was to promote fellowship amongst the members.

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## **Washington Leadership Conference**

June 10-15, 2014

Washington D.C. - Kiley Boley, Derek Eckert, Lauren Haley, Katlyn Hamilton, Bailey Henry, Carlee Johnson, Hallee Jones, Zach Quinn, Jozie Reeter, Colby Ruoff, and Hailey Seeley of the Chillicothe FFA Chapter attended the 2014 Washington Leadership Conference on June 10-15, 2014 in the nation's capital. The conference is an activity of the National FFA Organization in cooperation with the U.S. Department of Education.



Each year, FFA members from all over the United States travel to Washington, D.C. to attend the Washington Leadership Conference (WLC). During the five-day event, attendees learn how to become effective leaders by teaching them to know their purpose, value people, take action, and serve others. They leave WLC with the knowledge and the confidence to act in ways that help their schools, community, and their country. WLC's 2014 curriculum is built on four pillars of leadership: self-awareness, diversity, advocacy and service. These four pillars of leadership also correlate to the four-stage model of personal development, the Me-We-Do-Serve model, Mumaw adds.

This summer, more than 2300 FFA members will attend one of the conference's seven week-long sessions. Students also increase their understanding of the nation's heritage with visits to Arlington National Cemetery, the Jefferson, Lincoln, and Roosevelt Memorials, Holocaust Museum, Old Town Alexander, White House, Washington Monument, Smithsonian, and other historic sights in Washington, D.C.

The members from Chillicothe had sponsorship from the following organizations, Jerry Litton Family Foundation, Chillicothe Young Agri-Leaders, Trans Ova Genetics, American Family Insurance - Janet McCauslin agent, Chillicothe FFA Alumni, DQ Precision Planting - George & Marta Quinn, Monsanto, Dan & Wilma Graham United Country Real Estate, Chillicothe FFA and MO FFA Alumni Association. The group would like to thank these sponsors for their help with the trip.

FFA's mission is to make a positive difference in the lives of students by developing their potential for premier leadership, personal growth, and career success through agricultural education. Chillicothe FFA is a part of the Agricultural Education Program at the Grand River Technical School and is composed of students from Chillicothe and Southwest High Schools.



Front L to R - Lauren Haley, Hailey Seeley, Bailey Henry, Jozie Reeter, Carlee Johnson, Katlyn Hamilton, Congressman Sam Graves; Back L to R - Kiley Boley, Zach Quinn, Hallee Jones, Colby Ruoff, Derek Eckert

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## Camp Rainbow Bird Houses

June 10, 2014

On Tuesday, June 10, 2014 students at the Litton Agriculture Campus got to spend a little time in the shop to help out a worthy cause. The students cut out 80 bird houses for campers at Camp Rainbow to put together during their craft time.



Camp Rainbow is a camp for children and adults with various types of mental and physical disabilities. The camp provides a loving and accepting environment for campers to come and have a fun filled experience. The age of campers is 9 and up.



Due to the rainy day the students at the Litton Ag Campus couldn't work outside, so the students spent time in the shop learning to use a saw, power tools, and a tape measure.

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### **Missouri Public Speaking Academy**

June 3,4,5, 2014

FFA members from across the state participated in the Missouri FFA Public Speaking Academy held June 3, 4, and 5, 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. During the three-day event, FFA members used the Internet and other communication technology to develop and refine an effective speech. 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.



Chillicothe FFA members that attended the Missouri FFA Public Speaking Academy (pictured left to right) were Sarah Mason, Maggie Resor, Maddie Warren, Emma Rademacher, Haelee Shady, and Jamie Albertson.

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## **4H Fair Preparation 2014**

June 3, 2014

On June 3, 2014 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, and, 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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## **MO FFA LEAD Conference**

May 28, 2014

On May 28, 2014 the 19 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.



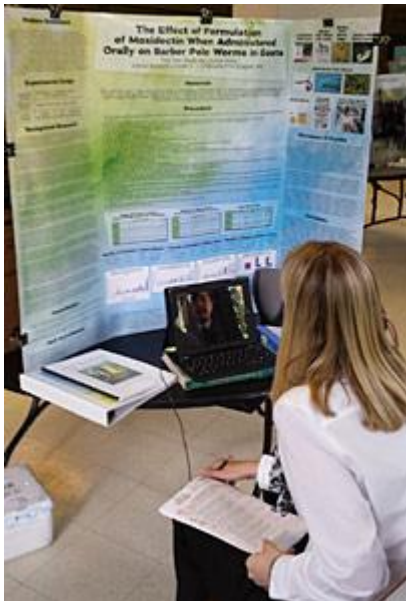
The Learn, Educate, Advance Develop (LEAD) conference brings officers and their advisors together as they start off a new year as a new officer team. The officers identified specific values and traits he or she brings to the team, assess which roles he or she can effectively play within their team, and utilize strategies to resolve potential team conflicts.

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### Local Students Compete at Missouri State FFA Agriscience Fair

Lauren Haley and Rachel Nowland both of Chillicothe, MO recently competed in the Missouri FFA Agriscience Fair. Lauren Haley was awarded first place in the senior division of Animal Systems for the project titled: *The Effect of Formulation of Moxidectin When Administered Orally on Barber Pole Worms in Goats*. Rachel Nowland was awarded third place in the senior division of Animal Systems for the project titled: *The Effect of Storage Time on Boar Semen Motility*.



Lauren's abstract to her Agriscience project is as follows: "The purpose of this experiment was to study the effect of formulation of moxidectin when administered orally on barber pole worm levels in goats. Barber pole worms are a major threat to a goat's health. These worms feed off the nutrients in the blood of the goat causing many health issues for the animal and additional cost to the producers. Moxidectin is a wormer that paralyzes the nervous system of the barber pole worms, therefore killing them. Administering moxidectin orally allows for the worms to come into full contact with the wormer which in turn decreases the population. The control in this experiment was a group of does receiving no moxidectin. This experiment was done on thirty-six female goats in the same environment, vaccination history, and feeding program prior to the experiment. The independent variable in this experiment was the formulation of moxidectin. The dependent variable in this experiment was barber pole worm levels in goats. Barber pole worm eggs present in the feces were counted to determine the amount of barber pole worms in the goat. The results showed a small decrease in the control's barber pole worm levels after no moxidectin was administered. The treatment groups before vs. after worm count levels showed decreases at a statistically significant level.

The hypothesis stating if injectable moxidectin is administered orally, then the barber pole worm levels in goats will decrease more than in a group receiving no treatment was not supported on a statistically significant level. The hypothesis stating if oral moxidectin is administered orally, then the barber pole worm levels in goats will decrease more than in a group receiving no treatment was not supported on a statistically significant level. With both of these comparisons there were reductions in

each treatment group, but not enough to be considered statistically significant. Comparing the oral and injectable moxidectin, the results did not show a statistically significant difference. When comparing each group's before and after, worm counts the null hypothesis (the barber pole worm levels in goats receiving treatment will not be significantly different than those receiving no treatment) can be rejected for the oral and injectable moxidectin groups, but must be accepted for the control group. Recommendations for further study would be to use the FAMANCHA method of identifying a goat's worm level before trying similar tests with other types of worm medicines."

Lauren will be sending her project to the national level where it will be judged. At the national level the top 15 will be selected to compete for a national ranking at the National FFA Convention, in Louisville, Kentucky in October of 2014. (Photo: Lauren is giving her presentation via Facetime. She was in Los Angeles, CA at the International High School Science Fair Competition at the time of the State FFA Agriscience Fair.)

Rachel's abstract to her Agriscience project is as follows: "The purpose of this experiment was to study the effect of storage time on boar semen motility. The hypothesis was that if the storage time is increased then the motility will decrease. The control in this experiment was the motility of the semen on the day it was received, day two. The constants in this experiment were the company the semen was ordered from, collection day, semen extender, storage temperature, storage handling, and the microscope. The independent variable in this experiment was storage time after collection. The dependent variable in this experiment was the motility of boar semen. The major findings were the longer the storage time was the motility percent was lower. The hypothesis was supported. Possible explanations for the findings were that the motility goes down over time because the sperm mortality increases over time. Recommendations for further study would be you could change the company where you get your semen or vary the storage temperature."



Congratulations to both girls on their accomplishments.

Pictured: Rachel Nowland, Chillicothe FFA Member

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## **Livestock Show Extravaganza**

May 17 and 18, 2014

On May 17 and 18, 2014, the Litton Agriculture Campus- MW Jenkins Expo Building hosted three swine shows and two lamb shows. There were approximately 550 head of hogs shown during the two-day event and 260 head of lambs.



On Saturday morning, the WOLF Showpig Bonanza was sponsored by the Chillicothe FFA Alumni with 330 head of hogs. The sponsors of this show were American Family Insurance - Janet McCauslin, Barnes Baker Motors, Brammer & Stein Geenetics, BTC Bank, Butterfield and Associates Grain, Inc., Chillicothe Animal Hospital, Chillicothe State Bank, Comfort Inn & Suites - Chillicothe, Cooke Used Parts & Equipment, Copeland Development & Construction Company, Inc., Corbin Steel, Curtis Show Pigs, Diamond J Livestock/Davis Livestock, Farmers Electric Cooperative, Farm Bureau Insurance - Joe Neptune, Good Time Charlie's, Grand River Technical School, Hoffman & Reed Inc., Hutchinson & Co., Investors National Bank, J.R. Reid Show Pigs, Martin Show Pigs, MFA Agri-Service - Chillicothe, Dr. Greg & Carrie Miller, Millbank Mills, Simms Show Pigs, State Farm Insurance - Chris Trout, Sydenstricker John Deere - Chillicothe, T & R Soil Service, Russ & Sheila Thompson, Trans Ova Genetics, David & Carla Williams Farms, Wolf Brothers Show Pigs, and Wolf Farms Show Pigs. Supreme Gilt went to Cole Murphy, Reserve Supreme Gilt went to Marlena Long, Supreme Barrow went to Brayde Adam, and Reserve Supreme Barrow went to Ally Troesser. Champion Novice Showmanship went to Brayden Reid, Reserve Novice Showmanship went to Addison Brown, Champion Junior Showmanship went to Cole Murphy, Reserve Junior Showmanship went to Lauren Robinson, Champion Intermediate Showmanship went to Shambree Hagan, Reserve Intermediate Showmanship went to Will Robinson, Champion Senior Showmanship went to Paul McAlexander, and Reserve Senior Showmanship went to Lindsey Robinson.



The two swine shows and one sheep show held on Sunday, May 18, 2013 were sponsored by the Princeton FFA and featured 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 were put on by the Missouri Lamb Breeders Associations. The shows were sponsored by Purina Show Chow.