

## Ag on the Move

May 2016

During the last couple of weeks of school, third grade students from Field Elementary got a little bit of hands-on learning on agriculture. Laura Handke from *Ag on the Move* led the agriculture related activities. She was assisted by the students at the Litton Agriculture Campus through the Litton Crusaders program. There were three sessions with three lab activities.



Lessons presented by Laura Handke



Where Pizza Comes From

*Agriculture Education on the Move* is a hands-on education program identifying key classroom objectives and state standards primarily in the areas of science, math, reading and writing. Students gain an understanding of today's agriculture and farm families through diverse learning experiences. Participating classrooms have the opportunity to learn about crops, livestock, soil and water conservation, nutrition and agricultural careers. Students engage in agriculture in a fun and exciting way by planting seeds, experimenting with yeast and bread making, creating corn plastic, rock 'n' roll ice cream and more.



Growing Seeds in a Glove



Making Butter

*Agriculture Education on the Move* is an educational effort through Missouri Farmers Care. Missouri Farmers Care is a joint effort by Missouri's farming and agriculture community to stand together for the men and women who provide the food and jobs on which our community depends.

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**Local Student Competes at Missouri State FFA Agriscience Fair**



Emilee Haley of Chillicothe, MO recently competed in the Missouri FFA Agriscience Fair. Emilee Haley was awarded fifth place in the senior division of Animal Systems for the project titled: *The Effect of Number of Times a Goat Has Kided on the Success Rate of Laparoscopic AI*. Emilee's abstract to her Agriscience project is as follows: The purpose of this experiment was to study the effect of the number of times a goat kidded on the success rate of laparoscopic AI. The hypothesis was if the number of times a doe has kidded decreases then the success rate of laparoscopic AI increases was supported. The constants in this experiment were the type of breed, type of AI, and the buck used. The independent variable in this experiment was the number of times a goat kidded. The dependent variable in this experiment was the success rate of laparoscopic AI. The results show that the hypothesis if the age of the doe decreases then the success rate increases

was supported. Based on the results, it was concluded that the goats that were younger and were first time kidders did have a higher success rate than the ones who were older and have given birth before. Recommendations for further study would be to change the dependent variable to the success rates of different kinds of AIs. Congratulations on your accomplishment.

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## MOASK Certificates

May 2016

News Release Missouri Farm Bureau Federation and Affiliated Companies - JEFFERSON CITY, MO - High school students enrolled in agriculture education courses have the unique opportunity to go beyond the classroom and learn real-world applications in a number of disciplines. Whether it is in agricultural mechanics, livestock evaluation, or a dozen other areas of learning, the Missouri Agricultural Skills and Knowledge Assessment Industry Recognized Credential (MOASK IRC) program recognizes students performing at a proficient level as determined by the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE). The student(s) at Chillicothe High School and Southwest Livingston R-I School have completed the required education/training and demonstrated proficiency in one or several of 15 skill areas. The Chillicothe FFA members who will receive an IRC from the events are: McKenzie Anderson, Aaron Baker, Chase Ballard, Alex Barnes, Sydney Baxter, Lane Bonderer, Drake Bradley, Riley Brobst, Joe Circo, Katelyn Clariday, Elitza Crouch, Madison Eller, Sara Eller, Addie Ficken, Tyler Garcia, Hannah Haakonstad, Colton Hargrave, Peyton Hein, Nate Hoel, Jordan Hopper, Sara Hopper, Colten Johnson, Lavery Jones, Shayler Keller, Kennedi Kieffer, Cade Koehly, Nate McKiddy, Helena McNamee, Jessica Moore, Jackson Pauley, Maggie Pfaff, Bailey Pithan, Maggie Resor, Robert Rupp, Rebekah Shermuly, Malloree Summers, Marissa Surber, Drew Toedebusch, Colton Webb, Zach Wood. Rusty Black, Lance Martin, Leda Schreiner, and Neal Wolf joined Sherry Jones, Livingston County Farm Bureau President in presenting the MOASK IRC certificates.

The technical skills assessments are conducted much like FFA judging events, but the results are used to determine a student's proficiency and not for competitive award purposes. The program compliments the three circle model for delivering agricultural education in schools. The circles represent learning in the classroom, leadership development through the FFA and hands on training through each student's Supervised Agricultural Experience. Sponsors Missouri Farm Bureau and the Missouri Farm Bureau Foundation for Agriculture are proud to partner with DESE and take an active role in the program. County Farm Bureau leaders are responsible for verifying the rigor of each event, ensuring requirements are met and providing certificates for students deemed proficient. "Ultimately, we want to add value to the

experiences our youth gain through agriculture education," said Sherry Jones. "We believe these credentials will benefit students as they pursue higher education and/or vocational training, apply for scholarships and ultimately enter the workforce."

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## Trapshoot

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LINN CREEK, Mo - More than 85,000 shots rang out from the Missouri Trapshooters Association home grounds in Linn Creek on April 30, 2016 for the 29th Annual Missouri FFA and High School Trap Championship. More than 850 students from all over the state participated. "Despite the rainy weather, we saw several perfect scores and many 99s," said Missouri Department of Conservation (MDC) Education Outreach Coordinator Eric Edwards, who helped staff the event. "We even had to have a shoot-off to decide placement in some divisions because of all the 100-out-of-100 scores these kids put up today." "The dedication of these young people amazes me," said Edwards. "Some are here just to have a good time and socialize with other kids from around the state, while others get very serious about the competition aspect. We had several shooters who will be going to college next year on full-ride scholarships to compete on a collegiate level in the shotgun sports." He added, "These outstanding youth along with their dedicated coaches, show that not only is Missouri a great place to hunt and fish, but a great place to enjoy shooting sports too!"



The team of Garret Cramer (90), Garret Donoho (95), Brady Bothwell (93), Peyton Hein (87), Wyatt Maddux (86) placed 10th in the State FFA Shoot. As a team they shot 451 out of 500. The team of Colton Peel (74), Jackson Pauley (80), Colby Reed (75), Colton Johnson (60), and Christian Reed (85) placed 53rd in the State FFA Shoot. As a team they shot 374 out of 500. Other students that participated on an individual basis were Colee Webb (65). This year the coaching staff consisted of Sarge Ralls and Tony Burtch. The objectives of the program are to involve students in the highest standards of safety, sportsmanship, and ethical behavior, along with safe and responsible use of firearms. Also, the program helps to develop self-confidence, personal discipline, sportsmanship, and teamwork.

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## State FFA Convention 2016

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Once again a successful year! This year at the 88th State FFA Convention students participated from Chillicothe and Southwest High Schools. The FFA Knowledge team placed 37th and earned a group II rating. The team included Carleigh Crawford, Chloe Peery, McKayla Shady, and Catey Trout. In the Record Book division Colton Peel received a group I rating. In Division II Prepared Public Speaking Claire Shipp earned a group II rating. The Parliamentary Procedure team earned a group II rating; the team included Marley Anderson, Elena Boon, Isaiah Boon, Austin Case, Liberty Cox, Gracie Ellis, Ben Hayen, Adler Marshall, and Camerson Moore. The Ag Issues team placed 2nd and earned a group I rating; the team included Jaime Albertson, Mason Daniel, Sheridan Guilford, Emma Leamer, Sarah Mason, Jake Sampsel, and Madelyn Warren. The Ag Sales team placed 21st and earned a group III rating; the team included Kristina Hamilton, Kaylee Peel, Maggie Resor, and Rebekah Shermuly. The Livestock team placed 2nd and earned a group I rating; the team included Cole Gutshall, Ben Jones, Gunnar Leach, and Zach Trout. Ben Jones (2nd place), Zach Trout (8th place), Cole Gutshall and Gunnar Leach all received a group I rating individually. The Farm Management team placed 39th and earned a group III rating; the team included Alex Barnes, Lane Bonderer, and Marissa Surber. The Dairy Cattle team placed 10th and earned a group I rating; the team included Addie Ficken, Hannah Haakonstad, Kennedie Kieffer, and Maggie Pfaff. Kennedie Kieffer and Maggie Pfaff both received a group I rating individually.

Nine members were recognized at the state level for proficiencies; those members were Jaime Albertson - Agriculture Communications, Aaron Baker - Agricultural Education, Clayton Campbell - Diversified Agriculture Production, Joe Circo - (1st at State) Environmental Science and Natural Resources, Kimberlee Roney - Dairy Production-Entrepreneurship, Jalynn Reeter - Specialty Animal Production, Sarah Mason - Food Science & Technology, Marissa Surber - Veterinary Science, and Tommy Thompson - Swine Production Placement.

Fourteen members received their State FFA Degree; those members are Lane Bonderer, Erin Campbell, Joe Circo, Remington Cox, Helena McNamee, Rachel Nowland, Victoria Overton, Robert Parkey, Rebecca Pitchford, Colby Reed, Maggie Resor, Marissa Surber, Tommy Thompson, Colton Webb, and Zach Wood.

The individual receiving a scholarship was Emma Leamer, who received the Missouri FFA Alumni WLC Scholarship.

The two individuals were selected to attend the Missouri Agribusiness Academy this summer, and they are Marley Anderson and Liberty Cox.

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

Chillicothe FFA placed 26th out of 340 chapters in the state, earning a **Top Chapter Award** at the 88th Missouri FFA Convention. Only 10 percent of state chapters receive a top chapter designation each year. Chapter activity awards, sponsored by FCS Financial, are given to chapters achieving excellence in student, chapter, and community development. The Chillicothe FFA advisors are Rusty Black, Lance Martin, Leda Schreiner and Neal Wolf. The Chillicothe FFA student development activities included partnering with the Family Career and Community Leaders of America to host a blood drive. Chapter development activities included hosting an eighth grade recruitment day at the Litton Agriculture Campus, where current members encouraged incoming freshman to join the chapter. Community development activities included collecting food for the local food bank. Members brought in canned food items at monthly meetings. The top chapters compete for the National FFA Chapter Award. Winners will be announced this fall at the 89th National FFA Convention in Indianapolis.

The Missouri FFA has 25,920 members representing 340 chapters. The national organization has more than 629,000 members representing 7,757 chapters in all 50 states, Puerto Rico and the U.S. Virgin Islands. The FFA makes a positive difference in the lives of students by developing their potential for leadership, personal growth and career success through agricultural education.

### **State Chapter Award**

During the 88th Missouri State FFA Convention, the Chillicothe FFA Chapter was awarded four top honors. Those awards given to the chapter were Superior Chapter, 100% Membership, a 10+ Members Growth, and Gold Emblem Awards. The Chillicothe FFA Chapter placed 26th out of 338 chapters in the state of Missouri with their Gold Emblem Award. Only 10 percent of state chapters receive a top chapter designation each year. To qualify for the Superior Chapter Activity Award, chapters must verify that their chapter members have completed at least one activity related to each of the five quality standards established within the three divisions; Student, Chapter and Community development. The 100% Membership Award is given to those chapters who have a chapter membership roster that is equal to or greater than the number of members of 9-12 students enrolled in the schools Ag Education courses. The Gold emblem award is for chapters that completed and submitted a National Chapter Application on the state level. Selection is based on major activities described in Form II of the National Chapter Activity Award Application. The top chapters are submitted to the National FFA Organization where they compete for the National FFA Chapter Award. The competition will be this fall at the National FFA Convention in Louisville, KY.

### **Proficiency Award Winners**

The following students received first place in the Area 2 proficiency award selection. These students competed at the state level against 15 other area contestants.

- Jaime Albertson - Agricultural Communications - Includes programs in which a student is placed at a newspaper or other agricultural print (such as magazines) facilities to obtain training and practical experience in writing and publicizing in preparation for a writing communications career. Programs may also be at radio, TV stations, fair media rooms, or other businesses requiring speaking skills and knowledge of agriculture. The student may also own and produce an agriculture related broadcast or show. This area also includes any use of technology (such as websites and blogs) aimed at communicating the story of agriculture.
- Aaron Baker - Agriculture Education - Related to education and extension, including, but not limited to: youth mentoring, agricultural education departmental assistants, PALS mentors and student coordinators, students developing and conducting informational materials and presentations for civic organizations and school aged youth, and students who are involved in SAEs surrounding educating the public about the broad topics of agriculture, agriculture education and the FFA.
- Kimberlee Roney - Dairy Production Entrepreneurship - Student owns an enterprise or business and applies the best management practices available to efficiently produce and market dairy cattle and dairy cattle products.
- Clayton Campbell - Diversified Agricultural Production - Involves the use of the best management practices available to produce and market a combination of two or more livestock and crop related proficiencies. Must include at least one livestock and at least one crop related proficiency.
- Joe Circo (1st at state) - Environmental Science and Natural Resources Management - Students receive practical experience concerned with the principles and practices of managing and/or improving the environment and natural resources. Activities may include: management of agriculture waste, recycling of agriculture products, environmental cleanup, conservation corps, agricultural energy usage, multiple uses of resources, land use regulations (including soil, water and air quality), preservation of wetlands (includes shorelines and grasslands), wildlife surveys, erosion prevention practices, public relations and education concerning pollution.
- Sarah Mason - Food Science & Technology - Student owns the enterprise, works for a business that provides experience in the applying microbiology and biochemistry or food product

development to improve taste, nutrition, quality and/or value of food. Programs could include the development of new products, food testing, grading and inspecting.

- Jalynn Reeter - Specialty Animal Production - Applies the best management practices available to efficiently produce and market specialty animals within the U.S. Agriculture industry. Specialty animals can include the following: aquaculture, bees, goats, mules, donkeys, miniature horses, mink, meat rabbits or rabbits bred for fur or show, worms, ostriches, emus, alpacas or llamas.
- Tommy Thompson - Swine Production - Placement - Student works for an employer that applies the best management practices available to efficiently produce and market swine.
- Marissa Surber - Veterinary Science - Entrepreneurship/Placement - Includes working with veterinarians in clinical practice, research facilities, colleges of veterinary medicine, animal health industry, or any other environment in which they assist veterinarians in performing duties related to the health of people and/or the health and welfare of large and small animals.

*On April 21, 2016, at the Missouri State FFA Convention, Joe Circo received 1st place in the Goat Production Proficiency Award. Joe will now advance to the national level and compete at the National FFA Convention in Indianapolis, IN in October 2016.*



Back L to R - Marissa Surber, Jalynn Reeter, Joe Circo, Kimberlee Roney  
Front L to R - Clayton Campbell, Jaime Albertson, Tommy Thompson, Sarah Mason  
Not Pictured - Aaron Baker

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## Area II FFA Awards Recognition Night

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On April 13, 2016, Chillicothe FFA members attended the Area II FFA Awards Recognition Night held at the Gary Dickinson Performing Arts Center in Chillicothe, MO. This awards recognition night is held each year to recognize members of the 27 area schools that make up the Area II FFA Association for their outstanding achievements during the year. The items for which students were recognized at the area level were fall speaking contests, FFA speaking contests, books, contests, talent, Area FFA Degree, proficiency awards, and officers.



Erin Campbell, 2015-2016 Area II Reporter, and the rest of the Area II Officer team conducted the ceremony. At the conclusion of the night, Madelyn Warren was initiated as the 2016-2017 Area II 1st Vice President.

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### State FFA Degrees Awarded

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On March 2, 2016 it was announced that 15 members of the Chillicothe FFA will receive their State FFA Degree, in Columbia, MO on April 22, 2016. 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.
- Shown outstanding leadership participation in chapter activities and school and community activities by:
  - a. Participating in planning and conducting chapter program of activities.
  - b. Serving as chapter officer or committee chairperson.
  - c. Participating in at least 5 activities above the chapter level.
  - d. Participating in leadership positions outside the FFA.
  - e. Scoring a minimum of 150 points on the Leadership Section of the State FFA Degree application.
- Have a satisfactory scholastic record, certified by the local superintendent or principal.

**Those from our chapter who received the State FFA Degree include:** Lane Bonderer son of Chris and Janet Bonderer, Erin Campbell daughter of Angie Boon and the late Jarret Campbell, Joseph Circo son of Allen & Michelle Anderson and Joe Circo, Remington Cox son of Jeff and Terria Cox, Helena McNamee



daughter of Larry and Amanda Spainhour, Rachel Nowland daughter of David and Nancy Nowland, Victoria Overton daughter of Paul Overton and Steve & Sherri Palmer, Robert Parkey son of Mike and Becky Parkey, Rebecca Pitchford daughter of Greg and Donna Pictchford, Colby Reed son of Joe and Tonya Reed, Margaret Resor daughter of Mike and Julie Resor, Marissa Surber daughter of Cory and Stacy Surber, Tommy Thompson son of Bill and Holly Thompson, Colton Webb son of Bill and Laurie Webb, Zach Wood son of Allen and Marty Wood.



Back L to R - Maggie Resor, Rachel Nowland, Marissa Surber, Rebecca Pitchford, Colby Reed, Erin Campbell, Helena McNamee, Victoria Overton; Front L to R - Robert Parkey, Colton Webb, Lane Bonderer, Zach Wood, Tommy Thompson, Joe Circo, Remington Cox

Congratulations to these individuals on their accomplishments.

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### Meals of Hope

*4-H, FFA pack Meals of Hope for the Hungry*

04/11/16

By Catherine Stortz Ripley

**CAPTION:** The Mervyn Jenkins Expo Center was a bevy of activity as approximately 300 4-H and FFA members worked quickly to package more than 50,000 meals within 70 minutes through the Meals of Hope program.



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Packaging 50,000 meals could seem like a daunting task; however, when 300 volunteers create a smooth operating assembly line, the seemingly monumental task can be quickly achieved. This was proven Saturday morning when volunteers - mostly youth - arrived at Mervyn Jenkins Expo Center to package 50,000 fortified pasta meals for food pantries in Livingston County and the area. The Meals of Hope event in Chillicothe was organized by the Chillicothe FFA Chapter with Livingston County 4-H clubs being an active partner.

Although the official start time wasn't until 9 a.m., people began arriving at 8:30 a.m. with great attitudes and a willingness to serve. Within 70 minutes, a total of 51,072 meals were packaged. The meals consisted of enriched macaroni and cheese with added vitamins and soy protein. "A big part of agriculture is feeding people and that is what we are doing here today," Chillicothe FFA Chapter President Marissa Surber told the Constitution-Tribune on Saturday. There were 25 assembly stations lining three of the building's four walls with all the materials needed for each meal. In the center of the building, workers scooped buckets of macaroni product into large tubs that were taken to each station when needed. At the assembly station, the food product was measured for individual packages and placed in plastic bags. The bags were then sealed and taken to the center of the room where they were put in large boxes for shipment. Volunteers made sure there was a constant flow of bulk product heading to the assembly stations and finished packages coming back to the center of the room. By 10:10 a.m., all the meals had been packaged.

Most of the volunteers were 4-H and FFA members ranging from elementary to high school age with a few adults involved. The Chillicothe FFA chapter got the idea of packing Meals of Hope after several students participated in a similar event at the end of last summer's FFA Leadership Conference in Washington, D.C. Part of the conference had focused on how FFA members could use their strengths and passions to make the world a better place, Surber said. Each student constructed a "Living to Serve" plan that they would take home and implement in their own community. After doing some research, the students learned that one in six Missourians struggle with hunger and, according to Mizzou's 2014 Missouri Hunger Atlas, 16.6 percent of households in Livingston County have food uncertainty. Considering these statistics, FFA members decided to organize its own Meals of Hope food packaging event and brought on board support of the Livingston County 4-H clubs. Participating in Meals of Hope, Surber said, demonstrates FFA's motto of "living to serve," and 4-H's motto that includes pledging "hands for larger service."

Kyle Hansen is the Livingston County 4-H Council president. He said that when Surber gave a presentation to the council on behalf of FFA, the council easily pledged their support. "The council liked the idea, and we took it upon ourselves to get all the clubs involved," Hansen said. He said that participating in Meals of Hope is a local project that can have a far-reaching impact. "This will be great for my 4-H year and everyone else," he said. "This will be something they will remember." The success of the project makes FFA Adviser Leda Schreiner proud of the members' accomplishment. "We're really proud of all the 4-H and FFA members coming out and spending their Saturday morning packaging meals," she said. "It shows that our kids care about other people."

The meals went to several locations in Livingston County, Carrollton and Waverly. Two pallets were picked up by Second Harvest, a food pantry based in St. Joseph, for distribution. Each meal costs 25 cents, and the goal to raise \$12,500 to pay for the meals was met. The Livingston County Community Foundation donated \$5,000 to the cause, and the rest of the money was directly donated or raised by members of the 4-H and FFA and through other donations. "The community has been so supportive," Surber said. For more information on Meals of Hope, visit [www.meals-of-hope.org/](http://www.meals-of-hope.org/).

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## District Contest Results

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On March 22, 2016, the Chillicothe FFA Chapter participated in the **Northwest District FFA Contest**. The results are as follows: *Agricultural Issues, 1st place (state)* - Jaime Albertson, Mason Daniel, Sheridan Guilford, Emma Leamer, Sarah Mason, Jake Sampsel, and Madelyn Warren; *Parliamentary Procedure, 1st place (state)* - Marley Anderson, Elana Boon, Isaiah Boon, Austin Case, Liberty Cox, Gracie Ellis, Ben Hayen, Adler Marshall, Cameron Moore; *Knowledge Team 7th place (state)* - Carleigh Crawford, Chloe Peery, McKayla Shady, Catey Trout; *Prepared Public Speaking Division II, 2nd (state)* - Claire Shipp; *Prepared Public Speaking Division I, Alternate to state* - Meredith Oesch; *Creed Speaking, Alternate to state* - Kaylee Lewis. All members advancing to the State FFA contest will go to Columbia on April 21 & 22.

On April 5 and April 6, 2016 the Chillicothe FFA Chapter participated in the **Northwest District Ag Contest**. The results are as follows: *Agriculture Mechanics 8th place* - Garret Anderson, Colton Hargrave, Clayton Campbell (Alt), Remington Cox, Tyler Garcia (Alt), Tommy Thompson; *Agronomy 24th place* - Jared Loney, Tristen Sewell, Brady Bothwell, Levi Surber; *Ag Sales 4th (state)* - Rebeka Shermuly, Maggie Resor, Kaylee Peel, Kristina Hamilton; *Dairy Foods 22nd place* - Jackson Pauly, Nate Hoel, Hunter Horton; *Dairy Cattle 7th place (state)* - Maggie Pfaff, Kennedie Kieffer, Addie Ficken, Hannah Haakonstad, Sydney Baxter (Alt); *Entomology 26th place* - Taylar Simmer, Abbey Daly, Rylie Riddle; *Farm Management 9th place (state)* - Alex Barnes, Lane Bonderer, Joe Circo (Alt), Nate McKiddy, Marissa Surber; *Floriculture 26th place* - Hunter Haakonstad, Tamara Evans, Rylee Reeter, Kyle Hansen; *Horses 9th place (Alternate to state)* - Maddie Eller (Alt), Jordan Hopper, Sara Hopper, Jessi Moore (Alt), Bailey Pithan, Malloree Summers; *Livestock 2nd place (state)* - Zach Trout, Ben Jones, Gunnar Leach, Cole Gutshall; *Meats 21st place* - Garrett Donoho, Molly Jones (Alt), Elitza Crouch, Kaylie Campbell, Collee Webb (Alt), Peyton Hein, Mckenzie Anderson (Alt); *Poultry 14th place* - Cade Koehly, Lavery Jones, Drake Bradley, Colten Johnson; *Soils 17th place* - Katelyn Clariday, McKenna Poling, Zach Girres, Noah Cross. The teams who qualified will participate at state contest on April 21 and 22 in Columbia, MO.

The following individuals placed in the **top 10 in their team competitions**: Gunnar Leach, 4th place Livestock; Zach Trout, 5th place Livestock; Kaylee Peel, 8th place Ag Sales.

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

The Chillicothe FFA fielded 16 teams and 3 speakers at District Agriculture and FFA Career Development Events. A total of 73 students competed from the Chillicothe FFA. Chillicothe FFA qualified 7 teams, 1 speaker, and 1 book for State FFA Convention. The convention is to be held on the campus of the University of Missouri on April 21 & 22, 2016 in Columbia, MO. The local chapter is part of the Agricultural Education Program at the Grand River Technical School and is composed of students from Chillicothe and Southwest high schools.

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## Trapshooting

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On April 2, 2016, the Chillicothe FFA Chapter attended the area trapshoot held at the Trenton Trap Range and sponsored by the Trenton FFA Chapter. The second place overall team was the Chillicothe team. The students enjoyed the day and learned a lot about competition. The Chillicothe FFA Chapter had seven individuals shoot on Saturday; Brady Bothwell, Garrett Cramer, Peyton Hein, Jackson Pauley, Christian Reed, Colby Reed, Trevor Shira, Tony Burtch (volunteer coach), and Sarge Ralls (volunteer coach) that traveled to Trenton. The 5-member first place team consisted of Brady, Peyton, Christian, Colby and Trevor with a score of 159 out of 225. *Brady Bothwell received the honor of first place individually.* All members received a box of shells. 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, the FFA is teaching students the self-discipline and responsibility of shooting sports. The objectives are to involve students in the highest standards of safety, sportsmanship, and ethical behavior, along with safe and responsible use of firearms. Additionally, the program helps to develop self-confidence, personal discipline, sportsmanship, and teamwork. The students were required to pass the Missouri Department of Conservation Hunter Education program and attend one of the safety meetings sponsored by the Ag Education Department.

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## Chillicothe FFA Alumni Pig Sale

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On Saturday April 2, 2016, the Chillicothe FFA Alumni held the 15th Annual Pig Sale at the MW Jenkins Expo Center on the Litton Agriculture Campus. There were 22 sellers and 63 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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### **Chillicothe FFA Alumni Preview Cattle Show**

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On Saturday, March 19, and Sunday, March 20, 2016, 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 570 cattle entries in the two days of events. With the beautiful and ideal weather, a huge crowd attended with many spectators 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, announce results, and perform 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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## **Area II Contests**

03/16 and 03/22/16

On March 22, 2016 the Chillicothe FFA Chapter participated in the Northwest District FFA Contest. The results are as follows: *Agricultural Issues* 1st place (state) - Jaime Albertson, Mason Daniel, Sheridan Guilford, Emma Leamer, Sarah Mason, Jake Sampsel, and Madelyn Warren; *Parliamentary Procedure* 1st place (state) Marley Anderson, Elana Boon, Isaiah Boon, Austin Case, Liberty Cox, Gracie Ellis, Ben Hayen, Adler Marshall, Cameron Moore; *Knowledge Team* 7th place (state) - Carleigh Crawford, Chloe Peery, McKayla Shady, Catey Trout; *Prepared Public Speaking Division II* 2nd (state) - Claire Shipp; *Prepared Public Speaking Division I* Alternate to state - Meredith Oesch; *Creed Speaking* Alternate to state - Kaylee Lewis. All members advancing to the State FFA contest will compete in Columbia on April 21 & 22.



On March 16, 2016, the Chillicothe FFA Chapter participated in the Area II FFA Contest. The speaking results are: *Creed Speakers*: Kaylee Lewis - 1st and gold, Garrett Cramer - Alternate and gold; *Prepared Public Speaking Division I Speaker*: Meredith - 1st and gold, Laney Gatson - silver; *Prepared Public Speaking Division II Speakers*: Claire Shipp - 3rd and gold, Cole Wolf - bronze; *Prepared Public Speaking Advanced Division*: Audrey Edmisson - silver. *FFA books Completed Ownership*: Taylor Simmer - gold; *Completed Placement*: Jared Loney - 3rd and gold; *Beginning Ownership*: Devin Dawell - 2nd and gold; *Beginning Placement*: Colton Peel - 1st (state) and gold; *Scrapbook*: Marley Anderson, Isaiah Boon, Kaylie Campbell, Austin Case, Liberty Cox, Eric Davis, Ben Hayen, Nate Hoel, Molly Jones, and Claire Shipp - gold. *Parliamentary Procedure team*: Marley Anderson, Elana Boon, Isaiah Boon, Austin Case, Liberty Cox, Gracie Ellis, Ben Hayen, Adler Marshall, Cameron Moore - 1st and gold. *Agriculture Issues team*: Jaime Albertson, Mason Daniel, Sheridan Guilford, Emma Leamer, Sarah Mason, Jake Sampsel, and Madelyn Warren - 1st and gold. Those teams and individuals receiving 3rd place or higher will proceed to District competition March 22, 2016 in Cameron, MO.



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## MOASK

03/17/16

On March 17, 2016 the North Central Missouri College was host to a MOASK event. There were 74 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, FFA knowledge, 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 who will receive a IRC from the events are: McKenzie Anderson, Aaron Baker, Chase Ballard, Alex Barnes, Sydney Baxter, Lane Bonderer, Drake Bradley, Riley Brobst, Joe Circo, Katelyn Clariday, Elitza Crouch, Madison Eller, Sara Eller, Addie Ficken, Tyler Garcia, Hannah Haakonstad, Colton Hargrave, Peyton Hein, Nate Hoel, Jordan Hopper, Sara Hopper, Colten Johnson, Lavery Jones, Shayler Keller, Kennedi Kieffer, Cade Koehly, Nate McKiddy, Helena McNamee, Jessica Moore, Jackson Pauley, Maggie Pfaff, Bailey Pithan, Maggie Resor, Robert Rupp, Rebekah Shermuly, Malloree Summers, Marissa Surber, Drew Toedebusch, Colton Webb, Zach Wood. 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**

03/14/16

On March 14, 2016, 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 - Kaylee Lewis; Creed Speaker - Garrett Cramer; Prepared Public Speaking Division I Speaker - Meredith Osech; Prepared Public Speaking Advanced Division: Audrey Edmisson. Parliamentary Procedure team: Marley Anderson, Elana Boon, Isaiah Boon, Austin Case, Liberty Cox, Gracie Ellis, Ben Hayen, Adler Marshall, Cameron Moore. Agriculture Issues team: Jaime Albertson, Mason Daniel, Sheridan Guilford, Emma Leamer, Sarah Mason, Jake Sampsel, and Madelyn Warren. 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.





Front L to R - Mason Daniel, Gracie Ellis, Audrey Edmisson, Sheridan Guilford; Middle L to R - Austin Case, Isaiah Boon, Garrett Cramer, Madelyn Warren, Marley Anderson, Sarah Mason, Meredith Oesch; Back L to R - Ben Hayden, Adler Marshal, Jamie Albertson, Jake Sampsel, Liberty Cox, Emma Leamer

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## MPBA Speaking Contest

03/11/16



On March 11, 2016, Liberty Cox, Chillicothe FFA member, received first place at the Missouri Pet Breeders Association (MPBA) public speaking competition. The MPBA FFA Public Speaking Contest is designed to develop individual public speaking skills and to promote interests in and awareness of the many different aspects of the pet industry. This year's theme was *Old Dog, New Tricks*. The FFA members were to tell about the history of breeding dogs and selling puppies, the increased demand for puppies, and the newer improved practices in kennels today - DNA, OFA, socialization, etc. They were also encouraged to tell why it is so important for pet buyers to purchase from licensed professional kennels. The competition was held at the Cowan Civic Center in Lebanon at the annual MPBA Educational Conference. Liberty received \$550 for winning first place, as well as winning \$550 for the Chillicothe FFA Chapter. Liberty presented her winning speech at the awards ceremony during the MPBA Banquet.

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## 8th Grade Recruitment

03/07/16

On March 7, 2016, the 8th grade students from the Chillicothe Middle School and Southwest Livingston R-I Schools 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 presented an overview of what activities they could participate in, courses offered, and gave a tour of the campus. The 8th graders are beginning the class selection process for their freshmen year of high school. A letter will be mailed home at the beginning of the week to all parents explaining what was discussed at the recruitment day.



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### **Missouri Youth Institute at the University of Missouri**

02/26/16

On February 26, 2016, Emma Leamer, Chillicothe FFA member, had the opportunity to participate in the Missouri Youth Institute at the University of Missouri. At this exciting day-long event, participating high school students have the opportunity to: present research and recommendations on how to solve key global challenges in a short speech and small group discussions with local experts; connect with other student leaders from across Missouri to share ideas, identify solutions to these problems and build lasting friendships; interact with global leaders in science, industry and policy; take part in educational sessions and interactive tours at University of Missouri to explore current research and issues in international development and life sciences; and meet innovative researchers, professors and college security around the world.



To participate in the Missouri Youth Institute, 9th through 12th grade students in the 2015/16 school year had to research a global issue, write a three-to-four page paper under the supervision of a teacher/mentor, then submit the paper. Papers were evaluated by The World Food Prize Board of Reviewers, and individuals were then selected to attend the Institute. The Missouri Youth Institute is hosted by the University of Missouri with the generous support of the College of Agriculture, Food and Natural Resources (CAFNR), Missouri 4-H, Missouri FFA, and The Brady and Anne Deaton Institute for Leadership in International Development.

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### **Area II FFA Officer**

03/09/16

On March 9, 2016, the Chillicothe FFA Chapter sent a representative to the Area II officer candidate interviews. The representative was Madelyn Warren. Madelyn is the daughter of Laura Warren, who was Chillicothe's representative for an Area II officer. Madelyn was selected as the Area II FFA 1st President for the 2016-2017 school year. Some of the activities that Madelyn 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.



Back L to R - Gillian Heldenbrand, Tanner Daugherty, Mattison Ishmael, Madelyn Warren, Mariah Fox  
Front L to R - Allison Batson, Claire Stuedle, Seth Gibson, Avery Webb, Jacob Graham

The 2016-2017 Area II Officer slate is President, Mariah Fox; 1st Vice President, Madelyn Warren; 2nd Vice President, Mattison Ishmael; Secretary, Tanner Daugherty; Treasurer, Gillian Heldenbrand; Reporter, Allison Batson; Sentinel, Claire Stuedle; Chaplain, Seth Gibson; Historian, Avery Webb; Parliamentarian, Jacob Graham.

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## **MU Livestock Grading and Judging**

03/05/16

On Saturday, March 5, 2016, four 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 2016 event was the Department's 28th year hosting the event to provide youth and adults better livestock evaluation tools. The workshop, which is open to youth in grades nine or lower, provides youth involved in 4-H and FFA programs an educational opportunity to learn the process and technique of grading livestock. The contest, which is open to all ages, allows the opportunity to apply national grading standards and to receive feedback on an individual level in traditional cattle, hog, sheep and goat judging. Chillicothe students participating in the grading and judging portion were among 173 individuals there that day. The results are: Overall Individual - 6th Gunnar Leach, 7th Zach Trout, 13th Cole Gutshall, and 18th Ben Jones. Chillicothe students participating in the team portion were among 43 teams there that day. The team consisting of Cole Gutshall, Ben Jones, Gunnar Leach, and Zach Trout placed 2nd in the overall event.



L to R - Ben Jones, Zach Trout, Cole Gutshall, Gunnar Leach

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

On Saturday, February 27, 2016, four Chillicothe FFA members attended the Eldon Invitational CDE in Eldon, MO. The team of Cole Gutshall, Ben Jones, Gunnar Leach, and Zach Trout placed 1st in the livestock judging event. The overall individual ranking scores for this livestock judging event were 2nd Cole Gutshall, 5th Ben Jones, 6th Gunnar Leach, and 9th Zach Trout. There were 21 teams and 68 individuals at this livestock judging event.

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## National FFA Week Coloring Contest

03/04/16

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 a FFA pencil. This activity was to help expose youth to agriculture.

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, 2016.

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





Kindergarten  
 Front L to R: Mattox BeVelle, Lexy Smith  
 Middle: Layton Baker, Raeleigh McElhaney  
 Back: Ben Cady, Cornel Harris, Colton Peifer



First Grade  
 Front: Dezeraye Sturgeon, Emmi Gray, Ellie Acree  
 Back: Ryder Gates, Anya Moore, Landry Marsh

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

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## Career Day

02/25/16

On February 25, 2016, the Chillicothe FFA Chapter held their Career Day in honor of National FFA Week. Area business people were asked to come in and speak with the students regarding their own FFA experience as well as their current career. The speakers for the day were Kate Lambert - FCS Financial, Josh Norris - Chillicothe Parks and Recreation Department, Adam Wolf - Grand River Technical School, and Abby Smith - Dewey Elementary School. These individuals spoke to the students at the Litton Agriculture Education Center to show them what FFA can help you accomplish and the diversity in career paths they may choose from.



Abby Smith - Dewey Elementary School



Adam Wolf - Grand River Technical School



Kate Lambert - FCS Financial



Josh Norris - Chillicothe Parks and Recreation Department

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## Speaking Contests

02/09/16 & 01/29/16



### Missouri Pork Association FFA Public Speaking Contest

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: *Technologies for Sustainable Pork Production*. While the speeches may touch on all of Missouri agriculture, special focus should be given to the pork industry.

Jaime Albertson represented the Chillicothe FFA Chapter at the Missouri Pork Expo contest held in Columbia on Tuesday, February 9, 2016. Jaime received first place at the district level and moved on to the state competition. At the state competition, she placed second and received a \$150 cash prize and a plaque sponsored by Alltech.



### Missouri Fairs and Festivals Speech Contest

The Missouri Association of Fairs and Festivals (MAFF) Public Speaking Contest is designed to develop agricultural leadership, provide for member participation in agricultural public speaking activities, and stimulate interest in leadership and citizenship. Contestants may choose any current subject for their speeches, which is of an agricultural character relating to county fairs and which is of general interest to the public.

Cole Gutshall represented the Livingston County 4-H and FFA Fair at this contest held January 29, 2016 in Columbia, MO.

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## FCCLA and FFA High School Blood Drive

02/19/16

On Friday, February 19, 2016, the FCCLA and FFA sponsored a blood drive for high school students and staff at the Chillicothe High School Performing Arts Center. The Community Blood Center staff registered 50 volunteers and collected 36 units of blood. There were 28 first time donors.





The FCCLA and FFA members assisted the Community Blood Center staff with set-up, registration, passing out treats, and clean-up.

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## **FFA Bowling Party**

02/07/16

On February 7, 2016, 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 103 members present, and everyone seemed to enjoy the afternoon.







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## Dewey School Visits

02/05/16

Students from Dewey Elementary kindergarten and first grade classes were having a hands-on learning experience on February 5, 2016. The Litton Crusaders and the Livingston County Farm Bureau made this visit possible as part of the Thank A Farmer program. The students were learning about habitats and animals with assistance from the Litton Crusaders program. The students had 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 get to revisit those baby pigs as market hogs.

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## Missouri FFA Members "GOT TALENT"

01/06/2016

Over 4500 first year FFA members from more than 320 Missouri High Schools - 70 from the Chillicothe FFA Chapter - 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. This conference was presented by the State FFA Officers and sponsored by MFA Incorporated held January 6, 2016 at the North Central Missouri College Campus.

Through interactive workshops and skits the State FFA Officers encouraged first-year FFA members to explore their talents 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 State Officers of the Missouri FFA Association recently conducted 19 Greenhand Motivational Conferences in Missouri. MFA Incorporated helped sponsor the conferences. *Seated from left to right are:* Past President Cole Edwards, Salisbury; Vice President Braxton Hoemann, Union; 1st Vice President Brandelyn Martin, Silcox; Vice President Alexa Nordwald, East Prairie; Vice President Jacob Hoellering, California; and Vice President Tanner Koenig, Wheatland.

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### **Governor's Conference on Agriculture**

12/18/15

On December 18, 2015, two Chillicothe FFA members attended the Missouri Governor's Conference on Agriculture. Emma Leamer and Madelyn Warren received an invitation for the conference due to their participation in the 2015 Missouri Agribusiness Academy.



The Missouri Governor's Conference on Agriculture is the premier opportunity for movers and shakers in the agriculture industry to collaborate with Missouri farmers and ranchers to look at opportunities to develop innovative ideas, discuss current issues, find new ways to connect with and educate consumers, and tell the story of Missouri agriculture. Governor Jay Nixon and the Missouri Department of Agriculture met on December 16-18, 2015, at Tan-Tar-A Resort in Osage Beach, MO, to look for ideas from all of those involved in the agriculture industry.

Emma and Madelyn attended the following sessions while at the conference: What's next for Energy Solutions from Agriculture; United Soybean Board/Missouri Soybean Consumer Perceptions Panel; Crossing the Mountain: How Memes, Networks and Competition Shape Culture; Introducing the World Food Prize Missouri Youth Institute; Telling Their Story: 2015 Missouri Agribusiness Academy; 4-H Youth in Agriculture: One Story at a Time; Growing Leaders, Building Communities and Strengthening Agriculture; The Best Kept Secret in Ag Education; Youth Reception, Awards and Recognition Banquet with Director of Agriculture Richard Fordyce; special musical entertainment by Country Music recording artist Chris Janson.

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## **Salvation Army**

12/22/15

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 consolidated them at the December FFA meeting which was held December 9, 2015. The canned food items were then delivered to the local Salvation Army. The chapter collected nine boxes of food to donate to the Salvation Army.



The chapter members adopted 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, and 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 realize that the money raised will go to deserving individuals.

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## **FFA Christmas Party**

12/09/15

On December 9, 2015, 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 as well as a time for fellowship. The members enjoyed dinner and then moved into the field house for some games.





Playing Dodge Ball

Members had the option to play basketball, dodge ball, volleyball, or participate in other activities. The winners of the 3-on-3 coed basketball tournament were Nate McKiddy, Mrs. Schreiner, and Mr. Wolf.



3-on-3 basketball winners - Mr. Wolf, Nate McKiddy, Mrs. Schreiner

The students also held a canned food drive and collected nine boxes of canned food items along with money for the Meals of Hope program.



Passing out Barnwarming Incentives

There were approximately 145 members present, and everyone seemed to enjoy the evening.

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## Fall Speaking Contests

November 4 & 11, 2015

On November 4, 2015, Chillicothe FFA students participated in the Area II Fall Speaking Contest in Gallatin. Madelyn Warren competed in the Missouri Farm Bureau Contest, Jaime Albertson competed in the Missouri Pork Producers Contest, Marley Anderson competed in the Missouri Sheep Producers Contest, Sarah Mason competed in the Missouri Institute of Cooperatives, Zach Trout competed in the Missouri Soil and Water Conservation, Liberty Cox competed in the Missouri Pet Breeders Association, Emma Leamer competed in the Missouri Cattleman's, and Claire Shipp competed in the Missouri Young Farmers speech contest. Madelyn, Jaime, Sarah, Zach, Liberty, Emma and Claire moved on to the district competition on November 11, 2015.

On November 11, 2015, Chillicothe FFA students participated in the Northwest District Fall Speaking Contest in Cameron. Madelyn Warren competed in the Missouri Farm Bureau Contest, Jaime Albertson competed in the Missouri Pork Producers Contest, Sarah Mason competed in the Missouri Institute of Cooperatives, Zach Trout competed in the Missouri Soil and Water Conservation, Liberty Cox competed in the Missouri Pet Breeders Association, Emma Leamer competed in the Missouri Cattleman's, and Claire Shipp competed in the Missouri Young Farmers speech contest.



Back L to R - Claire Shipp, Liberty Cox, Jaime Albertson, Zach Trout  
Front L to R - Marley Anderson, Sarah Mason, Madelyn Warren, Emma Leamer

Jaime received first place in the Pork Producers competition and will compete at the state level on February 9, 2016, in Columbia, Missouri. Liberty Cox received first place in the Pet Breeders competition and will compete at the state level on March 11, 2016, in Lebanon, Missouri. Madelyn received second place in the Farm Bureau competition and is an alternate to the state level. Claire received second place in the Young Farmers competition and is an alternate to the state level. Zach received second place in the Soil & Water competition and is an alternate to the state level.

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**NATIONAL CONVENTION 2015**



### National FFA Band

Maggie Resor represented the Chillicothe FFA Chapter as well as the Missouri FFA Association when she participated in the National FFA Band at the 2015 National FFA Convention held October 28-31, 2015, in Louisville, KY. Maggie is a senior at Chillicothe High School and the daughter of Mike and Julie Resor. Maggie was selected as one of the clarinet players based upon her audition tapes and recommendations from her high school band directors to be a part of the 100 members; the National FFA Band is composed of students from all across the United States.

As part of the National FFA Band, Maggie put in long hours rehearsing and providing the entertainment at each of the general sessions of the National FFA Convention. Maggie has been playing the clarinet for seven years and is currently part of the Chillicothe High School Band, Chillicothe Band Masters, NW District Solo Contest, and has participated in the Missouri State Band Contest. Congratulations to Maggie on an outstanding job of representing Missouri and the

Chillicothe FFA!

### KMZU Student Reporters

During the National FFA Convention held October 28-31, 2015, in Louisville, Kentucky, area students served as news reporters for KMZU Radio. Two students from the Chillicothe FFA Chapter received this opportunity - Jaime Albertson and Emma Leamer.

Jaime conducted an interview with National FFA Creed speaker Emily Kaysinger from the Trenton FFA Chapter and recorded a report on the American FFA Degree. Emma conducted an interview with Honorary American Degree recipient Rusty Black, advisor for the Chillicothe FFA Chapter, Emma Chriswell a member of the National FFA Chorus, and gave a report on the Honorary American FFA Degree. [These interviews and reports can be heard on the KMZU website.](#)



L to R - Emma Chriswell, a member of the National FFA Chorus, with Emma Leamer



L to R - Jaime Albertson with National FFA Creed speaker Emily Kaysinger from the Trenton FFA Chapter

The students met with Susie Lock of KMZU before leaving for National FFA Convention to go over how to conduct an interview, make a recording, and how to select members to interview. While at the convention, students took the initiative to conduct, record, and then send the results to the radio station. Please go online and give a listen to these student reports.



### **National FFA Courtesy Corps**

Almost any event becomes more intriguing when viewed from behind the scenes. The 88th 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 event's logistics. Local members participating in the National FFA Courtesy Corps were Jaime Albertson, Lane Bonderer, Brady Bothwell, Clayton Campbell, Mason Daniel, Kristina Hamilton, Kyle Hansen, Ben Jones, Emma Leamer, Nate McKiddy, Kaylee Peel, Jake Sampsel, Claire Shipp, and Madelyn Warren. The 88th National FFA Convention was held October 28-October 31, 2015 in Louisville, KY.



Back L to R - Kaylee Peel, Clayton Campbell, Kyle Hansen, Nate McKiddy, Ben Jones, Lane Bonderer, Brady Bothwell, Jake Sampsel; Front L to Right - Claire Shipp, Madelyn Warren, Kristina Hamilton, Mason Daniel, Jaime Albertson, Emma Leamer

"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."

### **14 Local Students Attend National FFA Convention**

On October 28 through October 31, 2015, 14 members of the Chillicothe FFA Chapter attended the National FFA Convention in Louisville, KY. The students attended many activities while in Louisville, including leadership sessions, the career show, college fair, and convention sessions while at the convention hall. Students also attended a session featuring speaker Amberley Snyder, a concert featuring Jake Owen and Kip Moore, Dr. Jim Wand - Hypnotist, and watched the races at Churchill Downs. Local members who attended the convention were Jaime Albertson, Lane Bonderer, Brady Bothwell, Clayton Campbell, Mason Daniel, Kristina Hamilton, Kyle Hansen, Ben Jones, Emma Leamer, Nate McKiddy, Kaylee Peel, Jake Sampsel, Claire Shipp, Madelyn Warren.

### **Chillicothe FFA Named Three Star Chapter**

The Chillicothe FFA chapter of Chillicothe, Missouri, has been recognized in the 2015 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. 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.



Claire Shipp, Madelyn Warren, Kaylee Peel, Kristina Hamilton, Brady Bothwell, Jaime Albertson, Mason Daniel, Clayton Campbell, Ben Jones, Emma Leamer, Kyle Hansen, Jake Sampsel, Nate McKiddy, Lane Borderer

## National FFA Degrees

10/31/15

LOUISVILLE, KY - Each year, the National FFA Organization honors FFA members who show the utmost dedication to the organization through their desire to develop their potential for premier leadership, personal growth and career success through agricultural education. The American FFA Degree is bestowed upon a select group of students in recognition of their years of academic and professional excellence. This year, 3,765 American Degrees will be awarded. Brandon Bothwell son of Barrie and Julie Bothwell, Ben Burtch son of Tony Burtch and Amy Anderson, Matt Dupy son of Todd and Dawn Dupy, Alicia Kieffer daughter of Robert and Michelle Kieffer, Jami Loney daughter of Nelson and Lesli Loney, Faith Peters daughter of Bob and Berta Peters, Paige Peters daughter of Bob and Berta Peters, and Elizabeth Warren daughter of Laura Warren will receive the American FFA Degree at the 89th National FFA Convention in Louisville on Saturday, October 31, 2015. It is the highest degree awarded by the National FFA Organization and recognizes demonstrated leadership abilities and outstanding achievements in agricultural business, production, processing and service programs.

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

Sponsored by ADM Crop Risk Services, Case IH, DuPont Pioneer, Elanco, Farm Credit and Syngenta as a special project of the National FFA Foundation, the award recognizes demonstrated ability and outstanding achievements in agricultural business, production, processing or service programs. Each recipient of the American FFA Degree receives a gold American FFA Degree key and a certificate after being recognized on stage at that national convention.

The National FFA Organization is a national youth organization of 557,318 student members as part of 7,498 local FFA chapters in all 50 states, Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands. The FFA 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. The National FFA Organization operates under a federal charter granted by the 81st United States Congress and it is an integral part of public instruction in agriculture. The U.S. Department of Education provides leadership and helps set direction for FFA as a service to state and local agricultural education programs. For more, visit the National FFA Organization online at [www.FFA.org](http://www.FFA.org), on Facebook, Twitter and the official National FFA Organization blog.

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## Trapshooting

10/17/15

On October 17, 2015, the Chillicothe FFA Chapter attended the area trapshoot held at the Trenton Trap Range and sponsored by the Trenton FFA Chapter. The first place overall team was the Chillicothe team. The students enjoyed the day and learned a lot about competition. The Chillicothe FFA Chapter had 9 individuals shoot on Saturday; Brady Bothwell, Tucker Burtch, Garrett Cramer, Madison Eller, Peyton Hein, Colton Johnson, Drake Lightner, Jackson Pauley, Trevor Shira, Tony Burtch (volunteer coach), and Sarge Ralls (volunteer coach) who traveled to Trenton. The 5-member first place team consisted of Brady, Garrett, Peyton, Jackson, and Trevor with a score of 210 out of 250. Madison Eller received the honor of first place lady individually with a score of 42. All members received a box of shells. The members of the team are looking forward to more events.



Jackson Pauley, Brady Bothwell, Peyton Hein, Madison Eller, Garrett Cramer, Trevor Shira, Colten Johnson (not pictured Drake Lightner)

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

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### **Area Greenhand Initiation**

10/14/15

On October 14, 2015, 64 Greenhands of the Chillicothe FFA Chapter attended the Area II Greenhand Initiation ceremony in Gallatin, MO. The Area II officer team, which includes Reporter, Erin Campbell Haley of the Chillicothe FFA Chapter, conducted the initiation. During the initiation the Greenhands listened to the 2015 Area Creed speaker recite the creed, watched a slideshow featuring Area II Greenhands, listened to the State FFA Officer, Adam Kirby, speak, and were presented their Greenhand pins during the Greenhand ceremony.



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### **Chillicothe FFA Parent's Night**

10/07/15

On October 7, 2015, the Chillicothe FFA held their annual Parents' Night - 348 members and guests attended. This event helps welcome the first year FFA member and their parents to our organization and showcase some of our members' talents.

The evening began with FFA opening ceremonies followed by a motivating welcome given by Marissa Surber, Chillicothe FFA President, and a school district welcome given by Dr. Roger Barnes, Chillicothe R-II School Superintendent. The Chillicothe FFA Chapter officers and Chillicothe FFA Assistant Officers presented the program.





Second year members receiving their chapter degree.

The program consisted of the Greenhand FFA Degree ceremony, Chapter FFA Degree ceremony, Assistant Officer skit the "Advisor Fear Factor", two Chapter Degree speeches, as well as five creeds presented by Greenhands.



The Chapter Degree speeches were presented by Marley Anderson and Claire Shipp. *Claire Shipp, Chapter Degree member giving speech.*

The creed was presented by Matt Callen, Bailey Pithan, Carleigh Crawford, Lydia Martin, Lindsey Eckert, Colten Johnson, Hannah Haakonstad, Elli Ross, Sarah Hopper, Maddie Eller, Drake Bradley, Kaylee Lewis, Kennedie Kieffer, Maggie Pfaff, Addie Ficken, Kylee Larson, Cade Koehly, Catey Trout, Jordan Hopper, Lavery Jones, Jessica Moore, Garrett Cramer, Mallorene Summers, Meredith Oesch, and Drake Lightner.



Greenhand members giving the FFA Creed - Drake Bradley, Kaylee Lewis, Kennedie Kieffer, Maggie Pfaff, Addie Ficken

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## NW District Fall Contest

10/01/15

On October 1, 2015, the Chillicothe FFA Chapter attended the Northwest District Fall Contest Day held at the Northwest Missouri State University Campus in Maryville, MO. The Chillicothe FFA Chapter Livestock Judging team competed at this event. Team members were Cole Gutshall, Gunnar Leach, and Zach Trout. The team placed 2nd out of 32 teams in the overall team competition.



Zach Trout, Gunnar Leach, Cole Gutshall

On the individual side, Zach Trout placed 7th, Gunnar Leach placed 11th, and Cole Gutshall placed 13th out of a total of 209 individuals. The day's judging event consisted of judging six classes of traditional placings, feeder cattle grading, as well as three sets of oral reasons.

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## FFA Creed

10/06/15

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 1930's 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 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 shows students playing the plate game which assists them in memorizing the FFA Creed. Almost all past FFA members can still remember parts or all of the FFA Creed. Most of those individuals remember the power of those first two words... "I believe...".

The Greenhand members will present the FFA Creed at the annual Chillicothe FFA Parents' Night on Wednesday, October 7, 2015.

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## **Papa Charlie's**

10/30/15

Students from Pre-Kindergarten classes at Garrison Elementary School were having a hands-on learning experience at Papa Charlie's Pumpkin Patch on October 30, 2015. 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 are given the opportunity to go to Papa Charlie's Pumpkin Patch for a farm experience with a little fun mixed in. The students get 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.



10/01-02/15

Students from all the Kindergarten and First Grade classes (271 students) at Dewey Elementary School enjoyed a hands-on learning experience at Papa Charlie's Pumpkin Patch on October 1 and 2, 2015. 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.



Kindergarten Class

As part of the Litton Crusaders program, students get the opportunity to go to Papa Charlie's Pumpkin Patch for a farm experience with a little fun mixed in. High school students (30 students) from the Litton Agriculture Education Center assisted in the days' activities. The students were allowed to pet several animals in the petting zoo, visit with "Romeo" the donkey, see some longhorn cattle in their natural habitat, walk through a corn field, take a hayride, pedal a tractor, and get up close to hay bales.





First Grade Class

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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## Old Time Harvest Days

09/25/15

On September 25, 2015, students from the Litton Agriculture Education Center attended the 2015 "Old-Time Harvest Days" sponsored by The Livingston County Steam & Gas Association held at the Litton Agriculture Campus. Students could take part in several historical agriculture events such as apple cider making, butter making, hay thrashing, rope making, corn shelling, and many other educational activities. By attending this event, students are able to see how some of the "simple" things of today did not used to be so simple.





The students, as part of the Litton Crusaders program, assisted in some of the various working demonstrations to assist the other 450 Livingston County youth who were attending the Old-Time Harvest Days.



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### **Chillicothe FFA Barnwarming!**

11/09/15

RECORD SETTING YEAR! On Saturday November 7, 2015, the Chillicothe FFA held its annual Barnwarming festivities. These festivities included a dance, games, a hay tunnel, and the coronation ceremony. This year's 2015 Barnwarming King and Queen are Cade Koehly and McKayla Shady, Freshmen candidates.



Cade Koehly and McKayla Shady

The Freshman Class candidates - McKayla Shady (Lane and Misty Shady) and Cade Koehly (Ron Koehly and Rochelle Koehly) - raised \$14,042.42 with an average of \$197.78/person; the Junior Class

candidates - Sheridan Guilford (Brett Guilford and Sandy Willis) and Cole Gutshall (Bill and Angie Gutshall) - raised \$8,640.00 with an average of \$176.33; the Senior Class candidates - Victoria Overton (Paul Overton and Steve & Sherri Palmer) and McCormick Campbell (Clint and Kathy Campbell) - raised \$6,575.10 with an average of \$152.91; the Sophomore Class candidates - Katelyn Clariday (Brandon Clariday and Ashley Fagan) and Nate Hoel (David and Stephanie Hoel) - raised \$8,325.00 with an average of \$141.10. The chapter raised \$37,582.52 this year for the chapter's operations which averages out to \$178.96/member. This broke the previous record of \$30, 874.04 set in 2014. We would like to thank all the members of the community for the long time support of our organization.



09/28/15

The Chillicothe FFA has selected its King and Queen Candidates for the 2015 Barnwarming. These individuals will lead the charge in the fundraising 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 7, 2015, at the annual Barnwarming Dance.



Picture Back Row L to R - Sheridan Guilford, Cole Gutshall, McCormick Campbell, Victoria Overton;  
Middle L to R - Nate Hoel, Cade Koehly; Front L to R - Katelyn Clariday, McKayla Shady  
A special thanks to Larry Grothe for the use of his 1946 International McCormick W-6 tractor.

The candidates are as follows: **Seniors**, Victoria Overton (Paul Overton and Steve & Sherri Palmer) and McCormick Campbell (Clint and Kathy Campbell); **Juniors**, Sheridan Guilford (Brett Guilford and Sandy Willis) and Cole Gutshall (Bill and Angie Gutshall); **Sophomores**, Katelyn Clariday (Brandon Clariday and Ashley Fagan) and Nate Hoel (David and Stephanie Hoel); **Freshmen**, McKayla Shady (Lane and Misty Shady) and Cade Koehly (Ron Koehly and Rochelle Koehly). The chapter has set a goal to raise \$25,000 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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## Area Chapter Degree Ceremony

09/23/15

On September 23, 2015, 37 Chapter Degree recipients of the Chillicothe FFA Chapter attended the Area II Chapter Degree Ceremony in Chillicothe, MO. The Area II officer team, which includes Reporter Erin Campbell 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, Victoria Molach, speak, and were inducted in the Area II FFA Association as Chapter Degree members.

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### **NWMSU Speaker**

09/21/15

On September 21, 2015, Mr. Joseph Frueh from Northwest Missouri State University came to speak with the junior and senior students at the Litton Agriculture Education Center. Mr. Frueh came to speak with the students about furthering their education after high school.



Mr. Frueh says that furthering your education will help when entering the work force. He also had a question answer session with the students regarding enrollment, scholarships, and general college information.

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## MU Hundley-Whaley Day

09/17/15

On September 17, 2015, 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: Fire Safety, Computers on the Farm, Soil Pit Demo, Drones for Ag Use, Fistulated Cow, Scouting Corn & Soybeans, Precision Ag, Preparing for College, Sport Turf Management, Selecting Forages, Highway Patrol Demo, Soil Erosion Demo, Cover Crops, Training Dogs for Farm Use.



Training Dogs for Farm Work Demo

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.



Crop Scouting

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## National Barrow Show

09/15/15

Austin, MI - On Tuesday, September 15, 2015, over 160 FFA and 4-H members participated in the 2015 Youth Swine Judging Contest at the National Barrow Show in Austin, Minnesota. Winners were announced in both the 4-H and FFA Division on an individual basis and as a team. The contest consisted of six swine judging classes, one truckload class, and five questions.



L to R - Ben Jones, Cole Gutshall, Zach Trout, Gunnar Leach

In the FFA Division, the 5th place team went to the Top Gun Team from the Chillicothe FFA Chapter. Team members included Cole Gutshall, Ben Jones, Gunnar Leach, and Zach Trout. The individual placings were Zach Trout 4th and Gunnar Leach 25th.

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## Chautauqua Petting Zoo

09/12-13/15

The Chillicothe FFA Chapter sponsored the petting zoo at the Chautauqua in the Park for the 12th year. Our FFA Chapter takes 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, chickens, kittens and horses.



This year, the Chillicothe FFA Chapter also provided an agriculture fact scavenger hunt for the local youth and SAE Highlights presentations. The scavenger hunt consisted of fact sheets that were placed around the Chautauqua. Youth then walked around and filled out the answer sheet from each agriculture fact sheet, and after completing the answer sheet, turned the sheet in at the Chillicothe FFA Petting Zoo. Prizes were given to each youth who completed the scavenger hunt. At the completion of the weekend, members conducted a drawing for the large prize winners. The large prize winners included Blane Landes with a \$50 gift card to Wal-Mart, Sam Jake with a \$20 gift card to Dairy Queen, and Timothy Summers with a \$10 gift card to Dairy Queen.



The SAE Highlights presentations consisted of students explaining their SAE projects to individuals and/or giving a hands-on learning experience to youth who visited. Chillicothe FFA members giving a presentation included Marley Anderson, McKenzie Anderson, Erin Campbell, Austin Case, Brittany Derickson, Wade Nylin, Kaylee Peel, Brittany Rudd, and Claire Shipp.





We would like to thank our local supporters - Chillicothe Orscheln's Farm and Home for the use of the gates, the Livingston County Farm Bureau for assisting with the signs and hand sanitizer, and Joe Neptune, Agent-Farm Bureau Insurance for providing prizes for the scavenger hunt. We would also like to thank our state sponsors that provided prizes for the scavenger hunt. These included MO Cattleman's, MO Corn Growers, MO Farm Bureau, MO Pork Producers, and the MO Soybean Association. Thanks to all of the individuals who visited the Chillicothe FFA Chautauqua Petting Zoo!

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## Woody's Thank You

09/02/15

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



The Chillicothe FFA Chapter uses this truck to provide services to our community. Chillicothe FFA puts on 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 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 student Supervised Agriculture Experience or SAE project. The truck is used to make SAE visits, haul animals to fairs, pick up student SAE projects 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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## **2nd Annual Mud Volleyball Tournament**

09/02/15



On September 2, 2015, the Chillicothe FFA Chapter held its second annual Mud Volleyball Tournament. The tournament consisted of a 30 teams with a double elimination event. There were 285 members and spectators present at the tournament with pork burgers and chips provided for all. The team members consisted of FFA members, FFA Alumni, parents, and staff. The tournament was held to encourage a fun atmosphere for freshman members to help them become more acquainted with upperclassmen as well as fuel a little friendly competition. The members would like to thank the parents who helped prepared food as well as the parents and staff who participated in the tournament.



Senior Parents - Greg Pitchford, Sam McKiddy, Terry McKiddy, Donna Pitchford, Susan Keller, Mike Boon

This year's winning team was the Senior Parents which consisted of Mike Boon, Susan Keller, Sam McKiddy, Terry McKiddy, Greg Pitchford, and Donna Pitchford. The second place team was King Bryce and his Peasants which consisted of Whitney Clampitt, Bryce Gott, Hannah Jones, Kyler Manning, Nate McKiddy, and Zach Trout.



King Bryce and his Peasants - Kyler Manning, Zach Trout, Whitney Clampitt, Nate McKiddy, Hannah Jones, Bryce Gott

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## Swine Judging

08/14/15

Sedalia, MO - On Friday, August 14, over 70 FFA and 4-H members participated in the 2015 Youth Swine Judging Contest at the Missouri State Fair in Sedalia. Winners were announced in both the Junior and Senior Division on an individual basis and as a team. The contest, sponsored by the Missouri Pork Association, consisted of four swine judging classes and two sets of ten questions.

In the Senior Division, top team honors went to the Top Gun Team from the Chillicothe area. Team members included Joel Martin, Gunnar Leach, Ben Jones and Zach Trout. The second place Princeton Team included Shambree Hagan, Savannah Millburn, Brylee Williams and Eli Henke. In third place was the Cuba FFA Team of Katelynn Priest, Dustin Daehn, Katy Watson and Walker Romine. The top individual in the Senior Division went to Katelynn Priest, Zach Trout placed 2nd, Joel Martin placed 4th, Ben Jones placed 5th, and Gunnar Leach placed 27th.



L to R - Zach Trout, Ben Jones, Gunnar Leach, not pictured Joel Martin

In the Junior Division, top team honors went to the Girl Power Team - members included Callie Jennings, Tyne Wilson, Lauren Robinson and Annie Robinson. The second place Show Me 4-H Team included Rylee Johnson, Wade Horton, Tucker Burtch and Dolan Huber. In third place was the Martin Family Team of Curtis Humphreys, Colin Humphreys and Elliott Cooley. Curtis Humphreys was the top individual in the Junior Division.

The top three teams and the highest individual in each division receive a cash award.

The Missouri Pork Association represents the state's pork producers in the areas of promotion, research, education and legislation.

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**Missouri State Fair**  
**Live Evaluation Contest of Carcass Steer Show**  
08/22/15



On Saturday, August 22, 2015, Emily Schreiner received 1st place in the youth division and Duane Smith received 1st place in the adult division at the Missouri State Fair Live Evaluation Contest of Carcass Steer Show. The Live Evaluation Contest of the Carcass Steer Show is an opportunity for individuals to participate in an educational activity associated with selecting slaughter steers by live and carcass traits and criteria. Anyone wishing to participate can enter this contest in the Junior or Adult Division. Age divisions are as follows: Junior Division - anyone under 18 years of age; Adult Division - anyone 18 years and older.

Ten steers were selected from the Carcass show entries to be used for the Live Evaluation Contest. A sample demonstration was given on how to yield grade and quality grade slaughter steers prior to the beginning of the live evaluation contest. Junior and adult contestants competed by estimating the actual carcass data collected on the 10 slaughter steers which are selected for the contest. Cash prizes will be awarded by the

State Fair to the top 5 individuals in each division who are nearest to the actual carcass placings on the slaughter steers entered in this contest. The MISSOURI CATTLEMEN'S ASSOCIATION presented trophies to the top two juniors and the top two adults.

CAPTION: L to R - Duane Smith, Emily Schreiner. They are grandfather and granddaughter.

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## National Beef Month

May 2015

In May 2015, the Livingston County Farm Bureau went to visit the Kindergarten through 2nd grade classrooms which was approximately 40 students at Southwest Livingston County R-I School in honor of National Beef Month. Sherry Jones, Livingston County Farm Bureau Board President, spoke with the students and discussed what products are made from beef and where beef comes from.





Then, courtesy of the Livingston Farm Bureau, the students participated in a coloring contest where the winners received McDonald's gift cards. The coloring pages are currently on display at the Farm Bureau office in Chillicothe. This activity was to help educate youth about agriculture.



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## **Area II Chapter Officer Workshop**

07/27/15

On Monday, July 27, 2015, the Missouri Area II Officers held a workshop for 121 chapter officers at the Mervyn Jenkins Building at the Litton Agriculture Campus. The workshop focused on instilling a sense of drive and determination that would infect Area II FFA members and push them toward creating and achieving their goals. The workshop began with the Area II Officers conducting opening ceremonies. Area chapters then competed in a rituals contest, best-dressed contest, and most creative competitions. The rituals contest is to see which officer team can present the official FFA opening ceremonies with the fewest flaws. The best-dressed contest is to see 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.

The workshop sessions were personalized to their respective offices - challenging chapter officers to think outside the box and push the envelope as a new year starts for their chapter. The winners of the rituals contest was the Chillicothe FFA Chapter, most creative was the Trenton FFA Chapter, and the best dressed was the Hamilton 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 all out for Area II!



Back L to R - Gunnar Leach, Madelyn Warren, Ben Jones, Emma Leamer, Jaime Albertson, Zach Trout; Front L to R - Erin Campbell, Rebecca Pitchford, Maggie Resor, Sarah Mason, Mason Daniel

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## **HYMAX Academy**

June 19-20, 2015

Elena Boon, Isaiah Boon, Austin Case, and Molly Jones members from the Chillicothe FFA Chapter attended the Missouri FFA State FFA HYMAX (*Helping Youth Maximize their Agricultural eXperience*) Academy June 19-20, 2015. The HYMAX Academy is sponsored by the Missouri FFA Leadership Fund in honor of Dr. Terry Heiman who served as the 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 entering 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 program. 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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## Missouri Agribusiness Academy (MAbA)

Summer, 2015

Emma Leamer and Madelyn Warren of the Chillicothe FFA Chapter were selected as members of the 2015 Missouri Agribusiness Academy. MAbA is a youth leadership program designed for high school sophomores to explore career opportunities in agribusiness, government and production agriculture. Agriculture has a tremendous impact on our nation's economy, and Missouri is at the heart of this industry. It is important that young people carry on the tradition and heritage of those who have made this state the agricultural leader it is today. The Academy helps provide youth with a foundation in agricultural leadership and prepare them to meet the challenges and reap the rewards of the world's greatest industry.

In 2015, thirty students were selected to participate in MAbA through a competitive written application and oral interview process. The students visited the University of Missouri in Columbia, Monsanto, Brighton Ad Agency, Mid America Biofuels in Mexico, Stanton Brothers Egg Farm in Centralia, Whole Foods, KWS Gateway Research Center, Mom's Originals, Melvin Price Locks and Dam and Thies Farm/Greenhouse. The students ended their week with a graduation ceremony at the Missouri State Capitol in Jefferson City.

Since 1988, the Missouri Agribusiness Academy has awarded more than 810 academy memberships through a competitive application and interview process for high school sophomores interested in pursuing agriculture-related college degrees and careers.



Richard Fordyce and Emma Leamer



Richard Fordyce and Madelyn Warren

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## Local Members Attend Missouri Leadership Conference

July 30, 2015

Members from the Chillicothe FFA Chapter recently attended the Missouri FFA Association's 2015 Leadership Adventure in Columbia. It was held Thursday, July 30, at the University of Missouri Bradford Research and Extension Center.

Agricultural careers, leadership development, and positive role models were the focus of the 25th annual conference. Columbia was one of two locations for this conference; the other was in Springfield. Over 250 members and advisors registered for the two conferences from 41 chapters across Missouri. Over 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 of Northwest Missouri State University, "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. Current State FFA Officers from Missouri guided small groups during the training sessions, which were designed specifically for high school age FFA members' personal leadership development and planning for future success. Students wanting to learn the basics of self-discovery and understanding their leadership potential were taken through activities to develop teamwork and people skills. The training focused on helping students create an advanced plan for lasting impact on the world through utilizing personal leadership traits and healthy relationships to make their goals a reality.

Attending the conference from the local FFA chapter were: Mason Daniel, Eric Davis, Ben Hayen, Nate Hoel, Gunnar Leach, Emma Leamer, and Zach Trout



Back L to R - Ben Hayen, Eric Davis, Gunnar Leach;  
Front L to R - Zach Trout, Mason Daniel, Adam Kirby, Area 2, State President, Alexa Nordwald,  
Area 15, 2nd Vice President, Nate Hoel, Emma Leamer

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## Area II Sports Day

July 6, 2015

On July 6, 2015, the Chillicothe FFA participated in the Area II FFA Sports Day in Bethany, Missouri, with 31 members. This softball and 3-on-3 basketball tournaments represent a reward for members as well as a time for fellowship. There were approximately 215 area members present, and everyone seemed to enjoy the day.



One of the Chillicothe FFA teams received first place in the basketball tournament and second place in the softball tournament. The chapter also won the Food Drive collection. All the 477 cans of food collected at the tournament were taken to the Caldwell County Food Pantry in Hamilton, MO.



2nd Place Softball Team - Back L to R - Tristen Sewell, Ben Jones, Kaylie Campbell, Nate McKiddy, Lane Bonderer, Cole Gutshall; Front L to R - Mason Daniel, Tanner Lent, Shayler Keller, Rebecca Pitchford, Jake Sampsel, Zach Trout



1st Place Basketball - L to R - Nate McKiddy, Emma Leamer, Kaylie Campbell, Ben Jones

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## June FFA Meeting

June 30, 2015

On June 30, 2015, 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 participated in activities at Chilli Bay then headed back to the Litton Campus for a team-building kickball game, food, and a "Movie Under the Stars". The purpose of the June FFA meeting was to promote fellowship among the members.



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## National Team Purebred Show

June 23-26, 2015

Five local FFA and 4-H members attended the National Team Purebred Show in Springfield IL, June 23 through the 26. Students exhibited swine, participated in a judging contest and other contests throughout the week. The students attending were: Eric Davis, Bailey Henry, Carlee Johnson, Rylee Johnson, and Jake Sampsel.



*Pictured L to R - Jake Sampsel, Eric Davis Carlee Johnson, Bailey Henry, Ella Black (lap) Rylee Johnson*

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### **Camp Rainbow Craft Time**

June 9, 2015

On Tuesday, June 9, 2015, 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 120 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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## **State FFA Leadership Camp Rising Sun**

June 6-12, 2015

Kaiser, MO - 30 members from the Chillicothe FFA Chapter attended the State FFA Leadership Camp from June 6-12, 2015. The camp sponsored by the Missouri FFA Association was held at Camp Rising Sun located within the Lake of the Ozarks State Park. The Institute provided leadership training for over 1200 high school students who are members of FFA across Missouri. The high school students are trained by State FFA officers as well as a Leadership Director who is a past State FFA Officer. Students learn how to overcome obstacles and develop their communication and personal skills.





The Chillicothe FFA Chapter results are as follows: State FFA Leadership Medal recipients Marley Anderson, Jessica Brade, Kaylie Campbell, Liberty Cox, Abbey Daly, Emilee Haley, Kristina Hamilton, Ben Jones, McKenna Poling, Jake Sampsel, Logan Sampsel, and Claire Shipp; FFA Rituals 2nd place Sarah Mason, Madelyn Warren, Ben Jones, Emilee Haley, Marley Anderson, Liberty Cox, Kaylie Campbell; Creed Speaking 2nd place Liberty Cox, 3rd place Marley Anderson; Extemporaneous Speaking 2nd place Marley Anderson; Impromptu Speaking 3rd place Madelyn Warren; Basketball 1st Ben Jones, Brady Bothwell, Kaylie Campbell; Tetherball 1st Logan Sampsel, Brady Bothwell; Horseshoes 1st Jake Sampsel, Logan Sampsel, Ben Jones; Swamp Canoe Race 2nd Wade Nylin, Sarah Mason, McKenna Poling, Madelyn Warren; All Around Camper Marley Anderson.

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

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## **Maintaining the Campus**

June 2, 2015

On June 2, 2015, youth from Livingston County began their work at the Litton Agri-Science Learning Center. The Litton Ag Campus was designed for the youth of Livingston County to learn more about agriculture as well as house their 4-H and FFA projects. In exchange for housing their projects there, the youth assist in the care and maintenance of the Litton Ag Campus. Local youth sign a contract that states they will provide care for their animal and help maintain the Litton Ag Campus grounds. In exchange, they are allowed to use the facilities and livestock equipment.



In the picture above, local youth are going over their contracts and learning what duties are expected of them.



Most of the livestock will be housed at the Litton Ag Campus from early April to late August. This allows the youth to participate in local, state, and national livestock shows. This year at the Litton Agriculture Campus, there are 65 market hogs, 7 market lambs, 3 market goats, and 8 cattle owned by 43 Livingston County youth.



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## **LEAD Conference**

May 27, 2015

On May 27, 2015, the 22 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. During the conference, the officer teams set goals, develops officer codes of conduct and expectations, plans a program and calendar of activities, and explores working together as a team.



Front Row L to R - Molly Jones, Marley Anderson, Maggie Resor, Marissa Surber, Madelyn Warren, Sarah Mason, Liberty Cox, Erin Campbell; Middle Row L to R - Claire Shipp, Ben Hayen, Zach Trout, Ben Jones, Gunnar Leach, Mason Daniel, Jaime Albertson, Emma Leamer, Rebecca Pitchford; Back Row L to R - Isaiah Boon, Eric Davis, Nate Hoel, Cole Gutshall, Austin Case

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## Livestock Show Extravaganza

May 16 and 17, 2015

On May 16 and 17, 2015, the Litton Agriculture Campus-MW Jenkins Expo Building hosted three swine shows and three lamb shows. There were approximately 1190 head of hogs shown during the two-day event and 480 head of lambs.



On Saturday morning, the Wolf Showpig Bonanza was sponsored by the Chillicothe FFA Alumni with 449 head of hogs at the show. The sponsors were *Gold Sponsors* - Chillicothe Animal Hospital, Chillicothe Area Chamber of Commerce, Copeland Construction, Diamond J Livestock/Davis Livestock, Grand River Technical School, Investors National Bank, JR Reid Show Pigs, MFA Agri-Services, Sydenstricker John Deere-Chillicothe, Trans Ova Genetics, Wolf Brothers, Wolf Farms, Woodworth Manufacturing; *Silver Sponsors* - Barnes Baker Motors-Chillicothe, Brammer Club Pigs, BTC Bank, Chillicothe State Bank, Comfort Inn-Chillicothe, Cooke Used Parts & Equipment, Farm Bureau Insurance-Joe Neptune, Farmers Electric Cooperative, Hinnen Hauling & Construction, Hutchinson & Company, Martin Show Pigs-Paul Martin, Russ & Sheila Thompson, Williams Farms-David & Carla Williams, Good Time Charlie's, Dr. Greg Miller & Family; *Bronze Sponsors* - American Family Insurance-Janet McCauslin, Butterfield & Associates Grain, Inc., Curtis Show Pigs, GFG Ag Services, LLC, Simms Show Pigs, T&R Soil Service.





The results of the show were Supreme Gilt - Brayde Adam, Reserve Supreme Gilt - Brant Cope, 3rd Overall Gilt - Kiley Gibson, 4th Overall Gilt - Abbe Gibson, and 5th Overall Gilt - Kiley Gibson, Supreme Barrow - Brylee Williams, Reserve Supreme Barrow - Conner Nally, 3rd Overall Barrow - Trey Porter, 4th Overall Barrow - Kaitlyn Fuehring, and 5th Overall Barrow - Ty Murphy. Showmanship results were Champion Novice Showmanship - Addison Brown, Reserve Novice Showmanship - Braylin Brunkhorst, Runner-up Novice Showmanship - Remington Isaacs, 4th Runner-up Novice Showmanship - Brayden Reid, 5th Runner-up Novice Showmanship - Ty Murphy; Champion Junior Showmanship - Coley Murphy, Reserve Junior Showmanship - Callie Jennings, Runner-up Junior Showmanship - Carlee Long, 4th Runner-up Junior Showmanship - Brant Cope, 5th Runner-up Junior Showmanship - Molly Malter; Champion Intermediate Showmanship - Tate Welch, Reserve Intermediate Showmanship - Katelyn Robinson, Runner-up Intermediate Showmanship - Brayde Adam, 4th Runner-up Intermediate Showmanship - Tess Crouch, 5th Runner-up Intermediate Showmanship - Kaylee Lewis; Champion Senior Showmanship - Lindsey Robinson, and Reserve Senior Showmanship - Amy McAlexander, and Runner-up Senior Showmanship - Kati Veits, 4th Runner-up Senior Showmanship - Shambree Hagan, and 5th Runner-up Senior Showmanship - Cyrsten Lollar.

The two swine shows and one lamb show held on Sunday, May 17, 2015, were sponsored by the Princeton FFA with 370 head in both of the swine shows and 113 head of lambs. Missouri Club Lamb Futurity had approximately 110 head, and the Youth Lamb Show had approximately 260 head. These were held on May 16, 2015, sponsored by Purina and the Missouri Lamb Breeders Associations.