

FFA AWARDS NIGHT

May 6, 2022



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



2022-2023 Assistant Officers: Back L to R – 2nd Vice President - Sadie Burtch, 2nd Vice President - Trent Peniston, 2nd Vice President - Remington Rhodes, 2nd Vice President - Langsten Johnson, Secretary - Aubrie Burton. Front L to R – 1st Vice President - Yoo Jung Lee, 2nd Vice President - Anna Pfaff, President - Harlee Beck, 2nd Vice President - Allie George, 2nd Vice President - Lyla Oesch



Ag Mechanics Award

Sponsored by: Orschlens Farm & Home and Pat Thorne Lumber Co.

L to R: Garrett Anderson, Cooper Murphy and Carson Crawford



Bill Gutshall Hand Shake Award

Sponsored by: the Bill Gutshall Family

L to R: Billy Gutshall, Emma Thomas (Creed Speaking) and Claire Ripley (Scholarship)



Black Family FFA Camp Scholarship

Sponsored by: Rusty & Karie Black Family

L to R: Karie Black, Alikai Walker, Kaleb Carlson, Lily Rose and Rusty Black



BTC Bank Leadership Award
Sponsored by: BTC Bank
L to R: Clara Leamer and Paul Thomas



Charles Jones Memorial Scholarship
Sponsored by: Farm Bureau
L to R: Tyler Jones, Sherry Jones, Owen Oesch, and Meredith (Jones) Lange



Chillicothe Animal Hospital Award
Sponsored by: Chillicothe Animal Hospital
L to R: Maci Stover, Lane Sampsel, Lance Clark, and Josh Meservey



Chillicothe FFA Alumni Contest Award

Sponsored by: Chillicothe FFA Alumni

L to R: Glen Holt (Parliamentary Procedures), Yoo Jung Lee (Knowledge), and
Langsten Johnson (Conduct of Chapter Meetings)



Chillicothe FFA Honorary Degree

Sponsored by: Chillicothe FFA

L to R: Rick & Becky Eckert, Ruth Summers, Anna Plattner, and Michael Slater



Chillicothe FFA Scholarships

Sponsored by: Chillicothe FFA

L to R: Quincey Jessen, Lainey Thompson, Carson Crawford, Abby Burton, and Olivia Anderson



Chillicothe State Bank Award

Sponsored by: Chillicothe State Bank

L to R: Emily Schreiner, Anna Pfaff, Matt Rardon, Ellie Barnett, and Griff Bonderer



Clay Buster Award

Sponsored by: Chillicothe FFA

L to R: Carson Crawford, Porter Ficken, Ethan Davis, and Timothy Summers



David M Minick FFA Scholarship

Sponsored by: David Minnick Family

L to R: Abbey Hayen and Nancy Burtch



Farm Bureau Public Speaking Award

Sponsored by: Farm Bureau

L to R: Charlie Kerr and Abbey Hayen



For the Love of Farming Scholarship

Sponsored by: Gary R Webb family

Abby Brubaker



Gilliland Farm FFA Camp Award

Sponsored by: Pete & Rhonda Gilliland- Gilliland Farms

Kolt Neptune



Grozinger Farm Management Award
Sponsored by: the Jim Grozinger Family
L to R: Autumn Eckert and Paula Grozinger



GRTS Leadership Award
Sponsored by: Grand River Technical School
L to R: Aubrie Burton (Freshman), Rhyan Kincade (Sophomore), Mrs. Nancy Burtch,
Ella Johnson (Junior), and Josh Eckert (Senior)



Hy-Vee Contest Award
Sponsored by: Chillicothe Hy-Vee
L to R: Porter Ficken (Livestock), Alli George (Poultry), and Tucker Narr (Forestry)



Investors Bank SAE Grant

Sponsored by: Investors Bank

L to R: Trent Peniston, Rylee Thompson- Investors Bank, and Trevor Peniston



Jackie Skipper Memorial FFA Scholarship

Sponsored by: Jackie Skipper Family

L to R: Debbie Skipper and Wade Horton



Jerry Litton Memorial Scholarship \$5,000

Sponsored by: Jerry Litton Foundation

L to R: Mr. Ed Turner and Clara Leamer



John Yeomans Public Speaking Award

Sponsored by: John Yeomans Memorial

L to R: Bill Hayen and Harlee Beck



Litton Award

Sponsored by: Jerry Litton Foundation

L to R: Cameron Fleener, Lainey Thompson, Mr. Ed Turner, Dawsyn Lightner, and Christian Peniston



Litton Memorial Leadership- WLC Scholarship & Josh Quinn Memorial Scholarship

Sponsored by: Jerry Litton Foundation & Josh Quinn Memorial

L to R: George & Marta Quinn (United Country Graham Agency), Ashley Gabrielson, Glen Holt, Lucas Reynolds, Ella Johnson, Claire Walker, and the Thompson Family



Livingston County Soil & Water Award
Sponsored by: Livingston County Soil & Water
Pictured: Mason Meservey



Livingston County Farm Bureau Award
Sponsored by: Livingston County Farm Bureau
L to R: Joshua Eckert, Charlie Kerr (Farm Bureau), and Owen Oesch



Reed Family Star SAE Award
Sponsored by: Reed Family
L to R: Star Placement- Cooper Clariday, Star Greenhand- Sadie Burtch,
Mr & Mrs. Reed, Lyla Oesch, and Lane Nickell



Rusty & Karie Black Litton Scholarship

Sponsored by: Rusty & Karie Black

L to R: Karie Black, Joshua Eckert, and Rusty Black



Savage Meats Award

Sponsored by: Dennis & Sherry Savage

L to R: Dennis Savage, Avery Baxter, and Sherry Savage



Smith Outstanding Senior in Ag Business Scholarship

Sponsored by: Smith Family

L to R: Pat Smith and Ellie Barnett



T&R Soil Ag Sales Contest Award

Sponsored by: T&R Soil

Pictured: Lainey Thompson



Woodworth Mfg. Outstanding Ag Mechanics Award

Sponsored by: Woodworth Manufacturing

L to R: Jackie Woodworth and Carter Crawford



Gold Leadership Award- Senior Class



Gold Leadership Award- Junior Class



Gold Leadership Award- Sophomore Class



Gold Leadership Award- Freshman Class



Silver Leadership Award- Senior Class



Silver Leadership Award- Junior Class



Silver Leadership Award- Sophomore Class



Silver Leadership Award- Freshman Class



Johnson Places 4th in MO Fairs & Festival Speech Contest

Junior member, Ella Johnson, finished in 4th place in the Missouri Fairs and Festivals speech contest held February 4th, in Osage Beach.

The MO Fairs Public Speaking Contest is designed to develop agriculture leadership, provide for member participation in public speaking activities, and stimulate interest in leadership in general. The final contest is held each year in connection with the MO Fairs Annual Convention scheduled at the Margaritaville Lake Resort Osage Beach, Missouri.



*Senior Division Champions
Carson Samm & Jackson Trout*



*Junior Division Champions
Carder Kreatz & Madison Wolf*

Red, White, & Bags Raises \$1200 For Local Veterans

HONOR - the word has tremendous meaning, especially to those who have sacrificed and whose honor has been deemed worthy. The Veterans of our branches of the military have definitely earned the right to be honored for their service to the citizens of our country. The Chillicothe FFA members understand honor; and in an effort to show their appreciation, held the Red, White, & Bags Cornhole Tournament. Proceeds from this event are honoring Veterans through the Livingston County Veterans Association building fund. The event was held at the MW Jenkins Building on November 13, 2021, at the Litton Agricultural Campus. There were 23 teams participating in the tournament which

raised \$1,200 to help benefit local veterans. The Champion Senior Division team of Carson Samm and Jackson Trout received \$25 Amazon gift certificates and trophies. The 2nd place Senior Division team is Remington Rhodes and Jaiden Rodenberg. The Champion Junior Division Team is Carder Kreatz and Madison Wolf.



Chillicothe FFA Trap Brings Home Another Win

The Chillicothe FFA Trap Team competed on Saturday, November 6, 2021, at the Trenton Trap Range.

The Chillicothe AA Squad of Carson Crawford, Cooper Murphy, Carter Crawford, Lance Clark, Milo Costner and Josh Meservey placed 1st and the A Squad placed 3rd in the monthly competition.

The Area 2 FFA Association Trap League November Results found 6 Chillicothe Team members earning honors in the top ten individuals. Freshman member Timothy Summers placed 2nd with a score of 47, Ethan Cooper tied for 3rd, Carson Crawford placed 6th, Carter Crawford placed 7th, Ethan Davis placed 9th and Maggie Horton placed 2nd in the Ladies Division.



Chillicothe Trap Team Earns 1st at October Area II Competition

The Chillicothe FFA Trap Team competed on Saturday, October 16, 2021, at the Trenton Trap Range. The Area 2 FFA Association Trap League October Results found 5 Chillicothe Team members earning honors in the top ten individuals. Landon Bradley placed 2nd, Ethan Davis tied for 3rd, Wade Horton placed 6th, & Ethan Cooper and Landon Winder found themselves tied at 9th place.

The Chillicothe A Squad placed 1st and the AA Squad placed 4th in the overall team competition.



Chillicothe FFA Trap Team Has Senior Member Place 4th

Chillicothe Trap Team members competed at the Fall Classic Trap Shoot on Saturday, October 9th, at Linn Creek.

The A squad members consisting of Ethan Cooper, Ethan Davis, Porter Ficken, Wade Horton, and Carson Rhodes scored an impressive 452/500 as a team.

Senior team member, Ethan Cooper, placed 4th High FFA Individual overall with a score of 98/100 with three perfect rounds of 25 straight!



Chillicothe FFA takes 1st at September Area II Trap Competition

The Chillicothe FFA Trap Team competed in its first area competition of the year on Saturday, September 11, 2021, at the Trenton Trap Range in Trenton, MO. Chillicothe was represented by six teams comprised of twenty-eight shooters.

Chillicothe A team earned top team with a score of 220, followed in second place by Chillicothe AA team with a score of 202. The Chillicothe B team placed ninth; Chillicothe Freshman B- eleventh; Chillicothe Freshman A- twelfth; and Chillicothe C team placing thirteenth.

In individual competition it was Chillicothe's Carson Rhodes and Ethan Cooper bringing home the top spot with a score of 47/50. Ethan Davis and Wade Horton followed close behind with a score of 45/50. Three other Chillicothe shooters finishing in the Top 10 were Lance Clark- 43/50; Cooper Murphy- 42/50; and Milo Costner- 41/50.

The trap team will have its next competition on Saturday, October 16th.



A Muddy Tradition

By Javon Kille- CHS Chilli-Chatter

One of the first fall activities is FFA's annual Mud Volleyball tournament, which was started in 2013. In its eighth year, the tourney takes place at the Chillicothe Litton Agriculture Center, just a few minutes from the high school, and is organized by all Ag advisors: Mrs. Kretz, Mr. Wolf, Mr. Martin, and Mr. Plattner. This year mud volleyball reached a new attendance record with 27 teams and 162 people.

Mud Volleyball isn't just a muddy mess of fun; it is also a fundraiser. Local businesses chose a mud pit to sponsor. There were six mud pits sponsored at \$100 dollars each. The FFA matched that amount for a total of \$1200 to be donated to the winner's choice. The Mud Volleyball winners this year, the "Back to Back" team, chose the LIVCO Veterans Association.

The "Back-to-Back" team lived up to their name by becoming two-year champs. In an interview with the mud volleyball team, they said they chose the LIVCO Veterans because they wanted to support the veterans. Kinlei Boley, of the "Back-to-Back" team, said their strategy was: "Guys hit the ball hard and the ladies serve." The team enjoyed winning and giving back to the community.



Chillicothe FFA Brings Home Governor's Best Livestock Award

Chillicothe FFA has been named the winner of the Governor's Trophy at the 120th Missouri State Fair.

This distinction is given to the FFA Chapter who's members exhibit the most livestock over all species at the fair.



MSF GRAND CHAMPION MARKET BARROW ANNOUNCED

Connor Keithley, son of Chad and Betsy Keithley, is the exhibitor of the 2021 Grand Champion Barrow at the Missouri State Fair. Connor is from Chillicothe, and is a member of the Chillicothe FFA Chapter. Connor's prize-winning crossbred barrow weighed 225 pounds.

On Aug. 21, Connor will sell his barrow in one of 16 lots offered in the Missouri State Fair Sale of Champions. Proceeds from the annual sale benefit both the winning exhibitors and the Missouri State Fair Youth in Agriculture (YIA) Scholarship Program, administered by the Missouri State Fair Foundation.

Leamer & Summers Earn Grand and Reserve Honors at MO State Fair

Clara Leamer, daughter of Michael and Natalie Leamer, is the exhibitor of the 2021 Grand Champion FFA green beans at the Missouri State Fair. Clara is from Chillicothe, and is a member of the Chillicothe FFA chapter.

Seth Summers, son of Ray and Karma Summers, is the exhibitor of the 2021 Reserve Champion FFA sweetcorn at the Missouri State Fair. Seth is from Chillicothe, and is a member of the Chillicothe FFA chapter.



*Kale Campbell –
Environmental Science & Natural Resources*



*Connor Keithley -
Diversified Crop Production Entrepreneurship*

Kale Campbell & Connor Keithley Named National Proficiency Finalists

The Agricultural Proficiency Awards honor FFA members who, through their supervised agricultural experiences (SAEs), have developed specialized skills that they can apply toward their future careers.

Placement proficiency awards are given to those whose SAEs are related to employment, apprenticeships, or internships at an agribusiness or agriculture-related organization.

Nationally, students can compete for awards in nearly 50 areas ranging from agricultural communications to wildlife management. Proficiency awards are also recognized at local and state levels and provide recognition to members that are exploring and becoming established in agricultural career pathways.

Kale Campbell competed in the area of environmental science and natural resources- entrepreneurship/placement, and was named one of four national finalists for his proficiency area.

Connor Kiethley has been chosen as one of four national finalists in the proficiency area of diversified crop production-entrepreneurship.

National finalists are selected in each proficiency award areas to compete for a national proficiency award.

Proficiency award winners are announced on stage during the National FFA Convention & Expo.



Chillicothe FFA Member, Kaylee Lewis

Lewis Named MO State Fair Queen

Contest 1st Runner-Up

Participants in the Missouri State Fair Queen pageant were judged in multiple areas including interview, speech, talent and evening gown.

Miss 2020 Livingston County, Kaylee Lewis, was named first runner-up and will receive a \$1,000 scholarship. Second runner-up went to Miss Herman FFA, Megan Schneider, who will receive a \$500 scholarship. The third runner-up honor went to Miss Salisbury Steak Festival, Sydney Stundebek, who will receive a \$350 scholarship, and the fourth runner-up honor went to Miss Missouri Cattlewomens, Avery Schiereck, who will receive a \$250 scholarship.



Chillicothe FFA Named National 3 Star Chapter

The National Chapter Award Program is designed to recognize FFA chapters that actively implement the mission and strategies of the organization. These chapters improve chapter operations using the National Quality Chapter Standards (NQCS) and a Program of Activities (POA) that emphasize growing leaders, building communities and strengthening agriculture. Chapters are rewarded for providing educational experiences for the entire membership.

ELIGIBILITY AND APPLICATION

In order to qualify for a state or national award, your chapter must complete at least 15 activities: one for each of the five quality standards in each of the three divisions. Additionally, the chapter must meet the minimum requirements as outlined in the National Quality Chapter Standards.

To compete for state gold, silver or bronze awards, chapters must qualify for the superior chapter award and complete Form II. Chapters use Form II to report goals, plans of action and results/evaluation on three activities for each division. State judges rank the chapters as gold, silver or bronze based on the rubric. Chapters receive a multi-year plaque and yearly plaque inserts, commonly known as spurs, specifying the level achieved each year.

The state's top three gold chapter award winners (or the number equal to 10 percent of the state's total number of chapters, if that number is higher) are eligible to compete for the National FFA Star Chapter Awards.

Chapters that receive a gold rating by their state FFA associations are eligible to compete for National FFA 3-star, 2-star or 1-star ratings. Each chapter that competes for these awards will receive a multi-year plaque and a spur designating their 3-star, 2-star or 1-star rating. They will receive additional spurs for each year they compete and receive a rating from the National FFA Organization. Chapters that receive a national 3-star chapter rating will be eligible to compete for the chapters that receive a national 3-star chapter rating will be eligible to compete for the National Premier Chapter Awards, Models of Excellence and Middle School Models of Excellence Awards.

Livingston County Queen & Princess Candidates



*Livingston County Fair Queen
Rachel Holt*

Rachel Aleris Holt is the 19-year-old daughter of David and Lugenis Corbin of Dawn. Rachel represents the Chillicothe FFA, where she has been a member for 5 years. She has been a member of the Busy Bees 4-H for 6 years. Rachel has graduated from Southwest Livingston Co. R-1 in 2020. She attends North Central Missouri College. Some of Rachel's favorite 4-H projects have been swine, sewing, dogs, Latino cultural arts, and arts and crafts. Special honors while in 4-H include Rookie Livestock Exhibitor, 1st in Showmanship for Dogs, and Grand Champion Market Hampshire Gilt. Rachel's favorite FFA

Contests were Parliamentary Procedure, Creed Speaking, Division II Prepared Public Speaking, and Agronomy. The favorite component of her SAE is her garden that contains both fruits and vegetables. Special FFA honors include 2020-2021 Missouri FFA State Vice-President, Area II FFA President, and Final 6 in State Division II Prepared Public Speaking. Rachel's school and community activities include 1st All Conference Cheer Squad, Gold Rank in National Star Events 2016-2018, National Qualifier in FBLA Introduction to Public Speaking 2018, National Qualifier in FBLA Public Speaking 2019, and Church Worship Team Member. Some of Rachel's special talents and interests include North Central Missouri

College Golf Team Member, Public Speaking, Performing in Live Country Music Shows, Fishing, and Exploring New Places. When asked why she has chosen to be involved in 4-H and/or FFA, she said "I chose 4-H and FFA because it was something different. Neither one of my parents were involved in FFA and 4-H. Did I think I would fall in love with these organizations? No I did not. But I found a sense of community and a home away from home within 4-H and FFA."



*Livingston County Fair Queen 1st Runner Up
Ava Gibson*

Ava Elizabeth Gibson is the 18-yearold daughter of Matt and Jill Gibson of Chillicothe. Ava represents the Chillicothe FFA Chapter, where she has been a member for 4 years. She has been a member of the Double H 4-H club for 5 years. Ava graduated from Chillicothe High School in 2021. She plans to attend Northwest Missouri State University in the fall. Some of Ava's favorite 4-H projects have been showing rabbits, dog obedience, art projects, archery, and club meetings. Special honors while in 4-H include 1st place rabbit. Ava has participated

in Diversified Crop Production, Conduct of Chapter Meetings, Meats, and Parliamentary Procedures teams while in FFA. Special FFA honors include 1st place area fall speaking pork producers speech, state finalist proficiency in fiber and oil crop production, and FFA Alumni Scholarship. Ava's school and community activities include CHS Dance team letter, A honor roll, Litton Crusader's club, Junior class vice president, and Student Council. Some of Ava's special talents and interests include dancing, farming with her dad, hunting and public speaking. When asked why she has chosen to be involved in 4-H and/or FFA, she said "After being involved in 4-H going into FFA was a natural progression. FFA interested me because of its mission statement, premier leadership, personal growth and career success. I am so grateful to have been a part of such an organization that has pushed me to better myself and taught me leadership, responsibility and public speaking skills."



*Livingston County Fair Princess 1st Runner Up
Ella Johnson*

Ella Paityn Johnson is the 16-year-old daughter of Kim Williams of Chillicothe. Ella represents the Chillicothe FFA Chapter where she has been a member for 2 years. She has also been a member of the Show-Me 4-H Club for 9 years. Ella has completed the 10th grade at Chillicothe High School. Some of Ella's favorite 4-H projects have been showing pigs, Arts & Crafts, Foods, Woodworking, Quilting. Special honors while in 4-H include Chapter Secretary, Treasurer, and Reporter. Ella has participated in Livestock Judging, Dairy Cattle, Agronomy, and Speech while in FFA. Special FFA honors include Chapter Officer, Chapter Star Award, and Litton Livestock Award. Ella's school and community activities include Volleyball, FCA, FBLA, Student Council, and Academic Letter. When asked why she has chosen to be involved in 4-H and/or FFA, she said "I have chosen 4-H and FFA as an organization to be involved in because I enjoy the challenge of both organizations. I get to meet new people at all of the activities. I learn responsibility by attending activities, completing community service projects and by taking care of my animals. I have gained public speaking and leadership skills that will benefit me throughout my life."



*Livingston County Fair Princess
Bridgett Eller*

Bridgett Malynn Eller is the 15-year-old daughter of David and Sara Eller of Chillicothe. Bridgett represents the Springhill Go-Getters where she has been a member for 11 years. She is also a member of the Chillicothe FFA. Bridgett has completed the 9th grade at Chillicothe High School. Some of Bridgett's favorite 4-H projects have been Archery and Quilting. She was the 2019 Junior Princess. Special FFA honors include serving as Assistant Historian, being selected to

participate at the Hy-Max Academy, and competing in Conduct of Chapter Meetings and receiving 1st place at area, district and participating in the State contest. Bridgett's school and community activities include dancer at Ballet Arts, member of CHS Stingettes Dance Team, member of CHS Student Council, and playing percussion in the CHS Band and Marching Hornets. Some of Bridgett's special talents and interests include dancing, spending time with family, camping, archery, hunting and fishing, as well as working at Danner Park concessions and Francine's Pastry Parlor. When asked why she has chosen to be involved in 4-H and/or FFA, she said "I've chosen to be active in 4-H because it gives you great opportunities to try something new, meet new people, and develop leadership skills I can carry with me in the school and community organizations I'm currently in. 4-H will help me be a better leader through the rest of my educational career and future. 4H is not only fun, but has built my confidence level through meetings, demonstrations, various projects and events."