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Budget Proposal To Close Units At WERDCC

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According to a recent press release from the state Department of Corrections, the women's prison in northeast Missouri's Vandalia could have about half of its housing units permanently closed.

Trevor Foley, with the Missouri DOC, says Gov. Mike Parson's new state budget proposal would make the change. Gov. Parson's proposed \$34.1 billion budget for the fiscal year beginning in July includes about \$802 million for the Department of Corrections.

During a state House Budget Committee hearing last week that some of the inmates at the Women's Eastern Reception, Diagnostic and Correctional Center in Vandalia have already been transferred to the women's prison in northwest Missouri's Chillicothe. That move was previously confirmed by the Tribune.

"No one has lost their jobs, there's been no layoffs," he says. "And we have significant capacity in our female beds. Our other female institution is probably arguably our best staffed institution in the state. So, we were able to consolidate spots into that facility and close roughly half of this one."

Karen Pojmann, media relations for the DOC previously stated that the Vandalia prison has been suffering staffing shortages and the

change makes the environment safer for staff and inmates.

Missouri's current women's prison population is about 1,800 but the state has the capacity to hold about 3,000. The Vandalia institution's current population is roughly 772. Chillicothe Correctional Center's is about 1,050.

Within the past year, the clothing factory at the Vandalia prison was also closed and is in the process of moving to a men's prison in eastern Missouri's Pacific.

Vocational (career and tech) education programs, higher education programs and special programs will continue at Vandalia. Adult basic education, special education and high school equivalency test preparation will be offered only at Chillicothe.

"Essentially, this means Vandalia won't house women who haven't yet earned high school diplomas. The primary reason for this change isn't related to cost saving; it's driven by the difficulty in filling academic teacher positions in the Vandalia area. Because we have space at Chillicothe, it's much more efficient to move women who need adult basic education to a location where the services are sustainable and staff are available," says Pojmann.

The full year savings from the permanent closure of 981 general population beds at Women's Eastern Reception, Diagnostic and Correctional Center in Vandalia opened in 1998.

lion and 95 full-time equivalent jobs. The department wants the savings, along with other savings the department has found, to be reinvested in:

- Pay plans – market minimums for DOC staff and a DOC recruitment increase the governor announced in his State of the State address

- An expansion of the Division of Probation & Parole's Officer Safety and Arrest Pilot program, including training and equipment for probation and parole officers

- Conversion of the former Crossroads Correctional Center in Cameron into a training academy, where custody staff can train in a setting similar to the setting in which they'll be working

- A learning management system for staff training, using online modules

- An expansion of the department's heavy equipment crew. The crew members complete construction projects within the prison system.

Pojmann says temporary housing unit closures for maintenance projects and staffing shortages may continue as needed, but she continues to claim there are no other permanent closures planned.

The Women's Eastern Reception, Diagnostic and Correctional Center in Vandalia opened in 1998.



Blue Star Memorial Marker To Be Installed At Visitor's Center

Members of the Clarksville Garden Club began a sponsorship last November to install a Blue Star Memorial Marker at the new Visitors Center in Bowling Green.

The Blue Star Memorial Marker program of the National Garden Clubs, Inc. began in 1945 to honor the men and women serving in the Armed Forces during WWII.

The Blue Star Memorial Program grew to extend thousands of miles across the continental U.S., Alaska and Hawaii. All men and women who have served, are serving or will serve in the Armed Forces are included. Markers continue to be dedicated each year on highways, Veteran's facilities, National Cemeteries, parks and civic and historic sites.

At present, the Clarksville Garden Club is hoping to install a Blue

Star Memorial Marker in 2021. The Clarksville Garden Club continues to seek donations for this project. The cost will run around \$2000. Some funds have been donated, and the Garden Club wishes to thank all who have donated to date, but the Club is still in need of additional funds to complete the project.

If you would like to donate to this project, please make checks payable to: Clarksville Garden Club. Mail your donations to the Clarksville Garden Club, Joe Pridgeon, treasurer, 10151 Pike 9127, Frankford, MO 63441. All monies donated go specifically to this project. If you would like more information on this project or Clarksville Garden Club membership, please contact Joyce Lewis, president at: 636-443-5188 or Joe Pridgeon, treasurer at: 636-544-5999.

New Program Helps NECAC Clients With Job Training Options

Bruce Nokes has seen the success of a new employment training program offered by the not-for-profit North East Community Action Corporation (NECAC).

The Bowling Green man is one of the first clients participating in Expand Your Employability. The EYE program, as it's called, helps participants find employment and breakdown barriers people face in getting a job.

"I've had two interviews in two weeks," said Nokes, who has been unemployed for a year. "That's a pretty good average in my book."

EYE began in January, and is an expansion of the NECAC SkillUp Program. Participants must meet income guidelines and cannot receive food stamps. Employment Services Coordinator Kirsten White meets with interested clients after they've been referred by NECAC County Service Coordinators.

"I try to get a feel of what they're looking for," White said. "Is there something they're interested in that they may not have thought of?"

White directs participants' focus and steers them toward a suitable career path. It's a work-at-your-own-pace program. White meets with clients or talks with them when needed, usually every week or two.

"It depends on their situation," she said. "Most I've met with are pretty eager and are ready to get back to work."

White conducts mock job interviews, helps clients prepare resumes, cover letters and other documentation, and builds a profile on job search websites. Nokes was able to get new clothing through the program.

"The mock interview helped me out," he said. "It gave me a better insight on how to answer questions

pertaining to the job."

White covers Pike, Marion, Ralls, Lewis and Montgomery counties. Additional NECAC personnel will administer the program in other counties of the agency's service area. White has seen progress with three EYE clients and two SkillUp participants she's met with since the first of the year.

"I'm pleased because with every new client you learn something new about the person," she said. "It's kind of fun to see it build from the ground up."

Funding for the programs comes from the federal Community Services Block Grant through the U.S. Department of Health and Human

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Orschlen Sells

A northern Missouri company that operates more than 150 stores in the Midwest is under new ownership.

Tractor Supply Company has acquired Moberly-based Orschlen Farm and Home in a reported 297-million-dollar deal.

Oorschlen operates 61 stores across rural Missouri, including locations in Canton, Shelbina, Monroe City, Louisiana and Bowling Green.

Tractor Supply's website describes itself as the largest rural lifestyle retail store chain in the nation. Tractor Supply operates in 49 states, including a location in the Huck Finn Shopping Center in Hannibal.

This service of listing all obituaries in today's paper, for any funeral home, is sponsored by McCoy & Blossom Funeral Homes

OBITUARIES

Charles L. Bartison, 85, Vandalia

Lonnie Jean Terry, 85, Vandalia

Brian Thomas Shelton, 60, Troy

Dr. Steven Peter Goetz, 58,

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John Hubert Detzen, 82, Frankford

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Pictured is Sherman Overton fighting Eldridge Thompson in the 25th Annual

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James M. Lederle

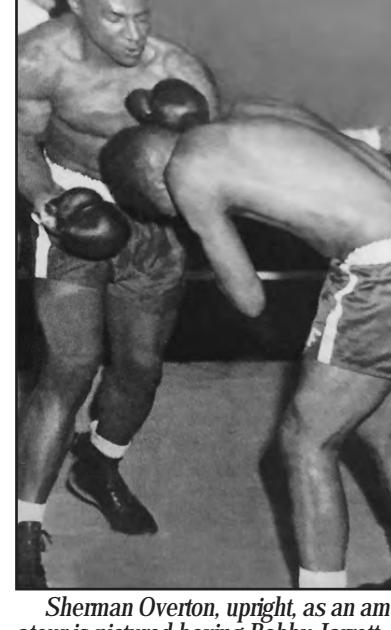
Police Pursuit Ends In Illinois With Police Shooting

Pike County, Ill., Sheriff, David Greenwood, released a statement describing a pursuit from Louisiana which ended with an officer involved shooting in Pleasant Vale Township

During the early morning hours of Saturday, Feb. 20, the Pike County Sheriff's Department was requested to assist the Louisiana Police Department in a vehicle pursuit that had crossed into Illinois.

The pursuit ended on 236th Street off of State Highway 96 in Pleasant Vale Township. Following the pursuit, James M. Lederle of Louisiana was shot by a Louisiana police officer. Lederle sustained a non-life-threatening injury and refused medical treatment at the scene. Lederle is being lodged in the Pike County Illinois Jail pending extradition to Missouri. Lederle is also wanted on a Pike County, Ill., warrant and a parole warrant out of Missouri.

This investigation is still ongoing and is being investigated by the Pike County Sheriff's Department with assistance from Illinois State Police Crime Scene Investigations.



Sherman Overton, upright, as an amateur is pictured boxing Bobby Jarrett.

Photo contributed by Vandalia Area Historical Society

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COMMUNITY NEWS

Community Calendar...

Submit upcoming events by calling 324-6111 or toll-free 888-324-9636
or e-mail to: peoplestribune@sbcglobal.net

On Feb. 26: Fish Fries, American Legion post 370, 420 Kelly Lane, Louisiana. Eat-in or carry-out, 5-7 p.m. March 5, 12, 19, 26, and April 2.

Rep. Chad Perkins Capitol Report

It was a shortened week at the capitol due to the weather, but we passed some important legislation that will help bring skilled veterans to Missouri by allowing veterans to use the skills they obtained in the military to more easily find jobs in the private sector and a bill that protects citizens contact information. This bill is meant to prevent individuals and organizations from obtaining contact information of members of the public to use for their own purposes such as political campaigning.

House Approves License Reciprocity for Skilled Veterans (HB 476)

This week the members of the Missouri House continued their efforts to make Missouri an attractive location for military members and their families to live and work.

The legislation builds on the efforts made by the legislature in 2020 to allow professionals to move to Missouri and to continue working in their professions without delay. HB 2046 set up a universal license recognition system that allows professionals licensed in other states to come to Missouri and enter the workforce. HBs 1511 and 1452 removed the barriers that impede military spouse licensure and allows them to practice their occupation as long as they hold a valid current license issued by another state or territory of the United States.

The sponsor said his bill will allow skilled veterans to "quickly and easily obtain a license and immediately plug into our state economy here and become productive citizens of the state." Specifically, the legislation would include a Military Occupational Specialty as a type of licensure when applying for licensure in Missouri in the same occupation under Missouri's Reciprocity Laws. In effect, it would treat military occupation specialties the same as an out-of-state license. Licensing boards in Missouri could still limit the scope of a license provided through the bill if the training and professional requirements are different between the military and civilian positions.

House Approves Bill to Improve Local Government Transparency (HB 271)

Legislation that is now on its way to the Senate would create a database that allows taxpayers to search expenditures and payments received and made by counties and municipalities. The bill would create the Missouri Local Government Expenditure Database, which would be an easy to use, downloadable database housed on the Missouri Accountability Portal.

The bill is meant to improve transparency by providing public access to local government expenditure data. The database would be maintained by the Office of Adminis-

stration and would include extensive information about a given municipality's or county's expenditures and the vendors to whom payments were made.

The sponsor of the bill said the database will be beneficial to taxpayers who can see how their dollars are spent, but will also provide benefits to municipalities. He said, "I think it's really a beneficial thing for the cities in the long run to do this because they're going to find out that they're going to be able to use that information to their advantage to help make the city or the county more effective."

A municipality or county may voluntarily participate in the database, or may be required to participate through a petition process used

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- Sherry Campbell-Corner

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- Danielle Brown

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- Barbara Scherer-Goetz

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"My husband lived one half day in hospice care and then expired. What care he received, what I learned, and the support I have had since, has been excellent. I recommend you to everyone. God's blessing to all. Love in Christ, Carlene Harpole"

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From The Mayor's Desk...

The Down Town Revitalization Committee, led by Tracy Brookshier and her volunteers, continue in their fantastic efforts to bring businesses and activities back into our historic courthouse and square.



JIM ARICO, MAYOR
CITY OF BOWLING GREEN

Wouldn't it be fantastic to fill some of our empty stores surrounding the courthouse and downtown! In city growth, mayors look at economic generators. Mayors ask,

"What are the needs and desires of our community and how can we attract and meet those needs." Bowling Green offers: our courthouse, the Champ Clark Honey Shuck House, Champ's statue, Bowling Green's beautiful war memorials, our library, and the Bowling Green Pike County Genealogy and Museum.

When many young families move into a community, they look for "cultural activities." People like to eat out and we have Forever Primitives, Spring Hollow Coffee, and Meme's Pantry around or just off the Square. For women's shopping, there is Gypsy Soul and Ann Layne Boutique. For your pets there is Pawsitively Pampered Pets and hair styling and cuts occur at Gypsy Soul and Hair We Are. Ink Therapy and Body Piercing for tattoos and piercing. Bowling Green has a flower shop, Bouquet Florist and Gift Shop, an accounting office of Craig Bowen LLC and CPA.

Other downtown businesses are: Bowling Green Pharmacy, Bowling Green Counseling and Consulting, Calvert's General Insurance, Pike County Mutual Insurance, and JLev Life for yoga and meditation. Hope Center and the Pike County Resale Shop help provide items to assist people.

Bowling Green is also very fortunate to have not only one but two excellent newspaper publishers in the Bowling Green Times and The People's Tribune.

Mayors also look at what else

would attract families, artists, entrepreneurs, and investors to their downtown cities. Mayors look for opportunities for youth. The khoury league board has already started meetings and I will be talking to Rhonda at the health department and hoping for a baseball, softball, and soccer season this spring and summer.

Our youth need involvement and socialization as well as applying and sharpening their skill sets! The plan to open the city's swimming pool is still being organized and we have a potential manager and a few applications for lifeguards. It was a tremendous success last year. Rebecca G. and her crew did an outstanding job!

Black History Month continues and there are so many amazing contributions and influences from the African-Americans/Blacks that impacted not only the United States but the world. It's exciting to open our minds and experiences and when we do, we learn, appreciate, and grow. Let's be a community that welcomes and embraces new ideas and revelations of possibilities for our future.

Thanks to Alliance for keeping our fresh water and water treatment facilities up and running through this frigid cold and snow! Thank you also for cleaning our snow-covered streets.

Looking down the road on Business 61, there is a concern about pedestrians walking on the road over the railroad tracks. There have been near misses of children and walkers. Bowling Green, Pike County Commissioners, and MODOT are seeking funds for safety measures for future improvements. More details as they become approved.

Next general meeting of the board of aldermen and women is March 1 at 5:30. The public is welcomed and we desire to hear from you or to inform you on how your city is being run. Yes, streets are still a major concern!

Grant To Help Teach Computer Coding Skills To Rural Students

Ninety-seven percent of children and adolescents play at least one hour of video games each day, according to the American Psychological Association. Meeting children where they are to encourage interests in science, technology, engineering and mathematics, or STEM, may be the key to prepare students for potential STEM careers in the modern workforce.

To teach one of the most crucial skills needed for STEM careers — computer coding — the Enhancing Missouri's Instructional Networked Teaching Strategies (eMINTS) National Center will use a \$3.9 million grant to help rural Missouri school districts teach fifth grade students how to create video games that teach computer coding skills at the same time.

"Not only is STEM education a big push in the educational landscape right now, but we also need to figure out how to motivate and excite students to want to learn more

about these topics," said Carla Chaffin, the grant's primary investigator and instructional consultant with the eMINTS National Center, which is housed in the University of Missouri's College of Education. "This grant will allow students to create their own video games and simulations that align with math and science curriculum while teaching computer coding skills."

The project will partner with 47 schools throughout rural Missouri in school districts with high percentages of students on free and reduced lunch programs. Coaching and technological support will be provided by eMINTS to teachers at the partner schools, and computers will be provided by Kansas City Audio-Visual.

"Our overall goal is to use technology appropriately to help students learn more effectively," said Tad Brinkerhoff, director of the eMINTS National Center. "However, the technology is just a tool, and the

instructional model we use is the real key. If we can teach students a transferrable skill, we can spark their interest in STEM topics while allowing them to have fun and enjoy school at the same time."

Chaffin added teaching young students to be problem solvers and develop critical thinking skills will benefit them as they mature and eventually enter the workforce.

"By exposing students to these opportunities to create and learn, hopefully they will be excited about potentially pursuing careers in STEM later down the road," Chaffin said. "We want them to enjoy coming to school and to be engaged so their motivation for learning continues during the course of their life-time."

Missouri schools interested in this project can find more information here. Funding for the grant was provided by the U.S. Department of Education.

Applications Open For Missouri Century Farms

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University of Missouri Extension, the MU College of Agriculture, Food and Natural Resources, and Missouri Farm Bureau sponsor the program.

To qualify, the same family must have owned the farm for 100 consecutive years. The line of ownership from the original settler or buyer may be through children, grandchildren, siblings, and nephews or nieces, including through marriage or adoption. The farm must be at least 40 acres of the original land acquisition and make a financial contribution to the overall farm income.

"Family farms have been among our most vital partners since the founding of extension more than 100 years ago," said MU Vice Chancellor for Extension and Engagement Marshall Stewart. "The Century Farm program is one way we express our gratitude to those who have contributed so much to Missouri agriculture."

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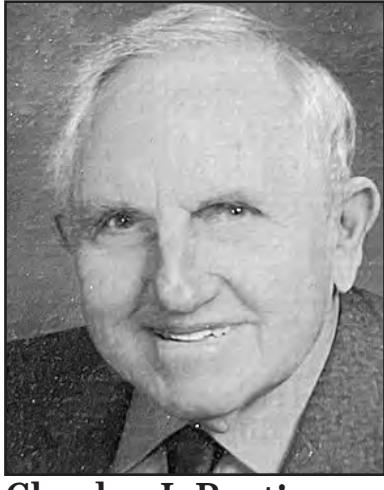
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OBITUARIES



Charles L. Bartison

Charles L. Bartison, 85, of Vandalia died Monday, Feb. 15, 2021, at The Neighborhoods by TigerPlace Skilled Nursing facility in Columbia.

Due to COVID-19 private family services were at Waters Funeral Home. Pastor Jamie Franke officiated. Burial was in Vandalia Cemetery.

Funeral arrangements are under the direction of Waters Funeral Home in Vandalia.

Charles was born Nov. 14, 1935, in Monticello, Ill., the son of Charles P. Bartison and Beulah White Bartison Culwell. He was united in marriage to Sandra J. Larimore Bartison on Nov. 15, 1959 in Bement, Ill. She preceded him in death on Dec. 13, 2017.

Survivors include his three daughters, Heather A. Noe and husband, Kendall of Columbia, Andrea L. Rose and husband, Paul of Olathe, Kan., Amber M. Hawk and husband, Brandon of Sheridan; six grandchildren, Esther, Abby and Sam Rose; JoLynn, Jane and Jack Charles (JC) Hawk; also survived by several nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents, wife, and one brother, Warren Bartison.

Charles was a devoted member of First Christian Church. He served as an elder, deacon, Sunday School teacher, and VBS teacher. He drove his van for kids to get them to church camp and to help church members get to church services and other appointments; some people called him "Uber Charlie." He was also known for dressing up for church; he liked to wear a suit and tie and look his best. There were many summers that he and a few other men volunteered to help cook lunch at church camp. He was a strong supporter of Shiloh Christian Children's Ranch where he donated pork to feed the children. He was a member of the Mexico camp of Gideons International and was involved in distributing Bibles. In most of those activities, his wife, Sandra, was usually involved; they worshipped together at church and through service to others.

Charles was an amazingly committed husband. He was devoted to Sandra and did not speak a harsh word about her. His example set a high bar for the future husbands of his daughters. After Sandra's accident he was committed to providing her excellent care and did so for 10 years until her passing. He was extremely proud of his daughters who became school teachers; he and Sandra instilled a love of learning in them. Known as Papaw Charlie to his grandchildren, he absolutely adored being a grandpa. He loved to play with them, read to them, share stories and shower them with gifts.

He never met a stranger and anyone that talked with him for very long knew about Sandra, his girls, and grandchildren. Charles was a humble man and would not boast of his deeds but loved to brag about his daughters' and his grandchildren's accomplishments. He loved to socialize over a cup of coffee at Dairy Queen or over a meal with his friends at The Junction. He was known to barbecue pork burgers for family and friends and on occasion compete to see who could eat the most of them. He could connect with people of any age and people felt compelled to share with him because they knew he cared. He had a unique ability to bond with young people and his daughters' friends loved him. This gift allowed him to serve in many ways teaching Sunday school (to children of different ages and to adults), to serving on the Van-Far School Board, being a bell ringer for the Salvation Army, hosting the annual Renner dinner at church one year (with Sandra's help), handing out Bibles on MU's campus, visiting the ill in the hospital, teaching at church camp with Kendall and Heather, and so many other ways.

He had a love for farming. He loved being on the farm and hated being in the hospital or nursing home away from it. He loved to ride around and check on the crops. He enjoyed the solitude of riding on the tractor or combine for hours. He loved raising hogs. And he loved sharing that with others even bringing a piglet or two to his daughters' kindergarten classes. He was a generous neighbor. He loaned equipment to them, helped them in their fields and shared his past experiences as helpful advice. He was humbled to be the recipient of their help in May 2007 when they planted his fields so that he could stay with Sandra in the ICU; something he never forgot.

He was a strong believer in education. While he never succeeded past high school he never stopped learning.

ing. He continually kept up with new advancements in farming. And he had a childlike wonder about God's creation which led to his love of farming. He could always see how God was infused in world events; he tied current events to his Sunday school lessons. He studied to be an assessor. He was proud to have served on the school board to support the schools.

Prior to becoming a father, Charles was in the Army National Guard. He served for 10 years. He was proud of his service but never considered himself a veteran because he did not serve in combat; he revered those that did. He also worked at Hercules Chemical Works in Louisiana, but quit after becoming a dad.

Pallbearers were Kendall Noe, Paul Rose, Brandon Hawk, Scott Bartison, Kevin Williams, and Nick Johnston. Honorary pallbearers were Sam Rose, Jack Charles (JC) Hawk, Andrew Bartison, and Matthew Bartison.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Shiloh Christian Children's Ranch or The Gideons International, c/o Waters Funeral Home.

Online condolences may be made to the family and video tribute viewed on Charles memorial page at www.watersfuneral.com.



Lonnie Jean Terry

Funeral services for Lonnie Jean Terry, 85, of Vandalia, were at 2 p.m., Saturday at Bienhoff Funeral Home in Vandalia with the Rev. Bob Balwanz officiating. Burial was in Farber Cemetery.

Visitation was from noon until the time of the service at the funeral home.

Mrs. Terry died Sunday, Feb. 14, 2021 at Country View Nursing Facility in Bowling Green.

She was born in Benton City on April 28, 1935, the daughter of Lonie and Charity Angeline Meeks-Morgan Owen. She married Charles Franklin Terry in Mexico on June 25, 1954. He preceded her in death on Jan. 17, 1992.

Survivors include two sons, Chris Terry and wife, Brenda of Laddonia and Brad Terry of Moberly; 11 grandchildren, Eric Parks, Courtney James, David Terry, Amber Terry, Gabe Terry, Braxton Terry, Robyn Terry, Liana McCauley, Kelli Wilson, Destiny Hardey, and Rebecca Terry; 12 great-grandchildren; and one great-great-grandchild.

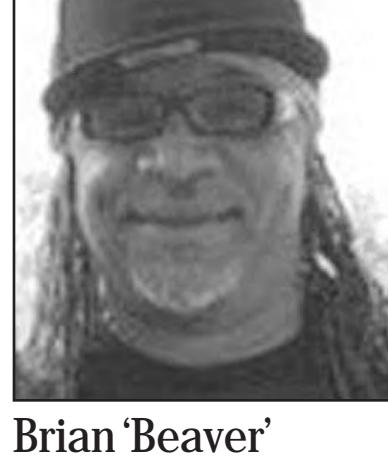
She was preceded in death by one daughter, Theresa Hudson; one son, Brian Terry; four sisters, Frances E. Quisenberry, Charity Vance, Lela Hull and Wanda Spires; and two brothers, William Giles and Gilbert Giles.

Mrs. Terry was a lifetime resident and member of Farber Presbyterian Church. She enjoyed playing bingo, collecting antiques and going to auctions. She loved spending time with her children and grandchildren.

Pallbearers were David Terry, Eric Parks, Keith Pease, Jimmy Robinson, William McCauley and Austin Parks. Honorary pallbearers were Braxton Terry and Amber Terry.

Memorial contributions may be made to Farber Presbyterian Church or the Farber Cemetery, c/o Bienhoff Funeral Home, P.O. Box 54, Vandalia, MO 63382.

Online condolences may be made at www.bienhofffuneralhome.com.



Brian 'Beaver'

Thomas Shelton

Brian "Beaver" Thomas Shelton, 60, of Troy died Friday, Feb. 12, 2021, at Mercy-Hospital St. Louis.

He was born Dec. 31, 1960 in Troy to Thomas "Smooth" and Bertha "Sue" Shelton. Beaver attended the local schools along with his siblings, Doug, Sylvia and Michael. He was blessed with three children, Summer, Cameron and Jordan. Beaver always loved to joke, and cut up, and he always wore a big smile. He will be remembered lovingly by his family and

friends.

He is survived by his family, three children, Summer Shelton and Eddie Ramatowski Shelton of Troy, Cameron Shelton of Troy, Jordan Christine of Troy, siblings, Doug Shelton and wife, Margaret of Bowling Green, Sylvia Shelton of Troy, Michael Shelton and wife, Lynette of Troy, fiancée, Cindy Riffle of Elsberry; as well as many nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

Beaver was preceded in death by his parents, Thomas "Smooth" and Bertha "Sue" Shelton.

He will be sadly missed and long remembered by all those who knew and loved him. Friends and family are welcome to sign the on-line register book at mccoyblossomfh.com.



Dr. Steven Peter

Goetz

Dr. Steven Peter Goetz, 58, of Coralville, Iowa and formerly of Mason City, Iowa died Tuesday, Feb. 16, 2021 after a valiant 23-month battle with an aggressive bladder cancer, never once wavering in his faith in our Lord Jesus Christ.

There will be no public visitation. A funeral Mass for friends and co-workers was held in Mason City, Iowa Monday. A second funeral Mass for family and friends, followed by burial in the church cemetery will be held at St. Clement Catholic Church in Bowling Green Saturday at 10:30 a.m. Church will be open at 9:30 a.m., for quiet reflection and prayer time. Rosary will be recited at 10 a.m. COVID-19 masks would be appreciated by family.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to

Dr. Steven Goetz and Barbara Scherer-Goetz Laboratory Medicine/Nursing Scholarship c/o Mercy One North Iowa Foundation.

Scherer Bros. Agricultural Scholarship c/o Isadore Raphael Charitable Fund

St Clement Catholic Church Bowling Green

Any local charity that supports feeding the hungry, assisting the elderly or homeless, or protecting the unborn.

Dr. Goetz was born in St. Louis to Dr. Peter Joseph Goetz and Anne Schefell Goetz on Sept. 13, 1962. He was a 1980 graduate of Lindbergh High School and 1984 graduate of Washington University, both in St. Louis, where he received a bachelor of arts degree in biology. He then attended the University of Missouri College of Medicine where he obtained his doctorate of medicine. It was there that he met the woman of his dreams many years after telling his mother as a little boy that someday he would marry a brown-haired, blue-eyed nurse.

He was united in marriage to that nurse, Barbara Jean Scherer, on Sept. 24, 1988 at St. Clement Catholic Church in Bowling Green.

From 1988-91, he completed a Clinical and Anatomical Pathology Residency at the University of Iowa, then completed a Surgical Pathology Fellowship there in 1993.

In 1993, he moved his wife and son to Mason City, Iowa and joined Drs. Dale Andres and David Sloan as a Pathologist at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital. In 1996 he became a full partner with them, and they incorporated their business, Pathology Associates of Mason City, LLC. That time began an era of major growth in the medical practice that grew across North Central Iowa where they ultimately took over laboratory management of nine hospitals and many Clinic Laboratories and eventually added two additional physicians to the partnership.

In 1997, Dr. Goetz attended a forensics training course at St. Louis University and became a deputy medical examiner for Cerro Gordo and Worth Counties. In 2005, he became the chief pathologist and medical laboratory director of Mercy Medical Center North Iowa, now known as Mercy One, along with assuming senior management of the partnership and chief medical examiner duties.

During his career, he served on many committees and held many Officer positions on local, regional, and state levels, including founding member and president of the Iowa Association of Medical Examiners, president of the Iowa Association of Pathologists, and Lab Inspector and Team Leader for the College of American Pathologists.

Dr. Goetz was passionate about teaching and mentoring. He was an adjunct assistant professor of specialty medicine for Des Moines University, teaching pathology to osteopathic and podiatry students. He was part of the three-year accreditation team for the Mercy Cancer Cen-

ter and served as chairman of the Institutional Review Board and the Breast Cancer Task Force, and served as a member of the Clinical Quality Control Council, the Joint Oncology Committee and the North Central Cancer Treatment Group through Mayo Clinic.

In March of 2019, at the age of 56, Dr. Goetz was diagnosed with an atypical, aggressive stage IV bladder cancer, the same cancer that claimed the life of his father in 1996 at the age of 67. He continued working part-time until December 2019 when it was discovered that the cancer had spread to his brain. At that time, he chose to retire, closing the chapter on a fulfilling medical career and relocating to Coralville, Iowa to be closer to family.

In his spare time, he enjoyed attending his children's activities, the Performing Arts Series, Community and Children's Theater, woodworking, home renovations, rollerblading, volunteering with his wife, traveling one week each winter to scuba and snorkel in the Caribbean and Mexico, and boating and relaxing at the Lake of the Ozarks.

As he aged, his love of the Lord and his Catholic faith deepened. He spent countless hours reading and studying scripture, exploring the lives of the saints, studying church doctrine, and praying the Holy Rosary and the Chaplet of Divine Mercy daily with his wife.

He is survived by his best friend and loving wife, Barbara; his mother, Anne Goetz, St. Louis; two sons, Dr. Casey Goetz and wife, Dr. Jenna Tinggle Goetz, Wentzville, and Sawyer Goetz, Coralville, Iowa; a daughter, Dr. Emily Goetz and Abraham Vysocky, Des Moines, Iowa; sisters, Catherine Lietzow, Christine Jones, Carol Kopsky and husband, David and Cheryl Sullivan and husband, Mike, all of the St. Louis area.

He is also survived by his wife's family, mother-in-law, Joyce Scherer; brothers-in-law, Kenneth Scherer and Angie Barton, and Kevin Scherer and wife, Lisa, all of Bowling Green; sister-in-law, Ellen Stanko and husband, Mark, St. Louis;

as well as a lifelong best friend, Mark Doerner of Gerald; a host of extended family, friends, and his Mercy One and Pathology Associates of Mason City colleagues who he considered a great privilege to work side by side with every day of his career.

He was preceded in death by his father, Dr. Peter J. Goetz and father-in-law, Harry J. Scherer; and grandparents, Peter and Barbara Goetz and Matthias and Theresa Scheffel.

At the onset of his cancer diagnosis, he said that if his suffering could bring one person to the Lord, it would be worth it. Indeed, he far exceeded that one person.

Well done, good and faithful servant. Go share in your Master's happiness! Matthew 25:23.

John Hubert Detjen

John Hubert Detjen aka Doc, Jack, Mad Jack, and Pop died Wednesday, Feb. 10, 2021 at the age of 82. He lived in Frankford.

He will be honored at a ceremony at Jefferson Barrack's Cemetery with immediate family.

A Celebration of Life will be held, at a date to be announced later.

He attended Maplewood High School, he served in United States Navy for four years, National Guard for 10 years.

He worked at McDonald Douglas for 30 years and retired. He then worked at Yellowstone National Park for 15 years. He worked part-time for the Missouri Department of Conservation for a few years.

John loved wildlife/nature. He hunted, fished, canoed, camped, and held a private pilot's license for several years.

He was a charter member of the Missouri Big Bucks Club and later was an official measurer for Missouri Big Bucks, Pope and Young, and Boone and Crockett.

He is survived by his brothers, Kenneth Detjen and wife, Judy and Herbert Detjen; his wife for many years, Jessie Detjen; four children, Starletta and Mark Polster, John Joseph and wife, Judy, Byron, and Michele Detjen; grandchildren, John Hunter and Cheyenne Detjen and Brock and Taylor Elldredge. He had four great-grandchildren, Morgan (Rose), Chloe, Lillian, and John Jeremiah Detjen. Also surviving are nieces and nephews.

He is preceded in death by his parents, John James and Gladys Huber Detjen, and a nephew, Kenneth Joseph Detjen.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Pike County Meals on Wheels.

Mary Bess

Sanderson

Mary Bess Sanderson, 95, of Bowling Green died Saturday, Feb. 20, 2021 at Parkside Manor in Bowling Green.

A small memorial service will be held at a later date.

She was born Jan. 9, 1926 in Corso, the daughter of Brower and Georgia Harness Haines.

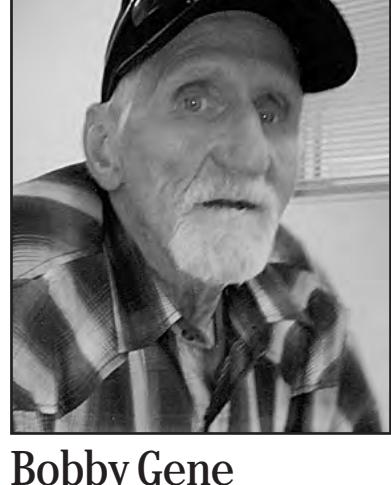
Survivors include her children, Carol Lee Marshall of Bowling Green, Mary Ann Browning and hus-

band, Harold of Quincy, Ill., and Mike Gillum and wife, Mary Beth of Columbia; four grandchildren, Clay and Todd Marshall of Bowling Green, Marianne Jay and husband, Kenny of Hallsville, Amy Patterson and husband, Justin of Unionville; two great-grandchildren, Cort and Ellie Patterson; nephews, Walter and John Northcutt; and step-children, Steve Sanderson and Marlene Kut.

She was preceded in death by her parents; a sister, Virginia Northcutt; husbands, Bobby Gillum and Howard Sanderson; and sons-in-law, Gary Nagel and Jim Marshall.

Memorials may be made to the Community Loving Care Hospice, c/o McCoy-Blossom Funeral Homes & Crematory 701 N Hwy 61, Bowling Green, MO 63334.

Family and friends are welcome to leave condolences on the McCoy-Blossom Funeral Homes & Crematory website at mccoyblossomfh.com.



Bobby Gene Garrison

Bobby Gene Garrison, 72, of Bowling Green died Wednesday, Feb. 17, 2021 at St. John's Hospital in Springfield, Ill.

Funeral services will be 10 a.m., Wednesday at Bibb-Veach Funeral Home in Bowling Green with the Rev. Skip Merkel officiating. Burial will be in Memorial Gardens Cemetery.

Visitation will be Tuesday from 4-7 p.m., at the funeral home.

Bobby was born Dec. 13, 1948 in Alton, Ill. He was joined in marriage to Annabelle Pruitt on Oct. 6, 1967 in Alton, Ill. She preceded him in death on March 2, 2013.

Surviving Bobby is his son, Jason Garrison of Bowling Green; mother, Serena Booker; grandchildren, Kevin Garrison, Jr., Ashley Garrison, Kristine Leeders and husband, David, Jarod Peak and Rachel Jones, Tiffany Cole and husband, Saxton, Jeremy Garrison and Samantha Renner, Janelle (Daniell) Dunn and husband, Daniell, and Bobby Garrison; great-grandchildren, Zayden Cole, Saxton Cole, Jr., Jerry Campbell IV, Braylynn Garrison, Dallas Garrison-Campbell, Jaxtyn Peak, Jace Peak, Brooklyn Garrison, Xavier Leffall, Tyler Grant, and Dante Grant; a brother, Willy; and a sister, Sandy.

Preceding Bobby in death were his wife, Annabelle; and three sons, Bobby, Phillip, and Kevin Garrison.

Bobby grew up in Alton, and attended Al

COMMUNITY NEWS

Cats May Help Increase Empathy, Decrease Anxiety For Kids With Autism

Cats may help increase empathy, decrease anxiety. As a former school nurse in the Columbia Public Schools, Gretchen Carlisle would often interact with students with disabilities who took various medications or had seizures throughout the day. At some schools, the special education teacher would bring in dogs, guinea pigs and fish as a reward for good behavior, and Carlisle noticed what a calming presence the pets seemed to be for the students with disabilities.

Now a research scientist at the MU Research Center for Human-Animal Interaction (ReCHAI) in the MU College of Veterinary Medicine, Carlisle studies the benefits that companion animals can have for families. Although there is plenty of existing research emphasizing the benefits of dogs for children with autism, Carlisle's newest study has found cats may help increase empathy while decreasing separation anxiety for children with autism. The findings can have beneficial implications for families considering adopting a companion animal for

their child.

"Previous research has shown parents of kids with autism are more stressed than parents of kids with any other disability," Carlisle said. "If a family is considering adopting a companion animal, we want to provide the best evidence-based information possible so they can make an informed decision, and cats might be more beneficial than dogs to some families."

In the study, families that had children with autism aged 6-14 were recruited through the MU Thompson Center for Autism and Neurodevelopmental Disorders and monitored after adopting a cat into their home. The cats were screened for temperament to ensure they were calm and a good match for the family. Not only did the families report an instant bond between their child with autism and their new cat, but the bond remained strong over the course of time, and the child's anxiety decreased over time.

"We found the main benefit of these companion animals is their unconditional acceptance," Carlisle said. "Some children with autism

may have sensory issues or be sensitive to loud noises, so a cat may be an appropriate, comforting pet for some families due to their calming presence."

Helping families make the best choice for their kids has motivated Carlisle's research with companion animals, and the study's findings highlight the benefits of human-animal interaction.

"As a former pediatric nurse, I have always strived to help children, and one thing I learned is that you need to involve the parents so they can make informed choices for their children," Carlisle said. "I see pets as a way to enhance wellness, and it feels gratifying to provide assistance to families that have a lot on their plate."

"Exploratory study of cat adoption in families of children with autism: Impact on children's social skills and anxiety" was recently published in the Journal of Pediatric Nursing. Funding for the study was provided by the Human Animal Bond Research Institute and the Winn Feline Foundation.

MU Extension To Provide Zoom Child Care Provider Training

University of Missouri Extension Human Development & Family Science Field Specialists are offering statewide virtual childcare provider trainings via Zoom starting Tuesday, Feb. 23.

Training topics will vary each week. Each class will be offered on Tuesday afternoon and repeated on Thursday evening of the same week to allow participants to choose the day and time that works best for them. Each class will provide two

clock hours of professional development. Those interested must pre-register for the class.

Below is the list of upcoming classes:

February 23 and 25: Staff Retention through Organizational Climate

March 9 and 11: Taking Care of You: Managing Stress & Improving Health in Your Work and Life

March 23 and 25: Building Strong Families: Communication

April 13 and 15: Supporting Children's Grief in Early Childhood Programs

April 27 and 29: Positive Discipline-Getting to Yes

Additional classes will be offered throughout the year.

The trainings will be Tuesdays from 1-3 p.m., and Thursdays from 6:30-8:30 p.m. For training details and registration information visit www.moworkshopcalendar.org or contact your local MU Extension Office.

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B.G. KHOURY LEAGUE REGISTRATION

ALL FEES & REGISTRATIONS DUE BY MARCH 5

**Late registration is open until March 12 with a late fee of \$15 if registered after March 12 **

Cost: \$60/single registration; 2 children \$95;

3+ children \$110 - with a max of \$85 per family

T-ball must be 3-4 by July 31, 2021 - \$35 no deposit

Pitchball must be 5 years old by July 31, 2021 - \$35 plus \$25 non-refundable deposit

Atoms: Aug.-Dec. 2012, 2013

Bantams: Aug.-Dec. 2010, 2011

Midgets: Aug.-Dec. 2008, 2009

Juveniles: Aug.-Dec. 2005, 2006, 2007

Pixies: Jan.-July 2014 Petites Jan.-July 2012

Chics: Jan.-July 2010 Sophomores Jan.-July 2008

Deposit: \$25/family **refundable if one parent of the

regisitree(s) works in the concession stand for one full shift**

Mail registration fee, deposit & birth certificate copy to P.O. Box, Bowling Green, MO 63334 or drop off at B.G. Elementary Office in envelope Attn: Holly Langley

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MONTGOMERY COUNTY REAL ESTATE & PERSONAL PROPERTY AUCTION

SATURDAY, MARCH 13, 2021 AT 10 AM

AUCTION & PROPERTY LOCATION:

106 Johnson St. (Hwy. 161) Middletown, MO

Real estate consist of 2.3 acres of commercial real estate offered in two tracts in Middletown, Mo with frontage and access on Highway 161 (Johnson Street) on the north and Cherry Street all along the east side.

PRE-AUCTION PROPERTY VIEWING

Monday, March 1 from 2 PM to 4 PM

Tract One consist of approximately .95 acre with access on Highway 161 and Cherry Street and lies immediately west of the Quick Stop. It has a 50' x 70' metal frame building that consist of a large reception area with scale house, private office, restroom, parts storage room and L-shaped shop area with three overhead doors.

Tract Two consist of approximately 1.35 acres and will have frontage on Cherry Street and join Tract One on the north. There is a 60' x 80' steel frame open-sided building on this tract that was used for clay storage and a 22' x 17' x 3' concrete retention structure for fuel tanks.



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by its residents. The database would provide expenditure data for each fiscal year beginning on or after December 31, 2022.

Legislation Approved to Protect Information of Private Citizens (HB 362)

A bill approved by the House this week would allow public governmental bodies to protect certain information shared by private citizens.

When a public governmental body receives email addresses and telephone numbers submitted by individuals for the sole purpose of receiving electronic or other communications, the bill allows the body to close the records. The bill also allows public governmental body to close records of utility usage and bill records for customers of public utilities unless the customer requests them or authorizes their release. Additionally, the bill allows a public governmental body to close records related to security and evacuation procedures, including software or surveillance companies that secure the building, for public government property.

Utility Assistance For Low-Income Missourians Expanded

Missourians struggling with their heating bill because of the extreme cold will now have additional help. Gov. Mike Parson recently announced the state's Energy Crisis Intervention Program will offer improved assistance to eligible low-income Missourians.

The Energy Crisis Prevention

Program, which is part of the Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP), assists households when their energy source has been shut off or is at risk of disconnection. The program pays the minimum amount needed on the fuel bill to get the household out of crisis. However, starting this winter, the program will pledge the maximum disconnect amount (up to \$800) toward an eligible participant's owed balance.

Parson said about the improvement to the program, "Since many Missourians remain in crisis for subsequent months, paying only the minimum to keep a low-income household out of crisis tends to prolong the situation. Now, we can make it faster and easier to resolve a household's crisis situation."

In FY2020, Missouri provided \$78.6 million in LIHEAP assistance to over 108,000 households. In addition to meeting the income criteria, low-income Missourians must also meet the following criteria to be eligible for winter heating assistance through LIHEAP:

- Be responsible for paying home heating costs,
- Have \$3,000 or less in bank accounts, retirement accounts, or investments, and
- Be a U.S. citizen or legally admitted for permanent residence.

It is very important for low-income Missourians who have received a disconnect notice or know a disconnect notice is coming to get help now to prevent service disconnection at a later date. To learn more about the LIHEAP program, visit <https://mydss.mo.gov/energy-assistance>.

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ANNUAL SPRING CONSIGNMENT AUCTION

SATURDAY, February 27, 2021 @ 9 a.m.

Allen Auction Sales Lot, 490 S. Hwy. 47, Hawk Point, MO 63349

Directions: Allen Auction Sale's Lot. From Hawk Point, MO, Take Hwy 47 South 2.5 miles, Auction on Left Side. Watch for Signs Day of Auction.

Please Note: We will be checking in machinery Saturday 2/20/2021 from 8-4 & Sunday 2/21/2021 from 9-4. We will also be unloading & checking in machinery all week. Look forward to seeing you!

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COMMUNITY NEWS

MDC Invites Public To Three Virtual Vulture Programs

Vultures are a well-known, but under-appreciated member of the bird world. Few people realize it, but these large, dark-colored birds that many people refer to as "buzzards" perform valuable roles in nature.

The Missouri Department of Conservation (MDC) invites people to learn more about these often-misunderstood birds through three virtual programs on Feb. 27. These programs are the online version of the annual Vulture Venture programs put on by staff at MDC's Shepherd of the Hills Conservation Center. Although many people find vultures disgusting, these birds provide a valuable clean-up service by ridding the environment of dead animals.

The vulture appreciation on Feb. 27 kicks off with the "Meet a Vulture" online program from 10-11 a.m. At this event, staff from Wonders of Wildlife (WOW) in Springfield will partner with Shepherd of the Hills staff to present "Alice," a live captive vulture that will provide people with an up-close view of these beneficial birds. WOW staff will answer questions (through a live

chat feature) about these birds. People can register for this program, which is open to all ages, at: <https://mdc-event-web.s3licensing.com/Event/EventDetails/176203>

Following this program, people can learn more about vultures at the MDC virtual program "Superhero Vultures!" from 1-1:30 p.m. At this program, which is designed for ages 5-10, MDC volunteers and staff will explain to kids how vultures should be considered as "superheroes" of the outdoors because of their fascinating physical characteristics and for the benefits they provide.

Program presenters will share a short story about how vultures help people and will help the group "build" a vulture that will showcase the bird's superpowers. People can register for this program at: <https://mdc-event-web.s3licensing.com/Event/EventDetails/176135>

Though these programs are free, registration through the links above is required to participate. Registrants must provide an e-mail so a program link can be sent to them. All three of the above-mentioned programs will include chat-based question-and-answer periods in which participants can interact with the presenters.

People can find out more about the Feb. 27 vulture programs by calling MDC's Shepherd of the Hills Hatchery Conservation Center at 417-334-4865, extension 0.

MDC's vulture appreciation day will conclude with "Scavengers in the Sky," a virtual program from 3-4 p.m. At this program, MDC Naturalist Bryon Putman will discuss the two types of vultures found in Mis-

souri — turkey and black vultures — and will provide details about the fascinating physical traits that allow them to subsist on a steady diet of dead animal flesh. Putman will also provide some interesting vulture trivia. People can register for this program, which is designed for ages 5 and up, at: <https://mdc-event-web.s3licensing.com/Event/EventDetails/176135>

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Staff at MDC facilities across the state are holding virtual programs. A listing of these can be found at mdc.mo.gov/regions.

MDC Reminds People To Buy 2021 Hunting, Fishing Permits

The Missouri Department of Conservation (MDC) reminds Missouri hunters and anglers that related annual permits expire at the end of February, including 2020 permits for small game, fishing, trout fishing, and combination hunting and fishing.

Buy Missouri hunting and fishing permits from one of many vendors around the state, online at mdc.mo.gov/buypermits, or through MDC's free mobile apps, MO Hunt-

ing and MO Fishing, available for download through Google Play for Android devices or the App Store for Apple devices.

Save time by buying hunting and fishing permits for multiple people in a single transaction. Select the "Additional Customer" option during the permit purchase.

Avoid having to renew permits each year by using MDC's Permit Auto-Renewal Service. It allows customers to enroll eligible permits

in a service that will automatically renew their permits prior to the start of the next season or permit year. The process was designed to ensure customers never have expired permits when they need them most. Learn more at huntnfish.mdc.mo.gov/permits/permit-auto-renewal.

Commercial and lifetime permits can be purchased only through the MDC Permit Services Unit by calling 573-522-0107 for an application.



2021 Dixie National Roll Of Victory (ROV)

Angus Show

Angus exhibitors led 72 entries at the 2021 Dixie National Roll of Victory (ROV) Angus Show, February 14 in Jackson, Miss. Blake Boyd, May's Lick, Ky., evaluated the entries before naming champions.

EXAR Forever Lady 98449 won senior heifer calf champion at the 2021 Dixie National Roll of Victory (ROV) Angus Show, Feb. 14 in Jackson, Miss. Alexis Koedding, Curryville, owns the winning heifer. Photo by Will Harsh, American Angus Association.

Missouri S&T Announces Honor List

Missouri University of Science and Technology announces the names of students who made the honor list for the fall 2020 semester.

To be included on the honor list, students must have carried a minimum of 12 hours and had grade point averages of 3.2 or above out of a possible 4.0.

Area students named were: Bowling Green - Lane Floyd, computer engineering, junior; Blaine Hunt, electrical engineering, junior.

Elsberry - Trevor Anthony, engineering, junior.

Frankford - Jordan Atkinson, economics, senior; Jason Love, computer science, sophomore.

Martinsburg - Christina Arens, chemistry, junior.

Vandalia - Taryn Adam, geology and geophysics, senior.

VOTER REGISTRATION DEADLINE General Municipal Election April 6, 2021

March 10, 2021 is the deadline for NEW registrations.

You must register if you have:

Moved into Pike County or recently turned 18 or will turn 18 on or before March 10, 2021.

If you are already registered in Pike County, your registration will need to be updated if you:

have a name change or moved WITHIN Pike County. You may have a new polling place.

You may register or make changes at the Pike County Clerk's Office, Courthouse, 115 W Main, Bowling Green, MO. Hours are Monday-Friday, 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m. If you have any questions, please call 573-324-2412.

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Missouri S&T Awards

Degree In Virtual Commencement

Approximately 800 students received degrees from Missouri University of Science and Technology at the close of the fall semester. The graduates were honored during a virtual commencement ceremony, hosted on the university's Facebook page on Saturday, Dec. 19. The virtual ceremony allowed the university to adhere to COVID-19 guidelines, which prohibit in-person events with more than 10 participants.

Missouri S&T awards bachelor of science, bachelor of arts, master of science and doctor of philosophy (Ph.D.) degrees.

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bachelor's degree with honors by placing the designation "summa cum laude," "magna cum laude" or "cum laude" on their diplomas. The highest honor, summa cum laude, is awarded to students who have earned a cumulative grade point average (GPA) of 3.8 or above on a 4.0 scale for all courses counting toward the degree. Magna cum laude is the designation for a GPA of 3.5 to 3.79, and cum laude indicates a GPA of 3.2-3.49.

Area graduates include: Frankford - Jordan Atkinson, bachelor of science, economics.

Silex - Anthony Grasso, bachelor of science, mechanical engineering.



Bruce Nokes installs a television mounting at the North East Community Action Corporation (NECAC) Pike County Service Center in Bowling Green. Nokes is one of the first participants in the new NECAC Expanding Your Employability program, which helps participants find employment and breaks down barriers people face in getting a job.

NECAC

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More information about EYE or SkillUp is available by calling

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Quincy University Releases Fall Dean's List

Quincy University released its dean's list for the Fall 2020 semester. Honorees must earn a semester grade point average of at least 3.5 (on a 4.0 scale) to be included in the biannual dean's list.

In total, 361 students received the honor during the Fall 2020 semester. Area students named to the list include: Bowling Green - Rebecca Griffith and Brittany Orf.

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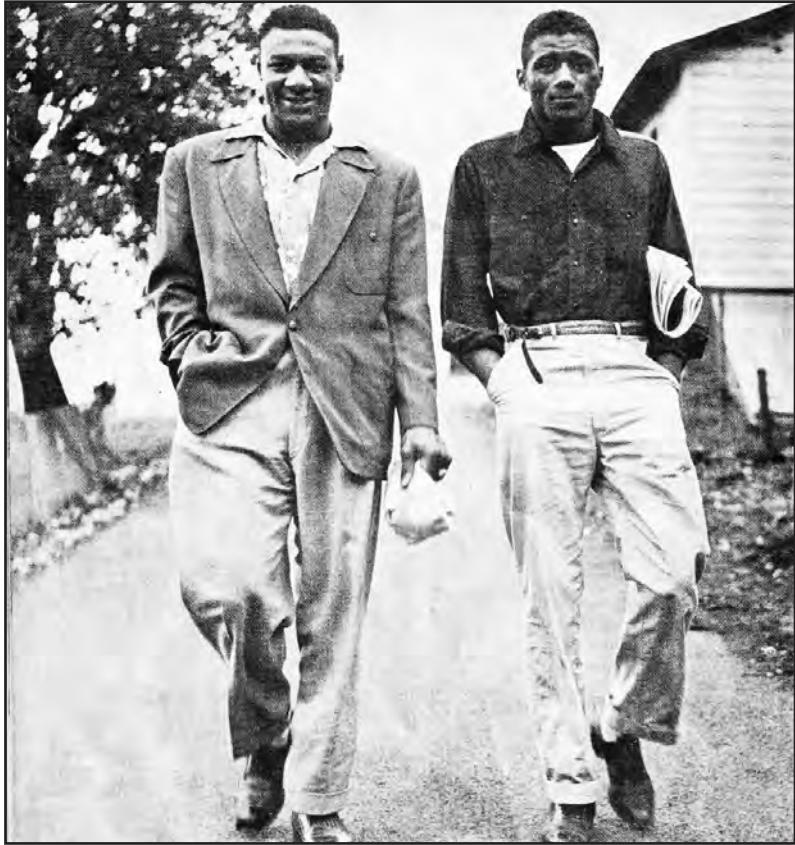
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"One day I heard from Floyd [Patterson]. He needed a fast-sparring partner. A guy who could take a punch and fight back. Would I care to join his camp? Would I? I jumped at the chance. It wasn't just the money, though \$15 a day plus three square meals mean a lot when you're in a hole." Sherman Overton Jr. wrote for an unidentified sports magazine before Floyd Patterson's rematch against Sonny Liston.

GLOVE

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and fight back," Sherman wrote. "Would I care to join his camp? Would I! I jumped at the chance. It wasn't just the money, though \$15 a day plus three square meals mean a lot when you're in a hole."

Patterson would go on to reign twice as the World Heavyweight Champion (1956-59 and 1960-62). He was the first heavyweight to regain the championship after losing it.

Patterson earned a 55-8 professional record and fought other greats such as Sonny Liston and Muhammed Ali. Unfortunately, Patterson lost against both fighters.

Attempting to win the championship title a third time, he went 12 rounds with Ali in 1965. Ali battered Patterson throughout the matchup before the referee finally stopped the fight.

Patterson wasn't the only famous boxer Sherman sparred.

He also stepped into the ring with the longest reigning World Light-Heavyweight Champion of all time – Archie Moore.

Of those famous sparring partners, it was perhaps other points in Overton's boxing career and life which he held more highly.

Overton wrote about a youth club he started in Vandalia (an idea he got from a friend in St. Louis) at his own residence and later the old Lincoln School.

"Hey, Sherman," [members of a youth club] say with admiration. "Did you really spar with Archie Moore?" Sure, I tell them."

It's there were Sherman quickly detoured from speaking of the boxers he's faced to the famous people he met through his skills and hard work.

He told them of how Queen Eliz-

abeth attended the Britannia competition during his match and more.

"And I also tell them about the time I got an audience with Pope Pius XII in Rome. It was while I was a member of the Golden Gloves team."

But he focused more attention on his youth club members and his own children in his writing.

He wrote of teaching the Vandalia "youngsters" to develop themselves into more than just boxers but also to become good citizens.

A lesson just as valuable today.

"I love these kids and would do anything for them. There are about 25 of them, ranging in age from five to 16," he wrote. "I want to do everything I can for 'my' kids. The people in Vandalia feel the same way. They have been just wonderful. They got behind my project the minute I got the club rolling, donating what they could in money and equipment."

In the Vandalia Area Historical Society's book, Debbie Ray also spoke with one of Sherman and Martha's six children, Tony.

"Tony said he was proud of his father," Ray wrote. "His father taught him boxing and fighting were not to be used as tools of aggression."

Ultimately, Sherman's youth club never further developed as support for the project slowed despite his enthusiasm.

While there is no telling what direction Sherman's boxing career might have taken had he returned as planned, his impact on the community and surrounding area is felt today. Facilities such as the Eastern Missouri Family YMCA would have surely been frequented by the retired boxer.

Perhaps someday, the area will see another Golden Glove emerge and follow in Overton's footsteps.



Nathan Kohl

Nathan Kohl Joins NECAC As IT Specialist

North East Community Action Corporation (NECAC) President and Chief Executive Officer Don Patrick has announced the hiring of Nathan Kohl of Vandalia as IT Specialist.

Kohl will work with NECAC IT Operations Director Kevin Stumbaugh to manage the agency's technology and computer systems, provide technical support for computer operating systems as well as software, hardware and networking.

"We welcome Nathan to the NECAC team," Patrick said. "He has strong abilities that will allow him to work with NECAC's vast computer network."

"I like working at NECAC because it gives me a chance to work for an agency that helps those in need," Kohl said.

Kohl is a 2009 graduate of Van-Far High School and attended Pike-Lincoln Technical Center. He has business world experience working in IT.

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NATIONAL CONVENTION

Megan Niemeyer

National convention is a time that any FFA member looks forward to.

To a lot of members it's the most exciting event you can participate in through FFA. I was lucky enough to go my freshman year of high school and I can attest to those claims. Unlike most trips I've gone on through school, going to Indiana through FFA has been the highlight of my education career because there are more opportunities to show what your chapter stands for.

When you walk around the convention hall in full official dress you represent your chapter and you see other members with their jackets on from all 50 states and Puerto Rico. You meet new people and make new friends because you all have at least one thing in common, FFA. FFA is an amazing base to grow a lifelong friendship from, I myself still talk to a friend I have from Alabama that I met at the National Convention.

It's an amazing experience for personal growth and learning opportunities. I was very lucky to have the opportunity to see my sister perform with the National FFA Band. She absolutely loved it and says that it was the highlight of her music career.

One day I hope that I too will be able to experience playing with fellow members that are amazing individuals and musicians. I highly recommend any FFA member to apply for the trip because it's a once in a life time opportunity that you can't forget.

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2020-2021 BOWLING GREEN FFA

Members of the Bowling Green FFA Chapter share a photo last week in their official dress.

PRESIDENT'S PERSPECTIVE

Evan Meyer

I am Evan Meyer, and I am currently the President of the Bowling Green FFA Chapter. My journey throughout the last four years has been unique and exciting. I didn't view myself as a farmer, so I was not sure FFA was the right organization for me; however, I soon learned that FFA encompasses more than just farming and livestock. As I began attending chapter events, I started admiring the chapter officers. All of them were strong leaders with a passion for FFA; I knew I wanted to become an officer. Now that I am President, the excitement I have for FFA has only increased. I strive to serve as a role model to our younger members and enthral them about their potential within our cherished organization. Serving in this role is not

easy by any measurement; I have had my fair share of stressful days. All the hard work is worth it to see the excitement on members' faces at meetings and other events. I am grateful to have an excellent group of officers and advisors to serve alongside. No one can lead a chapter by themselves, and we do a great job working together as a team. Engaging with members from all different backgrounds and experiences is my favorite activity. Even though I may serve in this leadership position, I still find I learn more from my members than they learn from me. I am truly blessed to serve as President, and I hope to serve as an inspiration to others so that they may strive to reach their ultimate potential.

FFA MEETINGS

Hunter DeTienne

A typical meeting for us has changed this year; we come in to the ag building with mask on, we try to social distance as much as we can due to covid this year.

We talk about old news and then

about new news like upcoming events. Now we talk a bit and do an activity if they have one and now we go home to do it again in a month.

My favorite meeting that I have

been to is probably our broomball game meeting that we have one time a year. We have a good long meeting then we go out to the small engine shop and we clean up and we have a broomball game.

The broomball meeting is my favorite because every student has a chance to go out and play a game that is fun and worthwhile in my opinion.

REPORTER'S PERSPECTIVE

Emma Craig, Reporter

Last spring, when COVID-19 cancelled contests, school, and state convention, I began wondering what banquet was going to look like.

When chapter officer interviews came around and I was elected reporter for the 2020-21 school year, the real thinking began. It was clear that the standard approach to our chapter banquet was not going to work. Even though most spring events had been cancelled, our members still deserved recognition

for their accomplishments in any way we could give it.

At the end of May, I settled on an idea, a video recognizing member achievements with the familiarity of opening and closing ceremonies. All officers on the 2019-20 team thought it was a great idea, so I set to work. I began by making a slideshow presentation, which took longer than I care to admit.

Then I was able to splice together audio of opening ceremonies to

begin the video. When everything was approved, I was able to upload the video to YouTube and Facebook, where you can still find it at Bowling Green FFA Virtual Banquet 2019-20 - YouTube.

It ended up being ten minutes long, but that is just a fraction of the usual two and a half hours chapter banquet usually takes. It was far from the usual celebration of member and chapter accomplishments throughout the year. There were dis-

couraging moments throughout the year, but hopefully the virtual banquet was able to showcase what we were able to accomplish in the year.

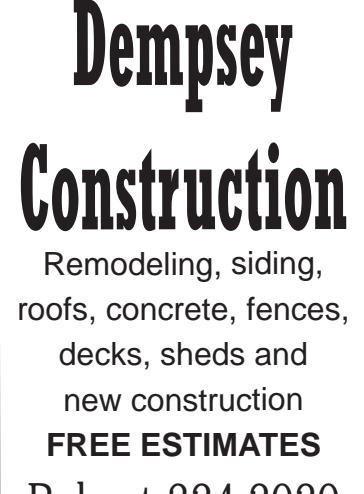
As we move toward the next banquet, we hope we will be able to revert to the original set up. If this cannot be done, however, I will be sure to approach banquet with fresh ideas and an open mind in order that all will know the joys and discomforts of this 2020-21 FFA year.

CAREER DEVELOPMENT EVENTS

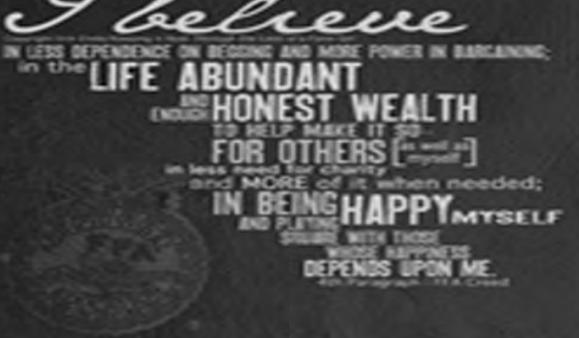
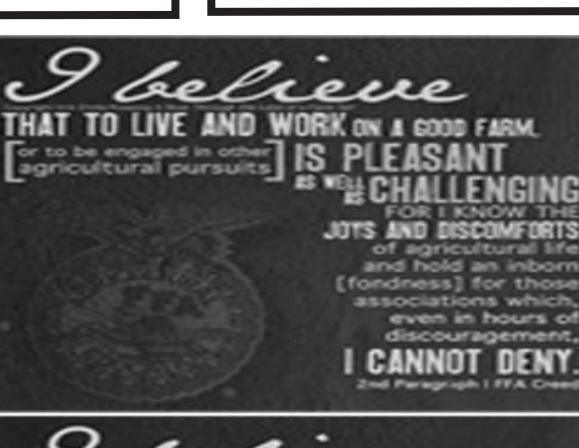
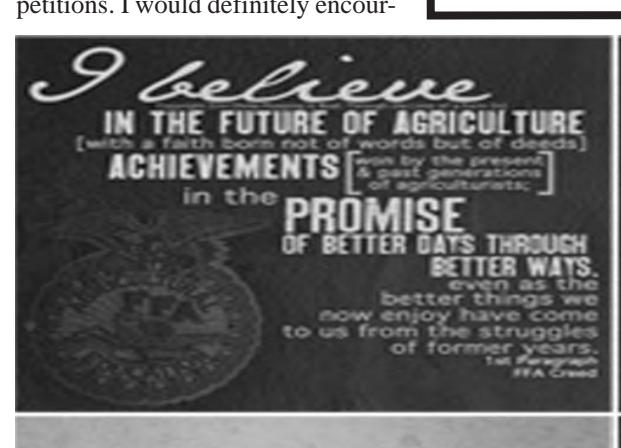
Katie Houchins

age anybody in FFA to participate in a contest team. Contests are truly a

very fun and important experience within a chapter.



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2021 FFA BARBECUE

Carson Schwenk

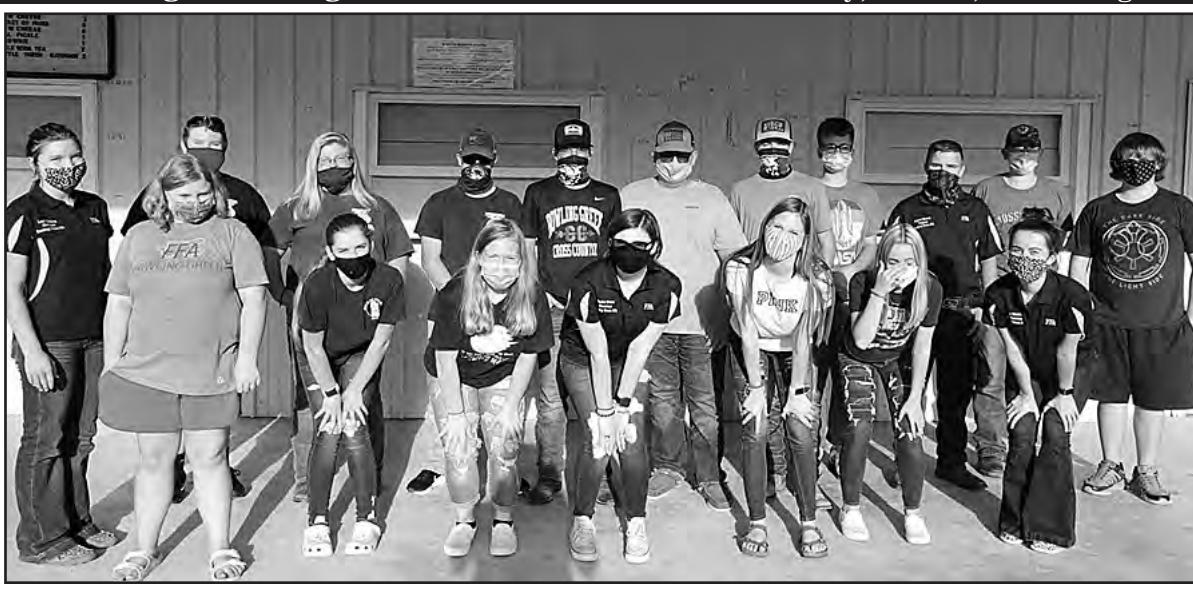
This year's BBQ was a change for all of us as we all expected.

With the pandemic we needed to figure out a way that we could have it, with staying inside the safety guidelines. This year, we had a drive-thru with the option to walk-in and takeout. Unlike last year, there was no inside dining, but the option was there to sit outside at tables that were separated to maintain the guidelines. Like usual, when we opened up the drive-thru and the front doors, the work started immediately.

We had an assortment of members assigned to a job that would suit them. I had the job of working the drive-thru. There was a small obstacle at the beginning of the day, but Evan Meyer, the Bowling Green FFA President quickly had an idea that we all stuck to for the rest of the night and with that, it made the evening go smoother. The carry-out

option didn't change as much, desserts and drinks were an option for everyone. Instead of having students bring in an assortment of desserts, we had ice cream to give out and for drinks we had sealed bottles of various kinds.

My experience with this year's barbecue was better than I expected it to be due to the pandemic and all the guidelines we needed to follow. The community played a huge role in this as well, buying tickets and supporting BG FFA was a huge factor that I can't thank them enough for, but during my time in the drive-thru rushing back and forth between vehicles, everyone was so calm and understanding of this new task we were doing in order to get them their food, even though we had to go back and forth between tasks and vehicles, the community was so respectful and patient with us and I can't thank them enough for that.



AREA V FFA LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE

Callie Bailey

This FFA year has been challenging for our usual conferences such as Green Hand Conference and Area IV Leadership Conference due to covid. Unfortunately, we weren't able to have a Green Hand Conference this year because of covid. However, that did not stop us from having an Area IV Leadership Conference with covid restrictions this year in September. Instead of Bowling Green FFA hosting the conference we were able to meet at the Pike County Fair grounds where we were outdoors so we could socially distance and wear masks. At Area IV Leadership Conference, you get to make connections with other FFA members in your area. The Area IV officers plan this conference where we talk about all the leadership opportunities there are in FFA. In the past years I have gone, we have made goals for our SAE and leadership skills for the following FFA year.

STATE FAIR

Abbie Waddell

The Missouri State Fair is the highlight of mine and many other members' summers! The fair takes place in August in Sedalia, Missouri. It is the last show of the summer. It shows all the hard work and preparation that members have put into their projects. At the Missouri State Fair you can exhibit anything from vegetables to a woodshop or anything from a country cured ham or many different breeds of livestock. I've been attending the fair since I was three years old. Growing up I watched both my brother and sister show, it has always been a goal of mine to be an exhibitor. Since then I've gone on to show pigs, goats,

hams, and bacon at the Missouri State Fair. Each of them taught me many life lessons. Through each project it has taught me many skills, such as time management, making sure all my projects are ready when fair season comes around. Also exhibiting at the Missouri State Fair, it has helped me learn better ways to care for my livestock. Showing livestock at the state fair has allowed me to meet many new people. Some are my closest friends. I believe that every member should attend the Missouri State Fair and take advantage of its many opportunities. There is truly something for everyone at the Missouri State Fair!

FFA AS A SENIOR

Jonah Jones

Being in FFA as a senior is an exquisite experience.

There are so many opportunities within the FFA chapter. I took a year off from being in FFA and I regret it exponentially now. I lost out on ample opportunities such as a State Degree and holding an FFA officer position. There several positive things still about being in FFA my senior year. I am able to fill out my proficiency to run it for state and get a chance to receive an award for it. Another enormous perk to being in FFA is the number of scholarship opportunities that are available to us seniors.

There is a general application that you can fill out that automatically registers you for hundreds of national scholarships by just filling out the application. There are also several local scholarships that only the Ag department knows about that gives us

a better chance of receiving them since there is less competition. The best part of FFA though is learning to become a leader. Not only in school but in our community. FFA has made me a better person and showed me how to be successful after I graduate high school.

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FALL SPEECHES

Audrey Dean

Every year members from the Bowling Green FFA Chapter get the opportunity to participate in Fall Public Speeches.

Normally these speeches are held in person and you present your speech to a panel of judges. These speeches are over various topics relating to AG and FFA.

This year's topics consisted of topics ranging from Missouri Pork Producers to Missouri Pet Breeders. This year I had the opportunity to participate in the Missouri Young

Farmers and Young Farm Wives topic.

The topic of the speech was "How can a FFA Member Advocate After Graduation?" We had to wear our official dress and had to ZOOM on a call to another AG teacher within the area. The ZOOM call was recorded and sent to other advisors and judges to be judged. Although my speech did not advance on from area, I was still thankful for the opportunity to discuss a topic that is important to me.

ASSISTANT OFFICER

Jackson Hughes

Hi my name is Jackson Hughes I am one of many assistant officers belonging to the Bowling Green FFA Chapter.

I think that it is something important to do and a great experience, I have had a good time while being an assistant officer. My sophomore year was when I became an assistant officer and it has really helped me understand more for when I become an actual officer.

I am in my sophomore year of highschool and I hope to become an officer at the end of this year. You can learn a lot of responsibility when becoming an assistant officer, and it will really help your further journey throughout your highschool FFA career. There is definitely a lot to learn when it comes to being an

officer from running meetings to teaching the younger kids. So they become successful members of the chapter.

Although you do not have to be an assistant officer prior to becoming an officer it is a great experience that I highly recommend to all of the newer students just joining FFA. There is a lot of great ag advisors and senior officers that I think can agree with me that it is a good experience to have. It also looks better when the president is looking for officers that they can see that you have previously been an assistant officer.

It shows that you do show real interest in the chapter and that you are willing to help out when it comes to the effort you have to put forth.

This has already been a very strange and rather bizarre year, but even so the Bowling Green FFA Chapter was still able to have our typical fruit sale.

Our sales started on Nov. 13 and lasted till Nov. 30. But not only did we use tickets, Bowling Green FFA offered an alternative due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

We offered customers the choice to purchase products of their choosing electronically. This option was for those who either did not feel comfortable leaving their homes or as a way

for members to still participate in selling products, even if they had happened to be quarantined at home over the two weeks that sales were going on.

Even with some of our customers choosing to shop online their purchase was still able to be tied to a student for delivery. Everything we sell in our fruit sales we tend to get rather locally, or from Missouri, with the exception of our actual fruits. We get all of our meat from Woods Smoked Meats Inc., all our chocolates from Bankheads, and our peanuts from Feeders Grain

Inc. Which all three businesses can be found right here in Bowling Green. Then for our pecans we actually get them from a family operated business called King Hill Farms Inc., that of which is located in Brunswick.

Obviously we don't get our fruits locally, they originate in many different states. But we actually get them all from a fruit broker named Rick Christian, and have been for the past 28 years. This year we had 132 willing FFA members come together and make a sale of over \$40,000 worth of our profits.

JUNIOR PERSPECTIVE

Bailey Graves

As a high school junior I got a lot of new opportunities in FFA.

I got an interview to be an officer of my FFA chapter. I was excited to have a bigger role in the organization that has given me so many opportunities. I interviewed and was given the position of chapter secretary. Which has helped me learn a lot of time management and leader-

ship skills.

I also got to move into higher level FFA classes. This year I am in Food science, Ag Design 2, and Ag construction. All of these classes I have really enjoyed spending time in and continue to do so. This year COVID-19 has changed how some things look, but my ag classes haven't changed much at all because Ag is always important.

Knowing I'm in something so timeless has made me feel like I've made really good choices to prepare me for the future as my senior year grows nearer.

I'm hoping to get to be an officer again next year and take at least two ag classes too, because these classes and this organization really seem to be where I belong.

COUNTY FAIR

Jackson Hughes

demolition derby, and the tractor pull. Now I know it might sound like a bunch of redneck things but until you experience it you don't know what you are missing. Now there are a lot of great people behind every year's fair such as the the people on the fair board and even the people in the FFA and 4-H. Normally after one of these events the fairgrounds tend to be very dirty and normally some of the members of the FFA and 4-H come out to clean up. Now with that said the fair is always a great time and there is always something fun going on. I think last year especially was fun, we had some of

the bigger things we have in a long time. The demo derby was packed last year and so was the concert. It was about the biggest fair we've had in a long while and it was spectacular.

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2020-21 OFFICERS, ASSISTANT OFFICERS

Pictured are Bowling Green FFA Officers and assistant officers for 2020-21, front row, (l-r): Hayden Henson, Brylie Sparks, Meredyth Betts, Callie Bailey, Abbie Waddell, Evan Meyer, Audrey Dean, Bailey Graves, and Lexi Koelling.. Second row: Brylie Sparks, Meredyth Betts, Hayden Hensen, and Lexi Koelling.



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DRESS UP DAY -

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FARMERS' BREAKFAST



Clopton FFA Chapter 2020-21

Pictured are members of the Clopton FFA Chapter, front row, (l-r): Madelyn Brune, Kylie Lucas, Macy Weitkamp, Kendall Smith, Ellie Beauchamp, Evan Lagemann, Avery Hall, Taylor Akers, Abigail Daskalakis, Cole Hunter, and Mason Street. Second row: Jacob Martin, Madison Akers, Jadyn Jeans, Tyler Kuntz, Nevaeh Ricks, Clayton Eddy, Chase Hall, Brooklyn Kaimann, Megan Richards, Mary Garrett, Logan Hall, and Ms. Calvin, advisor. Third row: Tyler Jarrett, Ethan Trueken, Robbie Lucas, Lucas Martin, Jason Hoehn, Deacon Mitchell, Caragan Lockard, Holden Straube, Lily Crosson, Emily Oakes, Angel Bryant, and Logan Dahlymple. Fourth row: Derek Illy, Jayden Baker, Stephen Henderson, Zayne Lunsford, Dylan Horstmeier, Daniel Harvey, Zakk Eivins, Will Clark, Andy Jolly, Estelle Clark, and Arcada McCulley.

My Favorite FFA Memory

My name is Logan Hall and I live in the outskirts of Paynesville, MO on a small farm.

This is my fourth year in FFA and have enjoyed every minute of it! My favorite memory from FFA was my sophomore year when I qualified for state in dairy cattle. This was something that my team and I had worked all season for, and we finally accomplished our goal.

Ever since I was a little girl, I have enjoyed spending time on the farm with my dad and grandpa. I used to always get excited to go feed the bottle calves, ride in the tractor, make trips to St. Louis in the semi, and most of all making memories that will last forever.

I joined FFA because I love being on the farm. Being on the farm has taught me how to work for what I want and to work until the job is done. For those who are going to join FFA or are considering joining, I highly encourage it!

FFA has brought me out of my comfort zone and allowed me to do so many things that I never thought I would have the opportunity to do. You get the chance to go on trips and meet so many new people. FFA is the best and I highly recommend joining it.

BY LOGAN HALL
SENIOR

My name is Macy Weitkamp and I am a junior at Clopton High School. I have been in FFA since my Freshman year and my favorite memory is from Officer Interviews for the 2019-2020 school year. I was running for an officer position for what would be my sophomore year and the interview process was so much fun. Yes, it was nerve racking, but at the very end of the interview, Calynn Lockard asked the funniest question. She asked, "If you could be any two animals combined, what

My name is Holden Straube and I am a sophomore at Clopton High School. My favorite organization to be involved in is FFA. I have been involved in FFA since I was a freshman. Between both sides of my family, there are two century farms still operated by members of my family.

Agriculture is very important to me

Hello my name is Brooklyn Kaimann and I am a freshman at Clopton High School. One of my favorite FFA memories is from trap season. I had a lot of fun with my friends and I had fun shooting.

Practice was fun because after we would go and get breakfast and we learned a lot. Also at meets we would watch each other shoot and keep score

would it be and what sound would it make?" It was the pick-me-up that all us nervous freshmen needed. And, after we embarrassed ourselves, we got to stay in the room with all the people who were already interviewed. There, they told us what animals they picked and the sounds they made. I have never laughed so hard with that many amazing people

BY MACY WEITKAMP
JUNIOR

and I like to be involved in it. FFA is a fun organization to do. Some of the fun activities we do include contests, traveling for contests, meeting activities, and Barnwarming. FFA is an organization I strongly recommend highschoolels do.

BY HOLDEN STRAUBE
SOPHOMORE

at times. When it got cold at a meet, Ellie Beauchamp, Emily Oaks, and I would wrap up in a blanket together because we were so cold. Also at our last meet at west Quincy we went to Texas RoadHouse to celebrate our success. We had a lot of fun shooting and eating. Trap season is one of my favorite things in FFA.

BY BROOKLYN KAIMANN
FRESHMAN



2020-21 Junior Officers

Pictured are members of the Clopton FFA Junior Officer Team, from left: Nevaeh Ricks, secretary; Clayton Eddy, president; Chase Hall, vice president; and Brooklyn Kaimann, treasurer.

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Favorite Memory

My name is Deacon Mitchell and I am a junior at Clopton High School. I have been in FFA for three years. I joined FFA because I wanted to be able to have good opportunities to be able to work with others and learn valuable life skills. Another reason is because I am able to shoot trap. I have been shooting trap for 2 years and I have loved it. It has

taught me gun safety and I have made a lot of good friends in the process. I have also been able to learn a lot more about agriculture. Doing contests has helped with this. I love being in FFA and I have a lot of friends in it as well. It also helps that I have a great advisor.

BY DEACON MITCHELL
JUNIOR

Howdy, my name is Logan Dalrymple. I joined FFA when I was just a freshman in high school. My family has always been involved in Ag and FFA and I had to continue the tradition. FFA has always sparked an interest in me.

FFA creates good future habits for

its members. It teaches leadership skills to those that apply themselves. FFA is a safe place for young high school students. It's a club where all members are accepted and all members unite.

BY LOGAN DALRYMPLE
JUNIOR

Advice To Future Members

Being a senior in FFA, there's a lot of things that I have learned about being in the organization. My advice to future members is quite simple. First and foremost, pay attention and listen to your advisor(s). Also, don't be afraid to ask them questions or for help. They took that job to help teach younger generations about agriculture and they love helping you. Secondly, try your best to stay on top of things. This includes staying on top of your record

books and not procrastinating. You will feel less stressed when it comes time to do your state degrees and proficiencies if you have kept up to date on things. Lastly, don't be afraid to try something new and get out of your comfort zone. You'd be surprised at what you're able to accomplish, and you'll also meet some awesome people and make good memories along the way.

BY EVAN LAGEMANN
SENIOR

Hello, my name is Cole Hunter and I am currently a junior at Clopton High School.

I have been involved in the Clopton FFA Chapter for three years and counting. The National FFA Organization is one like no other. Through my years in FFA I have met so many new people and learned so many new things. FFA has shown me so many qualities that I can use to pursue my education in agriculture.

Some of which are respect, teamwork, kindness, leadership and positivity. Teamwork and positivity are the most important qualities in my

opinion. As a freshman coming into high school I was so nervous to begin my high school career, especially coming into FFA.

My advice to future members coming into FFA is to be yourself and think outside the box. Never be shy to ask questions or to give others your opinion.

If you are looking to be more involved in the FFA, I encourage you to apply for a junior officer position. And never forget to have fun. Good luck!

BY COLE HUNTER
JUNIOR

going to the concert, and watching Old Dominion perform.

My advice to any future FFA member is to be in as many activities as you can and to just really get out of your comfort zone and try new things.

BY MADELYN BRUNE
SOPHOMORE

Hi! My name is Madelyn Brune, I am a sophomore in high school. I joined FFA because it's been in my family's background for awhile. I love being involved in the chapter and doing so many fun things with all my peers.

My favorite memory of my FFA experience so far is going to the National Convention as a freshman,



Clopton Officer Team

Pictured are the Clopton High School FFA Officers, front row, (l-r): Kendall Smith, treasurer; Ellit Beauchamp, first vice president; Evan Lagemann, president; Avery Hall, second vice president; and Taylor Akers, secretary. Second row: Madelyn Brune, parliamentarian; Kylie Lucas, student advisor; Macy Weitkamp, reporter; Abigail Daskalakis, historian; Cole Hunter, Sentinel; and Mason Street, chaplain.



Clopton Trap Shooting Team

Pictured are members of the Clopton High School Trap Shooting Team, front row, (l-r): Cole Hunter, Brooklyn Kaimann, Emily Oakes, Kendall Smith, Taylor Akers, Ellie Beauchamp, and Evan Lagemann. Second row: Deacon Mitchell, Robbie Lucas, Stephen Henderson, Ryan Ochs, Clayton Eddy, Mason Street, Chase Hall, and Andy Jolly. Third row: Zayne Lunsford, Ethan Truekken, Logan Dalrymple, Tyler Kuntz, Derek Illy, Jason Hoehn, and Jayden Baker.



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LATRELL WRIGHT

Name: Latrell Wright
Grandparents: Charlie and Teresa Wright

What are your future plans? Go to State Tech for Medical Radiology

What is your favorite FFA memory? Going to National Convention

What is your SAE? Produce production

How has FFA impacted your life? It made high-school more fun and an easy way to get involved. You meet people you wouldn't have met any other way from all over. You are a part of something that is bigger than you.



PANNA CONNAWAY

Name: Panna Connaway
Parents: Pat and Crystal Connaway.

What are your future plans? Go to college.

What is your favorite FFA memory? National FFA Convention.

What is your SAE? Tending to my cattle.

How has FFA impacted your life? I made a lot of memories while attending the FFA activities.

CAYDEN CALDWELL

Parents: Chris and Stacey Caldwell
What are your future plans? To attend Northwest Missouri State University and major in Agriculture Business and minor in Animal Science or Livestock Management.

What is your favorite FFA memory? My favorite FFA memory would have to be my freshmen years National FFA Convention because I got closer to a lot of the upper-classmen and it was a fun experience.

What is your SAE? Landscape Management Placement

How has FFA impacted your life? FFA has helped me grow as a leader and as a person. I have learned so many skills that I can use in my life and I have overcome my fear of public speaking through FFA, as well as made many great memories and friends. It has also led me to have a passion in agriculture and to pursue a career within the agriculture industry. Being involved in FFA was the best thing I did in high school.



ANNALYNN CULWELL

Name: Annalynn Culwell
Parents: The late Shannon and Felicity Culwell

What are your future plans? Attend the University of Missouri-Columbia

What is your favorite FFA memory? 2020 Barnwarming

What is your SAE? Crop production

How has FFA impacted your life? I have made lots of friends and memories



Trap Shooting

Students on the Area V Winning Team and students that competed at the Northeast District Shoot and the Paul Larsen Memorial Shoot included (from left): Clayton Heaton, Ashton Garnett, Hunter Scroggin, Adam McCurdy, and Andrew Myers.



FBC Food Pantry Donation

Van-Far Chapter officers presented the First Baptist Church Food Bank with canned goods raised and the monetary donation. Pictured, from left: First Baptist Church Food Bank Representative, Cayden Caldwell, Ennis Childs, and Kirsten Scott.



ASHTON GARNETT

Parents: Deanna Nolan (Scott Otis), Ashton Garnett

What are your future plans? Achieve a two-year degree from State Technical College for diesel mechanics. Then I plan to run my own auto/diesel repair shop right after.

What is your favorite FFA memory? 2020 Barnwarming

What is your SAE? Agricultural Mechanics- Placement

How has FFA impacted your life? FFA has shown me that even at such a young age, you're still able to achieve what many adults think is impressive. It helps with communication skills, work ethic, and time management.

STEPHEN GOODMAN

Name: Stephen Goodman

Parents: Christopher Goodman

What are your future plans? To join the military for 6 years, then get out and go weld for a living.

What is your favorite FFA memory? The PBR Event in St. Louis

What is your SAE? Working at Dairy Queen

How has FFA impacted your life? It has helped me manage my money.

CLAYTON HEATON

Name: Clayton Heaton

Parents: Lorrie and James Heaton

What are your future plans? To pursue HVAC at State Tech

What is your favorite FFA memory? Tying for first in area for trap shooting.

What is your SAE? Beef production and placement

How has FFA impacted your life? It's taught me to go out of my comfort zone in order to succeed in life and the classroom.



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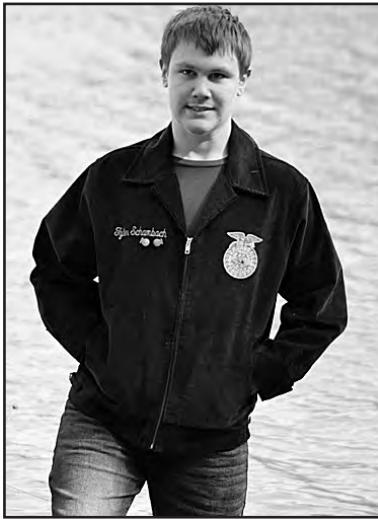
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**TYLER****SCHAMBACH**

Name: Tyler Schambach

Parents: Mike and Carol Schambach

What are your future plans? To work and stay in touch with friends

What is your favorite FFA memory? Helping with the FFA BBQ and working in the greenhouse

What is your SAE? Working with my dad and raising pigs

How has FFA impacted your life? FFA has pushed me beyond my comfort zone by making new friends and teaching me responsibility

**TRENTON****LOWER**

Name: Trenton Lower

Parents: Tony and Candice Lower

What are your future plans? To go to college

What is your favorite FFA memory? In-person Scavenger Hunt

What is your SAE? Helping my dad with trucks

How has FFA impacted your life? It taught me patients with Mr. Stuedle.

**BRADLEY****HARVEY**

Name: Bradley Harvey

Parents: Rodney Harvey, Carrie Harvey

What are your future plans? To be a diesel mechanic

What is your favorite FFA memory? Working in construction

What is your SAE? I worked construction with my dad.

How has FFA impacted your life? It has made me a better person.

**MICHAEL ALLEN**

Name: Michael Allen

Parents: Tony Allen

What are your future plans? Attend State Tech to be a technician

What is your favorite FFA memory? PBR

What is your SAE? Helping my father with construction

How has FFA impacted your life? Taught me people skills and the importance of agriculture.



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**REBECCA MOORE**

Name: Rebecca Moore

Parents: Alan and Paula Moore

What are your future plans? My future plans include attending Missouri State University and I plan to major in Elementary Education.

What is your favorite FFA memory? My favorite FFA memory is having the opportunity to attend the National Convention and having the opportunity to be an FFA Officer for the past three years.

What is your SAE? My SAE includes raising cattle.

How has FFA impacted your life? FFA has made a huge impact on my life, FFA brought me out of my shell and provided for a lot of memories to look back at after high school. After four years of FFA I was able to make many new friends and gain life experience.

**Barnwarming 2020-21**

The 2020 Barnwarming king and queen were Latrell Wright and Annalynn Culwell.

Member/Advisors Talk FFA**Wallace, Grade 9**

"I was excited to have the opportunity to show my steer at the Northeast District FFA Expo this past summer. It allowed me to make new friends in FFA that will last a lifetime."

**Ashlee Waddell
Chapter Advisor**

"Due to COVID-19, we're going to move this event to a virtual platform..." is something I have heard over, and over throughout the last year. Starting my third-year teaching at a new school, with those conditions, was not the ideal situation. I was excited to join the Van-Far Family this past July. Van-Far FFA is a chapter that is deeply rooted in tradition and has the community support that is needed for a successful chapter. These are two things I find to be the most important aspects of a chapter. The

students I have met have been passionate agriculturalists who have risen to any occasion to meet goals that Mr. Stuedle and I had set for them, regardless of the situation. I hope that they can learn from this past year that change is not always easy, but it is necessary in order to adapt and move forward. Being an agriculture educator, I get the pleasure of seeing youth development and goals achieved at an up-close, more personal level. I have enjoyed getting to know all of the students and their individual passions this year and am looking forward to seeing them grow and achieve their own personal goals."

**Blaise Stuedle
Chapter Advisor**

"I believe in the future of agriculture..." as the freshmen learned this year, is the opening

statement of the first paragraph of the FFA Creed. Becoming an agriculture-education teacher, I am invested in the future of agriculture by educating our future leader and agriculturalists. I believe this chapter is one that is rich in history and deep with community support. Starting off my fourth year, as well as adding a second instructor, I wanted to keep with the same traditions, but add our own spin to activities and events. This year we were also faced with battling COVID-19 and how to incorporate activities and events that were safe yet engaging for our students. Going into the year, the chapter officers, Ms. Waddell, and myself set many goals for the chapter this year. With our goals in mind, we have set out to continue the great traditions at Van-Far High School with Van-Far FFA."



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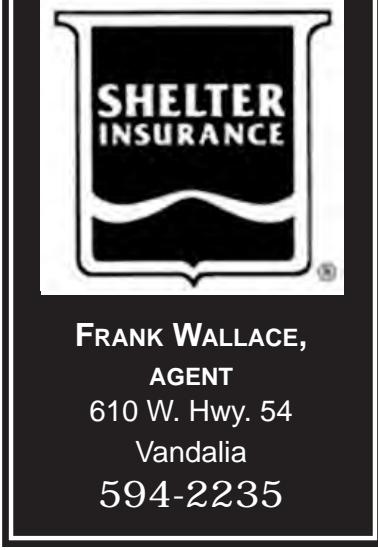


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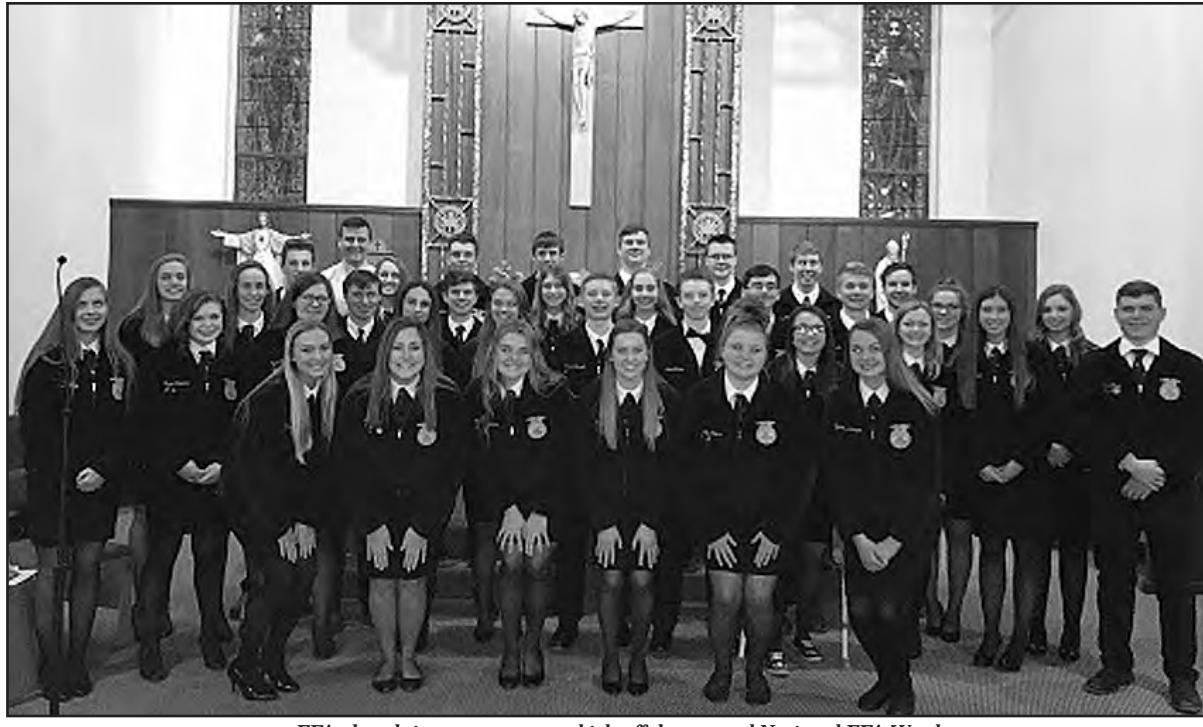
The 2020-2021 Silex FFA Officer Team



FFA Officers are excited to start off the year with big and exciting plans!



FFA members are enjoying staying warm by the fire during the FFA Hayride.



FFA church is a great way to kick off the annual National FFA Week.



FFA members are hard at work judging various cuts of meat.



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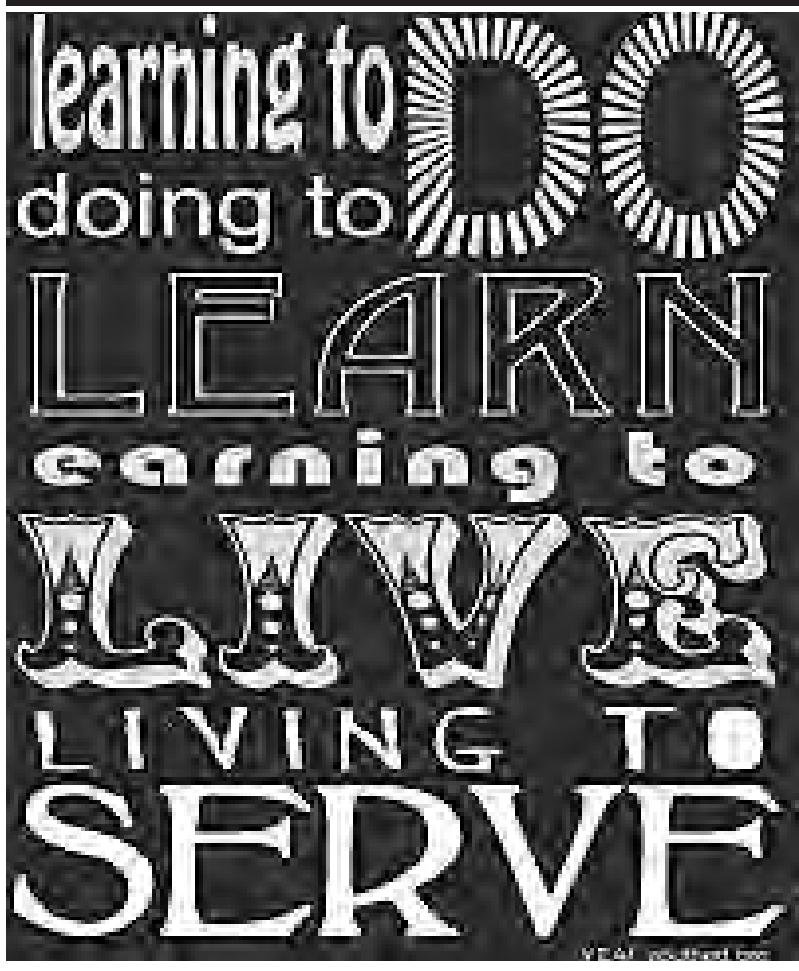
There are 24 seventh and eighth-grade students within the chapter. They have monthly meetings very similar to the high school and serve the community through small service projects.



Katie Wallace



Danica Bryant



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Louisiana FFA Chapter 2020-21

The Louisiana FFA Chapter was excited to welcome new faces into the organization this year. We welcomed a total of 17 new Greenhand degree recipients to the chapter. Pictured, front row, (l-r): Sonny Picone (reporter), Jaidyn Wommack (vice president), Aly Ince, DePrischa Chatman, Kolton Anderson, Brandon Elliot, Alex Dzierwa, Emilee Hoskins, Kylene Chatman, Kyleigh Slater, and Avery Elliot. Third row: Lizzy Ince, Harley Norrell, Cole Chidster, Kolten Anderson, Jillian Booth, Brylin Stewart, Mason Howland, and Emily Powell. Fourth row: Jordan Luck, William Hoskins, William Murry, Johnny Picone, Sheldon Silvey, and Alli Jenkins. Not pictured: Kamryn Gloe (secretary), Caitlyn Gloe (president), Anna Elder (sentinel), Anna Ince, Brady Fisher, Caden Stark, Delaney Poyser, Hanna Blackmore, Jacob St.Clair, Jamie Scencenbaugh, Kaiden Rest, Kenny McCormick, Matthew Capstick, Tommy Black, Trevor House, and Will Sheppard.

GIVING BACK



Pictured are members of the Louisiana FFA Chapter who helped to organize food donated by the community.

BY PRESIDENT CAITLYN GLOE

The Louisiana FFA Chapter received a \$300 dollar grant from the Missouri Farmers Cares organization.

tion and the Missouri FFA Association.

Students used the money to purchase apples and potatoes for the

Louisiana Food Pantry. The students purchased an entire carload of fresh food goods for those in the community.

In addition to purchasing the fresh food items, the officer team decided to have a can food drive. In competition form between the high school and middle school, there were over 150 non-perishable food items collected. The high school FFA members won the competition and received an ice cream party at their monthly FFA meeting.

The Louisiana FFA members experienced "Living to Serve" firsthand during the National FFA Convention National Day of Service. 12 members passed out food of various types to the members of the community. Students helped organize food that was donated, carried food out to cars, and got to know those who serve our community tirelessly. They appreciate the Louisiana Food Pantry for allowing us to volunteer.

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Pictured are Louisiana Middle School FFA members.

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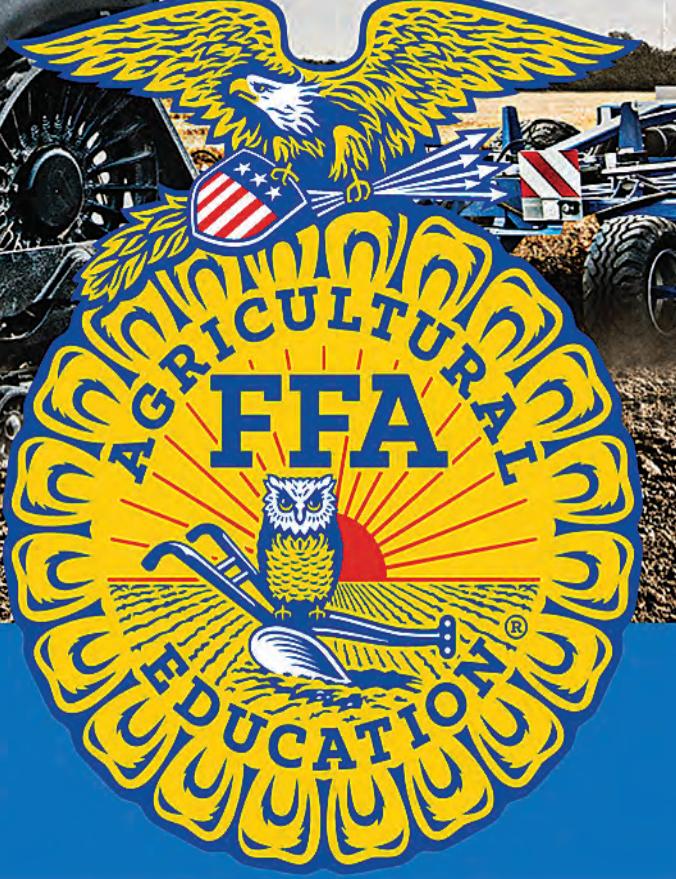
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