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Eastern MO Family YMCA Awarded Grant For Gardens

The Eastern Missouri Family YMCA was awarded a grant from the University of Missouri Extension to install up to five raised community

Meet The Candidates Night At Bowling Green

Please plan to attend the Bowling Green Community Teachers' Association "Meet the Candidates Night" for the Bowling Green R-I School Board Tuesday, March 5, 2024 at 6 p.m., in the Bowling Green High School Auditorium.

Four community members have filed their candidacy for two positions on the Bowling Green R-I Board of Education: Scott Smith, Larry Twellman, Stephanie Sellars, and Austin Sloan. The positions are for three-year terms, and election day is Tuesday, April 2. More information about the candidates can be found on the school's website www.bgschools.k12.mo.us.

Each candidate will be asked to give their responses to predetermined questions and will be available at the end of the event to answer individual questions or meet with community members.

The Community Teachers' Association hopes to see everyone there so we can all learn more about these candidates and make the most informed decision on election day.

garden beds along the south border of the property. Carrie Elsen MSN, RN, Nutrition and Health, MU Extension Health and Human Science, applied for funding for the program and delivered all materials, except the soil and plants, last fall. The City of Vandalia board of aldermen approved the installation since the YMCA sits on City-owned property.

With garden time upon us, we are looking for community volunteers, organizations, youth groups, churches, and families to help us get the ground ready, install the beds, and plant vegetables. This program is available to the entire Vandalia community and will require all the necessary steps to produce a successful garden such as watering, weeding, removing foliage, and harvesting. Remember that this program is available for all volunteers; membership in the Y is not a requirement.

The raised beds will initially include a variety of tomatoes and green peppers. We will consider other vegetables such as green beans,

onions, and radishes. The type of vegetables will depend on the timing of the installation beds and receipt of the soil.

Carrie emphasized that the produce will be available for everyone in the community to harvest and take home, whether they can help with any of the preliminary work to grow the vegetables.

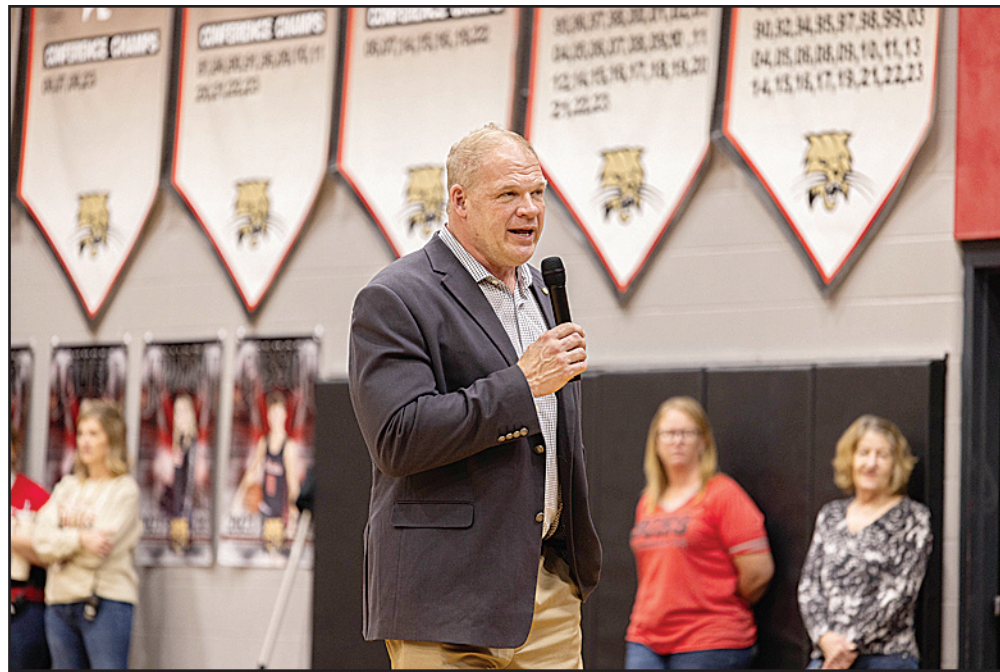
A bonus to the program could include basic cooking tips and recipes for the vegetables that are grown. This program is for the community by the community. Carrie and the YMCA are excited to see how the program grows, but we need your help to get started.

To be successful, we will need several volunteers and experienced gardeners to give us tips and tricks to have a bountiful harvest for all. And we need to begin soon.

Anyone interested is welcome to call, 573-594-2208, or stop by the YMCA for more information and talk to Debbie about how they can help Vandalia's Community Garden grow in 2024.

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Pictured is Glenn Jacobs - aka Kane of the wrestling world speaks to students at Bowling Green R-II Schools on Friday, Feb. 2.

Trib photo by Kimberly Chandler

Glenn Jacobs Visits Bowling Green Students

BY BRICE J. CHANDLER EDITOR CONTINUED FROM LAST WEEK

"How many people get to go to an NFL training camp? Not many. I was so close and there was nothing that I could do. I worked as hard as I possibly could and then I started thinking to myself, why did I do all that? Why did I invest all that time and energy into this dream?"

He was also embarrassed. "I had been signing autographs for kids at school. Now I have to go back and say, I'm a complete failure." Jacobs believes that every student has potential to reach their goals and find meaning and fulfillment in life. But it won't be easy. "Life isn't fair," he explained.

Jacobs found himself at one of his lowest points in life, but realized how he responded was what mattered most and not giving up.

While watching WWF with a friend, he found his calling. But it was another difficult road to travel. They traveled throughout the Midwest on weekends training and participating at small venue events—sometimes not earning enough to pay for fuel.

Despite the low pay, he enjoyed it and had the support of his family. Slowly, his career began to rise.

"Then in 1995, I signed a contract with WWE, and

again, I'm like, man, I've made it. I'm set."

Those first years with the organization were difficult, but eventually the Kane character was created and one of the greatest storylines in WWE history was born.

"It's almost like a light switch went off. I've wrestled in all 50 states, 40 countries around the world. I've performed in front of millions of people live and on tv. I've worked with some of the greatest entertainers on the entire planet. People like Wayne 'The Rock' Johnson and the Undertaker. I was able to parlay that into becoming mayor of Knox County, Tenn."

Knox County is the third largest county in the state of Tennessee.

"And you know what I think to myself today?" he continued. "When I look back at the trajectory of my life, I ask myself 'how did that happen'? I grew up in Frankford, Missouri. My family didn't have any money. We didn't have any connections. No political connections, no business connections. How is it that my life can turn out like this?"

Jacobs paused to emphasize the points he has been building up to all along.

"This is what I would like y'all to think about. Number one, you have to work hard. There's no substitute for that. Number two, so much of life

is about figuring out what you are good at and what you like to do. I believe that God has given all of us unique gifts and unique talents, and a lot of times it's figuring out what those are and then how to apply those. Number three—this one is really, really super important—you can never, ever, ever give up. Persistence and determination make up for a lot of stuff."

He went on to describe the last point—bringing value to others.

"The last thing is, figure out what you're good at and use it to bring value to other people's lives. You never know whose life you're going to touch and how you're going to touch it."

"Each and every one of you has a gift. All of you are more gifted and talented than you think you are. I was right there with you. When I was your age, if someone would've told me I'd be back here speaking to you all, I would've said, you're nuts. You're talented, you're smart, you're awesome. Figure out what you're good at. Figure out how you can bring value to other people's lives. Go out there and do it, and don't ever quit until you get to where you want to go."

Jacobs stayed an additional 45 minutes after the assembly ended to meet and take pictures with the students—adding value and joy to other people's lives.

Newland Hired As New Van-Far High, Jr. High Principal

By Brice Chandler Editor

The Van-Far R1 School District Board of Education announced today that Amy Newland has been selected as the next high school principal for the Van-Far R-I School District.

Newland is currently the dean of students with the Van-Far R-I School District where she has been employed since 2023.

According to the announcement, in addition to the Van-Far R-I School District, Newland has worked as

an instructional coach and elementary teacher, summer school principal in Mexico and Montgomery County schools.

"Mrs. Newland is an excellent choice for our next high school principal," John Fortney, Superintendent of Schools stated. "She has worked tirelessly to build relationships with students, staff and our community. Her energy and previous experiences will help propel the building and district forward."

"I am beyond grateful for

the opportunity to continue the amazing things happening in the Van-Far R-I School District," Newland said. "I feel passionately that our students and staff are blessed with some amazing opportunities that bring achievement and skills needed to be successful. I look forward to partnering with the community to make it the best learning environment for all."

The announcement stated that the search for a new dean of students would commence shortly.



Students Visit The People's Tribune

Members of Bowling Green Middle School's RISE (realizing individual scholarship and exceptionalism) program taught by Emily Woodall visited The People's Tribune office on Tuesday to learn more about journalism.

Trib photo by Kimberly Chandler



The students pictured are fourth and fifth grade gifted learners. The program is in its fourth year and the students are currently studying and practicing journalism.

Trib photo by Kimberly Chandler

Louisiana Clopton Co-Op Swim Team Competes At State

BY BRICE J. CHANDLER EDITOR

For the first ever, Louisiana and Clopton High School swimmers competed in the Class 1 State Championships.

The newly formed co-op swim team between Louisiana High School and Clopton High School showed promise at the recent state championships.

The swim team headed off to the state championships in style, with their buses receiving a special escort out of town and the county by the Buffalo Township Fire Protection District, the Pike County Sheriff's office,

Clarksville Fire Department, Eolia Fire Department, Louisiana Police Department,

and the Louisiana Fire Department.

Once they arrived, the newly formed co-op squad wasted no time leaving their mark in the competition.

Clopton sophomore, Gracey MacLaughlin led the team by earning two third place finishes and All-State honors in both events. She took third in the 200-yard individual medley with a time of 2:08.53 and also finished third in the 100-yard backstroke in 58.08 seconds.

In the preliminary rounds on Friday, MacLaughlin initially placed fourth in the individual medley, with a time of 2:09.32 to qualify for the finals. She also took third place in the backstroke preliminaries after swimming it in 58.69 seconds, allowing

her to advance.

Additionally, the 200-yard medley relay team of MacLaughlin, sophomore Sophie Simmons, junior Lauren Ince, and freshman Storie Talbert came in 15th place with a total time of 2:00.56.

The time was only eleven seconds behind the championship team of Clayton, which consisted of one senior, two juniors, and one freshman swimmer.

While the Louisiana swimming program is still relatively young—the youngest athletic program at the school—this season proves a promising start for the first season that students from both schools competed together on the co-op swim team.

'Willy Wonka'

The family musical "Willy Wonka" was successfully staged Feb. 17 and 18 at The Apple Shed in Clarksville. Pictured are Ricky Fournier as Grandpa Joe and Kasey Leake as Charlie Bucket. Performances continue at 7 p.m. Feb. 24 and 2 p.m. Feb. 25. Tickets are \$17 for adults and \$15 for students and seniors ages 65 and older. They are available at the door or calling 817-300-9796. Cast members are Gene Nothaker, Angela Maier, Codi Hudson Sr., Jeanie Eisenhower, Bella Dempsey, Dinna Mullen, Macy Weitkamp, Clont Grute, Paul Turay, Caramia Harelson and Wendy Straube.



Community News



Pictured, from left: Mary Twellman, Michelle Larson, Cheryl Ward, Louise Hunter, Mary Tarpein, Frank Berlin, and Joanne Hammuck.

Pike Retired Teachers, Personnel Attend Legislative Day At Capitol

Seven members from the Pike County Retired Teachers and Personnel Unit attend the Missouri Retired Teachers Legislative Day held at the capitol in Jefferson City.

Representatives from units across the state gathered at the capitol to engage with legislators on crucial issues related to public education and the pensions of school retirees.

Opening remarks from respected Speakers Kicked off the day before members spread out to visit with their representatives and senators about the issues affecting public education.

Legislative Chairman Randy McClain and Executive Director Maria Walden both expressed the ongoing impact that members can have by participating in the legislative blitz week.

Even those that were unable to attend the event could make a difference by Writing their legislators, supporting that benefit Missouri public schools and educators.

Other speakers were: senators, Karla Eslinger, Lauren Arthell, and representatives Rick Francis, Dale Wright, Kathy Steinhoff and Peggy McGargh. After which they visited with Representative Chad Perkins and we were unable to visit with Senator Travis Fitzwater as he was in session, they left information for him.

Legislative Day is a way we can make a bold statement about the priority issues that must be placed on the public education system, and make sure our Legislators are educated about them. Priority 1 - MRTA supports full funding of the foundation and increasing teacher pay in Missouri.

Priority 2 - MRTA supports a cost of living adjustment for retirees in St. Louis and Kansas City, MRTA supports a one-time

cost of living increase for the retirees, and the strongly supports the PSRS /PEERS of Missouri COLA Statute.

Priority 3 - MRTA supports increasing the COLA cap for retirees who have reached the 80 percent cap, cost of living adjustments are vital to the financial stability and security of our retirees.

Priority 4 - MRTA opposes the use of public tax dollars for charter and private schools. MRTA asks that funding for public ed-

ucation be the number one Priority. Public dollars should go to public schools.

It was a very educational and enjoyable day. It is imperative that they continue to make sure their voices are heard at the capitol, because we can, and we do make a difference.

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Jack O'Brien Named To Dean's List

Jack O'Brien of Eolia has been named to the dean's list at Hamilton College for the 2023 fall semester.

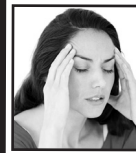
To be named to the dean's list, a student must have carried a course load of four or more graded credits throughout the semester and earned an average of 3.5 or above on a 4.0 scale.

O'Brien, a sophomore, is a graduate of Clopton High School.



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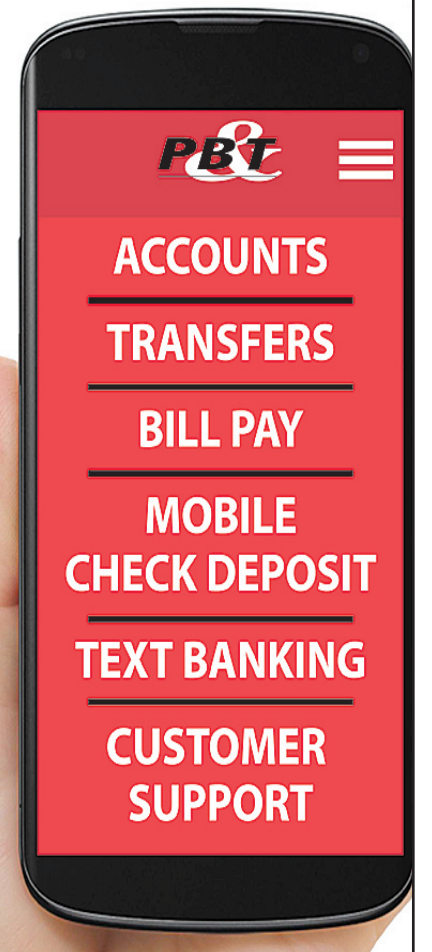
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From The Mayor's Desk...

Feb. 18-24 is Future Farmers of America (FFA) Week. I am seeing and hearing so many success stories in Bowling Green. When I write "success," I'm not just saying making a lot of money, a fancy job, or recognition. If we spend our lives chasing after earthly possessions or the recognition of others, it leads to exhaustion and frustration. Plus, most often it leads to disappointment. If we are trying to be the best we can be for ourselves and our family, (many would add God), that is what defines "success." We all have different ideas of what success may look like and just because you may not have reached your dream or goal(s), doesn't mean it isn't going to happen! You've heard me say and write that we have so much "potential" in Bowling Green and the "possibilities" are endless!



JIM ARICO, MAYOR
CITY OF BOWLING GREEN

We have many success stories around our wonderful city just recently with the completion of West Locust, Kincaid, and several surrounding streets with water, sewer, and asphalt. Foundation and electricity are laid at our municipal airport for a new hangar. Grants have been written and received for wastewater treatment plant study. Our newspapers are full of great success stories and accomplishments, a vision for new ball fields, (independent of the city), money being raised for Welcome to Bowling Green signs, and new housing being built across the city with single-dwelling, duplexes, tri, and quadplexes. NECAC has been recognized at the federal level and the city's audit report, although not finalized, looks very good. We still have vacant buildings, condemned

houses /garages/sheds that need to be dealt with, but our city is beautifying and building for a bright future! We are a vibrant community and, on a mission, to be the best we can be. We are advocates for innovation and new strategies. Plus, we are coming together as a town to empower and accept each other no matter what isolationism from the covid pandemic that may have occurred.

Political concepts that divide us: Border crisis, Justice System-DOJ, FBI, Crime Rate, Inflation and cost of necessities, Fund/Defund the Police, Presidential age factors, foreign policy, Recession, Second Amendment gun rights, free speech, Woke language, transgender issues, Federal budget and spending, abortion. This could go on, but we need to focus also on the things that unite us. Volunteering and helping others, our non-profit organizations are always looking for people that want to help great causes and voting for candidate(s) of choice. February is the "LOVE" month due to Valentines Day, but we can't reduce loving and caring to simply one day. Let's make it a lifestyle. Maybe some of you sent a card, delivered flowers, just wrote a note to a shut-in, relative, neighbor, or veteran. There is always someone around you that could use some "lovin'."

I mentioned "Welcome to Bowling Green" signs and this fund-raiser is continuing. If you are a fund-raiser or an organization that would like to promote, lead, organize, or contribute to this campaign, I welcome your involvement!

State Representative Chad Perkins Report



Rep. Chad Perkins

REP. PERKINS SUPPORTS HJR 132 (REP. HAUSMAN)

Child sex trafficking is a despicable crime that warrants the harshest penalties under the law. HJR 132, proposed by Rep. Wendy Hausman, aims to address this heinous offense by imposing a life sentence on perpetrators. The children victimized by this abhorrent act are stripped of their innocence and endure lasting repercussions throughout their lives. Rep. Perkins stands alongside as a proud co-sponsor of this crucial legislation, committed to seeing it through to the governor's desk.

MORATORIUMS ON EVICTIONS

This week, the Missouri House third read and passed HB 2062, a piece of legislation seeking to prohibit counties, municipalities, or political subdivisions from implementing eviction moratoriums unless explicitly allowed by state law. The legislation passed out of the chamber with a vote of 111-26. Supporters argued that eviction moratoriums infringe on property rights and disrupt contracts between landlords and tenants, emphasizing that eviction is governed by state law.

TIGHTENING DOWN IMMIGRATION LAWS

In a recent session of the House Special Committee on Homeland Security, discussions centered around several immigration bills and how to strengthen border security while ensuring that individuals entering the state are doing so through lawful ports of entry.

HB 2470 addresses illegal entry, categorizing it as a class B misdemeanor with potential escalation to a class E felony for repeat offenses. The bill introduces additional offenses for illegal aliens and outlines penalties. Certain individuals enforcing these offenses are protected from arrest or detention in specific locations.

HB 2523 defines the offense of trespass by an illegal

alien, classifying it as a class E felony for individuals aged 18 or older committing certain offenses on public or private land. The bill exempts federally authorized individuals, and a violation does not establish probable cause for any other offense.

DEFENDING RELIGIOUS FREEDOM

The Special Committee on Government Accountability recently conducted a hearing on a bill seeking to defend Missourians' First Amendment rights concerning their faith and religion.

HB 1518 focuses on safeguarding belief-based student associations within public institutions of higher learning. Its primary objective is to prevent public institutions from taking actions or implementing policies that would deny belief-based student associations the benefits available to other student groups. The bill explicitly prohibits discrimination against these associations based on their leaders adhering to sincerely held beliefs, practice requirements, or conduct standards. Furthermore, it grants belief-based student associations the authority to seek relief through judicial or administrative proceedings against institutions that violate the bill's requirements.

Don't Trash The Ashes

Recycle Today For A Better Garden Tomorrow

The phrase "waste not, want not" goes back to a time when the essentials of life were difficult to obtain, but it continues to be good advice today, says University of Missouri Extension horticulturist David Trinklein.

It applies even to ashes produced this of the year by wood-burning fireplaces and stoves. "When collected and spread on the garden, wood ashes are an excellent and free source of calcium and other plant nutrients," Trinklein said.

Ashes are the organic and inorganic remains of the combustion of wood. Their composition varies due mainly to the species of wood. As a rule, hardwood species produce three times more ashes and five times more nutrients than softwood species, he said.

Since carbon, nitrogen and sulfur are the elements primarily oxidized in the combustion process, wood ashes contain most of the other essential elements required for the growth of the tree used as fuel. By weight, wood ashes contain 1.5-2 percent phosphorus and 5-7 percent potassium. If listed as a fertilizer, most wood ashes would have the analysis of 0-1-3 (N-P-K). Calcium content ranges from 25-50 percent.

Because of the high calcium content, it's probably best to think of wood ashes as a liming material to adjust soil pH rather than a regular fertilizer to supply an array of nutrients, said Trinklein. The ideal pH range for most garden plants is about 6.0 to 6.5. When soil pH falls below this range, certain essential mineral elements become less available to the plant. Since garden soils tend to become more acidic as plants take up nutrients, periodic adjustment to decrease soil acidity (increase pH) is necessary.

Most wood ashes have an acid neutralizing equivalent of about 45-50 percent of calcium carbonate (limestone). In other words, it takes about twice the weight of wood ashes compared with limestone to cause the same change in soil acidity. For example, if soil tests indicate you need five pounds of limestone per 100 square feet of garden area to raise the soil pH to an acceptable level, you would need 10 pounds of wood ashes to make the same change, Trinklein said.

Apply small amounts of wood ashes to the garden on a yearly basis to supply other nutrients such as phosphorus and potassium. Trinklein recommends a soil test every two

to three years where light applications are made on a regular basis. Excessive application of wood ashes can lead to a buildup of pH above the optimum range. This can result in other nutritional problems because of reduced nutrient availability at high pH values.

Wood ashes not applied to the garden immediately should be stored under dry conditions. Ashes piled outdoors lose most of their potassium in a year's time due to leaching from rains. Additionally, weathered wood ashes' ability to act as a liming agent also is greatly.

Because of the fine nature of wood ashes, they cannot modify soil structure and, therefore, are not considered a soil conditioning agent. The carbon compounds that act as a soil conditioner when sawdust, leaf mold or compost are applied to garden soil, for the most part, have been consumed by the fire.

Wood ashes are highly alkaline. As a safety precaution, wear protective glasses, gloves and a dust mask when spreading on the garden. Ashes from burning cardboard, trash, coal or treated wood of any type may contain potentially harmful materials and should not be used on the garden.



Missouri State Fall Graduates

Missouri State University awarded 1,417 degrees to students in fall 2023.

The commencement ceremonies took place Dec. 15, 2023, at Great Southern Bank Arena.

The following local students earned degrees: Sarah Corn of Silex graduated with a bachelor of science, hospitality leadership and lodging; and Michael Kelly of Elsberry graduated with a master of business administration.

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Kids Doing The Right Thing

Representatives from Louisiana Community Betterment Assoc. presented Trinity Chatman and Scarlett Karmel-Fite with the Kids Doing the Right Thing award on Monday, Jan. 12. Trinity and Scarlett were nominated by Viki Cadwallader. Viki nominated the two young ladies for their efforts in volunteering to pick up trash around the football field following a game. The young ladies witnessed quite a few people just throwing trash on the grounds and they were upset to see people being so careless. "Throwing trash around is never OK," said Scarlett. Pictured left to right are: Trinity Chatman, Diana Huckstep, LCBA Chairperson, Scarlett Karmel-Fite and Walter Logan, LCBA Committee Member.

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Obituaries



Phyliss Lee Pharis Pargeon

Phyliss Lee Pharis Pargeon, 72, of Vandalia died Friday, Feb. 9, 2024, at Country View Nursing Home in Bowling Green.

Funeral services were at 10 a.m., Wednesday at Waters Funeral Home in Vandalia. Burial followed at Cemetery. Bro. Kenny Haddock officiated.

A visitation celebrating her life was from 5-7 p.m., Tuesday at the funeral home.

Phyliss was born Jan. 21, 1952, in Southard, Okla., the daughter Gerold and Noma Landt Pharis. She married Ralph Eugene Pargeon on May 27, 1968. He preceded her in death in 2017.

Survivors are her children, Jeff and Carrie Pargeon of Frankford, Roma and Tony Lovell of Curryville, Errett and Pamela Pargeon of Vandalia, John Pargeon of Vandalia, and Steve Pharis of Midwest, Okla.; several grandchildren and great-grandchildren, and nieces and nephews.

In addition to her parents, Phyliss was preceded in death by her stepmother, Reva Dale Pharis, stepfather, Harold Tophinke; a brother, Gerold Dean, and a sister, Glenda McCurdy.

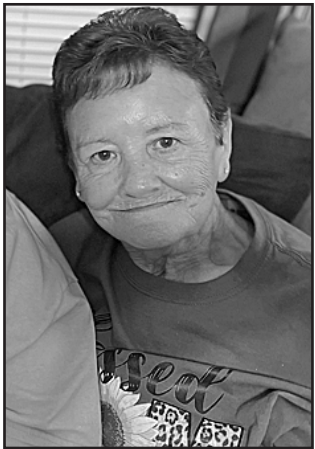
Phyliss quit school and obtained her GED. She later furthered her education and obtained her practical nurse license. Her first job was at the A&W. She helped with the MDA Telethon, the VanFar Ambulance and taught country line dancing.

She worked at Audrain Medical Center on the surgery floor for years and then in medical records. She also worked at the WERDCC prison in Vandalia and several nursing homes in the area.

Away from work, Phyliss loved putting puzzles together, playing computer games, sewing quilts. Phyliss loved spending time with family and friends.

Pallbearers were Tony Lovell, Steven Lovell, Payton Pargeon, Davon Pargeon, Brian Lovell, and Tony Lee Bryan.

Memorials are suggested to the Community Loving Care Hospice or the Country View Nursing Home.



Lola Long

Lola Long, 75, of Vandalia, died Sunday, Feb. 11, 2024, at her home.

Funeral services were at 2 p.m., Friday at Waters Funeral Home in Vandalia. Burial followed at Evergreen Memorial Gardens. Bro. Kenny Haddock officiated.

A visitation celebrating Lola's life was at 1 p.m., until the time of service Friday at the funeral home.

Lola was born Jan. 22, 1949, in Perry, the daughter of Jerry R. and Myrtle Marshall Graves. She was united in marriage to Daniel W. Long, Jr. in 1965. He preceded her in death on Sept. 9, 2022.

Survivors include three daughters, Sandra Rice of Vandalia, Regina Phillips and husband, David of Williamsburg, and Karen Long and friend, Vonda Trivette of Hunnewell; a brother, Edward Graves and Susie Finley of Farber; sisters, Betty Cinkan of Vandalia, and Carol McDonald and husband, Raymond of Vandalia; grandchildren, Christopher Rice and wife, Jennifer, E.J. Ames and wife, Danielle, Samantha Barse' and hus-

band, Chris; and Cody Ames and wife, Hayley; and five great-grandchildren.

In addition to her parents and husband, Mrs. Long was preceded in death by a brother who died while serving his country during Vietnam.

Lola was a loving wife, mother, grandmother and sister. She worked as a homemaker all her life, making sure her children and grandchildren were taken care of.

In her free time, Lola enjoyed doing crossword puzzles, reading, drinking her coffee, playing Bingo and going to Quarter Madness. Trips to DQ for biscuits and gravy and chocolate shakes were also a treat Lola enjoyed.

Lola's biggest love was her family. Her memories will be cherished by all who knew her. Her favorite quote she left for her family was "Keep the Faith".

Pallbearers were Cody Ames, E.J. Ames, Chris Carver, Allen Morris, Jason Erdle, and Kevin Motley. Honorary pallbearer was Chris Barse'.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Waters Funeral Home to assist the family with funeral expenses.

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



Annette Muckerman

Annette Muckerman, 62, of Bellflower died at her home, surrounded by her loving family.

Visitation was held Friday from 4-7 p.m., at McCoy-Blossom Funeral Homes & Crematory in Troy.

She was born Dec. 4, 1961 in St. Louis to Clarence and Loretta Miller and grew up in Webster Groves. Eventually, her family moved to Truxton, where she met and fell in love with her husband, Donald Scott Muckerman.

Together and married almost 50 years, Scott and Annette had two boys, Nick Muckerman and wife, Amanda and Casey Muckerman and wife, Gabby; three grandchildren, Josey, Logan and Rylie Muckerman.

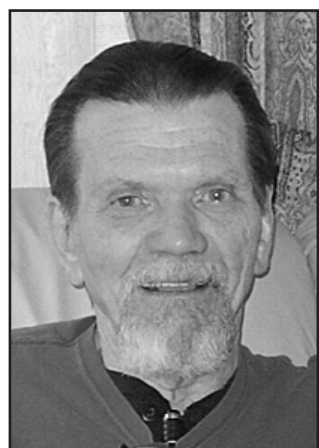
Annette was known for being just as beautiful on the inside and she was on the outside.

In the early 80's, the Muckerman's opened Troy's first video store called "Home Theatre". Annette managed and ran that until they decided to close it. For over 20 years, Annette and Scott have owned "Scotty's BP/Conoco in Silex and Eolia. Annette will be sadly missed and long remembered by all those who knew and loved her.

She was preceded in death by her parents and her in-laws, Donald and Margaret Muckerman.

Memorials may be made to the Alzheimer's Association, c/o funeral home

Family and friends may sign the online guest book @www.mccoyblossomfh.com.



George Travis

George Travis of Elizabeth, Ky., formerly of Vandalia died Tuesday, Jan. 14, 2024.

Visitation will be Saturday, from 9-11: a.m., at Waters Funeral Home in Vandalia.

Funeral service will be Saturday at 11 a.m., at the funeral home.

David Kenneth Elgin

David Kenneth Elgin, 80, of Frankford died unexpectedly at his home Thursday, Feb. 8, 2024.

Graveside services were held at 3 p.m., Friday at Fairview Cemetery in Louisiana with Ethan Elgin officiating.

Services are under the direction of Bibb-Veach Funeral Homes and Crematory in Bowling Green.

David was born Aug. 4, 1943 in Louisiana, the son of Boyd Fleming and Esther Griffith Elgin. Along with eight siblings, David grew up in Clarksville. He attended Clopton Schools and graduated alongside the class of 1962.

David spent a few years attending Hannibal-LaGrange College before returning to the family farm in Annada. He later moved to Hannibal, to help his mother with her livestock operation. Upon the passing of his mother in 2009, David moved to Frankford where he took over the livestock operation that his mother left behind. David was a member of the Dover Baptist Church, where he joined during his college years.

Though David was a very private person, he found joy in the arts. David was an avid artist who enjoyed drawing, sketching, as well as painting. He was a collector and enjoyed auctions and garage sales.

David leaves behind a larger family that will miss him greatly.

Those left behind include his siblings, Boyd Elgin of Farmington, Iowa, Peerless Elgin and wife, Oxana of Peculiar, Cora O'Kane and husband, Rick of Great Falls, S.D., Linda Eglin of Kansas City, June Elgin of Frankford, George Elgin of Hannibal, and Lori Ann Oja and husband, John of Destin, Fla.; many nieces, nephews, and extended family; as well as many wonderful neighbors and friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents and sister, Sharon Mullikin who died in 1990.



William Michael 'Mike' Meyer

William Michael "Mike" Meyer, 75, of Bowling Green died Saturday, Feb. 10, 2024 peacefully at his home.

Memorial services for Mike were held Sunday at 3 p.m., at Bibb-Veach Funeral Homes and Crematory with the Rev. Joe Siefkas officiating.

A Time of Gathering took place prior to the service from 1-3 p.m., at the funeral home.

Mike was born Aug. 24, 1948 in Louisiana to William George "W.G." and Dorothy Lucille Grote Meyer. He was united in marriage to Colleen Leigh Knock on April 15, 1972 at the Presbyterian Church in Bowling Green. She preceded him in death on Sept. 23, 2022.

Mike resided in Pike County his entire life. He was co-owner of Meyer Implement and Meyer Brothers Farms with his brothers. He spent his days busy at the of-

fice and checking on the farm and cattle, all of which he enjoyed immensely.

Mike also enjoyed Sunday drives to the river and surrounding areas, attending the grandkids' sporting events, and watching cattle sales. Mike had served in the National Guard with Platoon #2175 Military Police.

He was a previous member of the Kubota Dealer Advisory Board. He also served on several local boards; including the Eastern Missouri Livestock Board and several church committees. He was a current member of the Frankford Presbyterian Church.

Mike is survived by daughters, Crystal Graver and husband, Fred and Carey Scherder and husband, Brian, both of Bowling Green; grandchildren, Bethany Kohl and husband, Nathan, Devin Graver, Grant Graver, Brendan Scherder, and Carson Scherder; brothers, Robert Meyer and wife, Lu and Edward Meyer; and nieces and nephews, Brock Meyer and wife, Michelle, Amy Lehenbauer and husband, Mark, Kaitlyn Meyer, and Blake Meyer.

Preceding Mike in death were his parents, wife, Colleen; a sister in infancy, Vicki; and granddaughter, Grace.

In lieu of flowers donations may be made to a local charity of the donor's choice.

Mary L. Rissmiller

Mary L. Rissmiller, 85, of Frankford died Friday, Feb. 16, 2024, at Beth Haven Nursing Home in Hannibal.

Graveside service and burial will be at 10 a.m., Tuesday (today) at Pleasant Hill Cemetery in Frankford. The Rev. Richard Epperson will officiate.

There is no visitation. The family is being served by the James O'Donnell Funeral Home in Hannibal.

Mary was born Nov. 12, 1938, in Ellington to Lynn and Delma May Lesh. She was married to William Louis Rissmiller on Dec. 31, 1960, in Reynolds County. He preceded her in death on Nov. 20, 2000.

Survivors include her son, William Lynn Rissmiller of Frankford; one brother, Roger Lesh and wife, Allison of Ellington, MO; and one nephew that she raised, Tom Stout.

Mary was preceded in death by her father, Lynn Lesh; and one brother, Jim Lesh.

Professionally, Mary worked for over 25 years at Bridal Original wedding gowns in Bowling Green.

Mary was Baptist by faith. Pallbearers will be Kevin Saul, Ronnie Kelly, Mike Kurz, Scott Burroughs, Curtis Alderson, and William Lynn Rissmiller.

Memorial contributions may be made to the donor's choice.

Community Calendar...

Submit upcoming events by calling 324-6111 or e-mail to: peopletribune@sbcglobal.net

On Feb. 22: The Clarksville Garden Club is holding it's monthly meeting on at 1 p.m. The meeting will take place at the Clarksville Christian Church annex, 500 S. 2nd St. in Clarksville. The program will be on Native Wildflowers. Anyone interested in gardening is welcome to attend.

Kim Makes Dean's List

Emerson College student, Chrystal Kim, from Jeju, Jeju was named to the college's dean's list for the fall 2023 semester.

The requirement to make dean's list is a grade point average of 3.7 or higher for that semester.

Kim is majoring in media arts production and is a member of the class of 2025.

VFW Auxiliary Post 2173 Meets

The Auxiliary to VFW Post 2173 in Vandalia met Thursday, Feb. 8 at the Charlene Teague Genealogy Center.

President Victoria Shaw called the 7 p.m., meeting to order. Opening ceremonies were observed. Ruth Miller served as conductress in the absence of Ann Wasson.

The December meeting minutes were approved as read. The auxiliary did not meet in January due to inclement weather. The treasurer's report was given and filed for review. Correspondence included a thank you letter from Missouri Veterans' Home, Mexico, Assistance League for donation to the bingo program, and the National Newsletter.

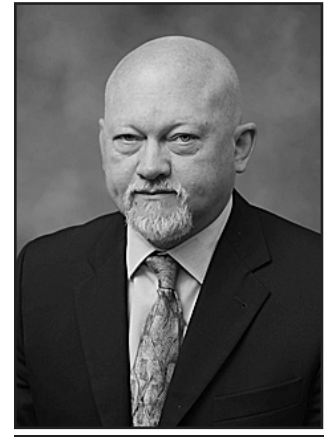
Lionel Shaw presented the audit report for October, November, and December 2023. Val Galloway moved acceptance of the audit report. Barb Holman seconded the motion that passed.

The Standing Rules were revised to include the Patriot's Pen donation in Standing Rule #3. Joy Davis moved the revision. Judy Hull seconded the motion that passed unanimously.

During the business meeting Davis moved that the auxiliary award one \$300 scholarship for 2024. Galloway seconded the motion that passed. Closing ceremonies were observed and the meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

The eight members attending were Joy Davis, Val Galloway, Barbara Holman, Judy Hull, Ruth Miller, Lionel Shaw, Victoria Shaw, and Wanda Winders.

The next scheduled auxiliary meeting is Thursday, March 14, at the Charlene Teague Genealogy Center on Main Street. The time of the meeting will be 7 p.m. All members are encouraged to attend.



Dr. Scott Gard

HRH Welcomes Vascular Surgeon

Hannibal Regional is excited to introduce the addition of Vascular Surgeon, Dr. Scott Gard to their team.

Dr. Gard completed his medical education at the University of Missouri-Kansas City School of Medicine and furthered his expertise through general surgery residency at the University of Missouri-Kansas City.

His journey continued with a fellowship in Vascular Surgery at the University of Tennessee - Memphis.

Vascular surgeons treat diseases within the vascular system, the network of arteries and veins carrying blood throughout the body. Beyond surgery, they guide patients on various treatments, including medication, diet, exercise, and lifestyle changes. Dr. Gard shares, "I chose vascular surgery secondary to the severe nature of the illness as well as the complexity of the decision making regarding treatment plans."

"I grew up in rural Northwest Missouri and chose to join Hannibal Regional to be able to make a difference in providing care to rural communities," says Dr. Gard. "A large portion of my family are farmers and I understand the hardship that traveling away from home for medical care can have." With the addition of Dr. Gard Hannibal Regional is able to continue adding needed services for the community, offering more choices for specialized without having to travel.

Dr. Gard finds it rewarding to see patients continue to live a productive life and helping his patients find the best treatment option for their condition. "The most rewarding thing that I do involves the salvage of limbs, preventing strokes, and dealing with problems that can severely restrict a patient's ability to function or continue living a productive life. My priority for my patients is to assist them with the best decision to treat their often very complicated conditions," says Dr. Gard.

To schedule an appointment with Dr. Gard at Hannibal Regional Medical Group, call (573) 629-3500.

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We appreciate all the Elks did to make our day special, with all the food and service you provided. We truly thank you.

A heartfelt thank you to the Rev. Pat Glenn and the Rev. Terry Cook for your prayers and words of comfort in our saddest hour.

Thank you Gary and Heather Orf for the songs to light up the room with joy as we say goodbye.

To all those donations that were received - thank you and they will be going to Jordan-Buffalo Cemetery as Jim served on the board for years.

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Q: What is seasonal affective disorder?

It is a type of mood disorder. The defining characteristic is that it starts and ends at comparatively the same time of the year. For example, the most common pattern would be depressive symptoms starting in the fall, getting progressively worse in the winter and then improving in the spring.

Q: What's the difference between winter blues and SAD?

The main difference is the level of impairment or distress that a person is experiencing. Often, feelings of winter blues should go away in a few days or, at most, two weeks. But once a person starts not being able to go to work, experiencing interpersonal problems in their relationships, having social problems or feeling significantly distressed for an extended period, that's when it is a possible seasonal affective disorder diagnosis.

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Common Core — Writing • CCSS.ELA-Literacy

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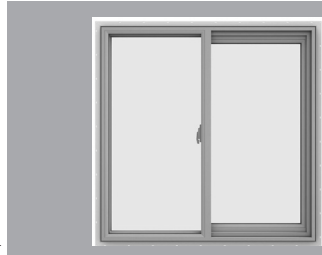
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Trap Shooting

Jake Piper

Hello, I am Jake Piper, a sophomore in the Bowling Green FFA chapter. I've been a part of the FFA since sixth grade. Being in the FFA for four years now has taught me many things. Some of these include public speaking, trap shooting, and knowledge of agriculture. I started trapshooting in ninth grade. This year was my second year on the team. Being on the trap team caused me to meet new people, make friends, and improve myself at something I love doing. Over the two years, I have greatly improved. From shooting a 14 out of 25 to a 24 out of 25. It was an overall great experience, and I hope to be a part of it for the rest of my high school and FFA career.

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SAE Hannah Post

Hello, My name is Hannah Post and I am a senior this year!

Supervised Agriculture Experiences (SAE) are a crucial part of FFA. Students create a detailed overview of their ag experience including, photos, performance reviews, leadership activities, skills, and an overview of what you do.

Students put a lot of time into their writing to have the best application. I have two SAEs that we ran this year to compete at this district level; veterinary science and food service.

My veterinary science won at the district level and will move on to state and compete against the other district winners! SAEs are a great way to showcase what you do at your job and why it is beneficial to the agricultural community.

My SAEs have allowed me to build new connections and show my favorite parts of my job!



FFA Chapter Meetings

An important part of FFA is the monthly Chapter meetings that are carefully planned out. Chapter meetings have been an ongoing tradition for years. Many of us look forward to the excitement and fun meeting every month! The Bowling Green FFA relies on these meetings to increase engagement and bond with all the members of the chapter. A lot of time and effort goes into these meetings. As the Historian of the Bowling Green FFA Chapter, I have helped plan some of these meetings. At the beginning of each meeting, Audrey Lovell (President of the Bowling Green FFA Chapter) will start by putting the meeting into motion. She will discuss the upcoming events, announcements, and remind the members of the specific rules of the meeting. Then, Hannah Post (Secretary of the Bowling Green FFA Chapter) will give the secretary's report. After this, the activity will begin.

This year, our popular chapter meeting activity has been cornhole. Our members enjoyed playing cornhole. We even had a cornhole tournament in August. Our winners were Lucy and Laura Korte. Some other chapter meetings consist of planting flowers, dodgeball, corn maze (Prairies Edge), pumpkin patch, fishing, decorating cookies, and more! It is hard to think of a favorite meeting. Personally, I enjoy the summer and fall meetings more than anything. Being outside participating in fun activities with my fellow FFA members is the best time. All in all, Chapter meetings are a fun way to stay involved in the chapter and bond with fellow FFA members.

Bowling Green FFA Fruit Sales

Casey Price

This year, Bowling Green FFA Chapter had over \$50,000 in sales turned in by the date. Our sales started on Nov. 10 and lasted until Nov. 28.

Even with some communication errors, the sales were still successful. The only difference from last year's products due to miscommunication was the Woods Gift Box that in years past typically contained two rolls of summer sausage, one block of cheese, and one package of beef sticks, but this year it had four different flavors of meat sticks.

If you have a major opinion on either the gift box with summer sausage, cheese, and

one pack of beef sticks or this year's box with the four different flavors of beef sticks let us know so we can make a better choice for next year's fruit sale.

The money from this fundraiser allows students to participate at the local, state, and even national levels.

Our FFA fundraisers create opportunities for over 200 students to achieve personal growth and premier leadership.

Thank you to our local producers for the quality products this year as well as for always being willing to help us with our fundraisers and getting the products to us on time.

President's Perspective

Katie Houchins



Over this past year, I have served as the Bowling Green FFA Chapter President. I have seen numerous members achieve goals they did not know were possible before. I have seen bonds form within our chapter that, without them, might not have formed. Our FFA chapter is more of a family than a club.

We work together as a unit to achieve the most success possible

within our club. Whether it is at a chapter meeting or a contest, I have watched people come together to work as one. I watched numerous members come together to compete in our chapter cornhole tournament. I watched our Vet Science team pull together and push each other to achieve success we had not achieved in years. Although I am serving as president this year, I was also once in a young FFA member's shoes.

I first served as an assistant officer and then as the chapter sentinel. I worked to show my dedication and commitment to our chapter and now have been honored to have the privilege of serving as the President. I have had numerous moments I have cherished over the past year. My favorite as an officer team was our officer retreat. There, we spent the day together on the lake and later spent time together bonding. We cooked dinner together and played many different card games. My favorite moment as a chapter was watching the dozens upon dozens of Ag 1 and Ag 2 students receive their green hand and chapter degree pins. I have not seen that volume of students at that event in my time as an officer. I believe that our officer team has built a strong foundation for encouraging and empowering the future of the Bowling Green FFA Chapter. I encourage each and every student to join your local FFA Chapter and be able to participate in this experience. Remember, it is more than just a club.

Senior Perspective

Caleb Graver

Hello, my name is Caleb Graver and I am a senior at Bowling Green High School.

I am the vice president of the Bowling Green FFA chapter. I have

been in FFA since middle school but senior year has been my favorite so far.

I've enjoyed being involved in

the community and helping plan activities for the members of our chapter. Being a senior is exciting because you are making memories that will last a lifetime.

Being a part of the officer team has greatly increased my teamwork skills and has given me many opportunities to enjoy my last year of high school.

Sophomore Perspective

Taylor Kallash

Being in FFA as a sophomore has presented many amazing opportunities.

In the summer, I was able to show a bacon I cured at the county fair. I won a blue ribbon, and I want to do

it again next year. At the beginning of the school year, I was able to apply to be an assistant officer. I got interviewed, and now I am one!

I go to as many chapter meetings as I can, and assist with many

things. In October, I went to the FFA National Convention for the second time. It was so fun, me and my friends had the best time! Towards the end of the year, my friends and I went to Barnwarming.

All of us had a blast, dancing the night away! Since the new year, I have joined the dairy cattle contest team. We have another shot at going to the State Convention. We all are practicing and studying to make it!

CDE Contest Clara Bailey

My name is Clara Bailey and I am Vice President of the Bowling Green FFA Chapter.

Throughout my years in FFA I have been involved on several different CDE's, which stands for Career Development Events. Such events that I have competed on are teams such as Dairy Cattle, Livestock, Meats, Vet Science, and this year I will compete on our chapter's Soils team.

On these teams I have learned so much from my teammates and advisor, from my sophomore year the older members of my teams pushed

me to better myself, and work harder, to get me to where they knew I could be. Of course one of those members was my sister, so you know she wouldn't ever let me slack off. With this particular team, we placed third in the state.

I am very appreciative of those teammates because they showed me how to be that way for my teammates in the future. Last year I was on the meats team, and there were some times when we were struggling, but we pushed forward and work harder, and we ranked Group 1 in the state.



Pictured from left: Advisor Brett Waddell, Abbie Waddell, Lexi Koelling, Callie Bailey, and Clara Bailey.



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Barnwarming

Layla Berry

This year we had barnwarming in October. All the FFA officers, assistant officers, and other people in ag classes worked hard in putting on an amazing night.

The theme this year was "I Remember Everything," based on a Zach Bryan song. We had pictures hung from different activities we did the year before to see all the memories we made. We had a DJ that night and we danced to tons of different songs having a great time.

Later in the evening, we played games with the barnwarming attendees. We played pin the tail on the cow, see who

could get the cookie in their mouth the fastest without using their hand, and had a dance battle.

This year's attendees were Emma Akers and Caden Oberhaus for the freshman class. For the sophomore class it was Layla Berry, and Jake Piper. The junior class was Addison Shade and Aaron McBride. Our senior attendees were Audrey Lovell and Tucker Watson, Clara Bailey and Casey Price, and lastly Kourtney Kraft and Caleb Graver, who were also crowned barnwarming king and queen.



Bowling Green FFA Stories

By Courtney Kraft

Hello! My name is Courtney Kraft. I am a senior at Bowling Green High School, and a member of the Bowling Green FFA chapter.

I am currently serving as our chapter's treasurer. While being an active member and officer I have been able to grow as an individual through FFA. Many of the activities we do throughout the year encourage our chapter's members to build upon characteristics such as responsibility, social skills, organization, and cooperation.

One activity that helps to build these characteristics is the Pike County Classic show. This swine

Jackpot show allows young members of our community and young members of surrounding communities to come together and show off their hard work and potentially get rewarded for it. Pigs shown at the Jackpot show range from all breeds and ages.

This livestock show is funded by Missouri Pork Producers Association and put on by the Bowling Green FFA chapter. I am very thankful to have been a part of this show by announcing classes and show results. I would like to thank everyone who participated in the Pike County Classic show this past summer and anyone who has supported our

chapter.

By Cameron Price

I enjoy being in FFA because it offers many different opportunities for you to be a part of a community that wants to help out their towns.

The FFA community as a whole has the same commission goal in mind to better the towns that we live in.

As a junior, I am more able to get my hands dirty and help out my community. I enjoy being a part of something greater than myself. Things like helping out at different fundraisers as a junior makes me feel more like I am helping out.

Missouri State Fair

By Abigail Haas

The Missouri State Fair is an amazing opportunity for all. It's a place where traditions grow, and where new beginnings start. Some traditions in my family are attending the Missouri State Fair and exhibiting livestock. My family has attended the Missouri State Fair for multiple decades. In past years, our family has spent the whole two weeks exhibiting market barrows, breeding gilts and boars, Angus cattle, and country-cured hams and bacons. Through time and dedication, my family has won many awards through hard work and dedication in the swine, cattle, and meat industry. Last year, my family was recognized at the MO Farm Family Day during the fair, as Pike County Farm Family of the year. This was a really neat experience that our family was recognized for all of their dedication and volunteer hours through our local Extension Council.

Throughout my show career at the Missouri State Fair, I have started a few new traditions of my own. I have had the privilege and opportunity to exhibit livestock other than market barrows and breeding gilts, by adding breeding stock and meat pen rabbits, floriculture, country cured hams and bacons through the Missouri FFA and 4-H programs. The Missouri State Fair has given me the opportunity to meet fellow breeders and make new connections that has improved my rabbitry to compete at the 100th National ARBA Convention in Louisville, Ky. It was a great experience where I met



worked with new breeders from all over the country.

From just exhibiting at the State Fair I feel showing and exhibiting in any livestock show in showmanship is the most important in any show. I believe in the showmanship class because that is where you can tell the exhibitors who are dedicated and spend hours with their livestock from the ones who haven't. In the showmanship class, you are not judged on the quality of your animal, but on how you present yourself, your animal, and your knowledge of the industry.

and exhibit at the Missouri State Fair and start their own traditions. No matter if it's livestock, country-cured meats, woodworking, metal projects, gardening, floriculture, grain or hay exhibits, don't be afraid to step out of your comfort zone and try something new. The Missouri State Fair now offers first-time exhibitor grants for youth who have never exhibited at the state fair. The information and application is available on the MO State Fair website. I encourage you to fill it out and become a part of a great opportunity. I guarantee you will have fun and meet new friends along the way.

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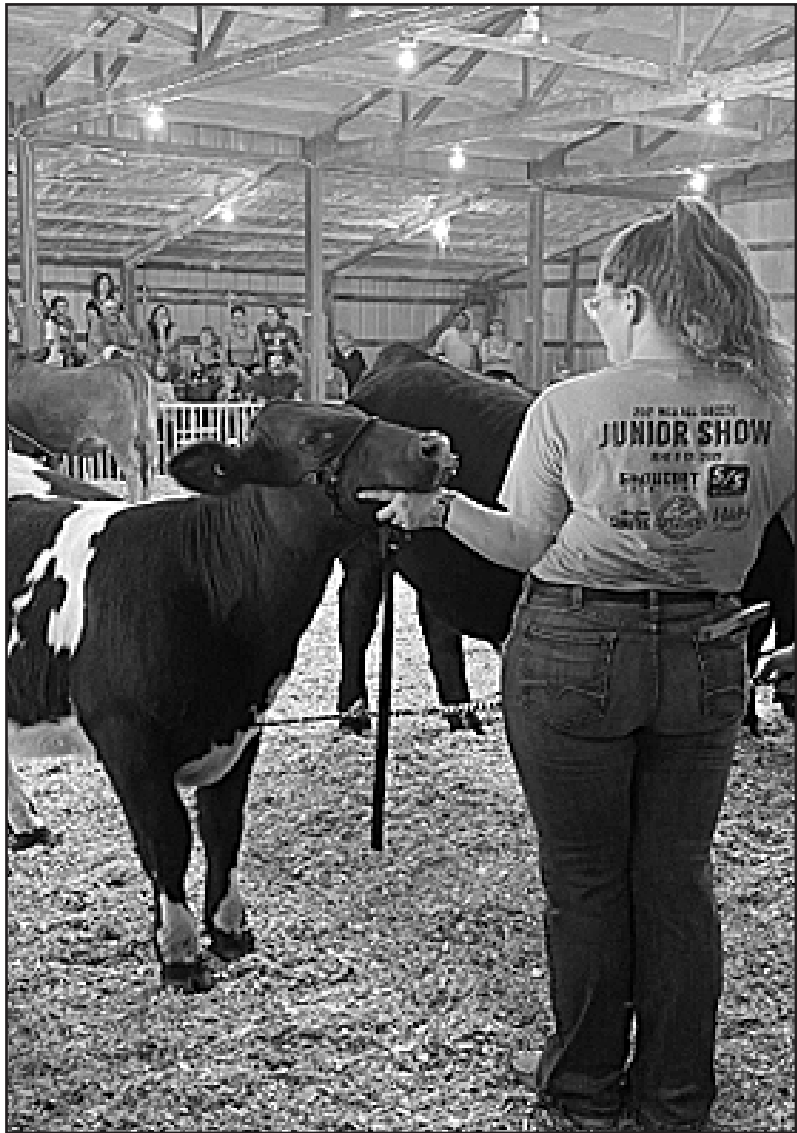
The Pike County Fair is something me and my family look forward to every year.

It's one thing I think most of my peers can also say they look forward to. Ever since I was 8 I started showing livestock and exhibiting projects inside.

And to be honest, if it wasn't for the Pike County cattle show I wouldn't have the passion for show cattle that I have now. If it wasn't for all the great families within our

county that came alongside me and mentored me when I was younger I wouldn't be where I am today. Nothing compares to the friends and memories you make and the people you meet by participating in 4H and FFA and exhibiting at the County Fair.

The Pike County Fair has changed my life in many great ways and I do not doubt it has had that effect on many of my peers who participate in it as well.



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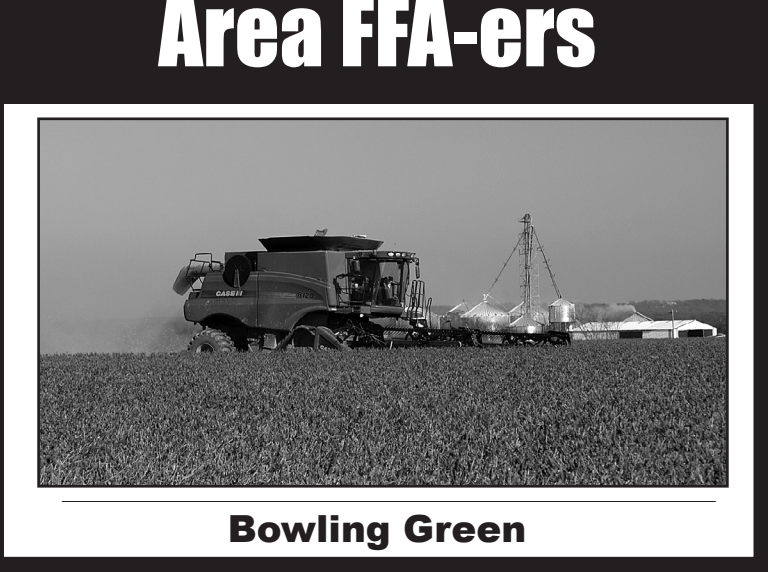
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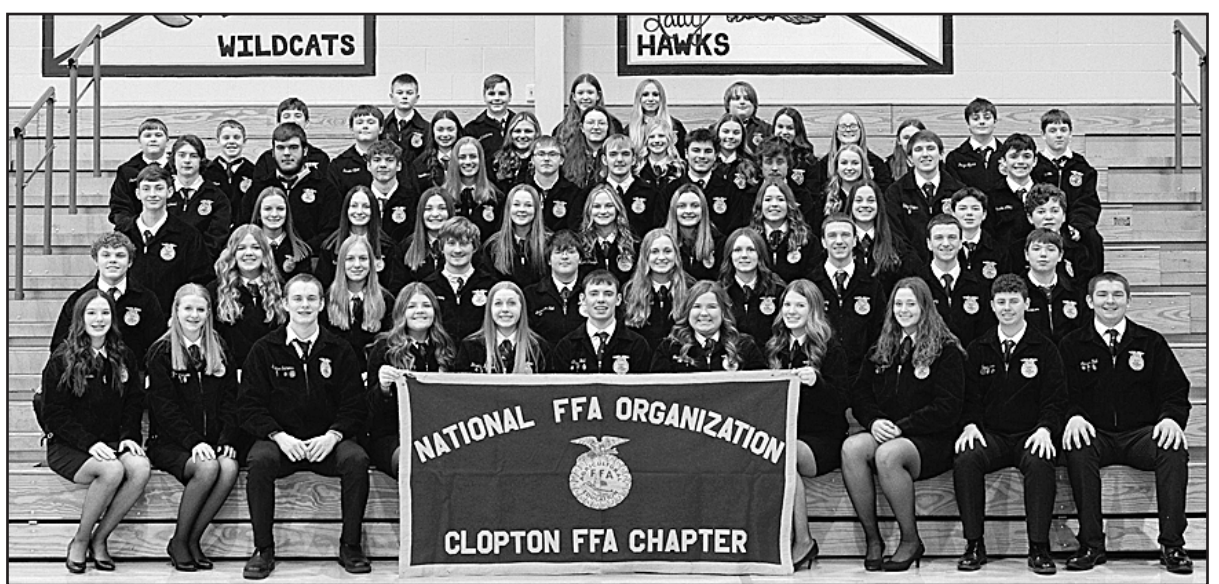
Sunday, Feb. 25
 10 a.m. - FFA at church
 12 p.m. - FFA Lunch following church
Monday, Feb. 26
 7 a.m. FFA Breakfast
Tuesday, Feb. 27
 Dress up Day - "Down On The Farm"
 12:30 p.m. Missouri FFA State Officer Visit
Wednesday, Feb. 28

Dress up Day - "Bling vs. Camo Day"
 12 p.m. - Food for America
 6:30 p.m. FFA Movie Night
Thursday, Feb. 29
 Dress up Day - "Anything But A Shoe Day"
 Ag Field Day
Friday, March 1
 Dress up Day - "Clopton FFA Shirt"
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2023-24 Junior Officers

Pictured, from left: 2023-24 Clopton FFA Junior Officer Team Secretary - Madelynne Williams, Treasurer - Beau Beauchamp, Vice President - Carter Spangler, and President - Trey Spoonster.



Clopton FFA Chapter 2023-24

Front row, (l-r): Charleigh Spoonster - Historian, Bobbi Jo Kaimann - Parliamentarian, Tucker Salmons - Sentinel, Rileigh Kuntz - Secretary, Brooklyn Kaimann - 1st Vice President, Chase Hall - President, Nevaeh Ricks - 2nd Vice President, Tinleigh Spoonster - Treasurer, Carlyn Lockard - Reporter, Mick Evans - Sentinel, and Larson Hall - Chaplain. Second row: Adam Lindsay, Lilly Baker, Katherine Truetken, Chris Ferguson, Brookleyn Holt, Stacia Talbert, Macy Enloe, Adam Matheny, James Matheny, and Jacob Harrelson. Third row: Zane Smith, Sophie Simmons, Ava Bankhead, Phoebe Hayden, Danica Graham, Skylar Parker, Brooke Jarrett, Bailey Baker, Maryine Person, Caden Weber, and Jackson Hayden. Fourth row: Colten Weber, Jayden Baker, Peter Daskalakis, Avenley Mitchell, Ray Reading, Chaz Lindsay, Nick Denslow, Zayne Lunsford, Lauren Blackwell, Kain Eivins, and Camden Lilley. Fifth row: Carter Spangler, Collin Lindsay, Trey Spoonster, Corey Couch, Kailey Jones, Ashlyn Jeans, Alaina Henderson, Beau Beauchamp, Lilly Stribling, Danika Martin, Madelynne Williams, Karli Barkley, Bruce Stewart, and Andrew Maiuro. Sixth row: Bennett Colbert, Jacob Lovell, Lainie Tate, Maddison Berardino, and Bryce Zimmerman.

My Favorite FFA Memory

Nevaeh Ricks (senior) - My favorite FFA memory is going to National FFA Convention in Indiana and watching Mrs. Conderman get hypnotized on stage.

Field Days and listening to all of the different speakers and learning about the new practices in the agriculture industry.

Rileigh Kutnz (junior) - My favorite FFA memory is going to Bradford

Stacia Talbert (senior) - I would tell a future FFA member to go to as many events as you can because it is always a good time and you will learn a lot by the experiences you gain along the way.

I am already a junior and cannot believe that next year is going to be my last everything for FFA, so go to as much as possible and make great memories with your fellow members.

Brooklyn Kaimann (senior) - Future advise that I would give to a future FFA member is to go to as many activities the chapter offers.

Ava Bankead (sophomore) - Some advice that I would give is to just be involved. If you do not do anything it will not be fun.

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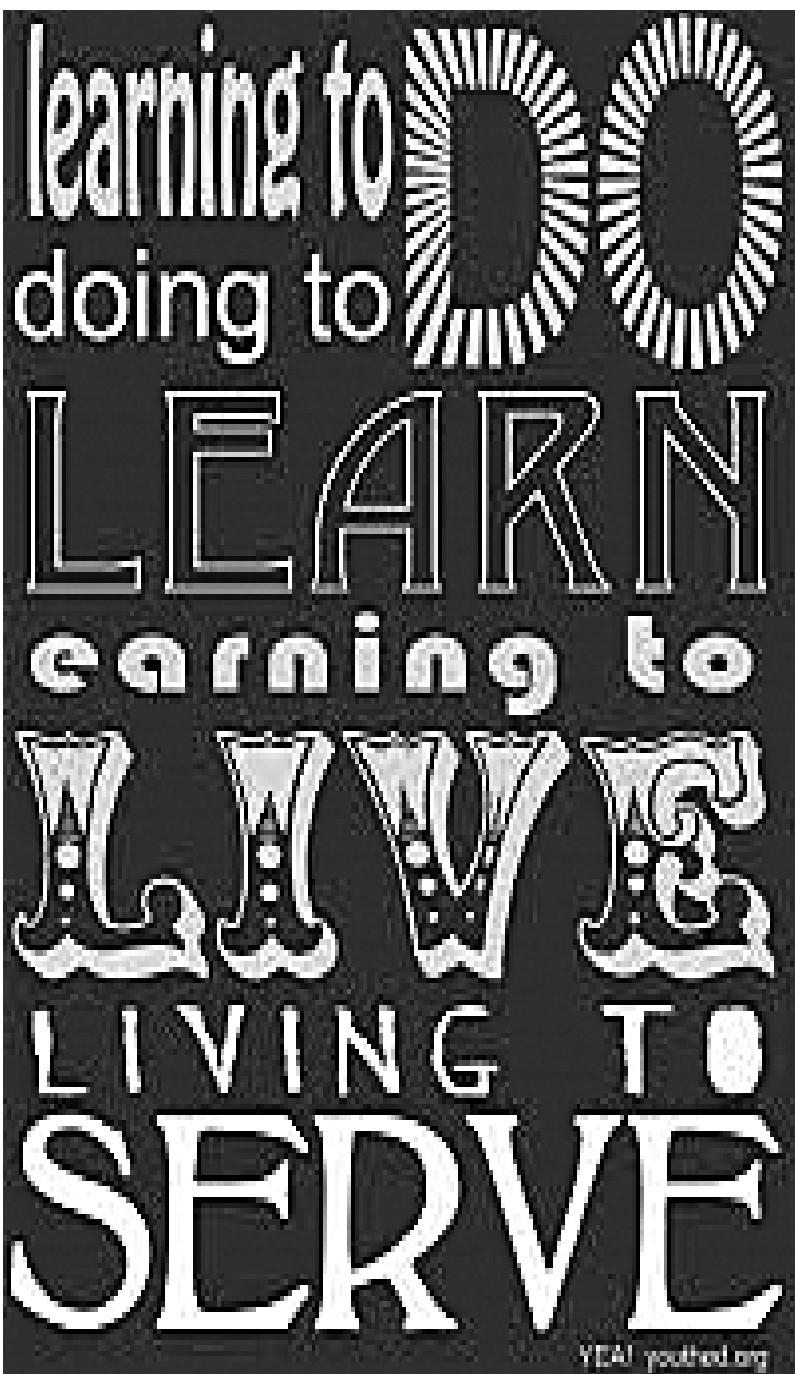
Battle Of Chapters

Clopton FFA members attended the Area V Battle of the Chapters event during the summer. Here they worked as a team to compete in a series of games. They won the "spirit stick" for showing the most team spirit throughout the day.



FFA Officer Team

Pictured from left: Brooklyn Kaimann - 1st Vice President, Nevaeh Ricks - 2nd Vice President, Chase Hall - President, Raleigh Kuntz - Secretary, Larson Hall - Chaplain, Carlyn Lockard - Reporter, Tucker Salmons - Sentinel, Tinleigh Spoonster - Treasurer, Mick Evans - Student Advisor, Charleigh Spoonster - Historian, and Bobbi Jo Kaimann - Parliamentarian.



2023-24 Trap Shooting Team

Pictured from left: Mick Evans, Jackson Hayden, Bruce Stewart, Chase Hall, Jacob Harrelson, Zayne Lunsford, Trey Spoonster, Colten Weber, Peter Daskalakis, Caden Weber, Bennett Colbert, Carson Wischmeyer, Carter Spangler, Bobbi Jo Kaimann, Estelle Clark, Lilly Baker, Phoebe Hayden, Carlyn Lockard, Charleigh Spoonster, Tinleigh Spoonster, and Brooklyn Kaimann.



Not Just Popcorn

Clopton FFA members attended the National FFA Convention in Indianapolis, Indiana. Here they had the opportunity to tour various agricultural businesses, such as Not Just Popcorn pictured above. Students learned how to grow as leaders and take full advantage of the opportunities that are ahead of them in FFA.



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Carmen Wilburn

Favorite FFA Memory: being able to compete at state for my speech about Agriculture Education
Her future plans are to attend the University of Missouri to become an agriculture teacher.



Katelyn McCurdy

Katelyn's favorite FFA memory: being able to compete at state for soil.
Her future plans are to attend Mizzou to receive her bachelor's degree in nuclear medicine.



Katelyn Pargeon

Katelyn's favorite FFA memory: being able to get Chick-fil-a after a contest and jamming out to music in Mrs. Crader's car.
Her future plans are to attend State Tech to become a radiologist technician.



Kristen Shaw

Kristen's favorite FFA memory is being able to compete at state for soil and having Mrs. Crader as a teacher.
Her future plans are to attend Columbia College to attend nursing school.



Richard Hayden

Richard's future plans are to attend Moberly Area Community College and get a career in a STEM related field



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FFA Vice President, Erin Childs, teaching Van-Far Elementary students about farming equipment and safety during Food for America.



Clara Wallace

Clara's Favorite FFA Memory: being able to compete at state for entomology.
Her future plans are to attend Kansas State University to major in animal science and minor in agriculture business.



Emily Hanson

Emily plans on going to school for Elementary Education.



Katelyn Sutton

Her future plans are to attend Missouri State University for nursing.

Katelyn's favorite FFA memory is competing in entomology.



McKenna Engh-Hoffman

Her future plans are to attend Columbia College for nursing school.
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Each year, FFA chapters around the country celebrate National FFA Week. It's a time to share what FFA is and the impact it has on members every day. What better way to show your support of FFA than to get involved in FFA Week? Whether it's in person, on the phone or via social media, be sure to share your FFA stories during #FFAweek!

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2023-24 Van-Far FFA Chapter

Pictured, front row, (l-r): Mrs. Ashlee Crader, Katelyn McCurdy, Kayla Heaton, Rebecca Motley, Carmen Wilburn, Erin Childs, Kristen Shaw, Reece Culwell, Grace Smith, and Mr. Ryan Talkington. Second row: Faith Griffith, Elaina Brogden, Kaelyn Hutcheson, Zyah Griffith, Lily Cranston, Clara Wallace, Nora Bybee, Khloe Wallace, and Gabe Freie. Third row: Alyssa Hollenbeck, Mikayla Bolin, Autumn Donaldson, Makayla McCurdy, Emma Freie, Elliott Utterback, Dalana Gay, and Kylie Miller. Fourth row: Peyton Kirm, Katelyn Pargeon, Chloe Zumwalt, Mylee Keller, Brecca Teague, Addyson Hays, Mariah Maggard, Kaden Whitaker, Abbie Shelton, and Kaylynne Wallace. Fifth row: Garrett Hopke, Slade Keller, Pacey Reading, Brandon Kurz, Easton Sharp, Evan Utterback, Katelyn Sutton, Emma Schambach, and Emily Hansen. Sixth row: Brady Puls, Jackson Fischer, Richard Hayden, Sam Couch, Laban Haynie, Madelyn Carman, and McKenna Eng-Hoffman.



Ag Business, Leadership

The Ag Business and Leadership class traveled to Van-Far Elementary to teach third graders about the importance of agriculture during the first semester.



State Swine Facility Management Contest

Makayla McCurdy, Kayla Heaton, Carmen Wilburn, Katelyn McCurdy and Advisor Ryan Talkington, Traveled to Columbia to compete in the state swine facility management contest where they received second place.



Greenhouse, Floral Design

The greenhouse and floral design class learned about creating floral arrangements from former Van-Far FFA member, Devyn Keller.



96th National FFA Convention & Expo

Fourteen FFA members traveled to Indianapolis, Ind., to enjoy the 96th National FFA Convention & Expo. Pictured, front row (l-r): Carmen Wilburn, Katelyn McCurdy, Emma Schambach, Kristen Shaw, Clara Wallace, Elaina Brogden, and Kaylynne Wallace. Row two: Slade Keller, Brandon Kurz, Makayla McCurdy, Rebecca Motley, Ava Young, Kaden Whitaker, and Grace Smith.

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The 2023-24 Silex FFA Officer Team take a group picture after the haunted hayride



Silex FFA Chapter Showing Their Official Dress During FFA Week



Three Silex FFA Members receive their American Degree at National FFA Convention, pictured, from left: Kaylie Engelmeyer, Madeline Goos, Collin Twellman, Allison Schneider.



Silex FFA members dance the night away at barnwarming

2023-24 OFFICERS

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NATIONAL FFA CONVENTION

By Anna Ince

Riding on a bright yellow school bus for five hours does not seem ideal foremost people.

Especially when you have to wake up at 5:30 a.m., to get on the bus. Not even including the bus ride back from Indy to Missouri!

People who have not ever been to the FFA National Convention probably think we are crazy. But they have never experienced one of the most thrilling and memo-

orable weeks of your life. This year we had a larger number of students go with us to Indy than ever before. We rode scooters up and down the streets, ate some Culver's custard, visited an apple orchard, and made lots of new memories.

Some FFA member-will never get the chance to experience this amazing week and opportunities. If you have, consider yourself lucky!

THROUGH THE EYES OF A GREENHAND

FFA (Future Farmers of America), now known as the National FFA Organization, offers numerous benefits to its members. Here are some of the key advantages:

Leadership Development: FFA provides opportunities for students to develop leadership skills through activities such as officer roles, public speaking, and organizing events.

Career Exploration: Members gain exposure to various agricultural careers, including farming, agribusiness, veterinary science, and environmental science. FFA helps students explore their interests and passions.

Personal Growth: FFA encourages personal growth by fostering self-confidence, responsibility, and work ethic. Members learn about teamwork, time management, and goal-setting.

Networking: FFA connects students with industry professionals, mentors, and other members. Networking opportunities include conferences, workshops, and competitions.

Scholarships: FFA offers scholarships to support members pursuing higher education in agriculture-related fields. These scholarships recognize achievements and commitment.

Hands-On Learning:

Through supervised agricultural experiences (SAEs), students apply classroom knowledge in real-world settings. SAEs can involve raising animals, managing crops, or running a business.

Community Service: FFA promotes community service and civic engagement. Members participate in service projects, volunteering, and making a positive impact in their communities.

Travel and Experiences: FFA members attend conferences, conventions, and field trips. These experiences broaden their horizons, expose them to diverse cultures, and build lasting memories.

Friendships: FFA fosters friendships among like-minded individuals who share a passion for agriculture. Members form bonds that extend beyond their local chapters.

Character Building: By participating in FFA, students learn integrity, respect, and responsibility. These values contribute to their overall character development.

Remember, FFA is not just about farming; it's a dynamic organization that prepares young people for success in a wide range of agricultural and related careers.



Louisiana FFA Chapter 2023-24

Front row, from left: Quincy Mooney, Madi Jenkins, Reece Wommack, Anna Ince, Johnny Picone, Allison Jenkins, and advisor Miss Alicia Flowers. Second Row: Will Chidster, Thomas Black, Isabella Lentz, Aubri Rule, Macey Jordan, Nakya Griffith, Shelby McDaniel, and Victoria Woods. Third row: Brady Sheppard, Alex Dzierwa, Kolten McCarty, Alyssa Christensen, Raegan Bowser, Harley Norvell, Alivia Perrine, Jalaya Ries, Katie Wallace. Fourth row: Ben Bautista, Mason Martinek, Ben Macleay, Ethen Harrison, Cooper Lumley, Sophie Griffin, and Griffin Murry

HISTORY OF NATIONAL FFA WEEK

National F.F.A. Week was initiated by the National Future Farmers of America Organization — a youth leadership organization, and one of the largest in the U.S., to make a positive difference in the lives of young people by developing their potential for leadership, personal growth, and career success through agriculture education.

First founded by a group of young farmers in 1928, the F.F.A. mission, during National F.F.A. Week, is to prepare future generations for the challenges of feeding the growing pop-

ulation of the United States by teaching members various topics relating to agricultural technology, science, and business, i.e., Ag Business, Ag Mechanics, Ag Sales, Dairy cattle evaluation, and Agronomy, Food Science & Technology, and Dairy Food, etc.

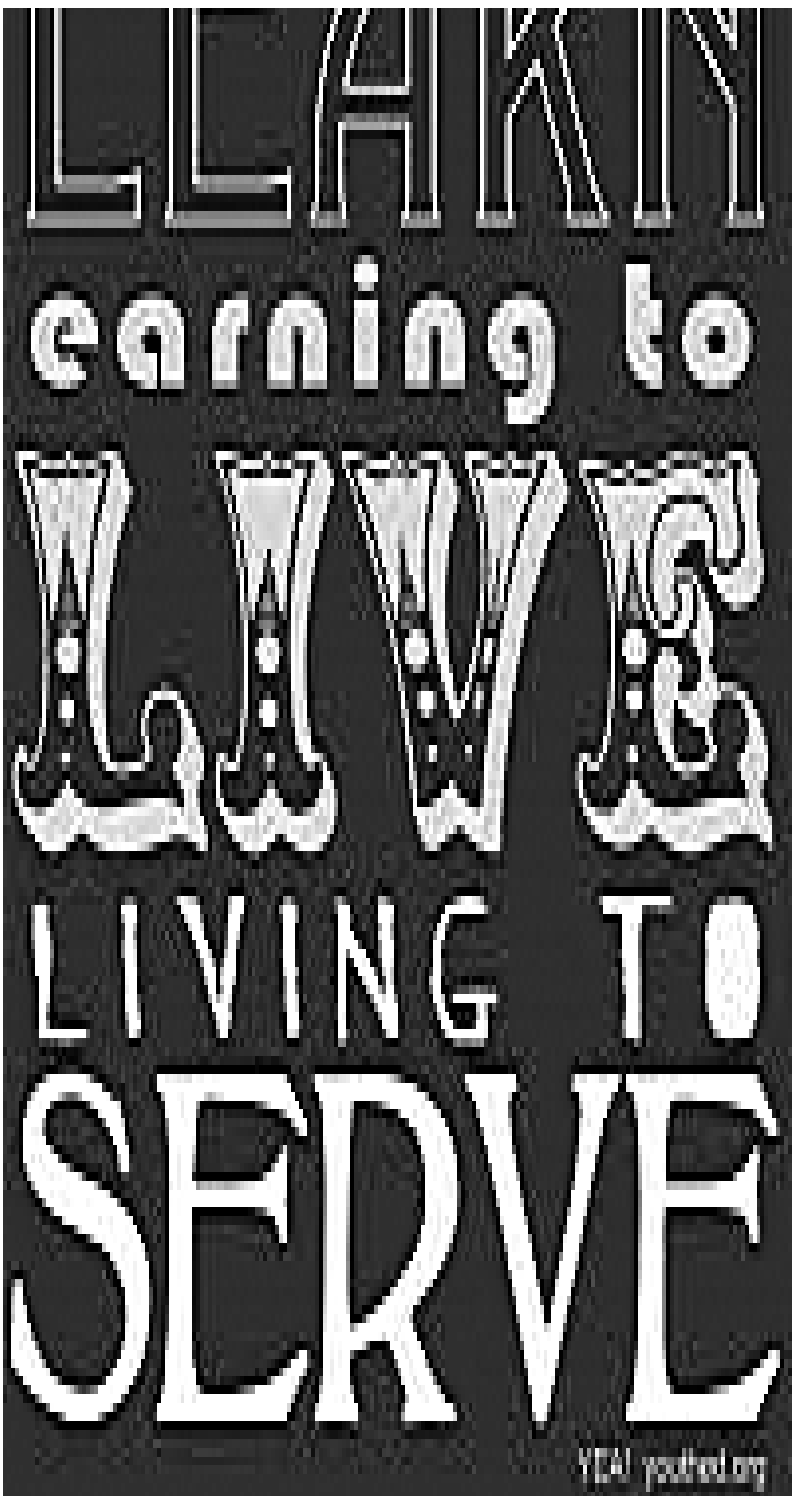
Initially, the holiday was observed on a single day.

In 1948, to recognize George Washington's example and legacy as a leader and farmer, the National F.F.A. Board of Directors initiated a weeklong tradition.

Each year, all 700,000 F.F.A. members spend

the weeklong holiday developing their potential for leadership, personal growth, and career success through agricultural education in creative and innovative ways in their various local F.F.A. chapters. During the week, F.F.A. members will take part in agricultural, leadership, and service-based activities across the country.

The organization hosts Career Development Events or Courses contests in which student members compete to test the skills they learned through agricultural education instruction from the program.



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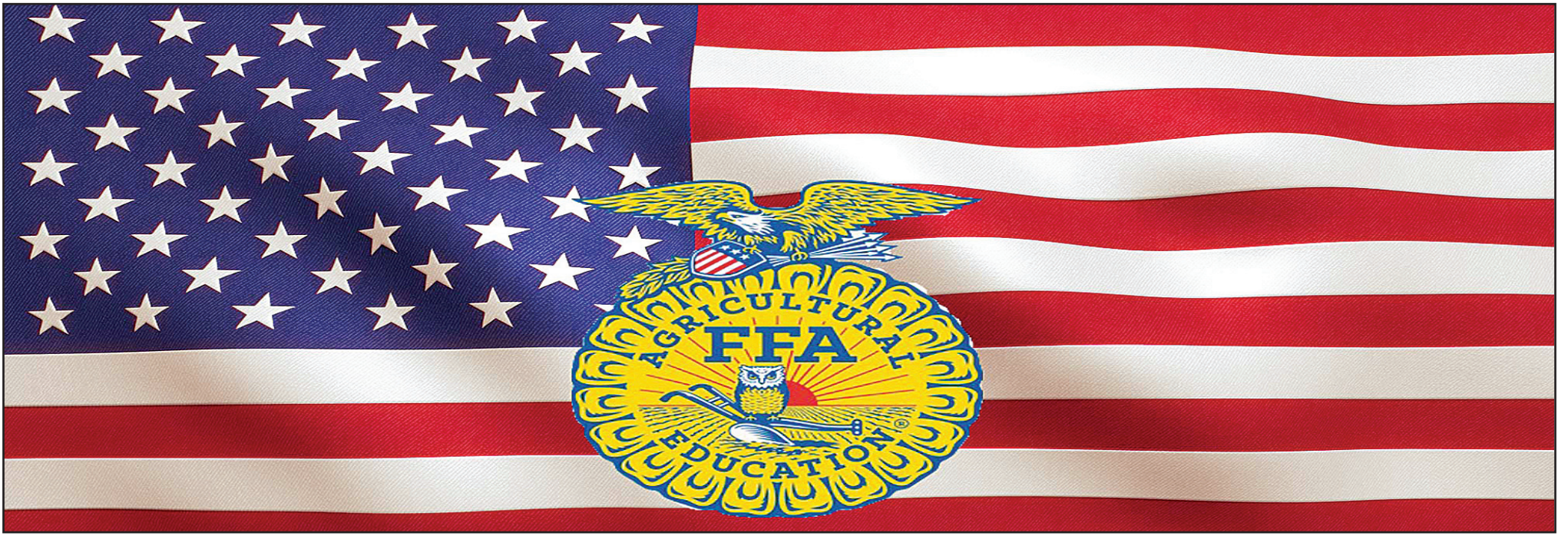
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Have a
great week,
Louisiana
FFAers!



National FFA WEEK

FEBRUARY 17-24, 2024

PROCLAMATION

Whereas, FFA and agricultural education provide a strong foundation for the youth of America and the future of food, fiber, and natural resources systems; and

Whereas, FFA promotes premier leadership, personal growth and career success among its members; and

Whereas, agricultural education and FFA ensure a steady supply of young professionals to meet the growing needs in the science, business, and technology of agriculture; and

Whereas, the FFA motto — “Learning to Do, Doing to Learn, Earning to Live, Living to Serve” — gives direction and purpose to these students who take an active role in succeeding in agricultural education; and

Whereas, FFA promotes citizenship, volunteerism, patriotism and cooperation.

Therefore, I do hereby designate the week of Feb. 17-24, 2024, as National FFA Week.

