

Salute to

FFA



NATIONAL FFA WEEK
FEB. 19-24


HONORING POLK
COUNTY'S FFA CHAPTERS



Special Supplement to the
BOLIVAR HERALD-FREE PRESS

FEBRUARY 15, 2023

Morrisville FFA



CHAPTER STATS
Chartered: 1938
Adviser: Zachary Funk



National High School BBQ Association

At the end of January in 2022, my FFA Adviser came up to me with the idea of being on the BBQ team. He suggested that I make the dessert in the Dutch oven. I agreed because my family has a bakery on our farm, and my sister is a pastry chef and baker. She helped me find a good recipe for peach cobbler, using fresh peaches off my family's orchard with fresh ingredients.

We went to the state BBQ competition in March. There were five teams at state, four of which had never cooked competitively. Categories that we had to cook as a team were hamburger, steak, chicken thigh, ribs, and dessert. At the end of the day, our team won four of the five categories and won state.

From state, we went to the national competition in Round Rock, Texas. The competition was held at the Kalahari resort, which was a large complex that had facilities for us to cook, a convention space to hear from national BBQ chefs, and the nation's largest indoor waterpark for after the competition. Using most of the same recipes, our team placed 16th in the nation.

This experience for me was amazing. On the way down to Texas, we stopped at the Oklahoma City bombing memorial, and also the Oklahoma City Stockyards. When we got to Texas, we went to the Fort Worth Stockyards. All the places we went and my experience in Texas were great, and I recommend it to anyone who has the opportunity. I'm excited and ready for the 2023 season, and hopefully we will win state and go to nationals again.

Isac Gradinariu



PRESIDENT SPOTLIGHT Isaac Francka

Grade: Senior

Parents:

Thomas and Jessica Francka

SAE:

My SAE project is I work on our dairy farm with my brothers. I also have a few of my own beef cows and raise them.



FFA Accomplishments: Some of my accomplishments that I have had being involved in FFA is becoming the chapter president. I always wanted to be the chapter president, and I got that chance this year my senior year. I also got the chance to compete with the BBQ team; we won state and were able to go to Texas to compete for nationals.

Favorite FFA Memory: My most favorite moments being in FFA were getting to go on all of the trips we go on and getting to spend time with my friends and getting to make memories with the FFA chapter.



Morrisville FFA President Isaac Francka and Secretary Colby Pellham grill meat for the annual livestock show.



LimeBank
Supports FFA Agriculture Education



Honored To Salute All FFA Members during National FFA Week



State Farm
Giana Andrews, Agent
930 S. Springfield • Bolivar, MO
417-326-2636
gianaandrews.com
State Farm Mutual Automobile Insurance Company • Home Office: Bloomington, IL



FFA members took a stop at Busch Stadium on their way to the National Convention.



FFA members stand in front of the stage at National FFA Convention.



FFA President Isaac Francka placed 4th individual in the Missouri Pork Producers State Swine Facility Contest.



Members of the BBQ team prepare turkey and ribs for the Thanksgiving fundraiser.

ADVISER SPOTLIGHT

Zachary Funk

Why is FFA important to you? FFA has been a very large part of my life. I am a huge sports fan and grew up playing but going to a larger school when school sports started I quickly realized my talent level. I found something better though, something that mirrored my life much more and that was FFA. That is why FFA is so important because students that don't shine in other groups have a chance to be in one of the many spotlights in FFA.

What do you love most about being an FFA adviser? Getting to know the kids and helping guide them through some of the biggest years of their lives. Watching them grow into leaders of tomorrow is one of the most rewarding parts of this career.

Your FFA history? I went to school at Bolivar and had Jason King and AL Skalicky as my ag advisors. I was an assistant FFA officer and an officer for the other 3 ending up as Chapter President and an Area Vice-president. I will always be grateful for the time and effort my advisors put in to get me to where I am now. My favorite FFA memories are State Ag Mechanics, and walking across the stage in Louisville to receive my American FFA degree.



Morrisville FFA
2022-23 members.

Bolivar Ready Mix and Material Company



We Proudly Support All Area FFA Chapters

326-5532 or 326-5799

• Quality Concrete at Fair Prices
Bonded - State Approved



Humansville FFA



CHAPTER STATS

Chartered: 1939
 Current Advisor: Brent Wright
 Former Advisors:
 • Makenzi 1964
 • Harold Tindle 1965
 • Bill Collins 1967
 • Lyndon Bay 1668,69 85-96
 • Don Raines 1979-80
 • David Vincent 1982, 83, 84
 • Ed Vest 1997, 98, 99, 2000
 • Brent Wright 2001-Present

Current Members: 38
 Vice President: Bailey Willard
 Secretary: Waylon Proctor
 Reporter: Gabriella Frey
 Treasurer: Riley Tillary
 Sentinel/Parliamentarian: Jessica Winfrey

FFA WEEK ACTIVITIES

FFA Sunday: Attend church, wear official dress
 Monday: Camo Day
 Tuesday: Thank A Farmer Day – Dress up as a farmer or your favorite farm animal
 Wednesday: Community Service Day
 Thursday: Flannel Day
 Friday: FFA T-Shirt Day/Lambert's trip
 Members will be rewarded for dressing up EVERY day at the end of the week.



2022-23 FFA officers are Jackson Schuber, treasurer; Shelbi Turnbough, sentinel; Jasmine Grigsby, secretary; Gabriella Frey, reporter; Jessica Winfrey, vice president and president. STAFF PHOTO/LINDA SIMMONS

Humansville FFA Draws for Hog Raffle

By Gabriella Frey, chapter reporter

Humansville held a hog raffle fundraiser to earn money for their chapter. Bob and Shirley Hogan generously donated half a hog to the chapter and Murray's Butchering generously donated free processing to the winner of the raffle. The members were selling tickets over the span of a month and drew the lucky winner, Chirstina Hicks, on Friday, Feb. 2. This was a fun way for each student to exhibit their leadership skills in working together to raise funds for the spring of 2023 competition season and travels.



Proud Supporters of FFA

National FFA Week February 18-February 25

Proud 16-yr Sponsor of the Ford Motor Company FFA Scholarship program.



Bill Grant



S. Business Rt. 13 • Bolivar • 326-7671



FORD TRUCK SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM
FFA.ORG



677836h

Humansville FFA Supports Other Charities

Humansville FFA generously donated camp items to make a "camp basket" for Humansville High's basketball pink-out game. Many community members bought raffle tickets in hopes of winning the basket.



PRESIDENT SPOTLIGHT

Jessica Winfrey

Grade: Junior

Parents: Kenneth and Elizabeth Winfrey

SAE Project: My SAE project consists of ownership. I raise and breed beef cattle and sell the calves for profit. My other SAE project is placement; I work at Westlake ACE Hardware.

FFA Accomplishments: Throughout the past few years, I have gotten so many opportunities through FFA. I have gotten to attend the National FFA Convention the past two years, as well as holding a chapter office position for two years.

Future Plans: When I graduate, I should have most of my general education classes completed through Ozarks Technical Community College, due to taking many dual credit courses in high school. I will then transfer my credits to Missouri State University and major in business management.

Favorite Part About FFA: One of my favorite parts about FFA is getting the opportunity to meet so many new people from across the United States. The National FFA Convention has to be one of my top favorites.



FFA Attends Camp Rising Sun

By Gabriella Frey, chapter reporter

On June 27, 2022, the Humansville FFA chapter arrived at Camp Rising Sun for a week of fun activities. During their time at camp, members had the opportunity to participate in waterfront activities, attend leadership sessions, hear from guest speakers, make friends with other Missouri chapters, and meet five of the state's vice-presidents. The five state officers that attended this week at the camp were Katie Fredrickson, Morgan Watkins, Cooper Hamlin, Kate Rogers, and Malerie Shutt. Furthermore, waterfront activi-



ties included swimming, canoeing, boat rides, and fun competitions. Each member also had the opportunity to develop their leadership degree, which was awarded to those who met the requirements on Friday, July 1, the last day, during the awards ceremony. Receiving the leadership degree entailed completing thirteen activi-

ties given off of a list throughout the week. Humansville FFA had numerous members awarded this degree. In conclusion, Camp Rising Sun provides a fantastic experience for not only Humansville FFA, but also other chapters to further their leadership skills, develop new friendships, and make memories that will last a lifetime.

ADVISER SPOTLIGHT *Brent Wright*

My FFA history: I attended Fair Play High School growing up where I was a member of the chapter. I student aided at Morrisville FFA under Mr. Jim Lower and student taught at Bolivar FFA under Mr. Ed Hagerman and Mr. Albert Skalicky.



What made you decide to become an FFA Advisor?

I chose to become an FFA Advisor and Ag Education teacher from some great mentors that I had growing up and getting to know. Mr. Ed Hagerman and Mr. Gerald Whistance were individuals that I gained a lot of advice from and admired. I also liked the field of agriculture but didn't have enough resources to farm. I could have a job that dealt with the field of agriculture while also teaching others.

Favorite memory: I would have a hard time remembering one favorite memory, but one that comes to mind is a former student of mine who came back and said that she had been hired for a teaching position because of the influence that FFA had on her life. Another memory would be a former student of mine who is now an Ag teacher herself.

Where do I see the FFA program going? I think that like most things we have to adapt to change. The field of agriculture is ever-changing with new ways and technology. As advisors, we have to try to also adapt and to pass these new things on to our students who will be our future food producers. I think the FFA program will continue to provide the same leadership lessons that we have always seen in FFA programs throughout our nation.




Humansville FFA Attends National Convention

Humansville FFA members of the Humansville FFA Chapter had the opportunity to attend the National FFA Convention in Indianapolis, IN this fall.



The members of the 2022-2023 Humansville FFA chapter are, from left to right, bottom row: Jasmine Grigsby, Shelbie Turnbough, Jackson Schuber, Gabriella Frey, Jessica Winfrey. Second row: Harley Colbert, Dakota Sanchez, Gracie Walters, Kylie Scrivener, Madalyn McCoy, Jasmine Cramer, Emily Winder, Josh Webb. Third row: Isaac Vangordon, Branton Hopkins, Ty Ahlers, Treven Fonteneau, Kyla Rocco, Chelsea Barnes, Dezaray Zeilman. Top row: Waylon Proctor, Carter Heath, Ellissa Masten, Aviana Mettler, Reva Crawford, Morgan Mayes, Caleb Sawyer, Lucas Roch. STAFF PHOTOS/LINDA SIMMONS

Pleasant Hope FFA



CHAPTER STATS
 Chartered: April 10th, 1931
 Advisors: Jered Brown and David Parrack
 Membership: 85

AWARDS:

- 2022 Clara Smith and Loralee Myers -Silver rating at Nationals and 1st in State Agriscience Food Products and Processing Systems Division VI.
- 2022 Mackenzie Hamilton and Duane Hickman -1st in State Agriscience Food Products and Processing Systems Division IV.
- 2022 Dairy Foods to State.

FFA WEEK:
 Sunday, Feb. 19: Sunrise Baptist Church/Official dress
 Monday, Feb. 20: Wonders of Wildlife and Lamberts/FFA t-shirts
 Tuesday, Feb. 21: Anything but a backpack/American day
 Wednesday, Feb. 22: Breakfast for dinner/Western day
 Thursday, Feb. 23: Drive anything but a car/Camo day
 Friday, Feb. 24: Western Farm Show



Julia Peterman is the recipient of the Missouri FFA Foundation's SAE grant.

Julia Peterman, a freshman of the Pleasant Hope FFA chapter, has been recently selected to receive a Missouri FFA Foundation's SAE grant. This grant will give Julia \$1,000 to use in her SAE project. When asked, Julia will use the grant money towards her show pig operation by purchasing

Julia was lucky enough to be among 29% of applicants who received either a national or state-level grant. Julia's SAE grant was made possible through a generous donation to the Missouri FFA Foundation from the MFA Inc. Charitable Foundation. Julia decided to start raising show pigs after she attended the Pleasant Hope community fair and saw many other students who had show pigs. Since she already has bottle calves that she raises and sells, Julia decided to try something new and expand her SAE, and her choice was show pigs. She plans to acquire new pigs in March and raise them to take them to local fairs. These fairs include the Polk County Fair in June, the Missouri State Fair in August, and the Pleasant Hope Community Show in September. Julia hopes to succeed in showing pigs and win many awards with her pigs. Along with receiving her grant for her SAE project as a freshman, Julia has been able to take herself to the National Convention through fundraising over \$1,200, as well as becoming a co-officer, aiding in, and participating in the business of our organization.

The 95th National FFA Convention and Expo

For the 95th annual National FFA Convention and Expo, Pleasant Hope got to take different tours and do other things at the expo. The first night, we had dinner at Hollyhocks. The following day, we went to the City Market, where we toured the catacombs and ate lunch. We also attended the career show, expo, and talent show. We made our way to downtown Indy for dinner, and our night ended with a light viewing. Some of the national blue and corn gold lights



Pleasant Hope FFA students pose for a photo at the convention center in Indianapolis.

were meaningful for us as FFA members. Friday, we started our day at the Heartland Growers greenhouse. Heartland Growers greenhouse is 30 acres. This is roughly the size of 30 football fields together. We did a tour of the National FFA Center. We saw some of the first FFA jackets and pictures that were taken at FFA events, including national conventions. We continued our tours to Traders Point Creamery. We got to eat some homemade ice cream they make daily at the creamery. We had dinner at Texas Roadhouse, and then we went to the rodeo. Saturday, we attended the American Degree session. We had lunch in downtown Indy at Shapiro's Deli. We headed back to Lucas Oil Stadium for the 7th convention session. After the session was over, we headed back home.

• FUTURE • ACHIEVEMENTS • PROMISE

We support our local FFA Chapters and members!



Butler
FUNERAL HOME

Bolivar, MO • 326-5233
 Humansville, MO • 754-2215
www.butlerfuneralhome.com

PRESIDENT SPOTLIGHT

Clara Smith

My name is Clara Smith, and I am currently a senior attending Pleasant Hope High School. My parents are Sheldon and Jessica Smith, and I have two younger sisters and three dogs. Right now, I am also involved in Student Council, FCCLA, and a few planning committees for the senior class. My SAE project is an agriscience project that I started in November 2021 and ended in October 2022. My agriscience project was the "Science of Cooking a Hamburger," where my partner and I observed the bacterial growth rate in hamburger patties that were cooked at different temperatures. I have had much success with this project. My partner and I won State in our division, and we also made it to Nationals and received a Silver rating. I plan on starting another project very soon. Other competitions that I have participated in are public speaking and entomology. This year I'm going to be trying my hand at equine judging. My favorite things about FFA are the sense of accomplishment it can give you, the experience you receive, and the people you can meet. After graduating high school, I intend to attend Missouri State University and earn my Bachelor's in ag business.

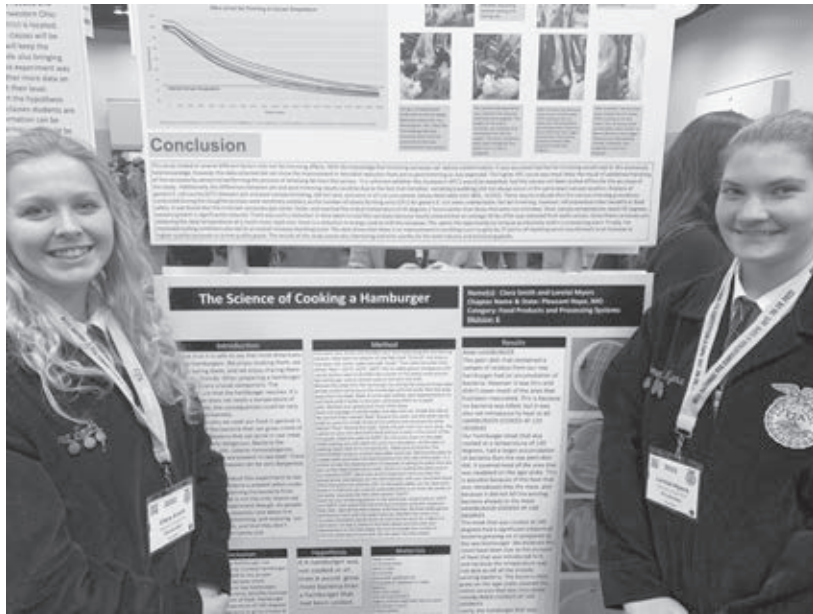


PLEASANT HOPE FFA ACHIEVEMENTS

We are very proud of the Agriscience teams that competed this year. Two out of three of our teams that competed won State. One of those teams was Mackenzie Hamilton and Duane Hickman; their science project was the "Comparison of the Ripeness in Bananas Tested in Banana Bread." They competed in Food Products and Processing Systems, Division IV. In their experiment, they tested how the ripeness of a banana would affect the taste of banana muffins.

The other team at State was a project presented by Lorelia Myers and Clara Smith. They won with their project "The Science of Cooking a Hamburger." After winning State, they were able to move on to compete for Nationals and made it to FFA's 2022 National Convention.

Clara and Lorelia started their project in the spring of 2022. With the help of FFA advisor Mr. Parrack, they had the proper tools and environment for their experiment. The experiment was "The Science of Cooking a Hamburger." In this experiment, Clara and Lorelia measured the rate of bacterial growth in a hamburger patty at raw, 120°, 140°, and 160°. The results of this experiment showed that the raw hamburger patty, which the girls predicted to have the most bacteria on the agar plate, had grown the least. The hamburger patty cooked to 140° had the most bacteria



Clara Smith and Lorelai Myers present their project at the National Agriscience Fair.



Mackenzie Hamilton and Duane Hickman win first place state trophies.

growth on the agar plate, and the hamburger patty cooked to

an internal temperature of 160° had no bacteria.

Clara and Lorelia enjoyed being able to attend the National FFA Agriscience Fair. Clara said, "It was a fantastic experience that I was thrilled to do in my senior year." Clara and Lorelia presented the project at the Agriscience expo. Both girls thought that being up on that stage was one of the most unique experiences they had ever had. Lorelia said, "Everything was bright, almost blinding. I was very nervous waiting to see how we had placed. The whole experience was great." Clara and Lorelia received a silver rating and placed 7th out of 22 teams in Food Products and Processing Systems, Division VI.

The Pleasant Hope FFA Chapter had a very successful Dairy Foods team last spring. The team was filled with fun and exciting people to be around, including Rachel Jenkins, Jonathan Raylaunu, Tyler Ginnings, Oliver Ackles, Case Klotz, and Lexi Perryman. In the contest season of 2022, this team won first place multiple times, and at districts, they got fourth place. They then moved on to state and earned sixth place. This team made it look easy, but there are multiple different parts of this contest, including

judging the defects of the milk and determining the types of cheeses they sorted in order, from low-fat milk to heavy whipping cream. There were also two tests they took. One was a fifty-question written test, and the other was a ten-question math test. State Convention was a unique experience that the team enjoyed after a tough contest season. Whenever you make it to the State Convention, you stay two nights in a hotel and get a steak dinner paid for by the Pleasant Hope FFA Chapter.

ADVISER SPOTLIGHT
Jered Brown



Your FFA history? I was a member of the Pleasant Hope FFA Chapter. I competed in Grasslands, Agronomy, and Ag Mechanics CDE contests. I was the State winner of the Agriculture Processing Proficiency Award in 2001 as well as receiving my State FFA Degree. I received my American FFA Degree in 2002.

Why did you choose to become a part of the FFA program? I really enjoy working in agriculture. Finding success for my students is what drives me to be an ag teacher. FFA is an excellent opportunity for students of all backgrounds to gain skills in leadership and become an educated consumer.

What do you see for the future of the FFA program? I hope to continue the tradition of success of the Pleasant Hope FFA Chapter. It is pretty awesome when kids realize their true potential in learning. I hope to continue to develop the skills needed for students to find a career that they love and that they have a successful future.

What is your favorite memory of your time at the FFA Advisor? My favorite memory was receiving a phone call with the invitation for my dairy cattle team to judge internationally in Scotland and Ireland after my team was crowned Central National Champions for Dairy Cattle Evaluation at the 2019 World Dairy Expo in Madison, Wisconsin.



Pleasant Hope FFA members, 2022-2023



SOUTHWEST ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE
"OWNED BY THOSE WE SERVE"

800-262-0326 ~ www.swec.coop

Halfway FFA



CHAPTER STATS

Chartered: 1950
 Advisers:
 1952 — Marion Kimmons
 1955-61 — R.E. McKenzie
 1962 — L.D. Friedly
 1970 — Mr. Pennington
 1971 — Ron Snyder
 1972-75 — Zane Mulberry
 1975-07 — Gerald Whistance
 2007-08 — Steven Pratt
 2008-10 — Jered Brown
 2010-present — Jeff Voris

FFA WEEK ACTIVITIES

Saturday, Feb. 18: FFA Community Breakfast in the Agriculture Education Building, served from 8:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.
 Sunday, Feb. 19: FFA Church at Sentinel Missionary Baptist Church
 Wednesday, Feb. 22: FFA Week Celebration with the Governor
 Thursday, February 23: Fish Fry and Pie Auction in the Agriculture Education Building, served from 5 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Pie auction starts at 7 p.m.



Anna Roberts, Samantha Gallivan, Emily Dickey, and Jaka Sharp enjoy the rodeo at the National Convention.



Jaka, Anna, Emily, Samantha pose for a picture at the Indianapolis Speedway.

PRESIDENT SPOTLIGHT Jaka Sharp



There is a lot of value in going on an international trip as a high school student. This past summer, I had the opportunity to go to Australia for a school trip. Personally, I think that everyone needs to experience life in another country. While I was in Australia, I learned how different it was from the U.S. For example, the cities are nicer, and so are the people. The temperatures are completely different as well - a cold temperature in Australia is 60 degrees. We also learned about how their economy is different, and what goods their country produces. We also learned about Australia's history and how the country came to be. The majority of Americans do not understand how different life is in another country. Case in point, nobody else in the world calls us "America"; that's just us. Every other country in the world calls us the United States. I think it is important for all Americans to know that other countries are different from us. It allows us to take another look at ourselves.

We Salute Polk County Farming Families.



THE DEALER YOU CAN TRUST.
 Family-Owned & Operated Since 1930

BILL ROBERTS



billrobertschevrolet.com

BOLIVAR • 800.213.BILL

Outstanding in our Field



No one puts their money where our mouths are like the American farmer. We see the results of your hard work and commitment three times a day. We depend on it. You can depend on the folks at Shelter to take the same pride in our performance as you do in yours. **Call us today to find out how we can help.**

Craig Lehman
 332 S. Springfield
 Bolivar, MO 65613
 Call 326-2401



AUTO • HOME • LIFE

We're your Shield. We're your Shelter.
 ShelterInsurance.com



2022-2023 FFA officers are, from left to right, row 1: Samantha Gallivan, secretary; Katie Howard, 2nd vice president; Tessa Cline, parliamentarian; Gaby Radford, assistant reporter; Anna Roberts, treasurer; Emily Dickey, reporter. Row 2: Rae Spear, chaplain; Jaka Sharp, president; Cash Fisher, vice president; Brayden Doke, historian; Olivia Johnson, sentinel.

Halfway students who received their American FFA Degree include Madeline Payne, Hannah Farmer, Kendall Morris, Hannah Wolford, and Greg Foster. Not pictured: Madison Higginbotham.



Members who attended the National FFA Convention were Jaka Sharp, Anna Roberts, Katie Howard, Emily Dickey, Leslie Jones, Peyton Timmerman, Smantha Gallivan, Rae Spear, Tessa Cline, Madox McCarthy, Greg Foster, Isaac Ingram, Cash Fisher, Brayden Doke, Zach Laney, Cooper DeHart, Shane Gallivan, Grayson Gallican, Connor McCarthy, Kendall Morris, Madeline Payne, Hannah Farmer, and Hannah Wolford.

ADVISER SPOTLIGHT

Jeff Varis

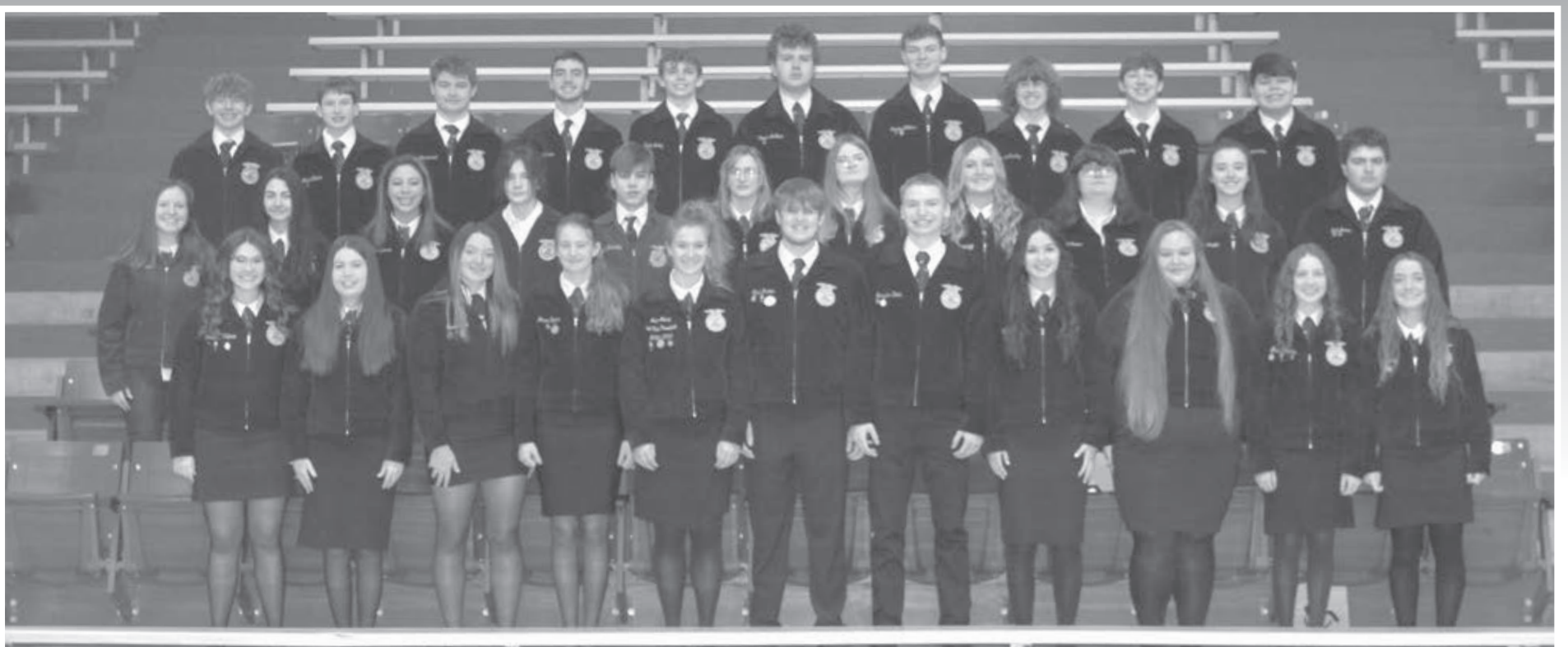
Your FFA history? As a Halfway FFA member in the early 1990's is where I developed the passion I have for this organization and agriculture. As a FFA member, I had several memorial events. I was our chapter President and Area 8 Vice President. Was named the Area 8 Star Farmer and was on the Second Place Soils Team. Probably the two events which inspired me the most was attending the WLC Program in Washington DC and participating in the National Land Judging.



Why did you choose to become a part of the FFA program? I had great experience as an FFA member and wanted to pass those experiences on to future generations. Being able to take kids on trips throughout the United States and overseas provides students with valuable experiences. FFA provides many opportunities to FFA members and these experiences mold them into exceptional and productive members of society.

What do you see for the future of the FFA program? FFA has been evolving from day one. We will continue to see this. Change is a difficult thing but every change FFA has made has improved the organization. FFA understands its roots even though they have to be reminded of this on occasion they still want to provide great experiences to high school students across the country. The letters FFA have always stood for Future Farmers of America and those core values are still present even though we continue to evolve to meet the needs of today's agriculture students.

What is your favorite memory of your time at the FFA Advisor? Being a 27-year veteran of Agriculture Education there have been many great memories. A few which stand out would be having our chapter announced as the National Land Judging Champion, the first and only team from Missouri to ever win the event. The two experiences which probably have been the most memorable have been the two recent international trips I have taken kids on to Europe and Australia. These trips are full of great memories and the growth students received from these trips is unmeasurable.



Members of the 2022-2023 Halfway FFA are, from left to right, row 1: Samantha Gallivan, Katie Howard, Tessa Cline, Rae Spear, Jaka Sharp, Cash Fisher, Brayden, Doke, Olivia Johnson, Gaby Radford, Anna Roberts, Emily Dickey. Row 2: Klarrissa McClelland, Leslie Jones, Jada Breshears, Mylea Holt, Graham Hensley, Addyson Snider, Grace Greer, McKenzie Grindstaff, Lucy Lawyer, Colt Jones. Row 3: Hayden Stafford, Shane Gallivan, Peyton Timmerman, Grayson Gallivan, Zach Laney, Cooper DeHart, Landon Walters, Connor McCarthy, Madox McCarthy, Dallas Stockdale.



417-326-7691
 901 W. Fair Play • Bolivar, MO 65613
hawkfertilizerandfeed.com

Halfway FFA travels to Australia

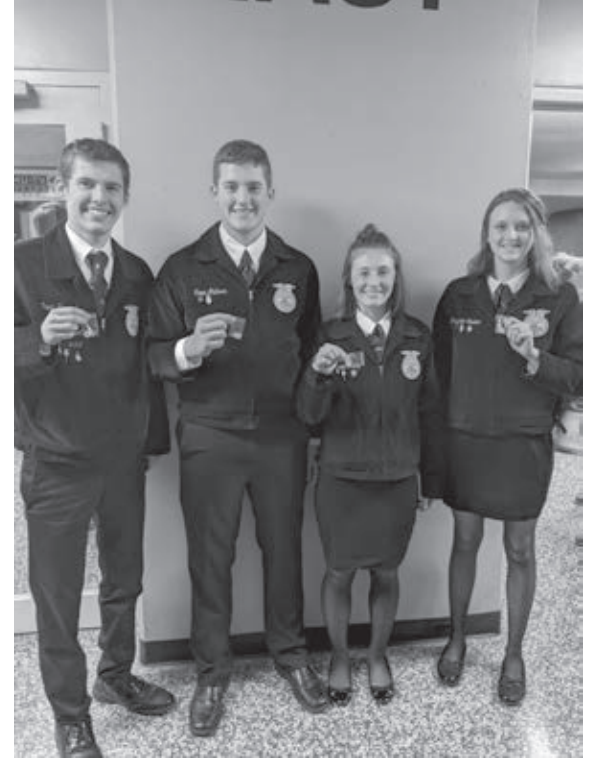
This past summer, the Halfway FFA ventured out on its second international trip this time to Australia. Nine kids and adults from the Halfway community joined a large group of students from Florida and enjoyed a 14-day trip from Sydney to Cairns. Halfway FFA members have the following to say about their experiences regarding the trip:

Cash Fisher, CHAPTER VICE PRESIDENT

Being able to have the opportunity to travel internationally should be experienced by everyone. Australia is an amazing and beautiful country. Learning about a culture that is similar to ours in ways, but different in many more. Getting to learn about the history of a different country and how it came to be. Being able to talk to different people and learn about their culture and lifestyles. Being able to see some of the world's most famous sites and some lesser known places that were amazing. Getting the chance to explore the different cities freely and knowing that the cities are much safer than ours. Exploring the culture as we visited different sites around the country and the cities we were in added to the learning experience.



At the Kuranda Animal Park in Australia, FFA members Cash Fisher, Elavia Sharp, Mary Grace Warden and Jake Sharp make a furry friend.



Owen Howard, Sloan Gallivan, Elavia Sharp, Cheyenne Snider are recognized as 2022 State FFA Degree recipients.



Halfway FFA members Elvia Sharp and Jaka Sharp, along with Bolivar FFA member Mary Grace Warden, go snorkeling in the Great Barrier Reef on the International Agriculture Trip.



Madison Agee, Mary Grace Warden, Jackson Fisher, Elavia Sharp, Jaka Sharp, and Cash Fisher bask in the sunlight at Sydney Bay.



Gaby and Katie serve drinks at a catering event.



Proud FFA Supporters

[NATIONAL FFA WEEK] **FFA**
February 18-25, 2023

MCCARTHY

Water Wells - Geothermal - Environmental

DRILLING

417-327-6797

Jeremy McCarthy

677864ef

We Believe In Our Community

We've offered QUALITY concrete at fair prices since we started our family-owned business in 1987! Today, three generations of our family have offered professional, friendly service to Bolivar & the surrounding areas and look forward to serving you for many more years.

We Are Proud Supporters of Our Schools & Churches. Please Join Us In supporting our Community.



Bolivar Ready Mix & Material, Inc.

Quality Concrete • Fair Prices

326-5532 or 326-5799

Bonded - State Approved • Bolivar, Missouri

604832b

Fair Play FFA



CHAPTER STATS

Chartered: 1953 (2023 is the 70th anniversary of the Fair Play chapter)

Advisor: Randy Lightfoot, 1992 to present

2022-23 Membership: 42

AWARDS:

- 4 National Champion Milk Quality and Dairy Foods teams,
- 12 National Gold Rated Career Development Teams
- 12 State Champion Milk Quality and Dairy Foods teams
- 30 out of last 31 years recognized with 'Superior Chapter Rating' on the State level
- 33 American FFA Degree Recipients
- Perennial 100% membership accomplishment

FFA WEEK ACTIVITIES

Sunday, Feb. 19: FFA Church Sunday at Fair Play First Baptist Church and lunch at school following

Monday, Feb. 20: No school — Adopt a Highway community service (weather permitting)

Tuesday, Feb. 21: Truck/Tractor Day (drive a truck/tractor to school or wear your tractor/truck/machinery brand) and Teacher Appreciation Day— School Board Appreciation Activity at BOE meeting

Wednesday, Feb. 22: Boot Day/Cowboy Day and Food for America with 3rd grade

Thursday, Feb. 23: B's and G's Day (Wear blue and gold Eat biscuits and gravy) and Chapter Cornhole Tournament

Friday, Feb. 24: Camo/Orange Day/Emblem Hunting and Business Appreciation Day

Saturday, Feb. 25: FFA Chapter Night Out - Dinner at Lambert's

Fair Play Chapter celebrates 70 years of tradition

The year 2023 is a milestone for the Fair Play FFA Chapter. This year, members and previous members are recognizing seventy years of the chapter's existence and perennial excellence.

There are various recognition activities being planned during this year to recognize the seventy-year history and those individuals who have been instrumental in laying a foundation of excellence for current and future members to build upon. The following chronology attempts to capture some of the noteworthy events that have led to the chapter's seven-decade history and contemporary relevance.

The Fair Play Future Farmers of America chapter was officially formed on December 3, 1953. The chapter began with thirty-two members, seven of which served as officers. The first advisor of the chapter was Mr. Claude E. Ferguson. The following individuals served as the charter officers for the Fair Play chapter. Gary Willard, president; Charles Cheek, vice-president; Bobby Wollard, secretary; Jerry Hamlin, treasurer; Bernard Sterling, reporter; Donnie Rovenstine, Assistant reporter; Guy Harville, sentinel.

During the seventy-year history, there have been five individuals that were elected and served multiple (2) year terms as chapter president. Sam Lower (1972-74), Jason Wolfe (1992-94), Cassy (Wolfe) Farmer (1994-1996), Shawna (Scott) Hartshorn (1998-2000) and Caleb Stunkel (2005-2007). There have been seven sibling groups that have served as presidents. Gary and Rex Rice, Norman and Paul Underwood, Billy, Sam and Jim Lower, Jason and Cassy Wolfe, Caleb and Hannah Whaley, Marissa and Meghan Hoxsie and Samantha and Hannah Michaelis. There have been three parent-child



Kegan Anderson, Kaden Lewis, Bailey Clark and Chloe Foster placed third in Milk Quality and Dairy Foods at the State FFA Contest in April. Each received a keepsake plate that is sponsored by Dr. John Underwood (deceased) as part of the long-standing Underwood Dairy Awards program through the Fair Play Chapter.

combinations serving as chapter presidents. Paul and Michael Underwood, Mike and Tiffany (Hopkins) Phillips, Kelly and Carla (Moore) Barker.

Girls were officially allowed membership in the National FFA in 1969 and the first girls to take Vocational Agriculture classes at Fair Play in 1976-77 were Cindy (Moore) Bruce, Teresa Simmons, Joetta (Chastain) Reetz and Cathy (Lower) Whaley. Currently, approximately 50 percent of chapter membership is female along with two-thirds of the present officer team.

There have been eleven agriculture instructors also serving as FFA advisor during the run of the program. As previously mentioned, Claude E. Ferguson was the inaugural advisor followed by the legendary Floyd Watkins who served as instructor and advisor for a twenty plus year tenure across the 1950's, 60's and 70's. The seventies and eighties marked decades of frequent change in the leadership role with Paul Griffin, Britt Ray, Carl Percy, Doug Yeager and Cindy Taylor

at the helm. The late eighties and early nineties saw stability find the program with Jason Haymes from 1988 to 1992 and Randy Lightfoot from 1992 to present. Lightfoot's tenure was shared with advisors Kevin Sawyer and Allison Fix from 2015 to 2021 when he served as high school administrator in addition to instructing part-time.

There have been numerous recognitions and accomplishments in addition to many successes found by chapter members, teams and the chapter as a whole over the many years. To date, there have been sixty State FFA Degree recipients, thirty-three American FFA Degree recipients, one nominee for Star American Farmer, five State Proficiency winners, and one National Proficiency finalist (top 4 in nation). There have been ten 1st High Individuals in state Career Development Events and three 1st High Individuals in National level competitions. There have been numerous members hold Area office and one serve as State vice-president.

Fair Play FFA members receive highest degree

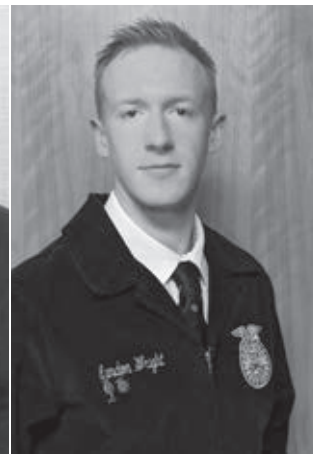
Scott G. Schwartz and Landon Wright, members of the Fair Play FFA chapter, recently received the American FFA Degree. Earning this degree means these members were among a select group of individuals to be recognized for years of academic and professional excellence. The honor was presented on October 29th at the 95th National FFA Convention, held in Indianapolis, IN.

The American FFA Degree recognizes demonstrated leadership ability and outstanding achievements in agricultural business, production, processing or service programs. This recognition honors FFA members who show the utmost dedication to the organization through their desire to develop their potential for premier leadership, personal growth and career success.

To be eligible, members must have earned more than \$10,000 and productively invested at least \$7,500 through Supervised Agricultural Experience (SAE) programs which they start, own, or hold a professional position in an existing agriculture enterprise. Recipients must



Scott G. Schwartz



Landon Wright

also make it their mission to demonstrate outstanding leadership abilities and community involvement.

Schwartz completed a placement (wage earning) SAE program while an FFA member. His program consisted of working in the Power, Structural and Technical Systems pathway during his FFA membership. During his six-year membership, he worked approximately 1600 hours at both Advanced Automotive Repair and as a maintenance laborer for the Fair Play School District. His placement program at Advanced Automotive consisted of working approximately 1,300 hours in vehicle and agricultural machinery

service as a repair technician. He is currently attending the University of Missouri-Columbia majoring in Parks, Recreation and Sport.

He is the son of Tony and Jennifer Schwartz of Fair Play.

Wright completed both entrepreneurship and placement SAE programs while an FFA member. His entrepreneurship program consisted of beef production. During his five-year membership, he maintained a breeding herd of beef cows and crossbred calves. During his membership, he owned a total of 14 cows and 20 crossbred calves. His placement program consisted of working approximately 256 hours in

food products and processing employment, 460 hours in animal production systems at Jones' Hog Farm, 150 hours in agribusiness systems working for Wright Custom Seed and 1,250 hours in power, structural and technical systems working for Bolivar Insulation and Lowe's Home Improvement. He earned an Associate's Degree in Agronomy at Crowder College in Neosho and currently attends Missouri State University majoring in Agronomy and is employed by SOMO Farm and Ranch Supply. He is the son of Brent and Tammy Wright of Fair Play.

Each award recipient receives the gold American FFA Degree Key and certificate after being recognized at the national convention.

Of more than 735,000 FFA members nationwide, Scott and Landon were 2 of only 4,300 members to be recognized in 2022. Only one-half of 1 percent of members eventually earn this degree. This degree program is sponsored by Case IH, Elanco Animal Health, Pepsico Inc., and Syngenta as a special project of the National FFA Foundation.

PRESIDENT SPOTLIGHT

Meghan Hoxsie



Parents: Kevin and Melissa Hoxie

SAE: Small animal production, in addition to agricultural placement in Floriculture by working at F. Lower's Greenhouse

FFA Accomplishments: Competing at the state level on the Meat Technology and Evaluation and Farm Business Management teams, in addition to serving as a multi-year chapter officer

Future Plans: Attend OTC for the training necessary to pursue a career in dental hygiene or surgical technology

Favorite Part about FFA: My favorite part of FFA is all the opportunities offered and the various knowledge and skills you can learn.

Favorite Food: Mexican food

Favorite FFA Memory: My favorite memory was when we took an officer trip to Colorado.

Fair Play FFA Attends Area Leadership Conference

Six officers from the Fair Play FFA Chapter attended the Area 10 Leadership Conference on July 11th, 2022. The conference was held at Bolivar High School.

The purpose was to build the officers' leadership skills and to be taught the specific duties and responsibilities of each office.

The morning session started with opening ceremonies by the Area 10 FFA officers. They then split into groups and rotated to different leadership workshops where they learned about different qualities of leadership which an FFA member should possess. They attended several different workshops and got creative by creating an illustration of FFA activities and a communi-

cation skill activity. Area advisors conducted workshops outlining the responsibilities of each officer.

The workshops were conducted by Area 10 officers and advisors. The day was finished off by an encouraging speech by Missouri State Officer Hannah Rice. Finally, the Area Officers performed closing ceremonies and the delegation was dismissed. Following the conference, the officers were treated to a lunch at Tres Amigos and discussed plans for the upcoming year. Officers attending from the Fair Play Chapter were: Meghan Hoxsie, president; Keelie Henderson, vice-president; Andrew Hartshorn, secretary; Jarrett Viles, treasurer; Chloe Foster, reporter; Jasmine Farrow, sentinel.



Officers from the Fair Play chapter attended the annual Area X Leadership Conference in July at Bolivar High School. From left to right: Jarrett Viles, Chloe Foster, Jasmine Farrow, Keelie Henderson, Meghan Hoxsie and Andrew Hartshorn.

ADVISER SPOTLIGHT *Randy Lightfoot*

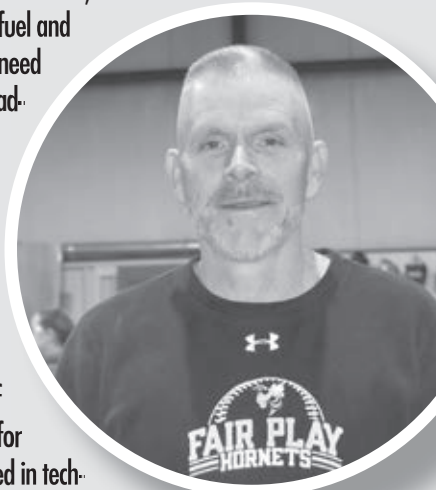
FFA History: Member of Bolivar FFA 1983-87. Learned under advisors Mr. C. Ed Hagerman and Mr. Albert Skalicky. Served as chapter treasurer and president. Collegiate FFA member and officer at SMSU from 1987-91. Competed at State on four Career Development Event teams (called contest teams then): Dairy Foods, Field Crops, Ag Mechanics and Farm Business Management. Earned Group I State ratings in each. Made many memories on bus trips to activities, judging contests, American Royal in KC, as well as participating in all the chapter activities and being able to meet influential community members that had also been FFA members and who had helped build a foundation of excellence that we all worked to uphold. Student teaching experience at Halfway High School with Mr. Gerald Whistance and began teaching and advising in 1992-93 at Fair Play.

Why did you choose to become a part of the FFA program? I chose to become a member of the FFA program in high school because my brother and many of his friends were very active in the organization and I was always trying to follow their lead and outdo them. I chose to become an instructor in Agricultural Education and FFA advisor due to the urging by my high school instructors/advisors. They felt I could be successful in this career, even if I was unsure about that. They believed in me, even when I did not believe in myself, which is something I have tried to apply in my philosophy of dealing with students.

What do you see for the future of the FFA program? Whether on the local program level, or the

overall organization level I see a world of opportunities for motivated students. Two things that will never diminish is the need to be fed, clothed and supported by fuel and fiber and the need for capable leadership. Both are objectives of the FFA organization. I believe there will be an increasing amount of opportunities for those interested in technology and for females in the field of agriculture.

What is your favorite memory of your time as an FFA Advisor? I have many favorite individual memories as well as favorite general memories of spending time with members on trips and activities, getting to know them outside the classroom as individuals and building lifelong friendships. While I have tremendously enjoyed spending time with others' kids, I think my favorite memories have to be those spent with my daughter as an FFA member. Traveling, teaching skills, showing cattle, helping her compete at the highest levels and seeing her grow leadership skills are at the top of the list as my most treasured memories as an advisor.



Members of Fair Play's 2022-2023 FFA chapter are, from left to right, row 1: Andrew Hartshorn, secretary; Jarrett Viles, treasurer; Meghan Hoxsie, president; Chloe Foster, reporter; Jasmine Farrow, sentinel; Keelie Henderson, vice president. Row 2: Mekenzie Evans, Annah McGaha, Bailey Clark, Audrey Steele, Aiyanna Hamilton, Chloe Bruce. Row 3: Caitlin King, Nevaeh Walters, Lena Skipper, Marisa Tindle, Dakota West, Katie Clark, Izabella Higginbotham. Row 4: Isaac Spriggs, Kaden Lewis, Dillon Clark, Kegan Anderson, Jackson Stewart, Riley Tillery, Mason Harman, Justin Gee. Row 5: Caleb Henderson, Blake Thomas, Caleb Christian, Conner Daniels, Rowdy Garzee, Andrew Mettler, Aiden Schwartz, Ryan Hoxsie. Not pictured: Simmona Chance, Adam Bass (graduate), Mason Hopkins (graduate), Scott Schwartz (graduate), Landon Wright (graduate).

BILL'S FEED & FARM SUPPLY

212 S. Market, Bolivar, MO • (417) 326-2956

Fair Play FFA attends National Convention

Members from the Fair Play FFA Chapter attended the 95th annual National FFA Convention held in Indianapolis, IN on October 26-29.

Twelve members were selected to travel with members from the Bolivar and Pleasant Hope chapters to attend the annual convention. They were chosen for their dedication to the chapter through participation in activities and performance through fundraising and creed speaking competition. The chapter's main fundraiser was the annual mum sale where mums grown by Fair Play FFA alumnus Ted Rovenstine are marketed and delivered by Fair Play FFA members.

One highlight throughout their time in Indianapolis is when they had the chance to go to Chinch's Worlds Toughest Rodeo and watch riders compete in rough stock competitions.

On Thursday, members attended the Opening Convention Session where they enjoyed seeing the National FFA Officers in action, performances by the National FFA Choir and Band. They were also inspired by keynote speaker Tamika Catchings, a professional WNBA player and 10-time All Star and 4 time Olympic Gold Medalist. They also visited the FFA Career Show and Expo where hundreds of agricultural companies manned exhibit booths. Numerous colleges and universities were also represented by faculty and students who visited with FFA members about what their institutions have to offer. In addition to experiencing the career show, members experienced tours at the City Market & Catacombs under the market square where they got to stroll through the market house and see what great foods were offered! They also got



Not in Polk County anymore, Fair Play members joined nearly 70,000 members, parents and guests to attend the 2022 National FFA Convention in Indianapolis, IN in October. Attending were — row 1: Katie Clark. From left to right, row 2: Aiyanna Hamilton, Mekenzie Evans, Jasmine Farrow, Keelie Henderson, Chloe Bruce, Bailey Clark. Row 3: Andrew Hartshorn, Caleb Henderson, Annah McGaha, Blake Thomas, Rowdy Garzee.

to explore the long hidden ruins beneath City Market's Whistler Plaza.

The next day, members toured several

local agricultural businesses and attractions. Some of the amazing tours they experienced, Traders Point Creamery



Members enjoyed a day of touring local businesses and historic locations while in Indianapolis. Tours included the largest wholesale greenhouse in Indiana, the catacombs below the city market, the landfill servicing the Indianapolis region and Trader's Point Creamery.

where they got to see Indiana's first certified organic dairy farm. Next, they went to see the National FFA Center which contains artifacts and history of the National Organization. Next, the members experienced Southside Landfill, which has been operating at the same location since 1971. They saw how they used the landfill gasses for beneficial use. Finally, the group toured Heartland Growers, where they got to see a greenhouse facility that covers over 30 acres where a variety of plants are produced including: bedding plants, geraniums, lilies, hanging baskets, mums, poinsettias, and other flowering crops. The day concluded with a delicious dinner at Texas Roadhouse.

On the last day of the trip, the delegation attended the American FFA Degree session and watched as Fair Play members Scott Schwartz and Landon Wright along with several members from the Bolivar and Pleasant Hope chapters, were awarded with the highest degree that can be conferred to an FFA member. Missouri had 582 members receive the degree in 2022. During the 7th convention session members watched recognition of Career Development Event winners in addition to installation of the new National FFA officer team.

While in Indianapolis, members got to enjoy dinner at Hollyhocks, known for the best fried chicken in Indiana. Delegates also enjoyed a meal at Weber Grill in downtown Indiana.

The National FFA Convention in Indianapolis this past year hosted more than 69,000 members from across the country. The 2023 National FFA Convention will be held in Indianapolis, IN., November 1-4, 2023.



In Proud Recognition of Our Future Farmers

CHICK DAY

Saturday, February 18th
2:30 pm - 4:30 pm



FISH DAY

Saturday, April 8th
8:00 am - 9:30 am
(Orders must be received by April 5th)



Bolivar
3260 S Springfield Ave
417-326-2436

Lebanon
1680 W Elm
417-532-7158

OakStar BANK

Proudly supports

FUTURE FARMERS OF AMERICA

MEMBER FDIC **340 S Springfield Ave, Bolivar, MO**
417.327.4480 • www.OakStarBank.com

Bolivar FFA



CHAPTER STATS

Year Chartered: 1929

Advisors: Jason King and Ashley Brown

Number of Members: 199

Officers:

President- Caleb Simpson

Vice President- Mary Grace Warden

2nd Vice President- Christian Jenkins

Secretary- Hailey Hale

Treasurer- Raelea Tosh

Reporter- Ashlyn Cowden

Sentinel- Kahl Berry

Parliamentarian- KaCee Jenkins

Historian- Kate Smith

Chaplain- Braxton Gambriel

FFA WEEK

Sunday- Church at Southern Hills Baptist Church

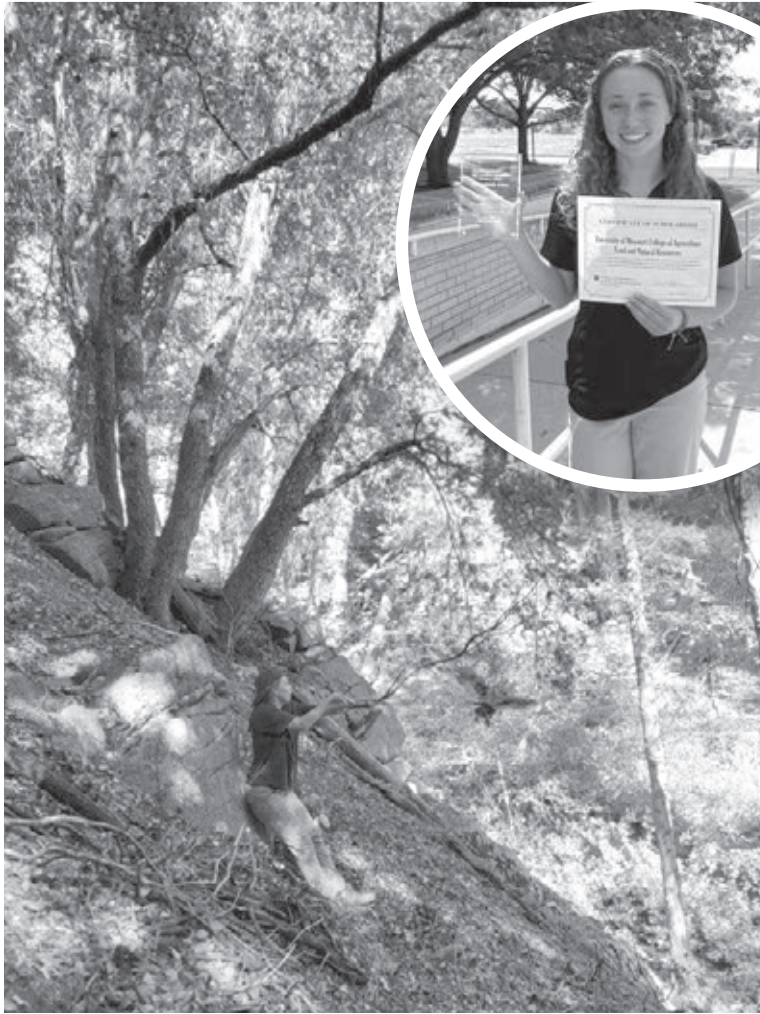
Monday- No School

Tuesday- Denim Day

Wednesday- Businessmans Breakfast, Lamberts Trip, FFA Shirt Day

Thursday- Dress Like Your Ag Teacher

Friday- Farmer Friday, Teacher Appreciation Breakfast, Drive Your Tractor to School

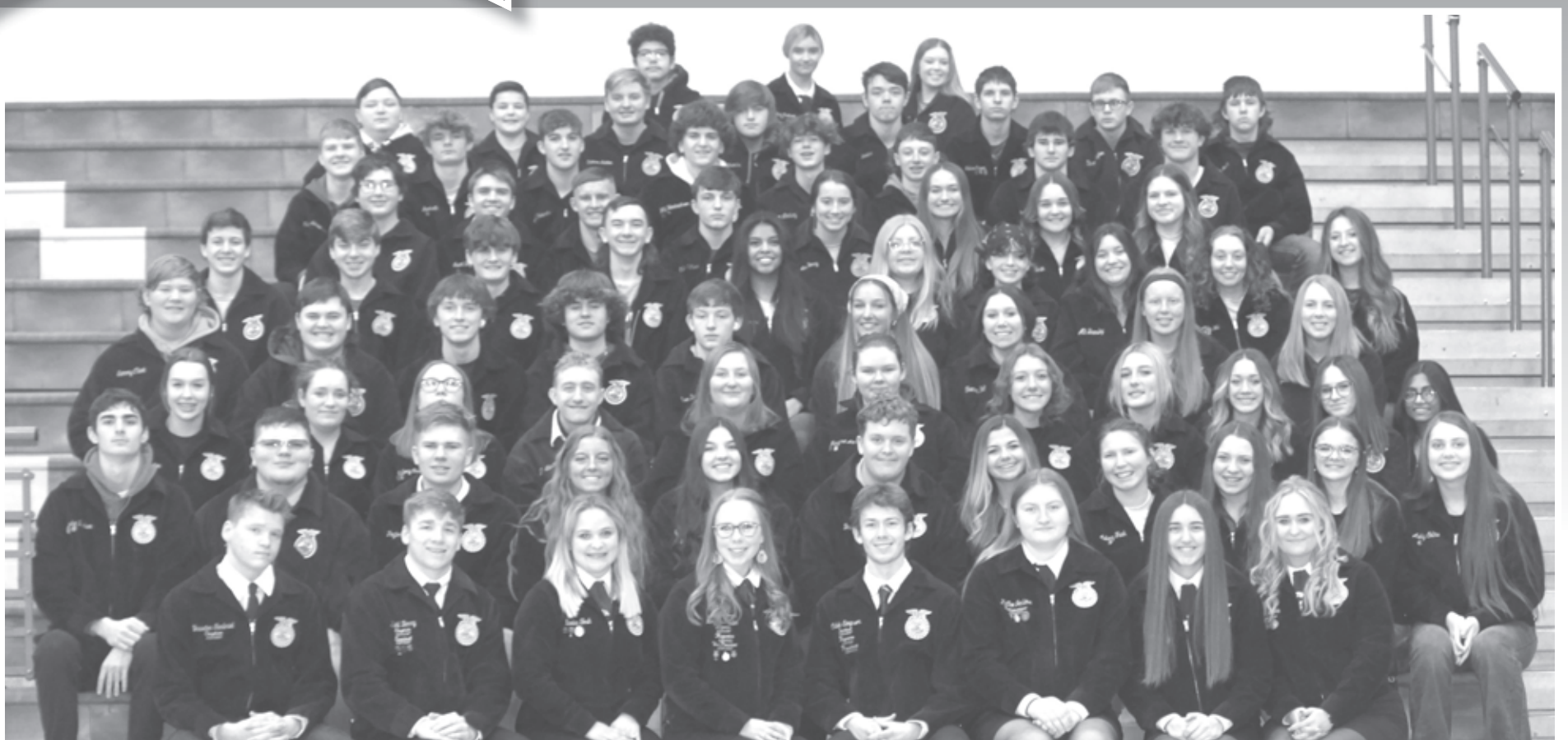


HYPE Academy

Missouri Corn is a proud sponsor of Missouri FFA's Helping Youth Prepare for Excellence (HYPE) Academy. Designed to grow agricultural advocates, the conference will prepare students to communicate, lead and advocate while gaining strategies and strengthening their knowledge on agriculture issues. Out of only 30 juniors selected for the academy, Bolivar had two participants, Caleb Simpson and Mary Grace Warden.

Abby Welch spent the summer at several academies this summer preparing herself for life after graduation. She went to the MU Animal Science Academy, MU Life Sciences Academy and the Big Bear Fire Symposium for the National Forest Service in California. She gained hands-on experience in this field. During the summer she had internships with wildlife conservation

organizations and government agencies where I have assisted in field work, data collection, and analysis. Spending more time in the field I learned about wildfire and fire fuels around the United States and the potential to safely prevent wildfires in places like the Big Bear National Forest because wildfires can have the most detrimental effects on the species in the area.



Row 1- Braxton Gambriel, Kahl Berry, Raelea Tosh, Mary Grace Warden, Caleb Simpson, KaCee Jenkins, Hailey Hale, Kate Smith
 Row 2- Drake Durham, Tate Mashburn, Peyton Jenson, Anna Vaughn, Jalynn Rogers, Braden Campbell, Makayla Methvin, Aubrey Funk, Ellie Samek, Emma Hancock, Ashlyn Collins
 Row 3- Asa Scholten, Kori Miles, Mallory Carrier, Chris Palmer, Ashlee Cooper, Margaret Pearey, Aniston LeAn, Sam Sanders, Haylie McNew, Emily Sergent, Diya Patel
 Row 4- Elijah Partin, Brant Sawyers, Kanton Fisher, Gannon Young, Cade Raney, Anna Seiner, Rayna Wilson, Zoe Warden, Skye Yates
 Row 5- Gavin Stillwell, Seth Patterson, Brayden Mills, Kody Bardot, Esmarelda Jones, Monica Patterson, lola Graves, Autumn Smith, Abby Welch, Claire Giglio
 Row 6- Grant Bayless, Owen McCullah, Cale McCurry, Emma Goodman, Harper Rowell, Ava Smith, Aubrey Cowden
 Row 7- Carson Scheppmann, Jacob Booth, Reed Roberts, Will Hendrickson, Will Yeagain, Logan Welch, Ira Cron, Luke Dill
 Row 8- Ethan Dooley, Kaden Hunt, Cole Marshall, Camden VanDeren, Tristan Oliveira, Lukas Craven, Michael Carter, Kolby Hale, Ridley Gooding
 Row 9- Noah Edens, Ana Kirksey, Chloe Cantrell



BOLIVAR FARMERS EXCHANGE



326-2664

115 W. Jefferson • Bolivar

326-5231

Local FFA Member Awarded National American FFA Degree

INDIANAPOLIS (National FFA Organization)—Each year, the National FFA Organization honors FFA members who show the utmost dedication to the organization through their desire to develop their potential for premier leadership, personal growth and career success through agricultural education.

The American FFA Degree is bestowed upon a select group of students in recognition of their years of academic and professional excellence. This year 4,305 American Degrees were awarded.

Karissa Rickman, Marena Pomeroy Sera Stanek and Helen Aug (not pictured), members of the Bolivar FFA chapter were awarded the American FFA Degree at the 95th National FFA Convention & Expo Oct. 26-29.

Sponsored by Case IH, Elanco Animal Health, Pepsico Inc., and Syngenta, the award recognizes demonstrated ability and outstanding achievements in agricultural business, produc-

tion, processing or service programs.

To be eligible, FFA members must have earned and productively invested \$10,000 through a supervised agricultural experience (SAE) program in which they own their own business or hold a professional position as an employee. Recipients must also complete 50 hours community service and demonstrate outstanding leadership abilities and civic involvement through completion of a long

list of FFA and community activities. Less than one percent of FFA members achieve the American FFA Degree. Each recipient of the American FFA Degree receives a gold American FFA Degree key and certificate after being recognized at the national convention.

The National FFA Organization is a school-based national youth leadership development organization of more than 735,000 student members as part of 8,817 local FFA chapters in all 50 states Puerto Rico.

ADVISER SPOTLIGHT *Jason King*



Your FFA history? I have been involved in FFA since 1989. I have been an FFA Advisor for 25 years.

Why did you choose to become a part of the FFA program? Always enjoyed agriculture and the outdoors.

What do you see for the future of the FFA program? Our program has a rich and long history. I only see that continuing.

What is your favorite memory of your time at the FFA Advisor? I can't pick just one but I would say all the relationships developed over 25 years have been very special. Many have continued long after graduation.

Fall Public Speaking



State FFA Degree

The State FFA Degree is biggest degree given out by the state association. Missouri has strict guidelines set forth to earn the State FFA Degree that very few students earn. At the 2022 Missouri State Convention Kaleb Krtek, Shelbea Tosh, Josie Toombs, Molly Hendrickson, and Caleb Simpson earned the State FFA Degree.

Proud Supporters of Polk County FFA Chapters



Mary Fry Agency
1135 E Broadway St
Bolivar MO, 65613
(417) 326-2454
maryfryagency.com



677881JH

Proud supporters of local agricultural education. Let us help you make your farm shine!



dga

DESIGN GROUP ARCHITECTS LTD



206 Killingsworth Ave.
Bolivar, MO

417.327.7465 • dgaltdonline.com

677867ef



Experts in caring for you.

Where can you and your family go to receive exceptional healthcare in the area? Who offers convenient family medicine and walk-in clinics near your home? Where can you go for comprehensive specialty care?

The answer is CMH. From heart and orthopedics to cancer care and senior care, at CMH we have the services your family needs to be healthy.

Go to citizensmemorial.com for more information or call 417-328-6010 today to schedule an appointment.

417-328-6010 citizensmemorial.com



677863JH

ADVISER SPOTLIGHT

Ashley Brown



Your FFA history? I was very involved in FFA serving as Bolivar FFA Secretary, President and Area 8 Secretary. I participated at state in FFA Knowledge, Creed Speaking, Agronomy, Division 2 Speaking, Farm Management, Extemporaneous Speaking, Entomology, Cooperatives Speaking and Farm Bureau Speaking.

Why did you choose to become a part of the FFA program? Both of my parents were involved in FFA when they were in high school. My dad at Bolivar and my mom at Fair Play. I remember seeing their FFA jackets hanging up in the closet. I even have some of their awards in my office. I knew that I also wanted to be in FFA. I went to high school and was in the Bolivar FFA Chapter. Ever since my junior year of high school I knew that I wanted to be an ag teacher and eventually teach at Bolivar.

What do you see for the future of the FFA program? The Bolivar FFA Chapter is coming close on its 100th anniversary in 2029 and I am excited to be able to be a part of that. We haven't decided what we want to do yet but I want it to be awesome. We have some great young members coming up and it is great to see their enthusiasm and the goals that they have set for themselves in FFA.

What is your favorite memory of your time at the FFA Advisor? I think my favorite memory/memories is winning the National Entomology contest. It is a pretty special experience in Texas and that feeling of knowing your students are National Champions is awesome. After the awards banquet the three times Bolivar has won Nationals we have driven around Stephenville, Texas singing, We Are The Champions at the top of our lungs.



Bolivar FFA Students earned 4th place at Nationals in the National Entomology contest in May at Tarleton State University in Stephenville, Texas. Students had to identify insects, their order, metamorphosis, mouthpart and a general knowledge test of entomology. The Bolivar team finished 2nd in the state earning a trip to Nationals. L to R: Ashley Brown, Emilia Lewright, Kaleb Krtek, Mary Grace Warden, Josie Toombs, Tarleton State University professor

National FFA Convention



Members traveled to National FFA Convention in Indianapolis, Indiana, on October 26-29, 2022. Students from the Bolivar, Fair Play and Pleasant Hope FFA chapters traveled together. They enjoyed convention sessions and speakers, career expo, tours of a dairy farm, downtown Indianapolis, and greenhouses.

Thank You
To Our Local FFA Chapters

FARMERS
INSURANCE

Kristy Reynolds
 403 S. Springfield Ave., Bolivar, MO
 417-777-5222

Proud Supporters of Halfway FFA

The Vintage
DEPOT
Brush Creek Boutique

4317 Hwy P
 Half Way, MO
 417-327-2699