

CHILLICOTHE F.F.A.

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Chillicothe Sends Six Teams to State

Six of the Chillicothe FFA Teams earned their way to the State Convention held in Columbia on April 21 and 22 as a result of District placings.

The Farm Management Team took top honors in competition with 247 other chapters from Missouri last week in the Annual State Convention. The team members are Charlotte Constant, Shelly Warren, George Saul and Jocelyn Meservey. They received a Group I rating.

Five other teams from the local organization competed in State events finishing no lower than 30th among the schools. Three of the

teams received "I" ratings while the three others were awarded "II" ratings.

Receiving a Group "I" rating was the Animal Husbandry team of Tom McCall, Jim Marlay and John Plaster who placed sixth overall. The Dairy Judging team of Shelly Warren, Andy Reeter and Kerri Lamp placed ninth. Warren placed third overall in individual judging in Dairy competition while McCall rated fourth overall on Animal Husbandry.

The Milk Quality and Dairy Products team of Jay Barnhart, Lora Applebury and Jamie Caldwell placed 15th, earning the team a "II" rating.

The Poultry team of Paul Radcliff, Chris Bonderer and Jarrett Campbell earned a "II" rating by placing 21st in their competition. The Field Crops unit, made up of Donnie Ireland, Rick Herrington and Kelly Elliott rounded out the local participants placing 30th, also earning group "II" rating.

Clark Carlton, Area and District Creed Speaking Champion, was not among the final four at the State level, but did represent the local unit in competition.

Other teams and team members competing in the District contest are: Soils - Matt Hopper, Joe

Bonderer, Greg Lightner, Jimmy Meservey; Farm Mechanics - Mike Boon, Bruce Zullig, John Cramer; Meats - Terry Cox, Benny Fries, Debbie Nibarger, Randy Steele; Floriculture - Jeannette Jones, LaRenda Karnes, Rose Saale, Melody Sharp; Landscaping - Cindy Constant, Lisa Thompson, Jamie Benskin, Greg Lightner; Parliamentary Procedure - Brian Pfaff, Mike Acord, Scott Tomlinson, Valorie Goucher, Melody Sharp, Richard Dowell, Gwen Meservey; Public Speaking - Sean White; Extemporaneous Speaking - Kerri Lamp; Knowledge Team - Rod Bealer, Kurt Milanovich, Todd Jones, Jeannette Jones.



Gil Gates, John Plaster, Robin White, Matt Hopper, Jocelyn Meservey, George Saul, Cindy Constant, Jimmy Meservey, Bruce Zullig, Mike Boon

Ten Local F.F.A. Members Honored as State Farmers

Ten Chillicothe FFA members recently were chosen to receive the State Farmer Degree, the top degree given by the State FFA Association. A State Farmer Selection Committee picks the recipients. Only three percent of Missouri's 15,000 members can receive this top degree.

To be a recipient of the State Farmer Degree there are many requirements. The State Farmer should have received the Chapter Farmer Degree and have been an active FFA member for at least two years (24 months). The State Farmer should have earned and productively invested in at least \$500.00 by the members own effort or worked at least 600 hours in a Supervised Agricultural Occupational Experience Program. He also must be able to demonstrate leadership ability by performing ten parliamentary procedure activities, giving a five minute speech, serving as an officer and/or committee chairman. The State Farmer needs to participate in the planning and completion of Chapter Program of Activities and participate in FFA activities above the local level.

After completing these requirements the State Farmer Candidates fill out an eight page application containing the size and growth of their Supervised Farming Program, Agri-Business Program, leadership within the FFA, activities in school, church and community. A record book containing information on all years in FFA is also required.

Those receiving the degree are: Mike Boon, son of Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Boon; Cindy Constant, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Constant; Gil Gates, son of Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Gates; Matt Hopper, son of Mr. and Mrs. Steve Hopper; Jim Meservey, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jim Meservey; Jocelyn Meservey, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Meservey; John Plaster, son of Mr. and Mrs. John E. Plaster; George Saul, son of Linda Saul and Melvin Saul; Robin White, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Gary White; Bruce Zullig, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Zullig.

These degrees were presented Friday night, April 21, at the night session of the State Convention at Columbia.

Six Win Area Proficiency Awards - One On State Level

The Chillicothe FFA Chapter was awarded six first place ratings at the Area Proficiency Award Selection in March and was recognized at the State FFA Convention, Thursday evening, April 21. One of the six was recognized as a State winner.

Proficiency award winners are selected on the basis of the member being proficient in the area of which he or she applies. The member's record book and application are compared with others applying in the same area to determine a winner.

The Chillicothe winners recognized were Jill Marlay, Poultry; Jill Marlay, Fruit and Vegetable; Gil Gates, Sales and Service; John Plaster, Processing; Greg Lightner, Forestry; and David Williams, Crop Production.

At the State selections, David Williams was chosen as the State winner in Crop Production. His application will be forwarded on to the Regional level for competition. Congratulations to David and the members for their accomplishments.



AREA PROFICIENCY AWARD WINNERS
David Williams, Gil Gates, John Plaster, Jill Marlay
Greg Lightner (not pictured)

First in State, Fourth in Nation



The Chillicothe Farm Management Team received first in the state and fourth in the nation. The members of the team are Kenny Toedebusch, Carla Williams, Chris Johnson and David Williams. Their coach-advisor is Ron Wolf.

Major Accomplishments of 1982-83

Awarded Top F.F.A. Chapter in Missouri

American Farmer

Ten State Farmers

State Winning Proficiency Award Winner

Five Area Proficiency Award Winners

Fourth Place Team in National Vo-Ag Contest

District Contest Sweepstakes Trophy

Six Contest Teams and F.F.A. Creed Speaker to State Contests

State Winning Contest Team

State BOAC Award

Barnwarming Income Over \$4,000

Annual Awards and Scholarships - 1982-83

JERRY LITTON MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

Mrs. Mildred Litton will present a \$1,000.00 scholarship to a graduating senior in the Chillicothe Chapter.

The recipient must show evidence of strong leadership potential as demonstrated in F.F.A., school and community activities, and plans to continue his/her formal education.

SENIOR AGRI-BUSINESS AWARD

This award will be given annually to a senior student enrolled in the Agri-Business placement program who is planning to further his/her education in a two- or four-year college program.

The award is designed to recognize the student who had done an outstanding job while in the Agri-Business placement program and demonstrated leadership ability now and in his/her future career plans.

This award is sponsored by Bob Smith and will be in the amount of \$100.

STATE BANK AWARD

The Chillicothe State Bank presents a trophy and a \$50 check to a member of each of the four Production Agriculture classes.

The award is based on quality and scope of the member's farming program and on the member's knowledge of record keeping and management.

AGRI-BUSINESS AWARDS

Dr. Gwin presents a trophy and a \$25 check to the outstanding member of each of the four Agri-Business classes.

The award is based on leadership, participation, career development and F.F.A. goals.

SCS AWARD

The SCS Award is given by the Soil Conservation Service. It is a trophy given to a student who shows the most ability of evaluating the soil and is based on the student's performance at District and State Contests.

CITIZENS BANK & TRUST AWARD

The Citizens Bank & Trust presents a trophy and a \$100 check to the outstanding senior member based on leadership.

The winner is selected on his or her four-year performance in leadership and service to F.F.A., the school, and community.

THE MARSHALL MESERVEY MEMORIAL AWARD

The Marshall Meservey family will give this award which will consist of a \$400 check to the graduating senior who plans to enter farming. Selection is based upon grades, efficiency of farm operations, quality of Record Book participation, goals, knowledge of agriculture, and F.F.A. leadership.

DONALD FIFER MEMORIAL AGRICULTURAL MECHANICS AWARD

The Donald Fifer Agricultural Mechanics Award will be given annually to one student in the Freshman, Sophomore, Junior and Senior classes. The award will consist of a \$25 check and a trophy.

The applicant must complete an application to be eligible for the award. The award is based on the projects constructed and completed in Shop class of the current year. The size and cost of the project, the quality of work, and grades in Vocational

Agriculture Shop classes, are also used in determining the winner of the award.

The Fifer family is sponsoring the Memorial Award.

FEDERAL LAND BANK AWARD

The Federal Land Bank presents a trophy and a \$25 check to the outstanding senior Farm Management student.

The award is based on class grades in Vocational Agriculture, scores on the Farm Management Contest, and general knowledge of Production Agriculture.

COMMUNITY BANK AWARDS

The Community Bank presents a trophy and a \$50 check to a member of each of the four classes.

The award is based on the total amount of points earned by each member for participating in the different F.F.A. activities during the year.

CHILICOTHE F.F.A. CHAPTER SCHOLARSHIPS

The Chillicothe F.F.A. Chapter presents two \$300 scholarships to senior F.F.A. members who are planning to attend a college or vocational school majoring in agriculture. The members must have completed four units of Vocational Agriculture and is based on leadership in F.F.A., grades in Vocational Agriculture and other school service, and need for additional funds.

PCA AG MECHANICS AWARD

The Production Credit Association gives a trophy and a \$25 check to the outstanding Agriculture Mechanics student. The awards are presented to a junior or senior based on projects constructed and farm machinery maintenance completed.

REEDS SEEDS AWARD

Reeds Seeds presents a trophy and a \$25 check to each of the two Star Greenhands and the two Chapter Farmers. The Star Greenhand Award is given to an outstanding first year student in both the agri-business and the production agriculture program, and the Star Chapter Farmer is given to second year students in both areas. The award is based on scholarship, leadership, S.O.E. program, and participation.

MILBANK MILLS TROPHIES

Milbank Mills presents trophies each year to F.F.A. members who place high at local, district and state livestock shows and feed Silver Moon Feed.

JERRY LITTON MEMORIAL LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT AWARD

Wally McGinnis and Hutchinson-Walker-Turner Insurance and Real Estate each sponsor \$200 to pay the expenses of two officers to the Washington, D.C., Leadership Conference.

The winners' names will be engraved on a plaque in the Vocational Agriculture classroom, and they will represent the Chapter at a week-long leadership conference in Washington, D.C., during the summer.

Annual Awards

Awards are a very important part of the F.F.A. The members who receive these awards work very hard in order to be honored, and this instills a competitive spirit among the members.

The Chillicothe F.F.A. Chapter appreciates the presentations by the various groups and thanks them for the time and money they give to help make our chapter successful.