



Agriculture Education, Grand River Technical School, Chillicothe, Missouri, May 1, 1999

## 1999 Chillicothe FFA Banquet

1998-99 FFA Slide Show .....	Susan Mammen & Vanessa Robinson
Opening Ceremonies .....	1998-99 FFA Officer Team
Invocation .....	Lisa Seiberling
Welcome .....	Aaron Minnick
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Annual Agribusiness .....	Kim Radcliff
Bank Midwest Award .....	Molly Quinn
Chillicothe Livestock Market Award .....	Tonja Moss
Chillicothe State Bank Award .....	Lauren Bagley
Donald Fifer Ag. Mechanics Award .....	Neal Wolf
Farmers & Merchants Bank of Hale Award .....	Judy Leffler
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Farmers & Merchants Bank of Hale Awards .....	Brock Kerr
Hale Lumber Yard Award .....	David Wolf
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Chillicothe State Bank Award .....	Kim Radcliff
Donald Fifer Award .....	Jessica Miller
Sheep Achievement Award .....	Kim Radcliff
Stephen Bauermeister Award .....	Jessica Miller
Introduction to Senior Awards .....	Ammie Reeter
Citizens Bank & Trust Award .....	Justin Meneely
FFA Scholarships .....	David Wolf
Lee Fitchett Memorial Scholarship .....	Melissa Epperson
Marshall Meserve Award .....	Brock Kerr
Senior Agribusiness Award .....	Lisa Seiberling
Wayne Boon Memorial Award .....	Molly Quinn
Jerry Litton Memorial Award .....	Ammie Reeter
Installation of New Officers .....	Aaron Minnick, Jeremy Wilson, and Laura Smith
Closing Ceremonies .....	1999-2000 FFA Officers

## Chillicothe FFA Again Takes Matters into Their Own Hands and Completes Another Successful Year of Accomplishments

The 71<sup>st</sup> Missouri FFA State Convention was held April 15<sup>th</sup>-16<sup>th</sup> in Columbia. Again this year, the Chillicothe FFA Chapter had another successful year with their Career Development Events. Fourteen teams qualified to compete at the state level. The teams that qualified were Ag Mechanics, Parliamentary Procedure, Dairy Cattle, Livestock Judging, FFA Knowledge, Dairy Foods, Horse Evaluation, Farm Management, Public Speaking, Extemporaneous Speaking, Nursery, Field Crops, Poultry, and Floriculture. These teams have been working very diligently for the last two months to become perfectionists of the contests.

The chilly, rainy weather of the contest didn't stop the contestants from doing their best. Eight of the fourteen teams received Group 1 ratings and placed in the top 15. The Ag Mechanics team, consisting of Scotty Bowes, Gary Albertson, Tanner Edmundson, James Jefferies, and Josh Winkowski received second in the state, along with the Parliamentary Procedure team which consisted of Lauren Bagley, Justin Meneely, Jessica Miller, Tonja Moss, Molly Quinn, Kim Radcliff, and Neal Wolf. Also placing second was the Dairy Cattle Judging team of Melissa Epperson, Ammie Reeter, and Brock Kerr. The Dairy Foods team of Tanya Cloninger, Kaci Gilliland, Melissa Holcomb, Andrew Pepper, Michelle Smith, and Lindy Zelmer received fifth in the state. The two teams that placed sixth were Livestock Judging consisting of Laveda Broyles, David Figg, Shannon Robinson, Scott Weldon, and David Wolf and the FFA Knowledge team of Carrie Saale, Ashley Vadnais, Jennifer Williams, and Adam Wolf. The other two teams placing in the top 15 were the Horse Evaluation team of Jeralee Adams, Scott Johnson, Susan Mammen, and Lisa Seiberling which placed ninth and the Farm Management team consisting of Aaron Minnick, Vanessa Robinson, Kim Williams, and Chad Woodworth which received 15<sup>th</sup>. The winner in the Public Speaking Contest was Abby Smith who received a gold rating. Justin Meneely also received a

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### 1999-2000 CHAPTER OFFICERS

President .....	Brock Kerr
1st Vice-President .....	Neal Wolf
Secretary .....	Tonja Moss
Treasurer .....	Justin Meneely
Reporter .....	Molly Quinn
Sentinel .....	Kim Radcliff
Parliamentarian .....	Laren Bagley
Chaplain .....	Laveda Broyles
Historian .....	Lisa Seiberling
Second Vice-Presidents:	
Seniors .....	Ammie Reeter David Wolf
Juniors .....	Jessica Miller Kylee Rooney
Program Articles Written by:	
Lauren Bagley	Kim Radcliff
Kylee Rooney	Abby Smith
Laura Smith	Jennifer Williams
	Kim Williams

## ANNUAL AWARDS AND SCHOLARSHIPS – 1998-1999

### JERRY LITTON

#### MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

Mrs. Mildred Litton will present a \$1,500 scholarship to a graduating senior in the Chillicothe Chapter.

The recipient must show evidence of strong leadership potential as demonstrated in FFA, 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 has 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 and Pat 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 Production Agriculture classes.

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

Previous winners are Neal Wolf, Melissa Epperson, David Wolf, and Aaron Minnick.

#### AGRI-BUSINESS AWARDS

Chillicothe Animal Hospital, Dr. Ross and Dr. Gwin present a trophy and a \$50 check to the outstanding member of each of the four Agri-Business classes.

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

Previous winners are Justin Meneely, Adam Horton, Lisa Seiberling, Scott Johnson, Travis Breeden.

#### LIVINGSTON COUNTY SOIL & WATER DISTRICT

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

#### CITIZENS BANK & TRUST AWARD

The Citizens Bank & Trust Award is presented annually to a Senior FFA member. Winners are selected on their four-year performance in leadership and service to FFA, school and the community. This award is a trophy and \$100 which is renewable for three more years if the students maintain a 3.0 grade point average.

#### 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 FFA 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 award is based on the applicants' application and the projects constructed and completed in the shop class of the current year. The size and cost of the project, the quality of work and grades also used in determining the winner of the award.

Previous winners are Nathan Peel, Adam Daugherty, Chad Woodworth, and Aaron Minnick.

#### T&R SOIL SERVICE AWARD

The T&R Soil Service will present a trophy and a \$50 check to the outstanding senior Farm Management student.

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

#### BANK MIDWEST AWARDS

Bank Midwest presents a trophy and a \$75 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 FFA activities during the year.

Previous winners are Lauren Bagley, Brock Kerr, Laura Smith, Abby Smith, Melissa Epperson, and Aaron Minnick.

#### CHILLICOTHE FFA CHAPTER SCHOLARSHIPS

The Chillicothe FFA Chapter presents \$200 scholarships to senior FFA members who are planning to attend a college or vocational school majoring agriculture.

The members must have completed four units of Ag Education and is based on leadership in FFA, grades in agriculture classes and other school service, and need for additional funds.

#### STEVE BAUERMEISTER MEMORIAL AWARD

Given annually to the most outstanding agriculture mechanics project for the current school year. The winner must submit an application to be eligible as winner of a \$100 savings bond and a trophy. Criteria for winnings are quality, scope and timely completion of the project.

#### REEDS SEEDS AWARD

Reeds Seeds presents a trophy and a \$75 check to each of the two Star Greenhands and the two Star Chap-

ter Farmers. The Star Greenhand Award is given to an outstanding first-year student in both the agribusiness 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.A.E. Program, and participation.

Previous winners are Aaron Minnick, Molly Quinn, Jake McCracken, David Wolf, Lisa Seiberling, Vanessa Robinson, Clinton Potts, Scott Johnson, Abby Smith, and Adam Horton.

#### MILBANK MILLS TROPHIES

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

#### JERRY LITTON MEMORIAL LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT AWARD

The Constitution-Tribune, Young Farm Wives, and TransOva Genetics sponsor \$450 to pay the expenses of three officers to the Washington, D.C. Leadership Conference.

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

Previous winners are Aaron Minnick, Jeremy Wilson, and Adam Horton.

#### SINGER AWARD

The Singer Locker will present three first-year students in Ag Education with a trip to State FFA Camp. In order to win this award, one must be a member in good standing, have a need for financial assistance and must have participated in nine selected chapter activities.

Previous winners are Chad Herring, Cody Quinn, Kim Radcliff, Matt Garr, Laura Smith, Adam Horton, Alisha Vadnais, Brock Kerr, and Nathan Curl.

#### JAY BANHART AWARD

Twenty-five dollars, plus a trophy, awarded to a member of the Parliamentary Procedure Team who exhibited outstanding leadership and effort.

Previous winners are David Figg and Laura Smith.

#### JOHN YEOMANS PUBLIC SPEAKING AWARD

This award is presented in memory of John Yeomans. The award is given to the winner of the local FFA Public Speaking contest. The winner of the local FFA Public Speaking contest represents the Chillicothe FFA Chapter at the Area II competition. The award consist of a check of \$100.

#### WAYNE BOON MEMORIAL AWARD

The \$400 Wayne Boon Memorial Award will be presented to a

graduating senior each year. The winner will be selected based upon the scope and quality of their production related SAE program for all their years in Ag Ed. Applicants are required to submit a written explanation of their SAE program. The discussion should also explain what they began with, how they expanded the project, production records (yield/acre, average litter size, etc.) and any special awards they have received. They must also submit a copy of their SAE final report for each year.

#### FIELD CROPS AWARD

The Field Crop Award is presented to a student who shows the most aptitude in crop production. Winners are selected on their performance at District and State Field Crops Contest.

Previous winner are Jeralee Adams and Nathan Raymo.

#### FARM BUREAU PUBLIC SPEAKING AWARD

The Farm Bureau Public Speaking Award is presented annually to the FFA member who represents the Chillicothe FFA at the District Farm Bureau Speaking Contest.

#### CHILLICOTHE

#### LIVESTOCK MARKET AWARD

The Chillicothe Livestock Market Award is given annually to a first-year student in Ag Education who would like to pursue or expand his/her Supervised Agriculture Experience Program in beef cattle. The award is \$200 toward the purchase of an open or bred heifer, bred cow or cow/calf pair.

Selection guidelines are facilities available to house the beef SAE project, future plans for beef SAE project, interest in beef industry, future career plans, FFA participation, attitude, citizenship and cooperation at school (assigned by agriculture teachers). Previous winners are Kim Williams, Alisha Vadnais, and Ashley Surber.

#### SHEEP ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

This award is presented annually to a Senior FFA member who exhibited sheep as part of their SAE project. It is intended to recognize a student who has successfully completed their sheep projects, but has received no formal prizes or awards. The criteria for selection include care of animals, work ethic, pride in ownership and sportsmanship. The award consists of a \$50 savings bond and a trophy and is sponsored by Larry and Ida Brotherton.

#### FARMERS & MERCHANTS BANK OF HALE AWARD

Farmers and Merchants Bank of Hale sponsors a trophy and a \$25 check to the Star Greenhand and Star Chapter FFA members from the Hale and Bosworth Schools. The Star Greenhand Award is given to an outstanding first-year student,

and the Star Chapter FFA award is given to an outstanding second-year member. The award is based on scholarship, SAE Program, and participation.

**THOMAS HORSE EVALUATION AWARD**

The Thomas Horse Evaluation Award, sponsored by Mr. and Mrs. Roy Thomas, is presented to a student who excels at horse judging. Winners are selected on their performance at District and State Horse judging contest.

**HALE LUMBERYARD AWARD**

The Hale Lumberyard Award is given to a member of the Freshman and Sophomore class from Hale and Bosworth. This award consists of a trophy and \$25. The criteria for winning are skills learned in shop and quality of workmanship.

**LITTON LIVESTOCK AWARD**

The Litton Livestock Award is given to students that keep livestock at the Litton Agri-Science Learning Center as a component of their SAE project. Winners are selected by their ability to care and manage their livestock, work ethic, responsibility, and showing.

Previous winners are Kim Williams, Shannon Robinson, Amanda Woodworth .

**HY VEE AWARDS**

Hy Vee Food Stores will present \$50 and a trophy to the high individuals on the Meats, Dairy Foods, Poultry, Livestock Judging and Dairy Judging teams.

**LEE FITCHETT MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP**

The Lee Fitchett Memorial Scholarship will be given annually to a graduating Senior who plans to further their education at the Grand River Technical School. First priority will be given to a student planning to enroll in the Farm and Industrial Program at GRTS.

The recipient must have completed four units of Ag Education. The selection is based on leadership in FFA, leadership outside FFA, grades in Ag Education classes, grades in other courses, and the need of the applicant.

The scholarship will total \$200. It is given in memory of Lee Fitchett a past Agriculture Instructor and Assistant Director at Grand River Technical School.

**The Chillicothe FFA was awarded a 2 Star National Chapter rating at the 1998 National Convention.**



Adam Wolf, Carrie Saale, Ashley Vadnais, Jennifer Williams.



Jessica Jones (left), Jeremy Wilson and Kim Grozinger.



L to R: Sean Pannell, Laura Koch, Tina White and Susan Scherlinger.



L to R back: Gary Albertson, Tanner Edmundson and James Jefferies. Front, Scotty Bowes (left) and Josh Winkowski.



State FFA Degree—Front row, L to R: Abby Smith, Laura Smith, Kim Williams and Aaron Minnick. L to R back: Jeremy Bowes, Cliff Wilson, Chad Woodworth, Adam Horton.



Jeralee Adams, Lise Seiberling, Scott Johnson and Susan Mammen.



Back row, L to R: David Figg, Shannon Robinson and David Wolf. Seated are Laveda Broyles and Scott Weldon.



Completed Record Book: Jake McCracken and Kim Radcliff



Front L to R: Molly Quinn, David Figg, Abby Smith, Kim Williams, Jeremy Wilson, Gary Albertson. Middle row: Scotty Bowes, Brock Kerr, David Gabrielson, Robert Summers, Cody Quinn. Back row: Cliff Wilson, Justin Meneely, David Wolf, Tanner Edmundson, Jake McCracken, Chad Woodworth, Aaron Minnick, Matt McDaniel.



Back: Kylee Rooney (left) and Lindsey Rooney. Front: Lori Roller and Amanda Woodworth.



Standing are Aaron Minnick and Chad Woodworth. Seated are Vanessa Williams and Kim Williams.



Standing: Nathan Peel (left), Jonathon Meneely and Jake McCracken. Seated: Cody Quinn (left) and Matthew McDaniel.



Abby Smith and Justin Meneely.



Kevin Miller (left), Wade Foster and Jeremy Stephens.



Scrapbook Committee — L to R back: Kim Radcliff, Tonja Moss, Lauren Bagley and Molly Quinn. Front: Kylee Rooney (left) and Lindsey Ewing.



Back row, L to R: Neal Wolf, Justin Meneely, Kim Radcliff and Molly Quinn. Front, L to R: Tonja Moss, Jessica Miller and Lauren Bagley.



Bobbie Ponting, Sally Norris, Chas Marriott, Cara Whiteman.



Begining Record Book: Jennifer Williams



Melissa Epperson, Brock Kerr and Ammie Reeter.



Back: Adam Rulon, Ashley Parks. Front: Sarah Ward, Matt Schreiner.



Front: Tanya Colinger, Michelle Smith, Melissa Holcomb. Back: Kaci Gilliland, Andrew Pepper, Linda Zelmer.



Front row, L to R: Quentin Cameron, Micah Gabrielson and Nathan Coffelt. L to R back: Nathan Scott, Derek McCauslin and Andy Parks.

**The Chillicothe FFA Chapter would like to thank the parents and community members who support our Chapter.**

Left to Right: Rachel Williams, Ashley Surber, Kathy Pratt and Rebecca Case.



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gold rating in the Extemporaneous Speaking. Other teams that competed at the state level were Nursery consisting of Becky Case, Kathy Pratt, Ashley Surber, and Rachel Williams, Field Crops with members Jake McCracken, Matt McDaniel, John Meneely, Nathan Peel, and Cody Quinn, the Poultry team consisting of Ashley Parks, Adam Rulon, Matt Schreiner, and Sarah Ward, and the Floriculture team with members Chasity Marriot, Sally Norris, Carisa O'Dell, Bobbi Ponting, Julia Stephens, and Cara Whiteman.

The Chillicothe FFA Chapter also had a very successful year with other awards and honors. Abby Smith was installed as the State Vice President from Area 2. Aaron Minnick was recognized as the Area 2 Star Farmer, and he also won the State Proficiency Award of Feed Grain Production. Chad Woodworth was the state winner in the Ag Mechanics Proficiency Award. As a whole, the chapter received recognition for a BOAC grant they received to help with the bathroom at the Fair Grounds, and the chapter received 15<sup>th</sup> place out of 265 FFA chapters in the Chapter Activity Award Program.

The Chillicothe FFA was very proud of their members for devoting the time and knowledge to each of their respective contest. It is because of the member's hard work and dedication that the Chillicothe FFA Chapter is one of the most successful chapters in the state of Missouri.

## TEN CHILLICOTHE FFA CHAPTER MEMBERS RECEIVE THEIR STATE DEGREE

Ten Chillicothe FFA Members received their State Degree on April 16, 1999 in Columbia, MO. The ten members had to meet a number of qualifications and fill out an application that had to follow their record books before receiving the degree.

Each year the state degree is awarded to the top three percent of the total state FFA membership. This is the highest degree that the Missouri FFA Association can bestow on its members.

Receiving the State FFA Degree from our chapter were: Jeremy Bowes, son of Ronnie Bowes and Kathy Linville; Travis Breeden son of Bill and Millie Breeden; Kimberly Grozinger, daughter of Jim and Paula Grozinger; Adam Horton, son of Dick and Patsy Horton; Aaron Minnick, son of Ron and Pam Minnick; Abby Smith, daughter of Bob and Pat Smith; Laura Smith, daughter of Max and Kathy Smith; Kim Williams, daughter of Neil Williams and Diane Williams; Cliff Wilson, son of Everett and Darlene Wilson; and Chad Woodworth, son of Claude and Jackie Woodworth.

**Congratulations to these individuals on their accomplishments.**

## FFA CAMP 1998

Last summer on June 1, 1998, Chillicothe members attended State FFA Camp Rising Sun on the Lake of the Ozarks. We learned many leadership skills, had the opportunity to meet different FFA members, state wide, and had a great time while participating. The members enjoyed several exciting activities such as canoeing, swimming, boat riding, fishing, volleyball, and basketball just to name a few.

During the week of camp, the members had the opportunity to experience many other things also. Leadership workshops, guest speakers, and enjoyable evenings were also had. On Tuesday night of camp, there was a dance for the campers. This gave the campers time to become more familiar with each other and just cut loose and boogie! A trip was also taken to the Ozark Opry. The special events brought fun for all.

All of the mem-bers would like to thank Joe and Dorthy Singer for sponsoring several greenhands with a camp scho-larship. Camp Ris-ing Sun was a very enjoyable exper-ience and we hope that this year's campers have as much fun as we did. Remember that when you attend FFA camp you not only gain leader-ship skills, but you gain memories that will last a lifetime



Seated L to R: Tonja Moss, Lindsey Ewing, Jessica Miller, Courtney Walker, Lyndsey Paulus, Lauren Bagley, Kim Radcliff. Standing L to R: Shannon Robinson, Ben Martin (State FFA Officer), Melody Higginbotham (State FFA Officer), Brock Kerr, Robert Singer, Austin Anderson, Chad Herring, Neal Wolf, Cody Quinn, Chris Ruppel, Billy Shoop, Garrett Hawkins (State FFA Officer).

## BARNWARMING 1998-99

Barnwarming was held at the Livingston County Fairgrounds October 31. Three weeks before barnwarming the members of the chapter start working in the community to make money for our chapter.

At the start of the three weeks each class chooses a king and queen candidate. The candidates are to work together and try to find job for their class. This years candidates were: Freshmen, Brian Bro-



therton and Jennifer Williams;<sup>a</sup> Sophomores, Travis Andreae and Carrie Brooks; Juniors, David Figg and Ammie Reeter; and Seniors, Randy Hapes and Kim Grozinger. The freshmen won with a total of \$5,125 and averaging \$102 per person. The Seniors

had second place with \$1,529 and averaging \$57 per person, the Juniors came in third with \$1,675 and averaging \$56 per person, and the Sophomores came in fourth with \$2,295 and averaging \$40 per person.

This year's Barnwarming was a success. We ended up with a grand total of \$10,624. After all of the hard work, we got to have some fun. At Barnwarming there was a hay tunnel, and dance that was enjoyed by all.

## PARTICIPATION IN A NATIONAL CAREER DEVELOPMENT EVENT

Being on the Livestock Judging Team was one of the best experiences of my life. The team consisted of Travis Breeden, Abby Smith, Kim Grozinger, and Laura Smith. David Nowland was our advisor. Through this contest team, we have learned hard work, determination, and cooperation. With these three qualities, our team was able to achieve our ultimate goal.

After the state contest, a much larger challenge was placed before us: the National Contests. With this honor came more hard work, more determination, and more cooperation. We believe that the main reason that our team was successful was cooperation. Even though the four members and our advisor were together during all of our free time, we always got along. We recognized others needs and all possessed the desire to do our best.

As we walked into the American Royal building, if felt strange to be "The Team from Missouri". Even though we were very nervous, we tried to sit back and enjoy the experience. We were required to judge nine livestock classes and give three sets of reasons.

Through our hard work, we achieved first place at District and State competitions and a Silver rating at Nationals. Every activity of this contest is strong in our memory. We learned through this contest that one of the most important qualities to posses is: Teamwork.

## GOOD-BYE K. C., HELLO LOUISVILLE

The 1998 National FFA Convention, which was held on November 12-15, was the final FFA Convention to be held in Kansas City. The future FFA Conventions will be held in Louisville, Kentucky due to the fact that it is more centrally located with the number of students from each state that attended. The convention had been held in Kansas City from the very first one, which was held in the Hotel Baltimore in 1928. FFA members from all over the United States meet for those exciting days of attending FFA business sessions, career shows, leadership sessions, career development events, and the many other shows available to them. It is very exciting to go one place and see and meet others your own age from all 50 states. Hosting the National Convention is one of the things the Kansas City and the whole state of Missouri are proud of. Though we are disappointed at loosing that privilege, we sincerely hope that the convention will be as successful and fun in Louisville. The moving of the convention to Louisville will greatly change the how and how many Chillicothe members will attend the annual event. In 1998, we took 90 members. In 1999, our budget is going to allow us to take 12 members to Louisville. The students have been working hard this year to have the chance to be one of those chosen to attend Louisville. There will be an application process next fall for the interested in attending.