



Agriculture Education, Grand River Technical School, Chillicothe, Missouri, May 6, 2000

2000 Chillicothe FFA Banquet

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| 1999-2000 FFA Slide Show | Tonja Moss & Kim Radcliff |
| Opening Ceremonies | 1999-2000 FFA Officer Team |
| Invocation | Laveda Broyles |
| Welcome | Brock Kerr |
| Recognition of Class Accomplishments | |
| Introduction of Class Accomplishments | Neal Wolf |
| Introduction of Freshmen Class | Class Representatives |
| FFA Contest Teams | Tonja Moss |
| Career Development Events & Hyvee Awards | Kylee Rooney & Molly Quinn |
| Freshmen review the 1998-99 year in FFA | Class Representatives |
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| Annual Agribusiness | Kim Radcliff |
| Bank Midwest Award | Lauren Bagley |
| Chillicothe Livestock Market Award | Ammie Reeter |
| Chillicothe State Bank Award | Lisa Seiberling |
| Donald Fifer Ag. Mechanics Award | David Wolf |
| Farmers & Merchants Bank of Hale Award | Laveda Broyles |
| Hale Lumber Yard Award | Laveda Broyles |
| Reeds Seeds Award | Jessica Miller |
| Singer Locker Award | Kylee Rooney |
| Gillilands Farm Camp Award | Kaci Gilliland |
| Sophomore Class Accomplishments | |
| Introduction of Sophomore Class | Class Representatives |
| FFA Contest Teams & Jay Banhart Award | Brock Kerr & Neal Wolf |
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| FFA Proficiency Awards | Molly Quinn |
| Sophomores review the 1998-99 year in FFA | Class Representatives |
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| Annual Agribusiness | Ammie Reeter |
| Bank Midwest Award | Lisa Seiberling |
| Chillicothe State Bank Award | Ammie Reeter |
| Donald Fifer Ag. Mechanics Award | Lisa Seiberling |
| Farmers & Merchants Bank of Hale Awards | Ammie Reeter |
| Hale Lumber Yard Award | Lisa Seiberling |
| Reeds Seeds Award | Ammie Reeter |
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| 1999-2000 Officer Team | |
| Junior Class Accomplishments | |
| Introduction of Junior Class | Class Representatives |
| FFA Contest Teams | Carrie Salle |
| Career Development Events, Horse Evaluation Award & Hyvee Award | Kaci Gilliland & Ashley Vadnais |
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| Jennifer Williams | |
| State FFA Degree | David Wolf |
| Juniors review the 1999-2000 year in FFA | Class Representatives |
| Juniors Awards | |
| Annual Agribusiness Award | Adam Wolf |
| Bank Midwest Award | Michelle Smith |
| Chillicothe State Bank Award | Ashley Parks |
| Donald Fifer Ag. Mechanics Award | Quentin Cameron |
| Litton Memorial Leadership Awards | Matt Schreiner |
| Recognition of Parents & Senior Slide Show | David Wolf & Jeralee Adams |
| Recognition of State Officer and American FFA Degree | David Wolf |
| Senior Class Accomplishments | |
| Introduction of Senior Class | Brock Kerr & Scott Johnson |
| Career Development Event & T&R Farm Mgt. Award | Jessica Miller |
| FFA Proficiency Awards | Neal Wolf |
| State FFA Degree | Kim Radcliff |
| Seniors review the 1999-2000 year in FFA | Brock Kerr & Scott Johnson |
| Presentation of Banquet Awards | |
| Annual Agribusiness Award | Justin Meneely |
| Bank Midwest Award | Molly Quinn |
| Chillicothe State Bank Award | Justin Meneely |
| Donald Fifer Award | Molly Quinn |
| Sheep Achievement Award | Justin Meneely |
| Stephen Bauermeister Award | Molly Quinn |
| Introduction to Senior Awards | |
| Kim Radcliff | |
| Citizens Bank & Trust Award | Kim Radcliff |
| FFA Scholarships | Lauren Bagley |
| Lee Fitchett Memorial Scholarship | Jessica Miller |
| Marshall Meservey Award | Kylee Rooney |
| Senior Agribusiness Award | Kim Radcliff |
| Wayne Boon Memorial Award | Lauren Bagley |
| Jerry Litton Memorial Award | Tonja Moss |
| Installation of New Officers | Brock Kerr, Neal Wolf & Tonja Moss |
| Closing Ceremonies | 2000-2001 FFA Officers |

Eight Chillicothe FFA Chapter Members Receive Their State Degree

Eight Chillicothe FFA Members received their State Degree on April 14, 2000 in Columbia, Mo. The Eight 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: Gary Albertson, son of Gary and Wylene Albertson; David Figg, son of Jim and Saunda Figg; Susan Elaine Mammen, daughter of Jerry and Sandy Mammen; Justin Meneely, son of David and Dordene Meneely; Molly Quinn, daughter of John and Mary Quinn; Jeremy J. Wilson, son of Richard and Amy Wilson; David Wolf, son of Ron and Sandra Wolf; Neal Wolf, son of Roger and Linda Wolf.



Congratulations to these individuals on their accomplishments.
 Front, L to R: Jeremy Wilson, Susan Mammen, Molly Quinn, David Figg.
 Back, L to R: Neal Wolf, David Wolf, Justin Meneely, Gary Albertson.

2000-2001 CHAPTER OFFICERS

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| President | Molly Quinn |
| 1st Vice-President | Neal Wolf |
| Secretary | Lauren Bagley |
| Treasurer | Tonja Moss |
| Reporter | Kim Radcliff |
| Sentinel | Adam Wolf |
| Chaplain | Kaci Gilliland |
| Parliamentarian | Jennifer Williams |
| Historian | Michelle Smith |
| FFA Senators: | |
| Seniors | Justin Meneely |
| | Jessica Miller |
| Juniors | Ashley Vadnais |
| | Carrie Saale |

Program Articles Written by:

Quentin Cameron Micha Grabrielson
 Lesley Pauley Ashley Vadnais

ANNUAL AWARDS AND SCHOLARSHIPS – 1999-2000

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, Gary Albertson, David Wolf, Derek McCauslin, and Laveda Broyles.

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, Lisa Seiberling, Scott Johnson, and Tonja Moss.

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, Colin Woodworth, Tanner Edmundson, and Brock Kerr.

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, Adam Wolf, Molly Quinn, and Amy Reeter.

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 services, 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 Chapter 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 Molly Quinn, Jake McCracken, David Wolf, Lisa Seiberling, Clinton Potts, Scott Johnson, Kaci Gilliland, Matt McDaniel, and Justin Meneely.

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, Shearer Ag Center and TransOva Genetics sponsor \$500 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 weeklong leadership conference in Washington D.C., during the summer.

Previous winners are Brock Kerr, David Wolf, and Neal Wolf.

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 Kim Radcliff, Lesley Pauley, Chad Herring, Cody Quinn, and Brock Kerr.

GILLILAND FARM CAMP AWARD

Pete Gilliland and family will present one first year student from Southwest High School with a trip to State FFA Camp. Selection will follow the Singer Locker Award process.

Previous winner was Andrew Pepper.

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 Neal Wolf.

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 consists 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. 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 received. They must also submit a copy of their SAE final report for each year.

FIELD CROP 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 winners are Jeralee Adams and Jack McCracken.

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 Andy Parks 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, and 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 Shannon Robinson, Amanda Woodworth, and Laura Bagley.

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.

DON CASSADA AWARD

Radcliff Construction (Steve Radcliff) will present \$50 and a trophy to the high individual on the Ag Mechanics Team.

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.



L-R: Ashley Vadnais, Extemporaneous; Jameson Black, Creed; Molly Quinn, Public.



Front: Lauren Bagley, Kim Radcliff, Matt McDaniel
Back: Heather Thorsell, Tonja Moss, Kylee Rooney.



FARM MANAGEMENT
Front: Lisa Seiberling, Jeraloe Adams
Back: David Figg, David Wolf



L to R: Shannon Robinson, Levada Broyles, Adam Daugherty



Front: Nathaniel Skipper, Ryan Skipper.
Back: Katie Radcliff, A.J. Coffelt, Darla Duemey



L to R: Jake McCracken, Jessica Miller, Care Whiteman, Justin Meneely



COMPLETED RECORD BOOK
Colon Woodworth, Ashley Vadnais



Front: Matt Schreiner, Derek McCauslin, Brian Brotherton
Back: Colon Woodworth, Brad Baker



Front: Lesley Pauley, Ashley Vadnais.
Back: Quentin Cameron, Micah Gabrielson



BEGINNING RECORD BOOK
Nathaniel Skipper & Darla Duemey



L to R: Scott Weldon, Brock Kerr, Scott Johnson



Front: Beverly Thompson, Lauren Quick
Back: Matthew Chaney, Brad Bonderer, Travis Reed



Front: Kaci Gilliland, Michelle Smith, Stephanie James.
Back: Andrew Pepper, Kelsie Klein.



Amanda Hibner, Tia Grubb, Ashley Gray



Front, L to R: Scotty Bowes, James Jeffries, Gary Albertson
Back: Amanda Woodworth, Lori Roller

**THE CHILICOTHE FFA
WAS AWARDED A
2 STAR NATIONAL CHAPTER
RATING AT THE
1999 NATIONAL CONVENTION.**



Front: Amanda Reeter, Adam Wolf, Nathan Coffelt, Carrie Saale, Jamie Estes, Jennifer Williams
Back: Ashley Parks, Andy Parks



Left to Right: Jeremy Stephens, Wade Foster, Eric Dougherty, Kevin Miller



Left to Right: Laura Koch, Kasey Pence, Tina White, Susan Scherlinger



Front: Jameson Black, Dakota Reeves
Back: Matt Wright, Brandon Roller



L to R: Julia Stephens, Carissa O'Dell, Jesse Staton, Jan Hart



Front: Charlie Kerr
Back, L to R: Michelle Andrae, Amber Ervie, Franie Schneiders, Tia Grubb



ABBY SMITH AREA 2 STATE VICE PRESIDENT

Sheep, hogs, cattle, horses, sweet corn, and soybeans are just some of the many SAEP's (Supervised Agricultural Experience Project's) that Abby Smith, our Area 2 State Vice President, did during her high school life. However, Abby was involved in FFA way before she joined as a freshman. She had older brothers and sisters, as well as her parents, who were deeply involved in FFA. As a child she loved helping her dad on the farm. She has always wanted to teach Ag. Everything she does seems to revolve around what she has learned in her Ag classes. Abby took many classes related to Ag in high school. Some of them are Ag Science, Animal Science, Ag Business Management, Farm Management, and Ag construction. She was also an aide for Ag teachers all 4 years of high school. Her senior year she took an independent study course and taught freshmen. Abby has held many offices in FFA. She has been the Assistant President, Chaplain, Reporter, and Area Vice-President. She hopes to become a national officer next year. Abby says that being an officer at the chapter level is fun and challenging. You have to give more and learn how to be a team player because that's where



Abby in action.

Chillicothe FFA Member Abby Smith is Area 2 State Vice-President for the Missouri Association. Part of her duties as a State Officer is to visit students and FFA Chapters all over the state. This is one of Abby's many visits to our Chapter.

it all starts. You won't know how to do it if you don't achieve something there first. She also says that as a freshman and non-officer, you are sometimes kind of scared of too much responsibility and of not living up to other's expectations. Abby considers one of her responsibilities to realizing that her decision needs to be based upon how it will effect every chapter and its member's instead of just her individual wants and needs. She says she loved all of her experiences of FFA but one of her favorites happened this year at State Convention 2000. She says she loved seeing the convention from a different view. She remembers going to the

convention before but her new perspective was a great awe of realizing how much it meant to all the members, and that she wasn't the only one out there that cared that much for FFA, or the only life that FFA was affecting. Abby's advice is to get underclassmates to understand their officer team and figure out any problems quickly. Forget about the mistakes and don't let little things break up your team. Abby plans to be an active member until the age of 21. She then hopes to become an Ag teacher and farm. She hopes her children will be as involved in FFA as she was if not more involved.

BARNWARMING 1999

Barnwarming was held at the Livingston County Fairgrounds on October 23. Three weeks before barnwarming, the members of the chapter started working in the community to make money for our chapter. At the start of the three weeks, each class chose a king and queen candidate. The candidates worked together to try and find jobs for their class. This year's candidates were: freshmen, Amber Ervie and Brad Bonderer; sophomores, Micah Gabrielson and Quentin Cameron; juniors, Amanda Woodworth and Jake McCracken; and seniors, Laveda Broyles and Scott Johnson.

The seniors won averaging \$103.41 per person. The sophomores came in 2nd, averaging \$60.59 per person; the juniors had 3rd place, averaging \$43.48 per person; and the freshman had 4th place, averaging \$35.53 per person.

The students who attended barnwarming played games and danced. Among those games, was a game of passing lifesavers. The king candidates had to eat pudding through pantyhose. The queen candidates placed their foreheads on a stick, spun, then walked about 50 feet with a bucket of water (without spilling any!). The freshman boys had to pick out an ear of colored corn. If that color was any color but black, they had to kiss their date. They also had the opportunity to kiss Mr. Dietzschold's head or a goat if they had brought no date.

This year's barnwarming was a success. We raised a grand total of \$9994.79. After all the hard work, we got to have some fun. At barnwarming, there was a hay tunnel and a dance that were enjoyed by all.

FFA CAMP 1999

On June 8-10, 1999, 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 statewide, and had a great time while participating. The members enjoyed several exciting activities such as canoeing, boat riding, volleyball, and basketball, just to name a few.

During the week of camp, the members also had the opportunity to experience many other things. Leadership workshops, guest speakers, and enjoy-



Front:
Micah Gabrielson, Quentin Cameron, Brad Bonderer, Amber Ervie.

Back:
Scott Johnson, Laveda Broyles, Amanda Woodworth, Jake McCracken

able evenings were also prevalent. There was a dance held for the campers one evening on the *Larry Don*, a huge tour boat, which gave us time to become more familiar with each other and just "cut loose". A trip was also taken to the Ozark Opry. The special events brought fun for all!

We did get a chance to just cut loose and have a good time at the dance. Colin Woodworth, Matt Schreiner, and Nathan Mix were "getting jiggy with it" during a spare moment of the dance. We held the dance at the meeting cabin because the rain kept us from going to the lake.

All of the members would like to thank Joe and Dorothy Singer and Gilliland Farms for sponsoring several greenhands with a camp scholarship. Camp Rising Sun was a very enjoyable experience, 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 leadership skills, but you also gain memories that will last a lifetime.

LOUISVILLE, KENTUCKY

The 1999 National Convention, which was held on October 27-30, was the first FFA Convention to be held in Louisville, Kentucky.

The FFA chapter covered all expenses, except meals, for 12 of the members. At the beginning of the year, we were informed of the procedure that they would follow in selecting these 12 members.

They had a checklist that gave them 4 ways to earn points; first, members received 1 pt. if they tried out for contest teams; they received 2 pts. if they competed at area or districts; and if they competed at state, 3 pts. Second was receiving proficiency awards; if a member was a local winner, 1-pt.; an area winner, 2 pt., and third, if they interviewed for a local office, they received 2 pts. There were 10 points possible on this section. Finally, they looked at their participation, which was worth 40 points. The FFA members then judged them on their leadership, citizenship, and responsibility, worth a total of 20 points. And last, members had an interview telling them their short-term goals, their career goals, and their SAE projects, worth a total of 30 points. There were a total of 100 points, and the top 12 were the ones that received the pleasure of going. The top 12 members were: sophomores: Ashley Vadnais, Jennifer Williams, Carie Saale, Michelle Smith, Kaci Gilliland, and Adam Rulon; juniors: Lauren Bagley, Justin Meneely, Jessica Miller, Tonja Moss, and Kim Radcliff; and senior: Lisa Seiberling.

We all thought this was an awesome chance to travel with the FFA, to meet new people, and also to get to know our other classmates.

While we were there, we went to the Kentucky Horse Park. Of course, we were all amazed by the size of it and the money they spent on the horses, each having its own stall and with gold nameplates on the front.

This is only a little of what we did, and there is no way we could write down everything that we learned from our experience in Kentucky. This made us all better members; we were all able to bring our leadership skills and many new ideas to our chapter. We won't have another chance to travel with the FFA again unless we go to Nationals on a contest team or something, and we would all love to go again! But we encourage all of our members to try and go because it was a "kickin' experience" that will last a lifetime!

HARD WORK AND DEDICATION MEANS ANOTHER SUCCESSFUL YEAR WITH CAREER DEVELOPMENT EVENTS

The 72nd state convention was held April 13-14 in Columbia. Again this year, the Chillicothe FFA Chapter had another successful year with career development events. Sixteen teams qualified to compete at the state level. The teams that went to state were Ag Sales, Meats, Ag Mechanics, Forestry, Dairy, Livestock, Field Crops, Horse, Soils, Dairy Foods, Poultry, Farm Management, Floriculture, Parliamentary Procedure, FFA Knowledge, and Public Speaking. These teams have been working very diligently for the last two months to become perfectionists of the event.

Five of the sixteen teams received a Group I rating and placed in the top 15. These teams were the Horse Team with Jake McCracken, Justin Meneely, Jessica Miller, Tonya Cloniger, and Cara Whiteman; the Soils Team with AJ Coffelt, Darla Duemey, Katie Radcliff, Nathaniel Skipper, and Ryan Skipper; the Farm Management Team with Jeralee Adams, David Figg, Lisa Seiberling, and David Wolf; the Parliamentary Procedure Team with Nathan Coffelt, Jamie Estes, Andy Parks, Ashley Parks, Amanda Reeter, Carie Saale, Jennifer Williams, and Adam Wolf; and Public Speaking with Molly Quinn.

Other teams that competed at the state level were, Ag Sales with Scott Johnson, Brock Kerr, and Scott Weldon; Meats with Jameson Black, Dakota Reeves, Brandon Roller, and Matt Wright; Ag Mechanics with Adam Daugherty, Shannon Robinson, and Laveda Broyles; Forestry with Eric Dougherty, Wade Foster, Kevin Miller, and Jeremy Stephens; Dairy with Gary Albertson, Scotty Bowes, Melissa Bush, James Jeffries, Lori Roller, and Amanda Woodworth; Livestock with Lauren Bagley, Matt McDaniel, Tonya Moss, Kim Radcliff, Kylee Rooney, and Heather Thorse; Field crops with Brad Baker, Bryan Brotherton, Derek McCauslin, Matt Schreiner, and Colin Woodworth; Dairy Foods with Cassie Barlow, Matt Chaney, Justin Goad, Lauren Quick, Travis Reed, and Beverly Thompson; Poultry with Kaci Gilliland, Stephanie James, Kelsie Klein, Josh Moore, Andrew Pepper, and Michelle Smith; Floriculture with Jan Hart, Carissa O'Dell, Jesse Staton, Julia Stephens; FFA Knowledge with Michelle Andreae, Amber Ervie, Tia Grubb, Charles Kerr, Francheska Schneiders.

The Chillicothe FFA was very proud of their members for devoting the time and knowledge to each of their respective career development events. It is because of the member's hard work and dedication that the Chillicothe FFA is successful at the state level.