

# National FFA WEEK

FEBRUARY 15-22, 2025

## Chalfant is learning about plants, small animals, and crop production

Hello, my name is Caitlynn Chalfant, daughter of Dan and Cathie Chalfant. I am from Gilman City and currently in the 10th grade taking Ag Science 2. In this class I have learned about plants, and seeds, and how to identify them. This year I have had the opportunity to become the Reporter for our FFA Chapter, and I am currently working on the scrapbook. While being in FFA you usually have a SAE, my SAE consists of Beef Production, Small Animal Production, Row Crop Production, and Fruit Production.

My Small Animal Production SAE consists of 95-105 rabbits. I Mini Lops, Netherland Dwarfs, Florida Whites, Satins, and

Californians. We have 3 types of meat rabbits, the Florida Whites, Satins, and Californians. When we are done showing these meat rabbits we harvest and then sell them for their meat. The other breeds of rabbits are for show reasons only when they are too old to show we sell them as pets.

My Beef Production SAE consists of about 15 head of cattle, ranging between cows, calves, bulls, steers and heifers. They get ground feed everyday and hay in the fall and winter. In November we work them, which means they get wormed, ear tags, and their yearly shots of medicine.

My Row Crop Production SAE is planting and

harvesting corn, beans, and rye. With the rye we turn it into hay for the cattle and rabbits, and the corn and beans are sold usually at Hamilton and Gilman.

My Fruit Production is picking cherries off of my cherries trees at my grandparents' farm and selling them by the gallon or in the cherry pies that I make.

This spring I plan on being a part of the agronomy team and hopefully keeping our streak alive. I would also like to be on the dairy foods team again, I had a lot of fun with it last year.

Some major trips I went on this year were both State and National Convention and Officer Retreat. This was my first year for



Submitted photo Caitlynn Chalfant shelling corn

all three of those events. While at Officer Retreat we went to the Lake of the Ozarks. Some things I am really looking forward to in FFA is earning my American Degree and all of my degrees that come before.

## Smith grows vegetables

Hi, my name is Kyler Smith and for my SAE project, I grow a variety of vegetables and sell them around town.

I'm also serving as the chaplain for our chapter this year and I'm on the Agronomy CDE team. I'm really looking forward contest season this year.



Submitted photo Start South Harrison FFA Chapter: Front (Left to Right) Sentinel - Addison Polley, Reporter - Krystal Standage, President - Ashlynd Seamster, Secretary - Kenley Burkhead, Vice President - Jaycee Schroff, and Treasurer - Tate Akins. Second Row (Left to Right) Korbin Heyle, Lillyann Wiley, Ashlee Cannon, Chloe Hodge, Brylee Sherrill, Bailey Barnett, Emily Burnett, Piper Giles, Laramie Cowell, and Jocelyn Warford. Third Row (Left to Right) Gentry Allen, Brody Templeton, Benjamin Denum, Kari Smith, Claire Hulet, Alivia Eivins, Elley Hamilton, Ava Shields, Berkley Glenn, Kielah Kirkpatrick, and Audrey Burrows. Fourth Row (Left to Right) Ruger Johnson, Kayden Brooke, Parker Rogers, James McQuinn, Drake Gies, Parker Holcomb, and Micah Guernsey. Fifth Row (Left to Right) Hayden Cox, Clay Johnson, Quade Sprague, Tristan Carroll, Tyson Adkins, Aiden Miller, Rodney Lewis, and Javier Jinks.

## Ava Shields shows horses

My name is Ava Shields, daughter of Michael and Nicole Shields. I am a sophomore at South Harrison High School and am earning my chapter degree through the South Harrison FFA Chapter. I have 3 SAE projects and two are in ownership while the third is a placement SAE. I have horses and show them throughout the summer and practice in the winter. The other is the growing and distributing of sweet corn.



Ava Shields

I work both in spring and summer. Then my third is working at my dad's office, filing and answering the phones. My favorite FFA experience so far is my horse judging. I am on a team of three other girls working toward going to state for it this year. Last year we barely missed the cut so we should achieve our goal.



Submitted photo Cainsville FFA Chapter: Full Group Picture (back row left to right, middle row left to right, front row left to right), Ashten Thompson (Advisor), Sam Vaughn, Trysen Ratliff, Remington Osmon, Chase Sharp, Gavin Orndorf, Kyler Vail, Phoenix Ratliff, Karlee Crouse, Sloane McLain, Lainey Thompson, Zoe Hufford, Jayleigh Arndt, Avarie Thompson, Aspen Zerbe, Bree Vaughn.

## Rinehart is in Ag science

Hi, my name is Ava Rinehart. I am a member of the North Harrison FFA chapter. I am a Greenhand this year, and currently in Ag science 1 as a freshman. I've got the opportunity to meet a lot of the other greenhands and officers. FFA will be a great way to meet a lot of great people.

This year we have been covering a lot over reproduction, digestion, and different parts of animals. We have recently been busy working on getting ready for contests. I am currently on the dairy foods and horses team. We have been trying to get some practice in, but it's been hard with how the weathers been.

We have looked through our record books for our SAE. I am not quite sure what my SAE is gonna be, but I have 2 things I could do. FFA week is coming up and it will be a very fun week. We will have dress up days and different activities to do throughout the week.



Submitted photo North Harrison FFA members (L to R) Rylee Valenti, Alonna Milligan, Wyatt Whitaker, Lani Briggs, Tate Richardson, Wyatt Maize, Jaxcynn Hansel, Noah Guy, and Aubrey Utley are shown here with their boot jacks that they built in the shop last year.



Submitted photo Cainsville FFA Chapter Officers: (left to right) Bree Vaughn (President), Aspen Zerbe (1st Vice President), Jayleigh Arndt (2nd Vice President), Lainey Thompson (Secretary), Zoe Hufford (Treasurer), Trysen Ratliff (Reporter), Phoenix Ratliff (Sentinel), Kyler Vail (Chaplain).

## Jett Osmon is studing soils

My name is Jett Osmon, I am the son of Caleb and Chelsi Osmon. I am currently a junior in the South Harrison FFA Chapter. I am in the soils contest, and hoping we make it to state this year because we got really close last year. Soils consist of looking at the color of the dirt, how many rocks there are, slope, and other things like that. I also enjoy being outside, which is why I picked soils for a contest.

I am also raising two chickens with my grandma for my SAE, their names are Pip and Green Bean. They are about two years old, and pretty big. I do an exchange of labor with my

grandma for the chicken's feed. I am over a lot in the summer to look after them, but not so much in the winter. My SAE has helped me in a way so that I know how to properly care and raise living animals.



Submitted photo North Harrison FFA Chapter President Kenzie Milligan is shown here with her Simmental heifer that she shows as part of her Beef Production Ownership SAE project. She shows at numerous local, state, and national shows.



Submitted photo National FFA Officer Visit: South Harrison hosted Kanyon Huntington the National FFA Central Region Vice President.

## Maize is in forestry

My name is Wyatt Maize. I am a sophomore at North Harrison. This year I am enrolled in AG Science 2, and in my second year of FFA. This year I am on our forestry team and can't wait to see how good we will do. My goal for this year is to make it to state on my team. This year in AG class we have learned about agronomy, and plant reproduction. We attended fall contest in Maryville and Hundley Whaley in

Albany. We have also had our BBQ and work auction this year. I was in charge of getting the meat cut and out to be served. For my SAE project this year I will be working at Sheltons Fireworks, mowing lawns for neighbors and working for my grandpas. I was able to make it to state last year on dairy cattle and I was a class one individual. I had a very fun time at state and I hope to return in the next few years.



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# Koltyn Hancock is raising a newborn calf

My name is Koltyn Hancock, my parents' names are Gabe and Kaitlyn Hancock. I am from Gilman City which is a small rural town that many have never heard of. This year I am a sophomore in high school and it has given me more opportunities than when I was a freshman.

I have at least 2 SAE programs. One of them is having cattle. I had three

head but I recently sold one at auction, so now I'm down to two head. They are a cow and a calf. I have had a cow for 5 years now. I got her for free out of a feedlot in Creston Iowa. She was a twin but we gave the other one to my cousin. The new calf was just born in mid December. It is running 100 miles per hour and is healthy and strong.

My other SAE is work-

ing at McDonald's. It's not terrible but it's not the best. But hey at least it's a job and keeps me out of trouble and keeps me busy. There I work at the grill making food and cooking. I have worked there since the beginning of September and they pay me \$14 an hour. I also help doing dishes and taking out the trash at the end of the night which is part of the job and I'm get-

ting paid for it so I'm not going to complain. Plus I get to work with my friend Maverick Barth. Also, I get to see a lot of people I know while I work.

So far in Ag Science 2 we have learned about being able to identify soils, plants, seeds and also collect them. When we learn these we go to FFA contests and compete with other schools and hopefully win awards and trophies.



Attend field day: Each year the South Harrison FFA Chapter takes a large group to Hundley-Whaley Youth Ag Science Day.

# Jensen Davis is studying cattle

Hi, my name is Jensen Davis, and I am a freshman at North Harrison. I am a member of the North Harrison FFA chapter. I'm taking Ag Science 1 class this year. This year I went to the National convention and it was held in Indianapolis, Indiana. We explored many things on the way out there. We went to a haunted house and it was fun. We went to

the Louisville Slugger and we saw a bunch of bats. We went to Churchhill Downs, and they were racing horses. We also went to Mark Twain Cave and it was neat.

So far this year we have gone over animal reproduction, digestion, Genetics, Punnett squares, Record book, and the creed. We haven't done SAE's

yet, but we have gone over them a little bit. This year I am on the dairy cattle team and livestock team. We have been studying dairy cattle and heifers. We went over the parts of a cow too. Last summer I worked at sheltons, and I am gonna continue to work there. I am gonna do that towards my SAE.

# Kelsey Sperry joins entomology team

Hello, my name is Kelsey Sperry, daughter of Kelly and Jill Sperry of Gilman City, MO. I am a senior and am serving as the 1st Vice President of the Gilman City FFA Chapter. In previous years, I served as the Chapter Reporter where I created our chapter scrapbook. In class, I am studying for upcoming contests. This year I will be on the Entomology team, which is a new contest for our chapter. We are hoping to make it to state, just as my team has done the past three years with all of our contests. In the past, I have been on the Knowledge and Agronomy team where we placed 1st at Districts in both, and the Dairy Foods and Farm Management contests.

I'm also engaged in my FFA Chapter through my SAE program. My SAE consists of multiple different areas such as Swine Production, Food Service, and Ag Mechanics Design and Fabrication. For Swine Production, my sister and I had 12 pigs we had to take care of by feeding and maintaining their pen daily

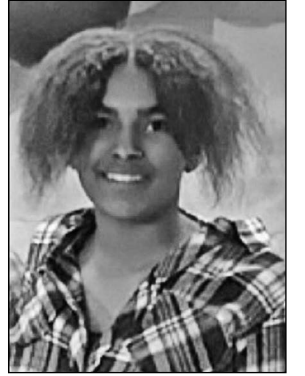
last summer. For Food Service, I was an employee at Yo-Froyo LLC in Bethany, MO where I prepared and stocked toppings, maintained machines, and cleaned the storefront. Lastly, for Ag Mechanics Design and Fabrication, I cleaned, remodeled, and painted sheds for my dad. My goal for the end of the year is to receive my State and American Degree in the future because of my SAE.

One thing I will miss most about FFA is the fun activities and places we get to enjoy. I've had the opportunity to attend National Convention three out of the four years I've been in FFA. I've also been to State Convention every year, and hope I get to attend one last time. I also had the opportunity to attend my last officer retreat this summer which happened to be at the Lake of the Ozarks. I'm very grateful for all the possibilities that FFA has given me and will definitely be sad to be done in the next few months, but will cherish the time I had.

# Warford is a greenhand

My name is Jocelyn Warford. I am a freshman in the South Harrison FFA chapter, I am also in greenhand. Some of the things I have participated in were Greenhand Initiation, set ups and clean ups, and FFA Camp. My favorite was camp in Osage, we rode the bus down and when we got there the first day we got to get into the lake.

The whole week was full of little activities, learning more about other people and FFA, taking pictures, and cheering on the person out of our group who got their leadership pin. It was overall super fun and definitely a great way to learn more about FFA and



Jocelyn Warford

the things it can lead to and help you with in the future. Choosing to be in ag science 1 and joining FFA has been a great eye opener and a great experience. I also plan to continue being an active member throughout the rest of high school.

# Kenon Puls works in carpentry

Hello my name is Kenon Puls and I am a senior in high school from Gilman City Missouri. My SAE is working in carpentry with my Dad's business; we do roofing, remodeling, and electricity. I am currently taking AG leadership and I have learned a lot about bugs and plants from the amazing Dan Chalfant.

I am looking forward to doing Ag Mechanics or entomology for contests. I will study hard and work hard to get rewards. I am looking forward to the contest season coming up and all the fun I'm going to have for my senior year. I am going to make the most out of it and just have fun. But I am also very excited to graduate as well.



Submitted photo National FFA Convention: This past fall the South Harrison took several members to the 96th National FFA Convention.



Alex Young, Camden Griffith, Landon Preston and Jace Estrada working on the new waste rack for the Gilman City fair.

# Landon involved in studying bugs

Hello, my name is Landon Preston, son of Keith and Holly Preston, and I am a member of the Gilman City R-IV FFA Chapter where I also attend high school. This is my senior year and the third time I've been an officer for my chapter. I'm currently the Sentinel, last year I was also the sentinel, and my first year I was chaplain. In my Ag classes, I have learned from the great Dan Chalfant. He has been Gilman City's FFA Chapter's Advisor for many years now and has had numerous successful contest teams and individuals.

For my senior year, I've been taking Ag Leaderships where we've been working on a new contest this year for our chapter. Our advisor, Mr. Chalfant, has invested in 100-plus bugs for us to examine and study

They were not cheap, so my teammates and I have been dedicated to learning them to show that the cost is worth it. Since this is a new contest for us, students and Mr. Chalfant have been learning together to prepare for his future years.

I also have been spending time on my record book that involves information about my SAEs. I have a vegetable garden where I grow pumpkins, gourds, and cantaloupes. Then I also work for a landscaping and lawn care company during the summer and sometimes in the fall. With them, I've done things such as mowing, weed-eating, leaf-blowing, mulching, trimming, and planting trees. Through my Ag classes, I have advanced tremendously as a person through everything we do.



Winning FFA knowledge team: Emily Chalfant, Pyper Taggart, Macaval Rhodes and Tony Jennings.

# Pyper raising crops

Hello, my name is Pyper Taggart and my parents are Joshua Taggart and Rebecca Taggart. I'm from Gilman City but I currently reside in the Bethany area. I go to Gilman City High School and I'm currently a sophomore. In the 2024-2025 year I currently hold the position of 3rd reporter at my FFA chapter. In addition to that my SAE is all about crops and vegetables as I have a 3 acre patch that I plant my crops in along with a big 30 x 30 ft pumpkin patch that produces bunches of pumpkins that I sell every year. Additionally, I always help plant the corn or beans of my patch with my father every year.

Furthermore, in my year as a sophomore I am tak-

ing AG Science 2 with Mr. Chalfant who teaches me all sorts of things about the science of plants and the life of agriculture. He has taught me how to identify plants and seeds as well as how to do profiles for soils in AG class. As well as helping me understand the cuts of meats from different animals and the different breeds of livestock. Moreover, with the spring coming soon and contest season coming up I wish to be a part of the agronomy team this year. Since after all, I went to state last year on the FFA Knowledge team.

In conclusion, last summer I went on a trip with all the officers from my FFA chapter down south to the Ozarks. The trip was lots of fun because I got to bond and spend time with my friends down there as we went swimming and got to play so many board games. In addition to that, this fall I also went to the FFA National Convention which was an amazing experience. I got to meet new people and watch the National officers on stage and I even got to see my brother receive his American degree. Finally, I'm looking forward this year in FFA to the fun we'll have and the events this year.

# Jaycee Schroff serves as FFA vice president

My name is Jaycee Schroff. I am the daughter of Shelby Burrows, and Casey Schroff. I am now a junior at South Harrison High School. I have received my Greenland degree, and Chapter degree and am not working towards my State degree. In the spring of 2024 I participated in Agronomy and my team moved on to state. We then went to the State Convention and competed, where I also served as my chapter delegate. I am also a member of the South Harrison FFA trapshooting team. I have been competing for the last 2 years, and will be going to state this

spring. I am also a FFA officer. I am the chapter vice president.

My office duties require me to replace the president when absent. I am in the Horticulture class, and Agriculture Business Management class. In horticulture we are learning how to make flower arrangements, and getting ready for the annual greenhouse sale. In agriculture business management we went to the elementary last semester every day, and taught 3rd graders about agriculture education on the move. This is a program to teach elementary students the importance of agriculture.

# Kira serving on meats team

My name is Kira Robertson. I am a Senior in the North Harrison FFA chapter. I am enrolled in the Natural Resources Ag class. I am competing on the Meats team. I have really enjoyed FFA these past four years. I have gone to the National FFA Convention, State convention, and our FFA barbeque.

I have been on dairy cattle, knowledge, horses, and dairy foods the past few years. We have gotten

to state in all 4 contests that I have been in. At the National FFA Convention, we saw a concert and attended the National FFA Convention Expo and career center. I hope to get my state degree this year and also make it to state in the meats contest. I am very excited to do contests again. I think FFA is an important organization for kids to be in and I am very fortunate that I am a part of it.



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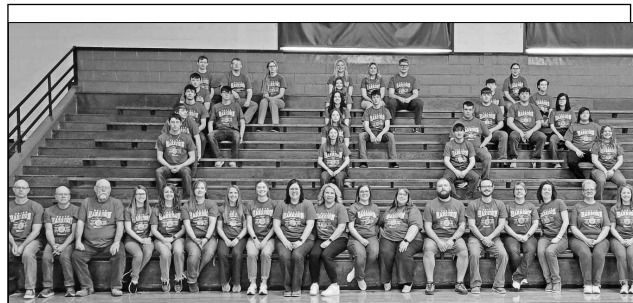
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# Hufford is on entomology team

My name is Zoe Hufford and I am a sophomore member of the Cainsville FFA chapter. I serve as the treasurer for our FFA chapter. My SAE project is beef production and I am on the Entomology CDE team.

I am excited for my SAE project to grow over the next couple of years. I am also excited for contests to start next month. I am hoping that my team will qualify for state competition.



Submitted photo North Harrison FFA Chapter gives all the staff an FFA T-shirt for FFA Week each year. One day during FFA Week, we pass out shirts to everyone and take a group picture with the staff and the chapter. This is always a fun event.

## Parker is employed by Toot-Toot Restaurant

Hello friends, my name is Parker Crabtree and I'm a sophomore at Gilman City High school. My parents are Mallory Smith and Nathan Lisle. For my SAE this year I chose placement. I work at Toot-Toots in Bethany MO. Recently I just started waitressing there but I've been working there for a little over a year as a hostess. The class I'm taking is Agricultural Science 2, with Mr. Chalfant, (I'm his favorite by the way). A couple of things that I have learned in this class is that it's ok to mess up you're not gonna get it perfectly the first try but if you keep working hard it

will lead you to be better at whatever you're doing.

This year, I have been working with agronomy stuff which is basically identifying different plants and seeds and memorizing them. So another thing I have learned in class is to identify all different kinds of seeds and plants that I didn't even know existed. Last year for my contest I did dairy foods for FFA and I really liked it besides the fact that you had to drink a whole bunch of different milks where one is like garlic and onion milk and the other is like molasses. Anyways, this year I will be doing Agronomy like

I said earlier and I'm really nervous about it but I know that as long as I do my best that's all I need to worry about. I hope I make it on the agronomy team so I don't have to do soils. Soils is fun but I really don't wanna have to be in the cold playing in the dirt all day.

In conclusion, here are some trips that I have been on which are ice skating and it was really fun, but we always go on some kinds of trips, like Hunley Whaley every year which it's pretty cool to go and learn about a whole bunch of different things that have to do with today's agricultural life.

However, I hope that this year we have a lot more fun trips, because I really enjoy them. Lastly, here are some things that I am looking forward to in FFA. First is seeing how well all our contest teams will do and how far we will all go this year. I'm also looking forward to all the bus rides to the contests and all the food that we eat after contests. But one thing I'm not looking forward to is the boys singing on the bus or just being annoying. Anyways, thank you all for taking the time to read My FFA Article, I greatly appreciate it.

## Bree grows sweet corn and pumpkins

Hi, my name is Bree Vaughn and I am serving as the president for the Cainsville FFA chapter.

For my SAE project, I grow sweet corn and pumpkins. I sell them around my

local area. I am on the Entomology CDE team and I am really looking forward to contest season. This year I am really looking forward to getting to meet new people. I am also looking for-

ward to State Convention where I will be receiving my State Degree.

In the future, I hope to get my American Degree while I am in college studying ag business.



Submitted photo  
North Harrison FFA members attended the Western Farm Show, held at the America Royal during National FFA Week



My name is Ashlee Cannon, my parents are Lisa and Dave Cannon. I am a member of South Harrison FFA. My SAE this year is breeding my stud Boon, to mares. My other SAE's are working at Daviess County Livestock Market and the Fuel Depot in Bethany. My goal in FFA this year is getting my state degree. My favorite FFA event is the KC Farm Show. There are lots of things to look at, and you get to see all your friends from other FFA Chapters. I really enjoy being in Ag! It's something everyone should experience.



Submitted photo  
North Harrison FFA members Kyler Kimbrough, Jaci Davis, Dustin Hamilton, and Morgan Nible are shown here with their tractors that they drove to school on «Tractor Day», during FFA Week last year.

## Kyler studies meat identification

Hi, my name is Kyler Kimbrough. I'm a junior in the North Harrison FFA Chapter, and am currently serving as our chapter Parliamentary/Chaplin. I am in Advanced Meat Science. In this class, I study meat identification, judging, and knowledge. My SAE project is working on my family farm. Through my SAE I have been given the opportunity to earn my Missouri FFA Degree. I have attended the Hundley Whaley Field Day three times. I got the chance to

attend the National FFA convention in Indianapolis, Indiana for the second year in a row. I am in the Meats CDE for the 2025 season. This involves identifying 40 of the possible 99 retail cuts, judging classes of meat, and taking a written test of meats knowledge. I made it to state in Livestock and Horse Judging this past year after my 2023 state appearance in Dairy Cattle. I have done many things in FFA and hope to do many more.

## Macayla is Chaplain for Gilman FFA

Hello! My name is Macayla Rhodes, daughter of Brian and Annette Rhodes. I am a sophomore at Gilman City High School. I am currently serving as the Gilman City FFA Chaplain. I am enrolled in Agriculture Science II this school year. I have thoroughly enjoyed learning the plants and seeds on the agronomy list. I have also learned how to do a soil profile and what to feel for when you need to find the soil texture. My goal this year is to make it on the agronomy team, for our agronomy team to make 1st at districts, and qualify for state! Last year, I was able to be on the FFA Knowledge and Dairy Foods team, as well as competing in the FFA Creed Speaking competition. Our FFA Knowledge team got 1st at districts, qualifying us for the 2024 State FFA Competition.



Macayla Rhodes

in our garden. Our garden is over 2000 square feet in size. It keeps us plenty busy throughout the warm summer months.

The most-exciting major trip that I have taken with my FFA Chapter this year is to the National FFA Convention in Indianapolis, Indiana the month of October. This trip was a week long, filled with late nights, laughter, and naps in the car. My favorite part of the trip was working with the National Courtesy Corps. I was able to talk with the cashiers and get to know them for a short period of time. The thing that I am looking forward to the most this year in FFA is the early morning contests, eating breakfast out on those mornings, reading on the bus, and the 2025 State FFA Convention!



Submitted photo  
Greenhand Initiation: Greenhand members went to Gallatin High School to receive their Greenhand degree last fall.

## Jaxcynn is learning about plant science

Hi, my name is Jaxcynn Hansel and I am a Sophomore at North Harrison, as well as the Reporter for our FFA chapter. I am enrolled in Ag Science 2 this year. So far in this class we have learned about plant science, and had an agronomy unit. This year I am on both the Meats and Horses teams for contest season. Last year I had the opportunity to judge at state in both dairy cattle and dairy foods, and it was a great learning experience.

At districts in dairy foods I actually finished second high individual.

## Hayden is learning about plants

I am in the 10th grade at Gilman City School. I am taking Ag Science 2 this year. This year I have been learning the Life cycles of plants and the identifica-

tion of plants and seeds. This spring I am going to compete on the nursery landscape team. Last fall I went to the grassland competition. State was a lot of fun and I hope to be able to make it the next three years as well. For my future in FFA I hope all my teams excel no matter what it's in, I also hope to earn my state degree at some point. Even though in the moment the waking up early and having to get on the bus before the sun's even up to head to the contest, I believe FFA is an excellent program that does a great job building kids' futures. I encourage any and everyone to join, and I'm looking forward to seeing what my future in FFA holds.

## Shelby is learning how to identify bugs

Hi, I'm Shelby Gibson, and my parents are Jacob & Kristy Gibson. I'm a senior at Gilman City and am currently enrolled in AG leadership. In Mr. Chalfant AG's leadership class, he is teaching our class about entomology. He is helping us with how to identify the bugs. He is also getting my contest team ready for the spring by teaching us all he knows about the contest Meats. He is helping by showing us the different cuts of meat and the classes they go into. This year I'm the 2nd Vice President for our chapter. I also attended the National Convention this last Fall with my chapter. It was so fun to go to Indianapolis and do all the fun things FFA has to offer. My SAE consents of Beef

Production, AG services, and Small Animal Care. For my Beef Production, I raise a few bottle calves then they get switched to sweet feed and corn. When they get bigger they are sent to my grandparents where they are fed on corn and hay and then they are sent to the sale barn. My AG services consent to helping out local farmers by cleaning out their farm equipment. With my Small Animal Care, I help out my neighbors by dog setting and feeding their dogs when they're gone. Looking forward to this year, I'm excited about contest season and seeing where my team and I go. I'm also looking forward to receiving my State Degree in April.



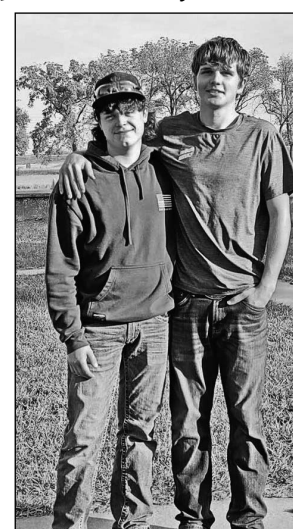
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South Harrison FFA Trapshooting Team: Front (Left to Right) Kayden Brooke, Benjamin Denum, Quade Sprague, Tristan Carroll. Second Row (Left to Right) Laramie Cowell, Pypier Giles, Emily Burnett, Jaycee Schroff, Ashlynd Seamster, Jocelyn Warford. Third Row (Left to Right): Parker Rogers, Drake Gies, Tyson Adkins, Korbin Heyle, Parker Holcomb. Fourth Row (Left to Right) James McQuinn, Micah Guernsey, Aiden Miller

## James works at Pettijohn's & helps on the farm

My name is James McQuinn, son of Corey and Crystal McQuinn. I am a sophomore in high school and my SAE is currently working at Pettijohn's and helping around on my farm. Me and my dad work together on our farm to fix it up and make it a fully running farm again. We work together with our cows and are healthy calves. We have been working for two years now to make the farm better.

We also have been putting up fences in the hopes

of making the farm better. We work hard to take care of our cows and calves. I think the best day is when I get to spend time with the animals in the warm weather. I am happy to live on my farm I have learned about how to take care of animals and take responsibility for mistakes you make. I like to help out on the farm when I am not at work but another time I am outside checking the cows, calves, dogs, cats, and the chickens.



James McQuinn

## Aiden plans to grow sweet corn for his SAE

My name is Aiden Miller and I am a member of the South Harrison FFA Chapter. I have one ownership SAE and two placement SAE's, for my one ownership SAE I am thinking of growing sweet corn on the field in front of Bullseye Trading. My second placement SAE is working at the movie theater in town where I sell popcorn and other products like candy and pop.

My third placement SAE is working at the Stanberry Grocery and Spirit where I check people out who are

## Kenley raises cattle

My name is Kenley Burkhead, my parents are Mike and Katy Burkhead. I am currently a junior and secretary of the South Harrison FFA chapter. This year I am in horticulture class. My SAE is currently helping raise cattle on the family farm. My other SAE is working at the Pink Pig Boutique. Both of my SAEs have helped me gain social skills as well as communication skills. A few goals that I have for FFA is receiving my state degree, going to state with my floriculture team this year, and lastly going to the national convention next year. My favorite event to attend is the KC farm show. The reason I love to attend the farm show is because there are so many cool booths and lessons that you can learn about! I also love meeting new people and seeing members from other chapters. I believe that FFA is something that everyone should be involved in. It helps you learn more about agriculture and just basic knowledge on animals, plants and so much more!

buying different Amish and farm grown food items like fruits and vegetables. Being a part of the South Harrison FFA chapter has given me countless friends, leadership opportunities, and brought great agricultural knowledge. With this

knowledge I will be better prepared for a future in agriculture. My personal favorite FFA events were the labor auction, the fruit meat sales, and the knowledge contest at Northwest Missouri State University.

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# Hali raises sheep and shows pigs

My name is Hali Smith. I am a Freshman and green-hand in the North Harrison FFA chapter. For my SAE project I am raising sheep, and showing pigs. I got to attend the National FFA convention this year which was really fun. We got to tour a cave, Church Hill Downs, Louisville Slugger Museum, and the Abraham Lincoln President Museum, as well as attending the actual convention activities. I am in the AG Science 1 class where we have learned about animal reproduction, learned the creed, what it means to be in FFA, and we are currently working on our stuff for a contest. I am going to be on Dairy Cattle and Livestock



Submitted photo North Harrison FFA member Hali Smith, showing her barrow at the Missouri State Fair

judging teams. I have really enjoyed FFA so far and I am excited to see what the future holds!

# Gabby works at a day care

Hi I am Gabby Griffin. I'm from Gilman City and I am currently a senior in high school. When I was a freshman the only thing I hoped for was to be a senior. I have always looked up to seniors so it's crazy that I have finally made it here. I have been a member of the FFA since I was a freshman. FFA has definitely made a great impact on me the last 4 years. I enjoy learning about all the different things in my AG leadership class.

I work at a local day-care when they need help. Helping in a day care is very fun in my opinion. I love watching all the kids learn new things and also love watching them grow up. In my free time I like to support my friends while they are playing basketball.

I also enjoy studying my contest, and working with my team to better our meat contest knowledge. My team will be very successful this year. We have really put the hammer down to learn everything we can in the short amount of time we have.

I have gone to state one year and I really enjoyed that trip. I got to hang out with my friends and meet new people because I had gone to help with a courtesy corps. My days were pretty easy. I got to cheer on all my friends and help people when they needed help. I look forward to this year of FFA because I am hoping to make so many more memories since it is my last year. I hope that I can go compete at state for my last year.



Submitted photo FFA Church week: FFA Week is full of events. This photo was taken at Ridgeway Baptist Church where members attended as a chapter.

# Tyson loves anything outdoors

I am Tyson Adkins. I live on a farm close to Pattonsburg Mo. I love anything outdoors or farming related. My SAE is my goatherd of two nannies and five cows. I had twins out of my oldest nanny this last year. I had two bull calves and three heifers this year out of my calves. I hope to continue to add onto my goatherd and cattle herd. I help my grandpa year round on our family farm. This past November, I attended the National FFA Convention. This year we stayed in

Springfield, Illinois. We had an escape room. The next morning we went the rest of the way to Indianapolis, Indiana. The first day in Indiana we went to a sheep farm, and a candy making shop. The next morning we went to the expo and listened to speakers, and then we went to the shopping hall. The next day we watched our 2024 American Degree Recipients receive their degrees. Then we got a few pictures. Then we headed back to Missouri.



Submitted photo North Harrison FFA members Brayden Nail, Kenzie Milligan, Keygon Johnson, and Dillon Hartschen are shown here at Thomas Farm Quality Meats where they were studying the different cuts of meat from the beef. This team went on to be the District Champions in Meat Judging and competed at State.

# Alex mow's lawn for his SAE

Hello my name is Alex Young and I attend Gilman City R-IV High school. I am in the 11th grade and I am a proud member of the Gilman City FFA chapter. I have learned so much in these last 3 years. One of my best decisions in my high school career was to join the FFA.

Some of my best accomplishments in the FFA come from my soils team. This team was very successful in many contests. I myself even got first overall at the Savanna contest. This team was so successful we made it to state where we got a group two rating.

My SAE consists of me mowing lawns and doing other jobs like moving hay bales. These jobs all involve the things I've learned over the years in class. I'm currently taking ag business class and I've learned a lot just from this one class. These things all come to turn out to help me in my everyday life. That's why FFA is such an important factor in my life.

# Hayden competes in forestry

My name is Hayden Cox. My parents are Schuyler Cox and Tiffany Johnson. I am a 2025 graduate and the class president. I have participated for three years in the South Harrison FFA Chapter. My SAE is placement at Carquest. I am competing in forestry and farm management for my CDE. During my time in FFA, I have been very involved with my chapter.



Hayden Cox

Agriculture Business Management class, we went to the elementary school to teach Agriculture Education on the Move which is a program that allows high school students in Ag to teach younger students about the importance of Agriculture Education.

After high school, I plan to attend North Central Missouri College to further

my education. While there, I plan to study for an Associate of Science degree and play baseball. After my two years at NCMC, I plan on transferring to Missouri University of Science & Technology to study Aerospace Engineering

# Spike's SAE is lawn care

My name is Spike Burke, I'm currently a senior in high school attending Gilman City R-4 where I have been in FFA for 3 years now and each year I've been able to grow my SAE project to eventually reach my long term goal of size. My SAE is my own lawn care and landscaping business where I've been able to grow each year while learning new skills to advance myself for the following years.



Spike Burke

I currently service Harrison County and surrounding areas where I intend to grow providing top notch work for my local communities, besides my SAE I compete yearly usually on a new team each year. Last year I competed on

the farm management team where we placed good in districts and went to state to compete.

This year I plan to compete on the AG Mechanics team and hopefully qualify for state as we have very high potential to place

Greenhand Convention and motivational convention, where I learned what it takes to run an FFA meeting. A big highlight was the Northwest Fall Competition, where I had the chance to judge dairy cows and ended up doing WAY better than I ever imagined! And let's not forget the delicious food at every event—I've definitely learned that FFA events come with tasty perks!

In this short time, I've learned so much about leadership, public speaking, hard work, and determination. FFA has already shaped me in ways I never expected, and I can't wait to see what the future holds!



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Alivia Eivins

# Alivia works at Roberson Funeral Home

My name is Alivia Eivins, daughter of Jeremy and Rachel Eivins. I am a sophomore and a member of the South Harrison FFA Chapter. My SAE is working at Roberson Funeral Home for my grandparents. I have participated in horse evaluation the last two years, I will continue that in

the spring. My favorite FFA event is Hundley-Whaley because we get to learn the different parts of agriculture. I plan to complete and earn my chapter degree this coming year. I enjoy agriculture because I get to learn about different things that will affect me largely in the future.

# Lainey enjoys FFA experiences

My name is Lainey Thompson. I am a junior and the chapter Secretary. For my SAE project, I do a variety of things including beef production, turf grass management, and selling produce.

I am looking forward to

this year's contest season where I will be competing in Farm Management. I am hoping that my team will qualify for state competition. I really enjoy FFA and all the experiences that come with it!

# Ethan is learning Agriculture

Hello, my name is Ethen Elder, a senior year student at Gilman City High School. I'm in my fourth year of FFA and taking Agricultural Leadership. So far I've held a number of positions like president and area chaplain, but this year I'm the treasurer of my chapter. In class I'm learning all about bugs and how to ID them. There's over 100 bugs, so it can be difficult, but so far it's been a ton of fun collecting and learning about them.

For my supervised agriculture experience project I work at my local grocery store, Hy-Vee. It has me doing a lot of things throughout the store, most of which are actually pretty fun. I'll stock shelves, check dates on food, run heavy equip-

ment, and maintain the store's facilities. Somedays it can be a lot, but I enjoy my job at Hy-Vee and think it has been a great experience.

This will be my last year in FFA so I've been having a lot of fun even though some of it is for the last time. I'm really looking forward to the state FFA convention, district competitions, and my chapter's banquet, even though it might be a little sad. I'm glad to have been in FFA as it has really helped me develop a lot of skills that I'll use for the rest of my life. I can't wait to take the next step in my life, which was only possible thanks to FFA and the amazing people in the organization.

# Emily cares for a variety of rabbits

Hello, my name is Emily Chalfant, daughter of Dan and Cathie Chalfant. I am from Gilman City and I'm in the sophomore class where I am taking AG Science 2 this year. A couple of things I have learned this year are a lot of plants and seeds for agronomy and I have also learned soils as well. This year I am serving as Historian in our FFA chapter. With the historian position I am in charge of the FFA chapter scrapbook. My SAE consists of small animal care, row crop production, fruit production, and beef entrepreneurship.

With these four SAE's small animal care is one of my big ones. I have at least 100 rabbits and they consist of Florida Whites, Mini Lops, Californians, Satins, and Netherland Dwarfs. These five types of breeds come in all different sizes and colors. Netherland Dwarfs are so small—about the size of your hand to the Californians which are as large as the size of a dinner plate. Californians, Florida Whites and Satins are meat rabbits. You can harvest these rabbits and sell them for meat. The other two



Emily Chalfant

breeds we have are more cuddle rabbits. We go to lots of different places to show and we do really well with rabbits. With showing rabbits it can help with getting points for FFA as well. My second SAE consists of my cattle production. I have 18 cattle with a mixture between cows, heifers, bulls, and steers. Every November we work cattle by worming, giving shots, and new ear tags.

My third SAE is row crop production. I have learned to plant corn and beans and also learned how to stack bales of hay and move them. We haul corn and beans to Hamilton and Gilman. My fourth and final SAE consists of fruit production. Every spring we pick cherries and sell them in gallon size portions and I also make and sell cherry pies as well. We get the cherries from my cherry

trees on grandpa's farm.

For contest teams I have been a part of before is Dairy Foods and Knowledge. My knowledge team and I won districts and we went to State for it as well. Future contest teams I want to compete in this spring are either soils or agronomy but I would like to be on the agronomy team. Some awards I would like to win are a proficiency award and place 1st in my record book. I would love it if we placed first in the scrapbook. Major trips I went on this year were State Convention, National Convention, and Chapter Officer retreat. What I liked about these trips was getting to meet new people and it has opened many opportunities for me. Finally, what I am most excited and looking forward to this year in FFA is the contest, and chapter banquet. Thank You.

## Korbin wants to develop a cattle herd

My name is Korbin Heyle son of Kevin and Alissa Heyle. I am a freshman at South Harrison High School and a greenhand in South Harrison FFA. My current SAE projects consist of selling firewood as well as doing snow removal. Come summer I will be mowing yards and cutting firewood to sell in the winter. In my short four months of my FFA career I have had the chance to do many activities including going to national convention which I really enjoyed because I was able to meet a ton of new people who have the same interests as me. Some things I am looking forward to doing in



Korbin Heyle

FFA is to develop a cattle herd, become an officer as well as get my state and american degrees.



**Ridgeway FFA:** Ridgeway FFA members are shown here in a photo showing the backs of their jackets. Members are, Brayden Meek, Kreed Taylor, Shayla Vandiver, Addison McFall and Chloe Ponjavic.

## Aspen works with goats

Hi, my name is Aspen Zerbe and I am a junior at Cainsville and I serve as the 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President of the Cainsville FFA Chapter.

My SAE projects include goat production and food service technology.

This year for my CDE, I am competing in Entomology. FFA is something I really enjoy. I am looking forward to contest season and am excited to see if our contest team makes it to state competition.



Colbi Webb

## Colbi is in beef production

My name is Colbi Webb. I am the daughter of Jason and Amber Webb and I am a senior at Gilman City High School. I have been involved with FFA for four years. In my freshman and sophomore years, I was on the meats team. In my junior year, I was on the nursery landscaping team, and my team and I made it to state. This year I plan to be on the meats team and we have a goal of making it to state.

My SAE is beef production and equine science. I raise feeder calves, I buy them at 300 pounds and feed them until they get to a certain weight and sell them. I also have horses and I use them for rodeo.

We go all over Missouri and other states to rodeo. I have been doing this for all four years of my high school career. I also plan to continue this SAE after I graduate.

This year we went to the FFA National Convention and it was a great experience. We left for Springfield, Illinois on that Tuesday to see a museum about Abraham Lincoln. We left Wednesday morning for Indianapolis. I learned so many things about FFA and leadership, and going to a national convention is always something I look forward to. I have been twice and my senior year was my favorite time going.

## Krystal has set goals for season

Hello, my name is Krystal Standage, daughter of Lora and Clifford Girsch. I am a sophomore in high school. I am currently being homeschooled and I am still attending our agriculture class. I enjoy working horses and doing rodeo events. The events I do are barrel racing, pole bending, goat tie, and breakaway. My SAE is horse work. I am super excited for this rodeo season because I am MKYRA rodeo queen.



Krystal Standage

My goals for the 2025-26 rodeo season are pretty hard but with hard work I know I can accomplish it. My hardest goal this year is to get senior girls all around champion and to get champion in all of my other events. I hope to take home a saddle this year. Another goal I have is to get my new horse Navajo

showing by June. Another goal I have is to run a 14.6 at drexel on my horse Lola. I am very thankful that I get the chance to own and participate in these events. I am also very thankful for the friends I have met on the way and the memories I will remember for my whole life.

## Khloey works in swine production

My name is Khloey Sperry and I am the daughter of Jill and Kelly Sperry. I am a sophomore at Gilman City High School. This year I am the Historian in my FFA chapter. My SAE project is Swine production. This past year I raised twelve market hogs. When taking care of these hogs I would have to make sure they had the right amount of feed and clean out their water bin to make sure that it wasn't clogged. When it got hot in the summer I would have to go out and spray them down to cool them off. They are fairly easy to take care of as long as you keep up on the work.

This year I am taking Ag Science 2 as my ag class. We have been working on plants. We have studied all the different types of plants and ways you can tell them apart from each other. We

have also gone over soils of different textures, colors, and types of soil. My favorite is the plants and I enjoy being able to go outside and know what kind of plants I'm looking at. I find it interesting knowing all the different characteristics plants have that may look alike and actually have. We are also able to look at the seeds of each of these plants. Most of the seeds are very different from each other but on some there are only tiny little differences that you have to pay attention to be able to tell them apart. I am really enjoying my Ag class this year and I can't wait to see what all I will be able to learn.

My goal this year is to make it on my FFA chapters Agronomy team. I am very interested in learning more about Agronomy and hope to become good

enough at it to make it on the team this spring. Another thing I got to experience in FFA was going to National FFA Convention in October. It was such a fun and enjoyable experience. I got to spend time with all my friends while also getting to meet new people. We did so many fun activities while we were there such as going to a haunted house, going to the rodeo, and also just going to the convention center and meeting so many new people and learning so many new things about FFA. I have been able to experience so many different things while being a member in FFA. It has taught me to step out of my comfort zone because you'll never know what you may learn. I can't wait to see what else FFA will teach me in the years to come.

## Hayley works with bees and chickens

Hello everyone, my name is Hayley Jennings and I am a senior from the Gilman City FFA Chapter. My parents who got me to where I am at today are Patricia and Chuck Jennings. This year I am proud to be the President of my chapter. I have got to do a variety of activities in our chapter and run them as well. One of my favorite chapter activities is coming up with the pancake supper where we feed people for a free-will donation. My favorite non-chapter activity is going to national convention where my favorite part was working at the FFA Superstore for three hours bagging and grabbing pins for customers. It was fun to communicate and work with others during that time. It will be something I miss from FFA.

While also in FFA I have two SAE's that are both ownership. One is Ag Processing- raising seven bee hives to harvest over 100 pounds of honey each year. The other is Poultry Production- raising over 40 laying hens and collecting their eggs to sell for my business. When harvesting honey the process



Hayley Jennings

can take over seven hours depending on the amount of frames that have honey on them. Both SAE's have proven challenging over the years but have proved to be rewarding. That gave me great skills to use for the future.

I am currently enrolled in Ag Leadership class where we apply what we learn in class to our contests. During class I have went outside with nets collecting bugs to study for Entomology. It is a fun way we learn in classes that we don't do anywhere else. From collecting to placing the bugs in killing jars was a unique learning experi-

ence. I am looking forward to being on the Entomology contest team where we will hopefully do well in districts to place high enough to get to state. I am also excited for State Convention where I look forward to see if I can walk across the stage not only for my state degree but also for a proficiency award. I also hope to see if I get accepted to be part of the entertainment for state chorus and state talent to perform at state convention. I am grateful for all the experiences that I have received in FFA and what could happen in the next few months. I cannot wait.

## Emily grows/raises row crop

My name is Emily Burnett and I am currently a sophomore in the South Harrison FFA chapter. My parents are P.J. and Jody Burnett. My SAE is growing/harvesting row crop corn and beans where we have about 1,050 acres of row crop ground and CRP. My second SAE is raising a cow/calf operation with my dad where we have about 60 head of cattle. My goals are to receive my Chapter and State degree before I graduate, then to work to receive my American degree after I graduate. I really enjoy traveling with my chapter and learning about Ag. I recently went to the National FFA Convention in Indianapolis, IN where twelve other of my Chapter



Emily Burnett

members went as well. I have also competed in CDE for the past two years, some events I have competed in are Dairy Foods and Farm Management. I really enjoy being around agriculture and in an agricultural environment. After I graduate I plan on going to Mizzou in Columbia, MO to double major in

Agribusiness Management and Ag Education. I love teaching Ag and the information about Ag is endless, there is always something to learn. Ag changes every year depending on the weather and environmental conditions. I cannot wait to see where my Ag career takes me!

## Lela raises sheep for her SAE

My name is Lela Hartschen and I am a member of the North Harrison FFA Chapter. I am a Junior and enrolled in Meat Science. I have gone to a few FFA activities so far, including Northwest MO fall contest, FFA BBQ and work auction, the Hundley Whaley trip, and the National FFA Convention where I played the National FFA Band. I learned many different things from these trips. Being in the National FFA Band is an event that I'll remember forever. It was exciting to play on

stage and meet many new people. I wouldn't have been able to have these memories if it wasn't for FFA. Getting to go to the Northwest MO Fall contest again was also a great experience. After doing Entomology at the fall contest, that is what my CDE this year is going to be. I am excited to see what other things we'll get to do.

Entomology is a contest of different bugs, their orders, and problem solving. I have spent a lot of time learning how to identify the bugs and hope to go on

to do well at contests. I am determined to go on to state as well and do better than before. Our first contest is coming up faster than we know it, but it'll be exciting to participate in. Most of my Ag class is now filled with contest preparation, but I started out with learning about different cuts of meat and even making detailed diagrams with Kyler and Kynsleigh. I spend time on my SAE and raise sheep. I love taking care of them and getting to work outdoors. It's been a great year so far!



Submitted photo

Fall Road Clean Up: Twice a year several FFA members clean up trash around the school district.

## Ruger works with soil

My name is Ruger Johnson. I am the son of Keri and Matt Johnson. I am a three sport athlete and I am also an active member in FFA. Both my sports teams and my FFA contest teams have similar goals and skills that are learned in each. While being in three different sports and trying to be active in FFA is

a challenge it has taught me many important life skills.

Such as communication and teamwork. I am on the soils team as well as I play football, wrestling, and baseball and I am able to compete in sports as well as the competitions. Sometimes it can be hard to balance both but it is possible and I enjoy doing it.



Submitted photo

North Harrison FFA Members took a hayride for Barnwarming this fall. They also had a weiner roast, cider chugging contest, tug of war, and crowned their Barnwarming King and Queen!

## Gage is learning animal reproduction

Hi, my name is Gage Fortner and I am a Greenhand from North Harrison. During class we have learned about animal reproduction and digestion. We haven't quite got into our SAE yet but I have plans to work at Shelton Fireworks. I am currently on Horses for my contest team. I had a lot of fun at the Hundley Whaley Field Day in Albany. We went to a Fall Contest at Northwest.

We had a FFA BBQ in the fall and it was probably the funniest thing so far in FFA. We also had a fundraiser sale to see if we would go to the National Convention in Indianapolis, Indiana. We had the Greenhand Initiation in Gallatin and got our first FFA pin. We also had a Greenhand Motivational Conference in Trenton. I am hoping to have a great time in FFA.



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## Tony Jennings has had busy year

My name is Tony Jennings, my parents are Chuck and Patricia Jennings, and I am a sophomore at Gilman City. The FFA officer position that I hold this year is the Parliamentarian. My SAE that I have is a Placement SAE and it is plumbing. I have been working for my dad at Jennings Plumbing for many years now, and if there is one thing I have learned the most throughout my time as an associate plumber, it is that it is not exactly what you would expect, or in other words not quite as "delightful" as it may seem. Jennings Plumbing isn't necessarily as big as other plumbing companies but we manage the best we can.

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Elley Hamilton

## Elley enjoyed convention

Hi I am Elley Hamilton. I am a sophomore at South Harrison High School. I am part of the South Harrison FFA Chapter. I love being in FFA and experiencing the things I do in FFA. My SAE is selling baked goods. I enjoy baking many things. I bake things such as cookies, cinnamon rolls, chex mix, cheesecake, and different kinds of fudge. I love being a part of FFA. I got to attend the national convention in Indianapolis, Indiana. I had so much fun. We went to a sheep farm, escape room, the Expos, and Abraham Lincoln house. I enjoyed talking to other FFA members from different states. I love FFA.



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Tony Jennings took part in the talent show at the FFA

(usually around the area), remodel jobs, new houses, septic tanks, water lines, underground water, and drain lines, roter-rooter jobs (some get a little nasty), and some electrical work as well. I think my favorite part of plumbing isn't really PLUMBING, but more on the electrical side. The AG class that I am taking this year is AG Science 2, and there are a couple of things that I have learned in this class this year. Some of those things include learning about how to texture soil, identify slopes for soils, and A LOT of agronomy. We also have had to find 50 plants and bring them into Mr. Chalfant over 5 weeks for us to get a better understanding of agronomy and how to identify the plants we find.

The contest teams that I have been a part of include forestry, knowledge, and a little bit of meats, and the teams that I would like to be a part of this year are agronomy for sure, and hopefully forestry. A major trip that I went on this year was going to the National FFA Convention and Expo



In this picture are members of the North Harrison FFA Chapter learning about Honey Bees and honey production at the Hundley Whaley Field Day held each year at Albany.

Submitted photo

## Kellan studies Ag Science

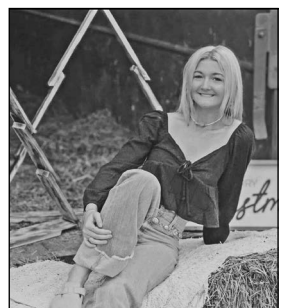
My name is Kellan Craig. I am a Greenhand in the North Harrison FFA chapter, and I'm in the class Ag Science 1 as a freshman. So far this year in class, we have learned about animal reproduction, how to keep records in our record books, and what it takes to keep track of our SAE's. We have been to Hundley Whaley in Albany, Fall contest in Maryville, and I've been to the National FFA Convention where we went to the Abraham Lincoln Museum, Church Hill Downs, Louisville Slugger

Manufacturing place, and a few other places.

My SAE is based on a couple different things. I have a few of my own cattle that I run with my dads and I also have a few lawns that I mow in the summer. This year I am on the Dairy Cattle team, as well as the Livestock team. I have enjoyed FFA quite a bit so far, and I'm looking forward to the things I'm going to learn. FFA week is coming up and I think it will be a fun time because of the different activities we will do throughout the week.

## FFA is a learning experience for Lilly

My name is Lilly Wiley, Daughter of Jeff and Kayla Wiley. I am a sophomore in high school, I have my greenhand degree, and plan to go farther. I really enjoy FFA and here is why. Some reasons I really enjoy FFA is because it is a very good learning experience for anyone. You learn how to communicate with others, learn how to work with others, learn how to be a leader and communicate with people, and also learn how to start a business. FFA is not just production agriculture, it relates with any job you are wanting to do even if it consists of cosmetology or nursing. FFA makes you a better person in your career. My Current SAE is working at Toot-Toots, located in Bethany, MO. Toot-Toots gives me so much learning experience.



Lilly Wiley

Everyday I learn how to be a better person, I have to meet people's needs, I have to learn how to communicate with strangers, people who I had never talked to before. I also learn how to work with others, communicate what we are going to do about any situation. The reason why I have done so well on my SAE is because of my learning experience in FFA. It has made me grow so much in the public and being the right person while doing my job.

## Noah's involved in a horse team

Hi, my name is Noah Guy. I am a sophomore at North Harrison High School. I am on the Horses team this year, and my advisor is Brandon Craig. I am excited to see how I do on this team. I hope to make it to state and get good at it. For my SAE project, I will be helping my dad with mowing and some of the places we know like Walmart, Dollar General and Love's Travel stop in Eagleville and Camron Bethany, Trenton, and Princeton. My class and I have done some fundraising things like Fruits,

candles, and candy, and we have done some dips and we have done cheeses and sold BBQ tickets for our ffa bbq that we had at the Eagleville Square. We have gone to Hundley Whaley and learned a lot of things from their plants, trees, and an army guy that comes to our school and talks to the kids and was at the Handle Whaley and a whole bunch more. I am ready to compete on the FFA Horses team and hope to get a good placing all year round and be able to go to state and get my FFA degree.

## Lawnmowing keeps Beau busy

Hello, my name is Beau Gibson. I am a student of the Gilman City High School, and I live in Gilman City. My mom is Hollie Gibson. As I've said I am a student of the Gilman City High School, I am a junior moving up to Senior next year. I do not hold any of the officer positions this year but hopefully that will change.

My SAE is mowing lawns for people and handyman work that I do around town. I regularly mow yards for Zelma Gibson, Carol Gibson, Hollie Gibson, and Kale Gibson. I will be expanding that, going to other people's lawns. I also work for Stan Tibbles, I work throwing nearly 200-400 bales each day that we get the chance. I have also worked power washing, chainsawing, tree pick up, garden care, planting flowers, uprooting plants, moving large objects (refrigerators, washers, dryers, and bed) etc.

I am taking farm management classes for ag at

this moment in time. I have learned many things about it like, how to fill out many papers in a short amount of time and knowing how to do it in the time we are given. I plan on staying in farm management, but I have gone to state for soils, and almost went to state for forestry. Talking about the state convention that is one of the many trips I have had in the agriculture field. I have seen the farm show that shows me a bunch of different things to go into or work toward.

I am looking forward to learning as much as I can about the agriculture world and all of its cracks and cavities. I am excited to be on this journey with so many people. I want to learn as much as I can about farm management because I find it to be a very interesting topic to talk about and learn about. I am glad I have the opportunity to be a part of this organization of great people. Thank you for taking your time to read this Article.

## Dustin spends time on his horse working cattle

My name is Dustin Hamilton. I am a member/officer of the North Harrison FFA chapter. I am a junior in high school this year. I am enrolled in natural resources and I have learned many things in Ag class. I have learned about forestry and plant science. I am on the forestry team this year and I have begun to learn many things about trees and how to identify them. I am excited for the contest season to begin this year.

I have participated in Hundley Wayle field day, a fall contest, and the bar-

becue/work action. I have been to state conviction, 2 years for judging. I also have been to a national convention. My SAE project consists of 1 placement and 1 ownership. My ownership SAE project is my horse. I take care of him and work cattle with him. My placement SAE is working for Callaway farms/ Callaway construction. I do farm work and some dirt work for callaway farms/ construction. I also work for big creek welding and fabrication. I help my brother weld and build things.

## Chiara looks forward to competitions

Hi, my name is Chiara Davidson. My parents are Graham Davidson and Samantha Stegner. I am from the Gilman City FFA chapter. I am a Junior, and I am taking AG business this year.

My SAE has not yet been started as I am in my first year of FFA. As I stated above I am taking AG business. Some things I have learned this

year are, how to find network, and I've learned about how townships are set up.

I plan to do as much as I can in the upcoming competitions this spring. I haven't ever been a part of FFA. I am excited to continue my journey in FFA and learn more about the things that are available in FFA.

## Riah involved in contests

My name is Riah Crump, I am from Gilman City, MO, and my parents are Jesse and Ashlee Crump. I am a senior in high school and have been a member of FFA since my freshman year. I do not have an ag-related SAE, however, I am currently employed at Crestview Nursing Home in Bethany, MO, working as a CNA where I help elderly residents with everyday tasks. This fall, I will attend Graceland University majoring in Allied Health/Pre-Athletic Training.

I have participated in many contests these past four years including Knowledge, Dairy Foods,

Forestry, Soils, Nursery Landscape, and Meats this year. I am currently in Agriculture Leadership where I have been learning about my contest. So far we have learned different types of meats, cuts, and ways to process.

I am hoping to go very far with this year's contest, I have been to state my freshman, sophomore, and junior years, and I am hoping to make it for my final year. Contest season is one of my favorite times of the school year, I am very excited for this year and can not wait to get out of school for a little bit and see friends that I have made through this organization.



Rodney Lewis

## Rodney likes life on farm

My name is Rodney Lewis. I am a junior in the South Harrison FFA chapter. My SAE is currently helping on the family farm with the cattle operation. My dad and I are working to expand our cow/calf operation. My day to day always looks different, but everyday I help feed, water and check on the animals.

Some of the best days working cattle is when we are able to have healthy calves and I get to spend time on the farm. This past year I was the top fruit and meat sales member and I was able to attend the National FFA Convention with my chapter. My favorite part of this experience was to meet members from across the country and get new friends from different states.

## Ashlynd enjoys contact with younger kids

My name is Ashlynd Seamster, and I am the daughter of Brian and Jessica Seamster. I am currently serving as our South Harrison FFA chapter President for the year 2024-2025. I found my love for FFA as soon as my oldest siblings joined, and I saw how much fun it was for them to be in it. My biggest supporter in this journey of doing FFA is my mom and dad. They want me to be the best I can be and be as active in FFA as I possibly can be. This year our FFA agriculture management class was able to do Ag Ed on the Move. With this we went to the elementary school everyday.

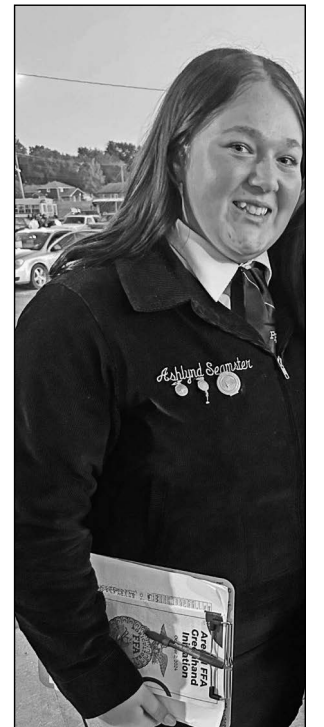
The third graders loved seeing us there and learning about how important agriculture is in their daily lives. They didn't understand the things that can come from agriculture. They didn't believe us when we told them that marshmallows come from the bones and horns of the animal. They had the best time. They were all sad when we told them that it was our last week with them and they wanted us to come back.

I have been involved in our chapters trapshooting for the last three years that I have been in FFA. I went from shooting 4 out of 50 to shooting a solid 38 out of 50. Trapshooting is one of my favorite things to do in FFA. I love being involved in our trapshooting, it is a great opportunity to meet new people. During the fall we have a trap shoot the first Saturday of every month. We will attend districts in April and after districts Ms. Scearce will determine who goes to state and who doesn't go to state. If all 5 of us girls show up to districts we will have an all girls team. State trapshooting was a great learning experience last year for me. I got to see other people shoot and see how well they shoot and watch their favorite and see

## Addison enrolled in science

My name is Addison Milligan and I am from the North Harrison FFA chapter. I am a freshman and Greenhand. I am also enrolled in ag science 1. In class we have talked about animal reproduction, worked on the FFA creed, and we are currently preparing for the spring contest. This year I am on the poultry and dairy foods team. I am so excited to see how my teammates and me do this season.

For my SAE this year I am mowing yards with my dad. I hope to expand my SAE over the next few years. This year I also got the opportunity to attend the National FFA Convention. We did so many fun things such as going to 4 museums, attending the Meagan Morroney concert, and participating in the conventions activities. I also got the opportunity to attend the Hundley Whaley field day in Albany. This was a great experience and I learned a lot of new things. This year has taught me a lot of new things and has been such a great experience, and I am looking forward to the coming years in my FFA career.



Ashlynd Seamster

how they prepare for their shoots.

I have also been able to attend the National FFA Convention for the last three years. This year we stayed in Springfield IL for one of the nights we attended an escape room while we were down in Springfield IL. The National Convention is a great learning experience for anyone who wants to go. If you haven't ever been to the National Convention with your chapter you should really try going. I learned many different things through the different leadership sessions.

These leadership sessions help any FFA member that doesn't understand what FFA really means to them. It has been an amazing experience the last three times that I have gone. My SAE for FFA is I am working at Sonic Drive-In. This is great customer interaction and I get to make drinks and shakes. This is a really good job because there are many different challenges that you have to face each time that you work. This has been a great learning experience for me to be working and having a productive SAE.

## Parker Holcomb works on tree farm

My name is Parker Holcomb, I am the son of John Holcomb and April Holcomb. I am a freshman in high school and I am a green hand. I do a little bit of everything. Growing up my grandparents owned and raised cattle. I always found it fascinating and I would really enjoy doing something like that in the future.

At my dad's house we have chickens and ducks that we raise. During the winter I help my grandparents on their Christmas Tree Farm, (Captain Elf Tree Farm) it is fun and I really enjoy being able to help my grandparents. I want to get into cutting and splitting



Parker Holcomb

wood but I just haven't gotten there yet. I really enjoy being in FFA and doing all the activities it has to offer but Trap Shooting is by far my favorite.



Bo Eads

## Bo Eads won beef production entrepreneurship in '24

My name is Bo Eads. I am from Gilman City and am a part of the Gilman City FFA chapter. I'm currently a junior in high school and I am the Sentinel of our FFA chapter. The sentinel is probably one of my favorite officer positions. Being able to be one is pretty cool. In class we learn about things such as grain marketing, monopolies and other ag business related topics. I also take an Ag Construction class. In Ag Construction, we are currently building a shed in the shop. I have learned many things in Ag class and look forward to learning more!

I have many SAE projects outside of school. Last year I won Beef Production Entrepreneurship in Area 2 which allowed me to compete at state level. This year I am doing diversified crop production. This consists of raising corn and soybeans

on the farm. Running your own farm is a big responsibility outside of school. I always find myself working late hours every night to make sure everything is going smoothly! I'm glad I can come to school and learn about real life scenarios in ag class. This has helped me along the way in my farming career.

Last year I competed on our chapter's agronomy team. We won districts and went on to compete at state level and ended up placing 20th out of 60. I learned a ton about plants and seeds on the agronomy team last year. This year I'm going to be on the Farm Management team and compete at the district level as well. Contest season is approaching fast so the past couple weeks I've been studying hard! I hope this year I can achieve more awards as well as get other people involved in agriculture!



Submitted photo

North Harrison FFA members attended National FFA Convention in Indianapolis, IN. (l to r) Jensen Davis, Kellan Craig, Kyler Kimbrough, Addi Milligan, Andrew Craig, Hali Smith, Lance Jacobs, Lani Briggs, and Axle Allen

## Andrew Craig works with sheep, cattle, and horses on his farm

Hi, my name is Andrew Craig, I am a junior and an FFA member in the North Harrison FFA chapter. I have been in FFA for 3 years so far. In that time, I attended National Convention in Indianapolis, Indiana 2 times, State Convention twice, Hundley Whaley field day, the FFA barbecue, the farm show, and many more things. I also attended my third fall contest in Maryville.

I am enrolled in Natural Resources; we have been learning about trees and many more things. We have just finished closing out our record books for the year. I am on the Dairy cattle team this year, and our first contest is on March 7th at Carrollton/Brunswick. I hope we make it to the state again this year. For my SAE, I help my Dad care for our sheep, cattle, and horses, as well as mow yards.

## Sloane McLain works at cafe to prepare for food Science

Hi, my name is Sloane McLain and I am a junior at Cainsville. For my SAE project, I work at the cafe in Cainsville for food production. I am on the Food Science CDE team this year and I'm really looking forward to contest season!

### Gavin Orndorff studies Agronomy

Hi, I'm Gavin Orndorff. I am on the Agronomy team this year. For my SAE project I grow a garden with my family, raise cattle, sell worms and eggs during the summer too with my family.

I look forward to all the contests this year and learning new stuff and making more friends and just meeting new people and having fun.

## Maverick Barth attends Ag Science II

My Name is Maverick Barth, my parents are Jeff and Kimberly Hanes. I am from Gilman City, Missouri where I'm a sophomore. The SAE that I chose to do was working at my job at McDonald's and cutting wood with my brother. McDonald's is a fun job where I work window one and sometimes help in the kitchen.

The ag class I'm doing this year is Ag science 2 with Mr. Chalfant and he is a good Ag adviser and teacher. Mr. Chalfant is a very overall likable guy. He has helped me through my hard times and has pushed me to do things that I thought I couldn't do. This year so far in his class I've learned plants and seeds for agronomy, and how to texture dirt for soils which I like doing the most. I'm going to the FFA contest for soils with my buddy Koltyn Hancock.

The FFA trips are fun if you do what you are told and don't do anything that's dumb. The most fun trip we do every year is go to the farm show which has some good root beer. I normally walk about 3 miles there at the farm show which by the end, my legs are killing me. Another fun trip we do is the fun trip for fruit sales, we went to ice-skating and Legoland. What I look forward to is learning from Mr. Chalfant, using his wisdom and knowledge to help guide me through school. I also look forward to hopefully welding more in his class to help me get ready for Vo-tech next year.

## Camden learns about farm management

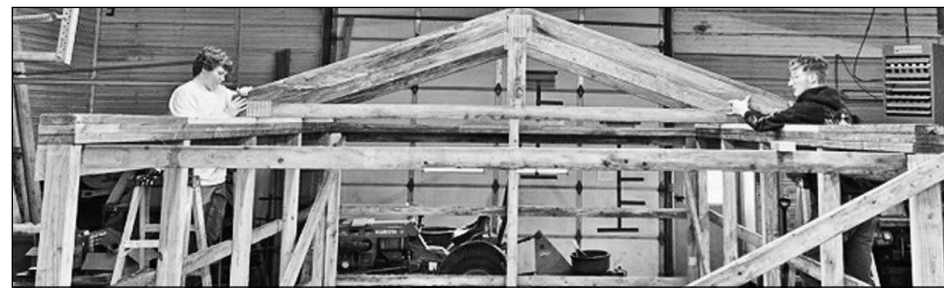
Hi my name is Camden Griffith, my parents are Lindsay and Gene. I am from Gilman City and I am in 11th grade in ag business. I am Co Chaplin this year and it was a very good experience to be on the officer team.

My SAE consists of a few things like weed eating and helping my dad cut wood. I am currently taking Ag Business and learning about Farm Management.

I have been on the Forestry and Soils teams. My soils team and I have made it to state and we placed group 2 in the state. This spring I plan on doing either Farm Management or Forestry. I have also been to National Convention my Freshman year which was a good experience and fun to do. I'm looking forward to working this summer.

## Alonna Milligan learns about plant science

Hi, my name is Alonna Milligan and I am a Sophomore FFA member at North Harrison. So far this year we have learned a lot about plant sciences. This year we went to Hundley Whaley field day where we learned a lot about forestry, cattle, bees, and about nearby college's. I helped with giving out food at our FFA barbeque, and was sold in the work auction later that night. I also participated in the FFA fundraiser to raise money for our chapter. I was on the entomology team at our fall contest in Maryville, and I am excited to be on the same team for the upcoming contests. I am looking forward to the rest of my years as an FFA member, and hope I have more good experiences.



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Thomas Steinhurst and Dustin Ward building a car shed in Ag Class.

## Dustin Ward plans for a future in the crop and cattle industry

My name is Dustin Ward and I'm a proud member of the Gilman City FFA chapter. This year I have got a lot of good opportunities to learn more about the agricultural lifestyle. One of my biggest opportunities was getting to go to the National FFA Convention in Indianapolis, Indiana

and getting to meet a bunch of new and exciting people. I also enjoyed getting to share my farm experiences with people from all over the United States.

This year for my SAE program I plan to do row crops and I'm hoping in the future years of my FFA career to maybe get

## Thomas works two jobs for his SAE

I'm Thomas Steinhurst, a 15-year-old who works two jobs and owns a 97' Silverado as my first truck. My parents are Mikel (Mike) Steinhurst and Kate Steinhurst. I live in Gilman City with my four siblings; I have 2 brothers and 2 sisters. I am currently a freshman learning some interesting work in Ag class. We have talked about the FFA Organization, learned the FFA Creed, talked about animal digestion and we are currently working on building a shed in the ag shop.

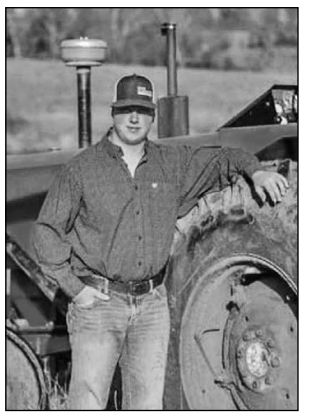
For my SAE program, I have two different jobs. I work at the I-35 speedway on Saturdays, and over the summer I work for Stan Tibbles and help him around the farm. What I do at I-35 speedway, is gate work to make sure people walk in with wristbands, over at the Stan Tibbles farm I help him with hay, straw, etc, stacking them in his barn and on trailers for customers.

The ag class I'm taking for this year is Ag Science 1 where I am going to learn about soils and construction, because I would like to build a shop sometime in the future. The reason why is to know what is the best dirt to have, so when they build a shop it's where the wood would not rot. I attended the Greenhand Initiation this past fall and earned my Greenhand Degree. One of my favorite trips I've been on was the Greenhand Motivational Conference in Trenton where I actually got to talk to one of the state officers and it was pretty cool to meet with them. I'm looking forward to doing Ag Mechanics and learning how to weld in shop later this year.

## Quade Sprague hopes for state with soil evaluation

I am Quade Sprague. The son of Josh and Jodi Sprague. My SAE is working with cattle and other farm chores. I also cut firewood on the farm. My favorite activity in FFA is all of FFA week. Every year I look forward to all the different events. Brody Templeton My name is Brody Templeton, and this is my third year in FFA. I am the son of Erica and Bob Templeton. Through FFA I have achieved my Greenhand and Chapter Degree. I have participated in a few contests in FFA, a few of them being the Grassland Contest, Chapter Conduct Meeting, Horse Evaluation, and I am currently participating in Soil Evaluation. In Soil Evaluation I am hoping to make it to state with my team.

Through FFA I have been able to participate in

Submitted photo  
Quade Sprague

very fun activities. Some examples of that were the KC Farm Show. This event allowed me to connect with people from other schools and have fun while still being agriculture related. This is one of my favorite things in FFA. Additionally, I enjoy competing with my teams in our CDE competitions and competing against people from other schools.

## Carmon Fordyce is taking Advanced Crop Science

Hi, my name is Carmon Fordyce, I'm a member of the North Harrison FFA Chapter. I'm a senior in high school and I'm taking Advanced Crop Science class. I'm an FFA Officer for my chapter and I'm a Vice-President. I'm a part of the Agronomy team. In the first semester of school, we learned about plants, different cycles, and identification. What we have been doing this year is filling out our record books, and what we have done for our SAEs.

At the beginning of school, our chapter has a bbq fundraiser auction. That's where the kids in FFA go and sell tickets for people to come to the bbq. These tickets let you come to the auction and eat. At the end of the auction, all the kids would line up at the stage to sell off in the auction. The one who would sell the most tickets would get free access to go to the FFA Convention. I think FFA is a great organization for kids to help them find their future careers. FFA helps kids prepare themselves for activities or jobs outside of school. Last year I was a part of the Dairy Foods team. I've also been a part of the Poultry Team and Knowledge Team. My teams have placed 2nd at districts and 9th for State convection. In Knowledge, my team placed 4th at districts. In Dairy foods for the state convention I got a high individual on my team.



Brylee Sherrill

## Brylee Sherrill takes horticulture class in FFA

My name is Brylee Sherrill, daughter of David and Valerie Sherrill. I am currently a junior in the South Harrison FFA Chapter. I am currently taking a Horticulture class. My SAE this year is working at our local Sonic.

It has helped me gain many social skills. In the Spring of 2024 my team participated in Agronomy and moved on to state. We competed at state and I served as one of our chapter's delegates. One goal I have for this year is for my horticulture team to also go to state. Being in ag is a very fun experience, and I think everyone should participate if given the chance.



Berkley Glenn

## Berkley Glenn watches the American Degree awards

My name is Berkley Glenn. I am the daughter of Zeb and Brooke Glenn. I am a sophomore and a member of the South Harrison FFA chapter. Last year I competed in knowledge and this year I will compete in agronomy. This year I went to the National FFA Convention with my chapter. My chapter had twelve members and we all traveled to Indiana on the short bus. We got to visit the Poe Hamp Lamb farm and got to learn about sheep. Another activity we did was an escape room. The last day, we got to sit in on a session and learn more about FFA. We also got to sit in on the American Degree awards and see some of our past members receive the award. I hope to attend the National Convention my junior and senior year as well.

## Ryker Fortner enters the Poultry team

My name is Ryker Fortner, and I am a freshman in the North Harrison FFA Chapter. I am currently in Ag Science 1. In class, we have learned about animal reproduction, learned about SAE's and how to use our record books, and also learned the FFA Creed. We are currently getting ready for contests. I am going to be on the poultry team his year. We have been to Hundley Whaley Field Day in Albany, had our FFA Barbecue, we had a fall contest in Maryville, Greenhand Motivational Conference in Trenton, and the Greenhand Initiation in Gallatin. I am still thinking about what I am going to do for my SAE project.



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Gilman City District winning Agronomy Team preparing for state competition: Bo Eads, Jace Estrada, Avery Gregg, and Ella Terhune.

## Jace Estrada learns Ag Business in FFA

Hi my name is Jace Estrada I am in 11th grade and I'm from the Gilman City FFA Chapter. My parent is Tanya Johnson. I work at the Hy-Vee in Bethany as my SAE.

My SAE consists of stocking shelves and running back stock. Back stock

is when you go through all the aisles and make sure that everything is on the shelves. I also have a summer SAE of mowing lawns.

One of the classes I take is Ag Business. We have learned about balance sheets and the stock market but that is just some

of the things that we have learned. Also I take Ag Construction and right now we are building a shed. I have been to state my first 2 years for Dairy foods and Agronomy. I'm looking forward to going to the state for a third time this year.

## Gilman City FFA Chapter's exhilarating year

The Gilman City FFA Chapter has had a fun and exciting year in 2024-2025. The Gilman City FFA chapter was chartered on November 23, 1929 making this its 96th year. Major highlights of the 2024 contest season included the Soils team placing 9<sup>th</sup> at districts and qualifying for state, Nursery Landscape placing 6<sup>th</sup> at districts and qualifying for state, the Farm Management team placing 2<sup>nd</sup> at districts qualifying for state, FFA Knowledge placing 1<sup>st</sup> at districts and moving on to state, Macayla Rhodes winning districts in FFA Creed Speaking and moving on to state and finally Agronomy winning districts and advancing to state. Three members of the chapter-Laina Ward, Presley Burke and Ava Langfitt received their State FFA Degrees and six members received their American Degree- those members included Ashley



**Gilman City FFA Chapter American Farmer Degree Recipients:** (l to r) Peyton Taggart, Kyler Preston, Riley Whitt and Ashley Chalfant

Chalfant, Peyton Taggart, Kyler Preston, Riley Whitt, Brody Langfitt and Kaden Locker. Bo Eads won an area proficiency award in Beef Production, and Hayley Jennings won an area proficiency award in Poultry Production. Hayley and Tony Jennings were members of the State FFA Choir and Tony Jennings was also selected to be part of the National Talent Revue at the National FFA Convention.

The chapter currently has 31 members. Classes

taught include Farm Management, Ag Science 1, Ag Science 2, Exploratory, Leadership and Ag Construction. Chapter officers include Hayley Jennings - President, Kelsey Sperry - 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President, Shelby Gibson - 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President, Avery Gregg - Secretary, Ethen Elder - Treasurer, Ella Terhune, Caitlynn Chalfant and Pyper Taggart - Reporters, Landon Preston and Bo Eads- Sentinels, Macayla Rhodes and Camden Griffith- Chaplains, Tony Jennings and Alli Burke -Parliamentarians and Emily Chalfant and

Khloey Sperry as Historians.

Chuck and Patty Jennings were awarded the Honorary Chapter Member Degree at the 2024 chapter banquet. This year the chapter sold over \$28,000 worth of fruit, meat and cookie dough, had a very successful local fair, and participated in several activities including State and National Convention. The chapter is currently participating in FFA Week activities and looks forward to an enjoyable and exhilarating 2025 Contest Season.

### Thompson on entomology team

My name is Avarie Thompson and I am a freshman in the Cainsville FFA Chapter. I am a member of the Entomology team and I'm really looking forward to my first contest season.

My SAE project is beef production, and I have really enjoyed my first year of FFA so far. I am looking forward to interviewing for an officer position at the end of the year.

### Farm management for Arndt

My name is Jayleigh Arndt. I am a senior and 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President of our FFA Chapter.

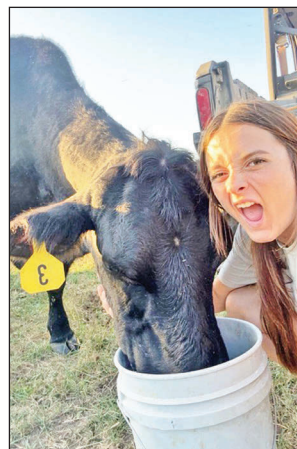
This year, I am on the Farm Management team this year, and I hope to make it to state competition for the 3<sup>rd</sup> year in a row. I am also looking forward to State Convention where I will receive my State Degree.



**South Harrison FFA Officer Team:** Front (Left to Right) Sentinel - Addison Polley, Reporter - Krystal Standage, President -Ashlynd Seamster, Secretary - Kenley Burkhead, Vice President - Jaycee Schroff, Treasurer - Tate Akins.

### Alli Burke's days are filled with Ag activities

Hi, my name is Alli Burke and I'm from the Gilman City FFA Chapter. I am currently a sophomore in high school at Gilman City and I am currently taking Ag Science 2. In this class, we are studying plants and seeds for Agronomy. With that being said, I am going to talk about my SAE's and my part in FFA. The officer position I am in right now is co-parliamentarian. It is my job to teach my members about parliamentary law, and make sure they have proper meeting procedure.



Alli Burke feeding cows

Let's talk about my SAE now. I currently work for Webb Farms and during the summer I clean cars, tractors, and semis. Right now we have around 200 head of cows. My job is to go around and check all the cows, feed the cows, fix the fence, rake hay, and take care of all the bottle calves. During the spring last year we had 14 bottle calves, and it was my job to take care of all of them. When summer comes around my calendar is always full from taking care of calves to cleaning cars, tractors, and semis. I cleaned a total of 20 vehicles this past summer. I clean eight cars and the rest was all equipment.

The contest teams I have been on are Dairy Foods, and Dairy Cattle. This year I hope to be on the Agronomy team. Some super fun trips we have gone on are officer retreat. My favorite part about officer retreat was getting to spend a lot of time with my girls, but also with my FFA family. Another one was the National Convention trip. I really liked getting to meet a whole bunch of new people, and getting to spend all of my money when shopping. Some things I am really looking forward to in FFA is getting to meet a lot more new people and getting to accomplish more things, like awards. I am also looking forward to going to State Convention again and being on a team getting to compete at state.

### Claire Hulet is raising cattle and has a cow calf operation

My name is Claire Hulet. I am currently a freshman in the South Harrison FFA chapter. Since I am a freshman in Ag Science 1. I currently have one ownership SAE, for my SAE I raise cattle and run a cow calf operation where we have forty-seven cows.



Claire Hulet

My favorite memory in FFA so far has been going to Hundley-Whaley. I am very excited for contest season and I hope to score well and make new friends from different chapters there. I just got my green hand degree and I am very

excited to start working towards getting my chapter degree. Next year I would also like to try to become an officer in our FFA chapter.

## Students earn Geenhand title

Hi my name is Baylor Hoffman and I am a green hand member of the North Harrison FFA Chapter and taking AG science one. The team I am on are dairy cow and dairy foods they have been fun teams on dairy we judge dairy cattle and on dairy foods we are tasting milk and cheeses we have had to identify and taste different types of cheeses and taste different flavors in milk and telling what percent and things they are they are interesting teams to be on and the questions from dairy judging carry on over to dairy foods.



**North Harrison Greenhands,** (l to r) Hali Smith, Lance Jacobs, Addi Milligan, Ava Rinehart, Kellan Craig, Gage Fortner, Jensen Davis, Ryker Fortner, Baylor Hoffman and Axle Allen attended the Area II Greenhand Initiation held in Gallatin where they received their Greenhand Pins.

My SAE is show cattle. I have been showing cattle since the 4th grade and enjoy it very much. I mainly participate in showing Black Angus and Lim Flex cattle. They are the breeds I am most familiar with, this last year and this year I was sponsored to show them.

So far my FFA experience has been very en-

joyable. Hundley-whaley field day was very fun and educational then there was green hand initiation then there was North west fall contest in maryville our chapters first contest of the year then there was

our FFA barbeque witch was very fun and enjoyable and anyone should attend then there was barn warming witch everyone had fun at and enjoyed we roasted hotdogs and smores and played games.

### Valenti is on contest team

My name is Rylee Valenti and I'm a member of the North Harrison FFA. I joined FFA last year as a freshman. I was on the Entomology team and I still am this year; I intend to stay on it until I qualify to state. This year, I have participated in several FFA events, such as going to Hundley Whaley Research Farm in Albany and serving food at the FFA Barbecue and Work Auction. I spent the first semester of Ag Science II studying agronomy and plant science...and am now studying entomology again. Later this year, I hope to be able to help my team qualify for state contest.



**Cainsville FFA Chapter:** Full Group Picture (back row left to right, middle row left to right, front row left to right), Ashten Thompson (Advisor), Sam Vaughn, Trysen Ratliff, Remington Osmon, Chase Sharp, Gavin Orndorff, Kyler Vail, Phoenix Ratliff, Karlee Crouse, Sloane McLain, Laine Thompson, Zoe Hufford, Jayleigh Arndt, Avarie Thompson, Aspen Zerbe, Bree Vaughn.

### Axle Allen is enjoying FFA

Hi my name is Axle Allen and I am a greenhand from North Harrison. We haven't got into our SAE yet but I'm excited to get into that because I have plans to buy more livestock and expand my farm. I would like to get into depth in farming and hope to attend a college for Ag science. I hope to go to the state contest this year. I'm part of the poultry team this year. I have been to the National FFA Convention too.

It was a great experience, and I hope to go again in the future. I've been to one contest but I had not been prepared for it but I enjoyed it anyways.

I would like to be an FFA officer in the future and participate in more FFA activities in the future. We went to the greenhand motivational conference in trenton at the ketcham center. We went to Gallatin to the GreenHand initiation and ate at the Country cupboard

in jamesport. The food was great. I ate tenderloin and it's about the greatest dang tenderloin you'd ever eat. I will definitely be back to visit sometime. 10 out of 10 will definitely recommend it to anyone looking for a good meal. We have learned about animal reproduction and digestion. So far and are now working on contest teams. I am looking forward to a great time and future and FFA. Axle Allen

### Terhune is in forage production

Hi, my name is Ella Terhune and my parents are Kimberly Terhune and Micheal Terhune. I'm from the Gilman City FFA chapter and currently a Junior. I'm currently taking an ag business class and an ag construction class. I hope to learn how to manage a farm better and understand the math better.



Ella Terhune

I'm currently the head reporter of the Gilman City FFA chapter. My SAE programs consist of forage production, poultry production, horses, and row crop. My forage production is the largest and best of all my SAEs. With about 100

round bales and a few thousand square bales in storage currently. I have around 20 chickens, hens and roosters included with my poultry, along with three horses, and I work for the family farm for row crops.

I plan to be a part of the farm management team

and make it to state. I also hope to make it to state and a state proficiency in forage production. Last semester I had the ability to go to the National Convention in Indianapolis, Indiana. I look forward to trying to get my American degree in the future.

### Giles is on the trap shooting team

My name is Pyper Giles. I am a junior at South Harrison.



Trap shooters

I trap shoot with the South Harrison FFA. I grew up with my dad and other family members. My dad had a team growing up and I did not enjoy it much until I got into high school. Now that I have been trap shooting for 3 years I enjoy it a lot. It is something different to do.

I do trap shooting outside of the school team with my dad and great grandpa with them and a lot of other people. We play games. It is different from competi-

tion shooting but still really fun to do. One of my goals when I graduate high school is to go to college and try to find a team when I am in college. I really do

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