

B1 FFA WEEK

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Mexico FFA celebrates FFA Week



State FFA Officer Owen Neely visiting with agricultural classes to teach leadership skills. [Submitted]



Greenhouse class learned how to make candy arrangements earlier this month for Valentine's Day. [Submitted]



The Mexico FFA worked hard the earlier this month to get their plant plugs planted. Agriculture 1, Greenhouse, and some Ag Construction students helped plant. The greenhouse is full of beautiful plants ready for students to nurture them for the spring plant sale, set for April 20, from 9 a.m.-noon. [Submitted]



American Degree recipients Amelia Denham and Dillon Gish; not pictured Jakob Darby. [Submitted]



Mexico FFA member Grant Norfleet was selected as the National FFA Secretary at National FFA Convention. [Submitted]



Mexico FFA took on Ag literacy as one of their main focus areas for the 2023-24 school year. Members received funding to supply 30 families with young children books for 8 months. We are also hosting a free carnival for little learners to earn books and supply our area elementary schools with agricultural books. [Submitted]

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Ag Construction 1 and 2 students were working on shop projects earlier this month, including some repurposing projects. Some students worked on carnival games for Yee-Haw for Reading Wild West Carnival, and others, custom projects. [Submitted]



Tractor Supply Co. in Mexico welcomed the Mexico FFA to their grand opening, held earlier this year. During the event, the chapter was presented a gift card from the store, which will be used to provide for chapter members. [Submitted]

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2024 Mexico FFA Proficiency Results

Wyatt Troesser: Swine Production Placement 1st Place -- MOVING ON TO STATE

Nick Van Schyndel: Poultry Production 1st Place-- MOVING ON TO STATE

Placing Top 3:

Nick Haines: Beef Ownership 3rd Place

Nick Van Schyndel: Diversified Livestock Production 2nd Place

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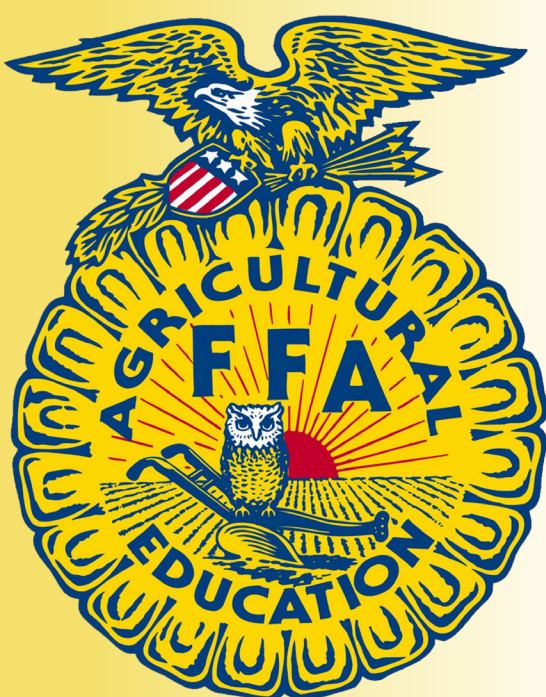
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The Mexico FFA hosted a Wild-West Carnival Saturday, Feb. 17 at Hart Career Center, Mexico, with wild west fun, books, cowboys and more. Lunch was served, with soups, sandwiches and sweets. Funds raised will help put agriculture books in all Mexico elementary schools. The event enjoyed a good crowd with many members helping bring the event together. Over \$600 in Agriculture books will be delivered to the elementary school libraries in town very soon. "We surpassed our goal," said a spokesperson, "final numbers will be available soon." [Submitted]



FFA SUNDAY - Mexico's FFA has been busy this week. Members decorated windows Friday, hosted a reading carnival Saturday and Sunday, they gathered at Union Baptist Church in Mexico for FFA Sunday. Other week highlights include Ag Industry Tours, FFA Member Lunch and Degree Ceremony, the tractor drive, and more.

[Submitted]



TOUR TIME - The Mexico FFA Chapter participated in an Ag Industry tour this week, with a focus on politics. Among stops were the Missouri Soybean Association and the Missouri State Capitol. [Submitted]



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2023-24 Van-Far FFA Group Photo R1 Mrs. Ashlee Crader, Katelyn McCurdy, Kayla Heaton, Rebecca Motley, Carmen Wilburn, Erin Childs, Kristen Shaw, Reece Culwell, Grace Smith, Mr. Ryan Talkington R2 Faith Griffith, Elaina Brogden, Kaelyn Hutcheson, Zyah Griffith, Lily Cranston, Clara Wallace, Nora Bybee, Khloe Wallace, Gabe Freie R3 Alyssa Hollenbeck, Mikayla Bolin, Autumn Donaldson, Makayla McCurdy, Emma Freie, Elliott Utterback, Dalana Gay, Kylie Miller R4 Peyton Kirn, Katelyn Pargeon, Chloe Zumwalt, Mylee Keller, Brecca Teague, Addyson Hays, Mariah Maggard, Kaden Whitaker, Abbie Shelton, Kaylyne Wallace R5 Garrett Hopke, Slade Keller, Pacey Reading, Brandon Kurz, Easton Sharp, Evan Utterback, Katelyn Sutton, Emma Schambach, Emily Hansen R6 Brady Puls, Jackson Fischer, Richard Hayden, Sam Couch, Laban Haynie, Madelyn Carman, McKenna Engh- Hoffman.

[Submitted]



Makayla McCurdy, Kayla Heaton, Carmen Wilburn, Katelyn McCurdy and Advisor Ryan Talkington, traveled to Columbia to compete in the State Swine Facility Management Contest where they received second place. [Submitted]

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Fourteen FFA members traveled to Indianapolis, Indiana to enjoy the 96th National FFA Convention & Expo. R1: Carmen Wilburn, Katelyn McCurdy, Emma Schambach, Kristen Shaw, Clara Wallace, Elaina Brogden, Kaylyne Wallace R2: Slade Keller, Brandon Kurz, Makayla McCurdy, Rebecca Motley, Ava Young, Kaden Whitaker, Grace Smith. [Submitted]



FFA Vice President, Erin Childs, teaching Van-Far Elementary students about farming equipment and safety during Food for America. [Submitted]



The Greenhouse and Floral Design class learned about creating floral arrangements from former Van-Far FFA Member, Devyn Keller. [Submitted]

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February 18th: FFA Sunday

February 20th: FFA Official Dress Day & Ice Cream

February 21st: Tractor Day, Duo Day & BBQ

February 22nd: Community & Teacher/Staff Breakfast & Chapter T-Shirt Day

February 23rd: SAE Day

NORTH CALLAWAY FFA OFFICER SPOTLIGHT

TYLER HUDDLESTON

TYLER IS A SENIOR SERVING AS THE 2023-2024 NORTH CALLAWAY FFA SENTINEL. TYLER HAS ALSO SERVED AS THE CHAPTER'S TREASURER.

TYLER HAS COMPETED ON THE FLORICULTURE AND NURSERY & LANDSCAPING CDE TEAMS. HIS FLORICULTURE TEAM PLACED FIRST IN THE STATE AND FOURTH IN THE NATION IN 2022! HIS NURSERY & LANDSCAPE TEAM PLACED SECOND AT STATE IN 2023.

FOR TYLER'S SAE PROJECT, HE WORKS AT BUSCH FARMS WHERE HE OPERATES EQUIPMENT, SERVICES AND MAINTAINS EQUIPMENT AND TAKES CARE OF ALL OF THE MOWING AROUND THE FARM.

ONE OF HIS FAVORITE FFA ACTIVITIES IS FOOD FOR AMERICA. HE EXPRESSES THAT HE ENJOYS TEACHING THE FUTURE MEMBERS OF OUR CHAPTER ABOUT AGRICULTURE.

AFTER HIGH SCHOOL, TYLER PLANS TO ATTEND A 4 YEAR COLLEGE TO STUDY SOIL AND PLANT SCIENCE!



North Callaway FFA member, Adrian Brown, received reserve division in the intermediate shorthorn plus open show and reserve division intermediate in the shorthorn plus show at the American Royal Livestock Show. [Submitted]

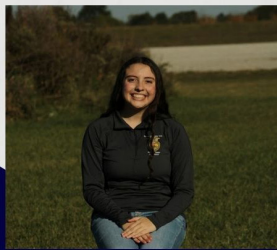


North Callaway High School Barnwarming King and Queen: Tyler Huddelston and Addison Fansler [Submitted]



North Callaway FFA member Olivia Brown received her American FFA Degree at the National FFA Convention. [Submitted]

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Sophie was selected to participate in the National FFA NEXT GEN CONFERENCE

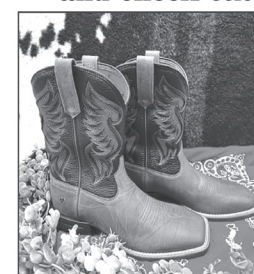
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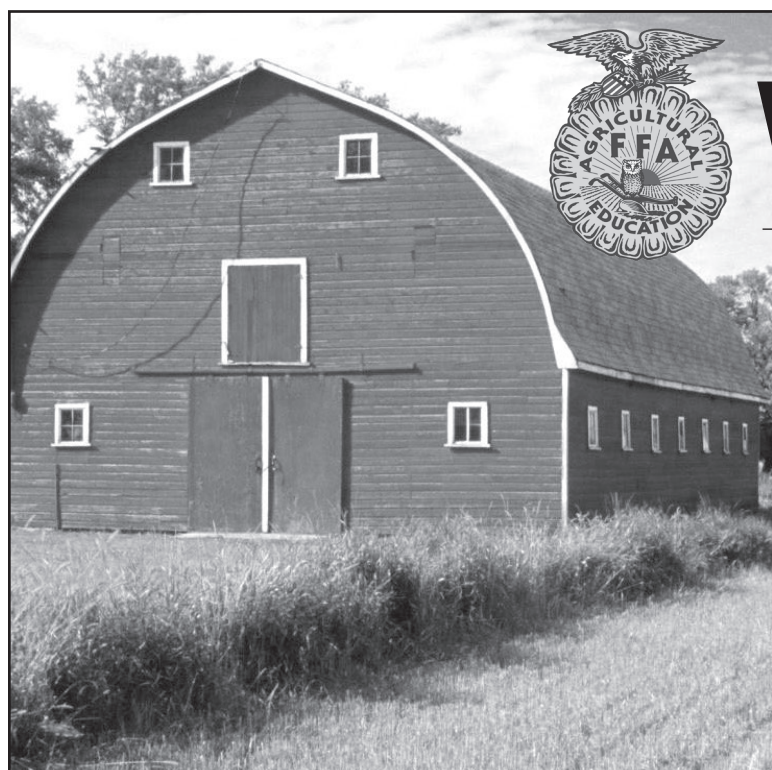


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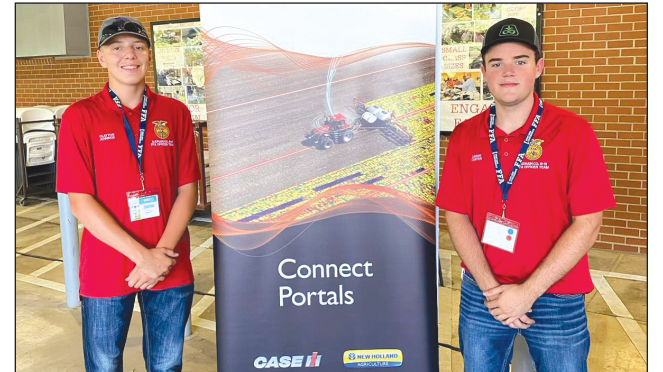
OFFICER TEAM - The R-VI FFA Officer Team participated in an Officer Retreat at the Mizzou Campus. They worked on planning events for the year as well as team building activities and learning more about their role as a chapter officer. [Submitted]



HARVEST APPRECIATION LUNCH - FFA members served over 190 community members lunch this fall during the annual Harvest Appreciation Lunch. This is a free event to show our appreciation to local farmers in the fields. [Submitted]



NATIONAL LIVESTOCK - Tucker Robnett, Lance Fort, Brant Cope, and Pacey Cope represented Missouri at the National Livestock Judging Contest this fall. They were a Silver Emblem team in the contest. [Submitted]



NEXT GEN - Aaron Carter and Clayton Jennings attended the National FFA Next Gen Conference on Power, Structure and Mechanics in North Carolina. They learned from professionals in the industry and toured Ag Power, Structure, and Mechanic businesses. [Submitted]

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Olivia Schaefer-Corn

"Growing up, I loved when we had corn on the cob for dinner. When I was given the opportunity to have a Production SAE, I knew that I had to grow my favorite veggie. During the beginning I faced a few hard times that set me back, but I overcame them by research and planning."



Chloe Campbell-Beekeeping

"I started my SAE project Freshman year from what use to be a family tradition that I carried down. I raise bees and harvest honey to make honey byproducts such as honey candy, HotHoney and candles. My SAE project has been a passion of mine and I have won awards for it."



Kat Meyer- Beef Cattle

"My SAE project is raising beef cattle. I've been raising cows on the farm since I was little and found a passion for it. I buy a few cows at a time and get them bulked up to a certain weight then take them to a meat locker to get butchered. I got the idea from my dad to make this my SAE project because I'm making profit and working with the animals I love."



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