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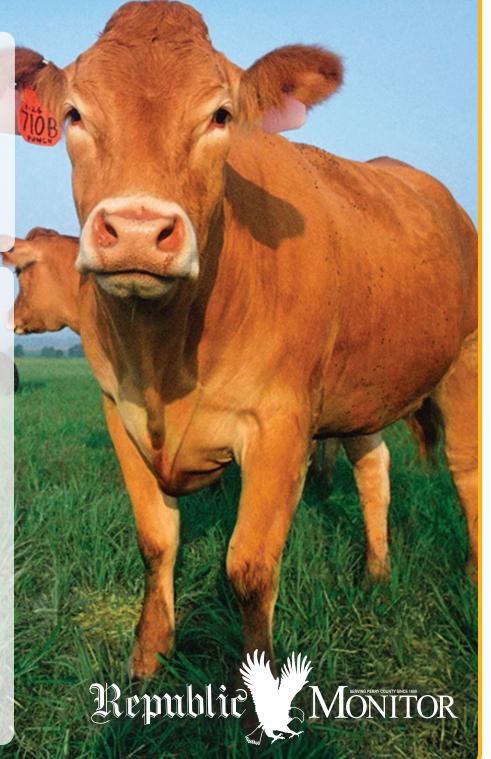
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#### Ag Education on the Move

By Ally Burns
Perryville FFA Vice President

Ag Ed on the Move is a 10-week program put on by Missouri Farmers Care. Perryville FFA Officers have been teaching this program to 2nd-grade students at our school for three years now!

Perryville FFA Officers have attended the 2023-2025 Ag Ed on the Move Training Day at the University of Missouri, Columbia, and in Jackson.

During this training, our officers learned the basics of teaching the lessons and became educated on the topics covered in this program. The lessons are hands-on and interactive with the students. These training days helped Perryville FFA officers prepare to teach these lessons in a classroom setting. This 10-week program targets third-grade students; however, we offer

other amazing opportunities for third through fifth graders at our school, such as Fall Harvest! This allows us to teach the AEOTM program to our second graders.

This program is particularly beneficial for second-grade students, as it introduces them to important concepts related to farming, food production, the environment, and community.

A few of the unique activities we teach include planting a soybean, making homemade butter, and learning about beef by-products. Our mission is to increase our students' general understanding of agriculture through interactive educational experiences in the classroom and on the farm. We want all consumers to understand and appreciate agriculture, food production, and the farm families who provide their everyday products!





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## **Growing at FFA Camp**

By Molly Hunt Perryville FFA Sentinel

FFA camp, also known as Camp Rising Sun, is a fun-filled, learning experience located in Missouri's very own Lake of the Ozarks. A place you get to stay with wooden cabins and no air conditioning in the summer blaze! Fourteen of Perryville FFA's members got the chance to go to Camp Rising Sun this past summer. During FFA camp, our officers and members were pushed out of their comfort zone and were entertained by the many things that the camp had to offer.

Some of the many entertaining things at camp included learning archery, going to the waterfront where you could kayak, swim, or lay out and tan. A big activity was cabin games, different tournaments with cabins facing each other, some games being horseshoes, volleyball, and many more.

Another thing that campers could

volunteer for was public speaking, where each person came up with their topic and presented it to the entire campsite. If you weren't attending one of those activities, you'd be at one of their many leadership presentations and workshops led by state officers or talented speakers who were more than dedicated to making us the best leaders possible!

There were so many achievements made, and things learned at camp it's hard to keep up with all the accomplishments. For example, Perryville FFA officer Allyson Burns was able to become a camp officer, not only being vice president for her officer team but made vice president at camp also!

Another exciting moment during camp was the end with more than half of the members and officers with us getting their state leadership pin! Camp Rising Sun was a joyous time indeed, with all the new skills, traits, and friends made, there aren't many things that can top an amazing time like that.











## 90 Years of Perryville FFA

By Lydyah Boland Perryville FFA President

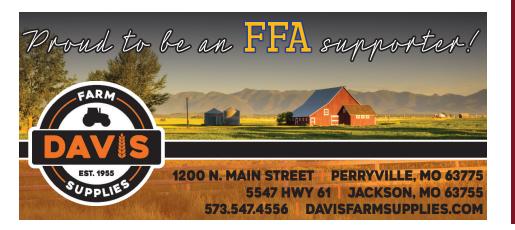
When thinking about how long Perryville FFA has been around for, does your mind think it has already been 90 years? It may not seem true, but in 2024, we got to celebrate 90 years of our local FFA Chapter.

When looking through our history, there are multiple events that have been around for a while. One of our main events is our Pancake Breakfast. Pancake Breakfast is what Perryville FFA is known for.

Pancake Breakfast kicks off FFA week, where we serve our community pancakes and sausage. We typically serve 300-400 people and help raise funds to help our chapter go on experiences to help further their careers. Pancake Breakfast is widely known throughout our community, making it one of our most popular events for almost 90 years.

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#### Where FFA Takes You

By Clint Sattler
Perryville FFA Treasurer

FFA is a national organization that opens doors and opportunities for students interested in leadership, personal development, and agriculture. FFA has and will continue to empower millions of students across the country to discover and develop their potential through agriculture education.

While FFA is rooted in agriculture practices, its reach and influence extend far beyond farming by focusing on leadership, personal growth, and career development. It prepares members for many different career opportunities far beyond the agriculture field. FFA provides opportunities for leadership development through roles in local

chapters, state organizations, and national offices, as well as leadership conferences.

FFA is not just about agriculture; it's about equipping students with the tools, experiences, and connections they need to succeed in any area of life. Regardless of whether they enter the agriculture industry or choose a different path, the leadership development, personal growth, and career prospects gained through FFA are priceless.

Whether it's agriculture, business, science, or beyond, FFA can take you wherever you want to go. Perryville FFA inspires its members to unlock their potential, explore new opportunities, and create a lasting impact for the future.

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#### **Greenhand Initiation Night**

**By Madyson Richardet**Perryville FFA Reporter

This year, Perryville FFA hosted our first annual Greenhand Initiation Night, a special event to welcome our first-year FFA members — known as Greenhands — into the chapter. This marks the beginning of an exciting journey filled with endless



opportunities and experiences. Becoming an FFA member opens the door to countless possibilities for personal growth, leadership, and community involvement.

During the event, our Greenhands were presented with their official FFA jackets by our dedicated advisors, Abigail Burke and Emily Brown. The officer team led the opening and closing ceremonies and assisted the Greenhands as they participated in a memorable tradition creating the Greenhand banner. Each Greenhand placed their hand, covered in green paint, on the banner next to their name. This banner will serve as a lasting keepsake, commemorating the 2024-2025 Greenhands and their first step into the world of FFA.









## **Chlorophyll & Corduroy**

**By Emma Fetterhoff**Perryville FFA Secretary

"I expect to see you in my classroom next Tuesday during advisory!" This was the threat issued by my former science teacher in the hallway across three lanes of traffic. Although I had just joined an eighth school club and very much doubted my mother would be too pleased about my joining a ninth, I showed up the following Tuesday.

Less than a month later, I'd be giving up sleep, my lunch and prep period, and two of my classes to coax seedlings out of soil and ground leaves into a solution. This, of course, was all for the sake of science. Now if I were to mention PFAS chemicals, you may or may not know what I am talking about.

These chemicals are found in everything from that ratted-up tent you have stuffed in the back of your garage to the nonstick fry-

a little bit more time on washing dishes. The chemicals that make you love these products so much also happen to cause several types of cancers, birth defects, and numerous health issues. Thus, I set out to find out if PFAS chemicals inhibit the production of chlorophyll in beans and zucchini.

Turns out they do, and a month later I'm standing in a stiff corduroy jacket trying to explain to a judge how my research project could potentially change an industry. Another month later, I was standing on the Missouri FFA State stage. I was immensely disappointed when they called third and second place. It was only after they said my name for first place, I realized I had done it. Not only was I the first person in my chapter to compete in the FFA Agriscience Fair, but I had won first at state and would move on to nationals in the fall!



## FFA week thoughts

**Seth Mueller** *Saxony Lutheran FFA* 

I think that it is safe to say that a lot of people have a wrong impression of Agriculture. They see videos on the internet of starved cattle trapped in small pens or horses being worked to death. FFA week is a chance to show people what really happens on a farm and how we treat and care for animals. FFA week also demonstrates hard work and dedication in your daily life. But how do we show what farm life is like? To show what AG life is like we are having an Animal Exhibition (petting zoo) outside of our high school. We invite second graders from area schools and show them what the animals get fed, how we take care of them and tell them what everyday life is like taking care of them. It is a rewarding experiences for the kids and the FFA members.



#### **Pancake Breakfast**

**By Madyson Richardet** Perryville FFA Reporter

Each year, Perryville FFA hosts a beloved pancake breakfast to raise funds for our chapter. This event relies on the hard work and generosity of our mem-



bers, who volunteer their time to cook, serve, and greet guests. The breakfast is a free-will donation event, where attendees enjoy a delicious meal while supporting a great cause.

This year, we're excited to announce that our annual breakfast will take place on Feb. 15. Thanks to SEMO Livestock's Neil Frankie's generous donation of a hog, we'll be serving up fresh, homemade pork sausage patties. We deeply appreciate all of our sponsors and donors who make this event possible. We invite you to join us from 6 a.m. to 11 a.m. for a tasty breakfast and a chance to support your local FFA chapter. We look forward to seeing you there!



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## **Learning to Do**

By Eva Williamson (Frohna),
Abi Ingvalson (Scott City)
Saxony Lutheran FFA

"Learning to Do" applies to many aspects of a FFA member's life. This part of the FFA moto refers not only to the physical skills developed while being a member, such as building cornhole boards in class or welding. However, it also relates to a student learning to do everything with kindness or treating others with respect. The Saxony Agriculture program offers many opportunities to learn. We learn practical skills that will better prepare us for our future. This year we learned how to record agriculture finances going in and out of our SAE. We also have had hands-on experiences. Ag 1 students this year got to visit the SEMO district fair and see the animals and livestock there. These "Learning to Do" experiences help us connect classroom knowledge with real-world applications.



Austin Hunt with his steer at the 2024 SEMO district fair

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## Doing to learn

**By Isaac Koenig and Austin Hunt**Saxony Lutheran High School FFA

Agriculture has played a massive part in both of our lives as the SAEs for each of us is our cattle that we show and sell at our local fair. Our time at Saxony in our ag classes has taught us lots of things about cattle and the ways to work with them, feed them, and treat them when they are sick, but you can only learn so much sitting in a chair and watching videos. There's a time when you

need hands-on experience to gain full knowledge. We have been around cows our whole lives and have seen everything from cows giving birth to watching them take their last breath. Raising cattle is an entire lifestyle and school can't teach the emotional attachments you get with them. Cattle are something we will probably be around the rest of our lives, and they will continue to teach us new things and give us more experiences every day.



Inside our classroom we set up hydroponics units and explore the world of hydroponics with monetary







## Earning to live

By Mya Koenig Saxony Lutheran FFA

In my FFA experience, my SAE has taught me many things. Raising and showing beef cattle has taught me responsibility, work ethic and earning to live. What my Supervised Agriculture Experience (SAE) has taught me about "earning"

to live" is how hard cattle farmers are working to provide for families across the country. Earning to live is something I connect strongly to my SAE because raising beef cattle has taught me about hard work and it continues to teach me as I keep growing and learning by being involved in my SAE and agriculture community.



A state FFA officer visited our class talking about leadership and all the opportunities connected to the FFA



Students prepare another breakfast food during one of the Saxony FFA functions where we cook

## **Living to Serve**

By Cole Roth
Saxony Lutheran FFA

In our Saxony FFA chapter, we perform many activities in our community that are extremely rewarding. We mulch around the trees and bushes around our school, we prepare various breakfasts throughout the year individually, for the com-

munity, teachers, and veterans. We also help out with other community events like taking care of trash at Jackson Backyard Barbeque and grilling hamburgers and porkburgers at Old Timers Day in Perryville. It doesn't matter what we're helping out doing, as long as we're doing it with fellow members we all have a good time and "Live to Serve".

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## Supervised Agricultural Experience

Throughout the years, members of the Perryville FFA Chapter have had many different Supervised Agricultural Experience (SAE) projects. The project must be related to agriculture and be trackable. There are different categories of an SAE from placement, entrepreneurship, schoolbased, service learning, and research. These projects are so diverse they range from working at a restaurant to managing the production of a crop.

Perryville FFA members have many diverse SAEs ranging from grain production to food service. These SAE projects teach members important life skills such as time management, money management, and being responsible for any decision made. Each SAE project tracks income, expenses, and how many hours the member has put into their project. They allow students to independently manage their projects while also being supervised by the chapter advisors.

One of the Perryville FFA chapter officers, Brandon Roth, had a very challenging SAE for the past three years. He has been managing a corn, soybean, and wheat rotation. He has faced many challenges throughout the years, such as drought conditions, rising

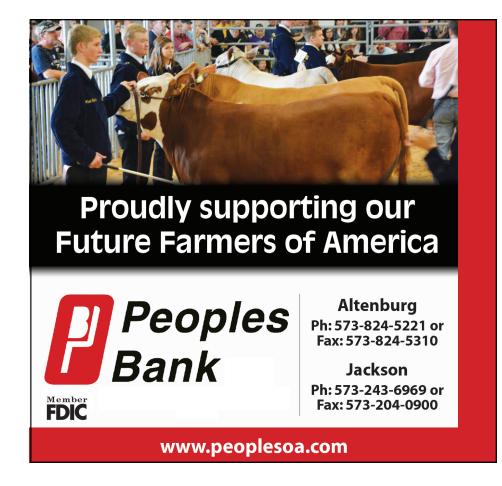
commodity prices, crop sales prices dropping, and equipment breakdowns. He has kept an accurate record of his expenses, income, and hours put in the production. He has kept track of his records so well that he got his proficiency award in grain production last year.

Despite all the challenges he faced this year he plans to expand his operation.

These projects are important to the members of the Perryville FFA chapter. They are taught valuable lessons that will help them in the future of their careers.



Saxony Lutheran FFA students attend a training for the Ag Ed on the Move program









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