

FFA Monthly News

June 2016

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Farm Credit Grant

The FFA members got together early this semester to apply for a grant given away by Farm Credit. The application was a success and Farm Credit gave us a grant of \$250 to go towards our community garden projects.

Thank you Farm
Credit!



Fit-2-Serve Community Gardens

Dr. Bill Dewey with Fit-2-Serve recently asked the Mattoon FFA Chapter to help care for the large community garden and 3 micro gardens throughout the summer. FFA members will work with other people in the community all summer long on Saturdays. The following information on the other 3 gardens are below.

- Dewitt Head Start, Saturdays 2-4pm (Group Leaders Hannah Spain and Brittany Diener)
- Odd Fellow Fellowship Garden, Time Varies Contact Group Leader (Group leader: Natalie Curtis and Mattie Boswell)
- Williams Elementary School, Saturdays 2-4pm

We are also looking for a FFA member who would like to manage the pumpkin patch during the summer and into the fall. If interested, contact Mr. Rabe.

On May 7th, Mattoon FFA members gathered leftover plants from the agriculture greenhouse. These plants were then taken to Fit-2-Serve to be replanted at their building and at the Community garden.



SAE

Member: Jake Uphoff
Year: Freshman
SAE: Beef Entrepreneurship

What have you gained from this experience?

Response: Uphoff said he has learned how to feed and water his cows, keep them clean, keeping them at the appropriate weight, and he then will show them at the county fair. Showing his cows at the fair have taught him many showmanship skills. Uphoff said that the experience of working with his cows and meeting others who also show with him, is a great experience, and I am glad I can learn and grow with others.

Peak into Next Month

Some of the upcoming topics in next month's Newsletter are:

- State Creed Speaking Contest Highlights
- State Convention
- Micro Gardens Update
- Officer Retreat Recap
- Fuller Donation

Monthly Calendar

Dear Parents: There will be a monthly calendar attached with all of the events that our FFA chapter will be in during that month. Please use it to your benefit.

Ag Plot Update

The Ag plot located by the Mattoon High School has been planted. It was planted on April 25th. This year corn was planted in the plot. Jake Uphoff is this years Ag plot manager and will be in charge of helping Tom Niemeyer, Gary Kuhins, and Ryan Sullivan with the plot this summer and fall.

- We will also be growing Sweet Corn and Pumpkins at the Agriculture plot!



Lincoln Log Cabin Field Conservation Day

On May 2nd and 3rd, FFA members, Hannah Spain, Mattie Boswell, Skylar Rhoads, Jake Uphoff, Natalie Curtis, Brittany Diener, and CJ Meaker went to Lincoln Log Cabin to take part in the annual Field Conservation Day. The members helped lead some events teaching the 4th graders and kindergartners. They taught them a little bit about local insects, and asking the students what their favorite insect is. The students that were not in charge of teaching the



students, help direct the teachers and students to each of the stations.



State Convention

Attention all FFA Members, if you are interested in going to the state convention held in Springfield, we are going the 14th, 15th, and the 16th. We will be going up and coming back each day, therefore we can take more people, if you cannot go one day or another you can go the day most convenient for you. If interested talk to Mr. Rabe and there will be a sign up located in the Ag Room. We would love to have you join us, this is an amazing opportunity.

FFA Banquet

When: June 6th
Where: Williams Elementary School
What: Dinner, Auction, and Awards
New Extended Due Date: June 1st
Contact Mr. Rabe if interested



JUNE 2016

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2	3	4
5	6 <ul style="list-style-type: none">Chapter Awards Banquet @ 5:30pm	7	8	9	10	11
12	13 <ul style="list-style-type: none">Creed Speaking Contest @ 1pm	State Convention in Springfield			17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27 <ul style="list-style-type: none">Annual Report DueIFG Application Due	28	29 <ul style="list-style-type: none">All Day Officer Retreat	30		