



THE POLO R-VII SCHOOL DISTRICT PANTHER PRIDE

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IMPORTANT OCTOBER DATES

- Oct 1 - MS SB vs. Cameron 5:30 pm
- V/JV SB vs. Maysville 5:30 pm
- Oct 2 - VFB @ Albany 7 pm
- Oct 5 - Late Start 10:30 am
-JV FB @ Albany 6 pm
- Flag Corp Practice 6:15-8:15pm in Multi
- Fire Prevention Week
- Oct 6 - MS FB @ Hamilton 6 pm
- Oct 7 - FFA NW District Grasslands Contest
- 10th Grade My Success Trip
9 am-2:30 pm
- Oct 8 - VSB District Tourney TBA
- Oct 9 - VFB @ S. Harrison 7 pm
- VSB District Tourney TBA
- Oct 10 - VSB District Tourney TBA
- Oct 12 - JVFB @ S. Harrison 6 pm
- Flag Corp Practice 6:15-8:15 pm in Multi
- School Lunch & Custodial Appreciation
Week
- ASVAB (11th) 8:30 am-11:30 am
- FCCLA Selling Red Wheel thru 11-2-09
- Oct 13 - MSFB @ Braymer 6 pm
- Oct 14 - VSB Sectionals TBA
- FFA Area Greenhand Initiation
@ Gallatin
- PSAT (10th & 11th) 8:30-11:30 am
- Oct 16 - VFB vs. Gallatin 7 pm
- Oct 17 - VSB Quarterfinals TBA
- Oct 19 - Flag Corp Practice 6:15-8:15 pm in Multi
- School Bus Safety Week
- Oct 20 - Walsworth Yearbook Training 1-3 pm
- Oct 21 - Missouri Day
- Oct 22 - Parent/Teacher Conferences -
Early Out 11:30 am
- Oct 23 - No School
- VFB @ Hamilton 7 pm
- VSB State Championships TBA
- Oct 24 - VSB State Championships
- ACT @ Polo 8 am - 1 pm
- Oct 25 - FCCLA to Tan-Tar-A for
Access Conference
- Oct 26 - Flag Corp Practice 6:15-8:15 pm in Multi
- Red Ribbon Week
- FCCLA to Tan-Tar-A for
Access Conference
- Oct 29 - VFB @ Maysville 7 pm
- PLAN Test (10th) 8:30-11:30 am
- Oct 30 - No School - Teacher In-Service
- Oct 31 - PAO Youth FB 9 am, 11 am,
1 pm, & 3 pm

From the Elementary Office

by Beverly Deis
Elem. Principal

The Polo R-VII School District will be holding the fall Parent Teacher Conferences on October 22. Notices will be sent home and parents will have the opportunity to sign up for specific times to meet with their child's teacher.

The Fall Parties will be held on Thursday, October 29 beginning at 1:30 for K-4 students. Parents may arrive at 1:15 if children need assistance with their costumes. The parade will begin at 1:30. The parties will be held on October 29 due to the teacher in-service on October 30.

Students at Polo R-VII Elementary were given the Gates MacGinitie reading tests earlier this month. Those results help us determine the reading grade level for each child. For more information on these tests and the STAR Reading Tests, please call our reading specialist, Lori Hicks, at the school.

Elementary students will be participating in two upcoming programs. One is QSP which is a fundraiser type program. With QSP, students in grades K-6 are able to receive TIME for Kids magazines free of charge if enough booklets are completed and returned. The other program is School Mall and is based on the same premise of completing and returning the coupon booklets. These are excellent fundraisers for our school as they do not require any purchase, even though that option is available.

Mark your calendars! The Winter Program for grades K-6 has been scheduled for Tuesday, December 15, 2009 at 6:30 in the gymnasium. For Thanksgiving break, school will dismiss on Wednesday, November 25, at 11:30 and will resume the following Monday.

**Parent Teacher
Conferences**

Oct 22nd - Early Out 11:30

Oct 23rd - NO SCHOOL

Teacher In-Service

October 30th - NO SCHOOL

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Students in Mrs. Rardon's Language class were asked to use the writing process to create an article about the Ameren Assembly. They brainstormed for ideas, created a draft on the computer, revised and edited their draft copy, and then finally published their work for a grade. Cortney Farris, our Teacher's Aide, selected Jesse's work, and included some quotes from other students' papers for the newsletter.

Ameren U. E. Assembly

Two actors came to Polo Elementary School in a skit to tell kids how to save energy the real way. This assembly was a hands-on experience to learn to keep enough of our resources. The assembly taught kids to use simple ways to save energy like using compact fluorescent light bulbs.

This assembly taught its viewers four things: what energy is, what renewable energy is, what green energy is, and why green energy is important. All viewers should have learned this within the assembly. This assembly was a good influence on kids to save the non-renewable resources we have. Grades K-6 all saw this and most kids seemed to love it. Our limited resources are important, because we only have so much to use over the years.

Some day our planet may be laid to waste if we don't take care of it. Our planet should be our big project to work on, so be conservative to our planet.

Written by: Jesse Vaughan

"This was the best assembly I have ever gone to! This was really funny especially when Brian threw the cat behind the curtain."

Says Austin McKinzie

"I liked the assembly because it talked about green energy and how to use less energy. You could use compact fluorescent light bulbs."

Says Josh Kesler

"My favorite part of the play was when Mr. X was pushed behind the stage and ran into the chair. I thought it was very funny."

Says Gage Aubrey



PAT on the Back

At the recent Board of Education meeting on September 21, a PAT on the Back was to Jill Rardon, fifth and sixth grade communication arts teachers, for updating and using her personal web page for communication purposes with parents. A PAT on the Back was given to Senior Karlie Schafer for making all-district choir selection and to Mrs. Andrea Henderson, Choir instructor.



JANITOR AND LUNCH APPRECIATION WEEK

by Katelyn Sanders

Staff Writer

Around our school you'll never see a kid go hungry or a hallway not cleaned, but who is to thank? It's not the students or the teachers, but the janitorial and lunch staff. That is why through the week of October 12th to the 16th, we are honoring and appreciating the generous providers at our school. Among the lunch staff we have Marsha Holt, Lynette Zinna, Samara Wormsley, and Tina Bell. These ladies work hard every day to provide a healthy and nutritious breakfast and lunch to every kid and teacher at Polo R-VII. Polo's janitorial staff consists of: Joe Zinna, June Bost, Don Veer, and a fairly new edition, Dave Roberts. During appreciation week, the Elementary students will be doing numerous activities to show their gratitude to these members. Cards will be made along with posters to be hung up around school. So do your part and thank them during this week.

ACT

Where: Polo High

Date: October 24th

PARENTS AS TEACHERS THROWS BIRTHDAY PARTY

Thursday, November 19th
6:30 to 7:30 pm

Polo R-VII Multi-Purpose Room

All families in the Polo R-VII district are invited to join in on the fun!

Parents As Teachers is having their 25th birthday, and to celebrate, they are throwing a birthday party for families in the area. The party will be held Thursday, November 19th, from 6:30 to 7:30, in the multi-purpose room. The party is open to families with children, ages birth to 5 years, not just those enrolled in Parents as Teachers programs. We would also like to invite families who have participated in Parents As Teachers in the past and anyone who wishes to show their support of the Parents As Teachers program.

Parents As Teachers is an organization dedicated to serving families. With this in mind the birthday party will be an event full of fun and games for families with children. Additionally, trained staff will be on hand to discuss development and other questions parents may have. Come help us celebrate 25 years of Parents as Teachers helping parents to become their child's first and best teacher!

Red Ribbon Week

by Linda Pilger
Staff Writer

The Polo SADD chapter is getting ready for Red Ribbon Week. This takes place the week of October 26-29, 2009. Red Ribbon Week serves a purpose of communities and individuals to take a stand for the safety of their children and community against the fight of drug abuse. The SADD chapter provides stickers and ribbons for the Elementary students to show them that drug usage gets you nowhere. During this week, SADD officers picked days to go along with the stickers provided. They are:

Monday- Wear Red Day

Tuesday- Sock-It to Drugs (wear colorful socks day)

Wednesday- Give Drugs the Boot (wear boots)

Thursday- Don't Flip for Drugs (wear flip flops and bring extra shoes)

Friday- No School

Ribbons will be handed out Monday. Stickers will be handed out later in the afternoon of each day. The SADD chapter is asking all teachers and older grade levels to participate in Red Ribbon Week as well as the elementary students. Though all students won't get the stickers or ribbons, we hope everyone will participate in this week.

SADD

What: October Meeting

When: October 21, 2009
7:50-8:15 am

Where: Room 106
(Mrs. Thrasher's Room)

POLO ALUMNI CELEBRATION

by Jill Rardon
PHS Alumni

It was worth the wait! On Saturday, October 3, Polo Alumni gathered for a grand celebration at the Community Building. Approximately 325 former graduates and spouses enjoyed a delicious dinner, and many more joined the crowd later for music and dancing, totaling well over 400 for the evening. Various selections of music played throughout the night, but most enjoyed just visiting with others and catching up. It has been several years since an all-school reunion has been held.

In addition to graduates, PHS faculty members were also welcomed. Those spotted were Carol Phares, Barbara Allard, Charles Allard, Bob Grove, and Dorothy Grove. Additionally, the party planners extended an invitation to former classmates who moved away prior to graduation, which made the event even more special.

Several willing graduates from around the area coordinated this impressive event. Sharon Garton, one of those hard-working former students, also planned a tour of the school. Shane and Jill Rardon met a group of around 50 for a look around their much-changed stomping grounds. Graduates commented on how nice the school looked, and were especially impressed that all buildings were now connected. Several recalled the cold outdoor "run for it" from the gym to the cafeteria. Additionally, graduates were pleased with the better use of space in the gym, the addition of the Commons area and Multi-Purpose Room, construction of the new Ag Building, and certainly the air-conditioned classrooms.

There were young and old, from near and far, who joined the festivities. It was a pleasure to see such a mix of people with smiles on their faces, reconnecting with friends. Many were excited about the prospect of next year's reunion and that it may be even bigger! The planners hope to coordinate the event with Homecoming next year.



New Staff Spotlight

by Brittney McGinley
Staff Writer

This year at Polo High School, we have some new editions to our classroom; one of those new editions is Bridget Zabel, she teaches special education. She went to high school in Osborn and she attended college at Missouri Western State University. Mrs. Zabel's favorite subject is math, her hobbies include photography, and her activities that she was involved in during high school are basketball, volleyball softball, cheerleading, track, NHS, FBLA, and Student Council.

Mrs. Zabel is married to Bradley Zabel, and does not have kids, yet. She has a miniature weinerdog, named Razzle Dazzle. Mrs. Zabel's birthday is July 22, 1986, she likes all types of music, and her favorite movies are "A League of their Own" and "Coach Carter." I asked Mrs. Zabel her most embarrassing moment and she said, "In high school, during Courtwarming, I basically tripped when running out of the locker room through the spirit hoop before warm ups."

We also have a new principal at Polo High School his name is, Kyle Ross. Mr. Ross went to high school in St. Joseph, Mo at Benton High School and attended college at Benedictine College. In high school, Mr. Ross was involved in football, wrestling, track, NHS, Academic team, History team, and Student Council. His favorite drink is Dr. Pepper and his favorite food is thin crust pizza, with his favorite sport being Ultimate Fighting.

In his free time, he likes to golf, and enjoys the company of his good friends. He is married to Becky Ross, who is our middle school social studies teacher, and has a kid named Tommy Lee Ross. Mr. Ross's birthday is March 26, 1973, his favorite band is Metallica and his favorite movies are the whole series of "Rocky." His most embarrassing moment is being tackled by the kicker in the state playoffs his senior year with a chance to win the game on the line.



Environmental Day

by Alex Templeton
Staff Writer

On Thursday, September 24, the local Polo FFA Chapter participated in Environmental Day at the wildlife preservation area, also known as Bonanza. From 8:30 to 2:30, Caldwell County third graders from surrounding towns had the opportunity to learn about wildlife conservation, farm animals, and learn how to fish. There were six exhibits for the children to learn about, nine different kinds of animals, and an allotted amount of time to fish for each group of children who were split up based on their school. A total of approximately 160 third graders were present and 25 FFA members from the Polo Chapter offered to help. The Polo FFA Chapter Advisor Darren Farmer thought "it was a great opportunity for FFA members to teach third graders about agriculture."

Ten FFA members brought farm animals to give presentations about their livestock. From the freshman class, Sammie Jo Copeland brought her sheep. From the sophomore class, Emma Tormey brought her turkey, Katie Garret brought her guineas, Hailey Thomas brought her rabbit, and Dina Uehling brought her goat and Junior Alex Templeton brought her horse. Finally, senior FFA member Hayley Hurd brought her quail, Justin Garret brought his chickens and goose, Rachel Utt brought her ducks, and Lance Snodgrass brought his beef cow. Other FFA members who participated were assigned a group of third graders to help with. Paige Ahart, Conagher Glasgow, Nikki Junco, Kody Vanvebber, Jessica Vassmer, Michelle Templeton, Bobby Thompson, Jeff King, Emily Templeton, Malorie Rood, Avery Snodgrass, Zach Tormey, Logan Dixon, Alishia Bolling, Madison Misel, and Alex Holland were very generous in donating their time to help with this event.

Throughout the day, students visited the Missouri Department of Conservation to learn about fishing, a stream table demonstration, a fishing game, and hunting and wildlife preservation and management. The Natural Resource Conservation Service (NRCS) taught the eager third graders about soil, and Bud Motsinger taught about bees. Each group also received one hour to fish in the nearby pond. A few select FFA members were selected to help the kids' fish. Zach Tormey, Logan Dixon, Alishia Bolling, and Madison Misel baited hooks, and helped untangle fishing lines.

In conclusion, Environmental Day was a great opportunity for everyone. Many FFA members and many third graders participated and each learned something different from their personal experience. Junior, Conagher Glasgow thought "it felt good to help the third graders and to get involved with the community." This was a day both the FFA members and the third graders won't soon forget about.



Left: Emma Tormey instructs students about her turkey that she brought for Environmental Day. Below: Rachel Utt talks to 3rd graders from Polo about her ducks.



Youth Invited...

**What: Youth Night @
Prairie Ridge Church
(West of Polo on 116)
Dinner Provided**

**When: First Wednesday of
Each Month
6:30 to 8:00 pm**

Polo Softball Districts

by Dillon Hufford

Staff Writer

Coming soon on October 8th, 9th, and the 10th the Lady Panthers will participate in Softball Districts in Jamesport. The Lady Panthers will play on Oct. 8th, at four o'clock. Their first opponent is Tri County Mustangs. This tournament is a single elimination tournament so the Panthers will need to be victorious in order to move on. When the three senior captains were asked about their thoughts on districts, Katelyn Sanders says: "I am excited that we got the fourth seed but I am ready to prove to our district that we deserved the first seed". Alishia Bolling states: "I am excited for districts and confident that we will do better than previous games earlier in the season". Andra Young replies: "I am nervous but eager to win a district championship and I hope we will play to our best abilities".

When I caught up with the coach, Mrs. Ross' thoughts on districts are: "I think that our districts will be a testament to the skills and work we have put into this season. Every game of our season is a fight with the big schools and we are holding our own. Now at districts we will see school our size and we believe that we will compete and we should come out on top. The focus is to win a district championship, but we cannot over look any team. We must take it one day and game at a time. If the team can put everything together, then our goal will be met".

We hope to see everyone out to support our Lady Panthers on Oct. 8th, in their quest for a district title.

Halloween

by Kaylie Sorensen

Staff Writer

Get ready to dust off your pumpkins, cobweb decorations, and scary masks. Halloween is once again drawing near. Both the school and community are gearing up for this monster of a day. No pun intended.

Elementary classes are continuing their tradition of the Halloween March. This year is a little early, Thursday, October 29th. The students line up in their costumes and march down the halls from classroom to classroom collecting candy from the teachers, much like they would when they go trick or treating in the town. They also have individual classroom parties that take place on October 29th, following or preceding the parade. The parties for grades Kindergarten through 4th will begin around 1:30 in the afternoon until the end of the school.

Though the older classes don't get to participate in these little shindigs, they still celebrate in their own way. Most usually wait until Halloween night to go around with their friends collecting goodies. Some even throw costume parties. This year is just the same as any other year.

BOO!



Halloween Carnival

by Linda Pilger

Staff Writer

The community Halloween Carnival is on October 24, 2009. Both community members and students are excited and ready to show off their scary Halloween costumes. The carnival will be held at the Stage Coach Park Community building. There will be games, candy, and a haunted hay ride after dark. All ages are welcome to attend or even help out with the carnival. If you are interested in becoming a National Honor Society member or just wanting to help out, it is great for community hours. Please contact Debby Misel if you are interested in helping out. We hope we see the whole community and students out having fun and celebrating Halloween.

Bus Safety

by Rita Stottlemire

Staff Writer

School Bus Safety Week starts on Monday October 19th and lasts until the 23rd. The purpose of Bus Safety Week is to remind students, parents, and bus drivers the importance of being safe on the bus. These rules should be enforced not only during School Bus Safety Week but during the entire school year as well.

School Bus Rules:

- *Drivers are in charge of the students and the bus. Students must obey the driver promptly and cheerfully.
- *Driver may assign students to specified seats.
- *Class room conduct is to be observed by students while riding in the bus. Loud unnecessary noise, shouting or scuffling is prohibited.
- *Students must not at any time extend arms or head out of the bus windows.
- *Students must not throw trash or wastepaper on the floor or from the bus windows.
- *Students must not try to get on or off the bus, or move about within the bus, while it is in motion. Wait until the bus come to a complete stop before leaving your seat.
- *Students must be on time; the bus cannot wait beyond its regular schedule for those who are tardy.
- *Driver will not discharge riders at places other than the regular bus stop unless by proper authorization by parent or school official.
- *Students who must cross the road after leaving the bus or to board the bus shall cross in front of the bus and only upon the signal given by the driver.
- *POLO R-7 SCHOOL buses operate at or near the seating capacity of the bus. Students other than those assigned shall obtain permission from the school official or bus manager before being permitted to board the bus for transportation to a specified destination.
- *No food, drink or tobacco will be allowed on the buses.

RED WHEEL FUNDRAISER

October 12th – November 2nd

If interested see an FCCLA member



FUTURE LEADERS ACADEMY

by Alex Templeton

Staff Writer

On Monday, September 28, Madison Misel, Alex Templeton, Katelyn Sanders, Dalton Rardon, Carlie Powers, Lance Snodgrass, Austin Bowley, and Nikki Junco attended Congressman Sam Graves' Future Leaders Academy at the William Jewell Campus in Liberty. All throughout the day, the many students that attended learned new leadership skills, met others also from Missouri, and went to group discussions. President and Chief Executive Officer of St. Luke's Health System G., Richard Hastings, gave the opening welcome for the day. As a very accomplished member of the United States Air Force, he has received many awards, including a Bronze Star for his service in Southeast Asia. During his speech, he motivated the 250 present students to succeed, and to try their hardest in everything they do in life.

Next, there were discussion breakouts. The students were split up into groups and each group went to discuss a different topic. First, immigration was discussed. Joyce Mucci of the Federation for American Immigration Reform (FAIR), Missouri State Rep. Tim Flook and Bill Sharma Williams were the chosen speakers for this topic. Some of the points made were that something needs to be done so the government can know exactly how many immigrants are in America. Not knowing the population affects school budgets and also the environment. School vouchers were the next topic, which referred to whether or not some children should receive money to attend a private school. This seemed to be the most confrontational group discussion. Charles Smith of the Missouri NEA and political strategist Woody Cozad gave their view points on the subject. The students were urged to stand up and to voice their opinions and ask questions. Many heated debates took place, but in the end, this topic definitely was a well informed platform.

The final group discussion was over the Second Amendment; the right to keep and bear arms. Political strategist Steve Glorioso and Kevin Jamison with the Western Missouri Shooters Alliance were scheduled to lead a presentation on this topic. They discussed the ideas of limitations on gun use, the laws needed to limit ineligible people from purchasing a dangerous assault weapon. All seven speakers did an outstanding job talking about their view points. They inspired many young adults, who are the leaders of tomorrow.

Lastly, Congressman Sam Graves from Tarkio, Missouri gave his speech and answered questions. He spoke of his college years attending the University of Missouri in Columbia, Missouri, and how the 250 students who attended this academy are the future leaders of tomorrow, and it is very important that we take that job seriously. At the end of his speech, Congressman Graves took a picture with every group of students.

Congressman Graves was very generous for taking time out of his busy schedule to help prepare the leaders of tomorrow. By having group discussions over immigration, the Second Amendment, and school vouchers these young adults will be informed and make informed decisions on important topics.



Missouri Day

by Kaylie Sorensen

Staff Writer

On the third Wednesday in October, our beloved state sets aside a special day appropriately named "Missouri Day". It is a day to "foster love for our state's history and to teach rising generations of boys and girls the glories of Missouri". One woman, Anna Lee Brosius Korn, provided the inspiration for this day. She was the woman that composed our state song.

This year's theme is "Missouri Day 25th Anniversary - A Festival Full of Tradition: 1984-2009". It is also the Silver Anniversary of this event. There will be a parade in Trenton on Saturday, October 17th that kicks off the day's many events. It begins at 8:30 a.m. The 13th annual Missouri Day Marching Band Festival also occurs on this very day as part of the celebrations. The Missouri Day Festival is beginning on the 15th and ending promptly on the 18th. Several of its activities will be held in the Rock Barn/North Central Missouri Fairgrounds and other downtown areas.



Family, Career and Community Leaders of America

by Paige Ahart

Staff Writer

October is a busy month for Family, Career, and Community Leaders of America members. The FCCLA Access Leadership Conference is being held at Tan-Tar-A in Osage Beach on October 25th and 26th. At the conference, there are three sessions: Leadership Unlimited, Take AIM (Active and Involved Members), and CIA (Chapters in Action). Each session focuses on different ways to use your full potential in FCCLA. FCCLA is also holding their annual pumpkin painting soon, but the exact date has yet to be determined. Members are also helping at the Haunted Halloween Carnival on October 24. To raise money, FCCLA members are selling Red Wheel products for their fundraiser. Sales begin Monday, October 12 until November 2. Food and other goodies will be delivered November 24.

CASEY'S CARES CARDS

October 2nd- October 9th

If Interested, see an FBLA member!

Polo R-VII Activity Passes

\$50.00 - individuals OR

\$100.00 - family

Purchase your activity pass in the high school office.

FBLA Blood Drive

by Rita Stottlemire
Staff Writer

Polo's FBLA Blood Drive was Wednesday September 16, 2009. Mrs. Arth and members of the FBLA chapter found some time out of their Homecoming Week schedule to help out with the drive. Members helped set up tables and booths and assisted donors to recuperate by providing them with drinks and snacks following their donation. FBLA President, Katelyn Sanders was a chair person for the blood drive. She promoted the blood drive by hanging up posters at local businesses, making phone calls to previous donors, and scheduling appointments for the donors. Katelyn commented on the results of the drive, "I think it turned out well but more eligible donors should come out to donate." Karlie Schafer was also a chair person for FBLA Blood Drive. Her help to the blood drive included hanging up posters to promote the drive, being present during the drive, helping to clean up the multi-purpose room after the blood drive was over, and donating blood.

There were 46 volunteers to donate blood on Wednesday, of which eleven were first time donors. The Community Blood Center collected 51 units of blood to help save lives. The Community Blood Center complimented Polo's blood drive on how close they came to reaching their goal. Drives like ours are important because they account for 60% of the blood needed for hospitals to be sufficiently supplied. Each year, it seems like more high school students are volunteering to donate blood. This year, 14 Polo students came to donate their blood, four of them were first time donors. In 2006, when the donor age dropped from age 17 to age 16, there were over 4,000 pints of blood donated from 16 year olds in Missouri and Kansas.

On March 3rd, 2010 another FBLA blood drive will be at the Polo High School in the Multi-Purpose room. Don't forget to call Mrs. Arth at (660)354-2524 ext 131 to schedule an appointment to donate blood.

Reasons to Donate:

" More than 99% of all the blood collected by Community Blood Center stays in our community.

" The CBC relies solely on volunteers like you to meet the community's blood needs.

" One donation can help as many as two patients.

" There is a limited shelf life for blood products. Red blood cells only last 42 days, platelets only last five days, and plasma may be frozen and stored for one year.

CBC FACTS

" Community Blood Center needs 580 donors each day to meet area hospitals' needs.

" Community Blood Center collected approximately 13,000 units of blood in its first year of operation, 1958.

" Community Blood Center has collected nearly 2,000,000 pints of blood since opening in 1958.

" Community Blood Center sends out almost 3,600 units of blood components each week to treat patients in over 70 area hospitals.

" Since opening in 1958, over 800,000 people have received blood donated at Community Blood Centers.

FFA Update

by Paige Ahart
Staff Writer

Over the summer, a few FFA students entered various items into the county fair and state fair. There were two-seater lawn chairs, gates, animals, such as sheep, cows, and pigs, and crops, like grass hay, alfalfa hay, and fruits and vegetables. Most of the students that entered were awarded ribbons. The other students that do not enter in the state fair focus on competitions or activities in FFA, like National Convention.

Gold ribbons were awarded to five students: Paige Ahart with a two-seater lawn chair, Sammie Jo Copeland with grass hay, Rhea Rardon with a flower box planter, Emily Templeton with grass hay, and Zach Tormey in the Miscellaneous (Plants) category. Nine silver ribbons were awarded to these students: Sammie Jo Copeland with 2nd variety pears, Haley Harrison with a step stool, Ashton Shelton with a step stool, Lance Snodgrass with tomatoes and red clover, Alex Templeton with grass hay, Hailey Thomas with a step stool, Emma Tormey with a step stool, and Jessica Vassmer with a two-seater lawn chair. Nine bronze ribbons were awarded to the students: Sammie Jo Copeland for her apples, pears, and orchardgrass, Nikki Junco with hot peppers, Duncan Parker with summer squash, Lance Snodgrass for green beans, Zach Tormey for alfalfa hay, and Jessica Vassmer for her apples and cherry tomatoes.

FFA team/individual competitions are quickly approaching. Teams of four compete in different competitions, such as Farm Management, Floriculture, Meats, Poultry, Horses, Agriculture Mechanics, Crops, Entomology, Dairy Foods, and Livestock Judging, amongst others. There are also speech competitions. For freshmen, they generally compete in creed speaking. For upper classmen, they give their own speeches about given topics or impromptu. Mostly all the competitions start in March, but the studying starts now. The week of October 5, the sophomores of the Polo FFA chapter are competing in the Grasslands competition. It is held in Maysville at the Pony Express Conservation Area. In this competition, the students identify plants, different types of soil, and wildlife preservation. Last year, we sent one team, agronomy, to state. Other students were honored at state however. Four students got their proficiency awards and five students got their state degrees.

In October, students apply to go to National Convention. They fill out an application and the teacher, Mr. Farmer, selects the students with the best application to go. This year, the students are Bobby Thompson, Zach Freeman, Duncan Parker, Rhea Rardon, Carlie Powers, Sammie Jo Copeland, Avery Snodgrass, Missy Cawthon, and Tony Utt. It is held in Indianapolis, Indiana. Our school travels on a charter bus with Trenton, Tina-Avalon, Stet, and Hardin. After a very long and annoying bus ride, thanks to Mr. Farmer and his microphone, the students arrive at the hotel. For the next 3 days, there is constantly something going on. There are speeches and concerts and magic shows and meetings. It's very fun and educational at the same time, and a lot of friends and memories are made.

*2008-2009 Yearbooks
Still Available*

*Limited Supply for only \$40.00
Contact High School Office*

*The Following Past Yearbooks
are Available for \$20.00*

<i>2008</i>	<i>2007</i>
<i>2006</i>	<i>2000</i>

*Contact the High School Office
for your copy*

I N F O R M A T I O N

October 2009 Menu

Menu is subject to change.
Each meal includes one milk.
Lemonade and orange juice are available for 30¢.

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
			1 French Toast, Ham, Fruit Chicken Fajita, Spanish Rice, Fruit	2 Biscuit w/Sausage Gravy, Fruit Shrimp, Peas, Fruit
5 Late Start-No Breakfast Corn Dog Nuggets, Baked Beans, Fruit	6 Cereal, Oatmeal, Toast, Fruit Chicken Pattie on Bun, Glazed Carrots, Fruit	7 Pop Tart, Ham, Fruit Meatball Sub, Green Beans, Fruit	8 French Toast, Sausage, Fruit Pizza, Corn, Fruit	9 Biscuit w/Sausage Gravy, Fruit Hamburger on Bun, Potato Wedges, Fruit
12 Cereal, Oatmeal, Toast, Fruit Nachos, Refried Beans, Fruit	13 Pop Tart, Ham, Fruit Sub Sandwich, Carrot Sticks, Fruit	14 Hashbrown, Sausage, Fruit Pasta w/Meat Sauce, Green Beans, Fruit	15 French Toast, Sausage, Fruit Chicken Nuggets, Mashed Potatoes, Fruit	16 Biscuit w/Sausage Gravy, Fruit Tenderloin on Bun, Fruit
19 Cereal, Oatmeal, Toast, Fruit Corn Dog or Burrito, Pinto Beans, Fruit	20 Pop Tart, Ham, Fruit Beefy Nuggets, Mashed Potatoes, Fruit	21 Muffin, Ham, Fruit Pizza, Corn, Fruit	22 Donuts, Ham, Fruit No Lunch – Early Out	23 No School
26 Cereal, Oatmeal, Toast, Fruit Chicken Quesadilla, Corn, Fruit	27 Pop Tart, Ham, Fruit Chicken Pattie on Bun, Green Beans, Fruit	28 Breakfast Pizza, Fruit Hotdog on Bun, Baked Beans, Fruit	29 French Toast, Ham, Fruit BBQ Pork on Bun, Parsley Potatoes, Fruit	30 No School Teacher In-service

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October 2009 Activities Calendar

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 *MS SB vs. Cameron 5:30 p.m. *Varsity/JV SB vs. Maysville 5:30 p.m.	2 *VFB @ Albany 7:00 p.m.	3
4 *Late Start 10:30 a.m. *JV FB @ Albany 6:00 p.m. *Flag Corp Practice 6:15-8:15 p.m. in the Multi-Purpose *Fire Prevention Week	5 *MS FB @ Hamilton 6:00 p.m.	6 *FFA NW District Grasslands Contest *10 th Grade Career Fair @ St. Joseph 9:30-2:45	7 *District Varsity SB Tournament TBA	8 *VFB @ South Harrison 7:00 p.m. *District Varsity SB Tournament TBA	9 *District Varsity SB Tournament TBA	10 *District Varsity SB Tournament TBA
11 *JVFB @ S. Harrison 6pm *Flag Corp Practice 6:15-8:15pm in Multi *School Lunch/Custodial Appreciation Week *ASVAB (11 th Grade) 8:30-11:30 am *FCCLA Red Wheel Sales begin	12 *MSFB @ Braymer 6pm	13 *VSB Sectionals TBA *FFA Area Greenhand Initiation @ Gallatin *PSAT 10 th & 11 th Grade 8:30-11:30 am	14 15	15 *VFB vs. Gallatin 7 pm	16 *VSB Quarterfinals TBA	17
18 *Flag Corp Practice 6:15-8:15 pm in Multi *School Bus Safety Week	19 *Walsworth Yearbook Training 1-3 pm	20 *Missouri Day	21 *Parent/Teacher Conferences-Early Out 11:30 am	22 23 *No School *VFB @ Hamilton 7pm *VSB State Championships	24 *VSB State Championships *ACT @ Polo 8 am-1 pm	25
25 *FCCLA to Tan- Tar-A for Conference	26 *Flag Corp Practice 6:15-8:15 pm in Multi *Red Ribbon Week *FCCLA in Tan-Tar-A for Conference	27	28 29 *VFB @ Maysville 7pm *PLAN Test (10 th) 8:30-11:30 am	30 31 *No School-Teacher In-service	31 *PAO Youth FB 9am, 11 am, 1 pm, 3 pm	