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2024-25 Drew Central FFA roster and officers

- Abney, Andy

Austin, Alyssa

Barnard, Jerred

Birch, Ryli

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Bittle, Kathryn

Bliss, Hailey

Booth, Rayleigh

Brewer, Edwin

Burke, Mark

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Carter, Madison

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Donaldson, Kaitlyn

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Elliott, Madison

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grant, jake

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hayden, bailey

Hayden, Wyatt

Hyatt, Clint

Johnson , Jacks

Johnson, Levi

Jordan, Anna-Jewel
- Liad, Maci

Lloyd , Allison

Lloyd, Dixie

Lloyd, Macy

Loftin, Allison

Mack, Alana

Maggard, Mason

Marlar, Kacie

Martinez , Paola

Muniz, Aden

Muniz, Ana

Ratcliff, Morgan

Reed, Cole

Reed, Colton

Strickland, Lexa

Temple , Heather

Weaver, Gavin

West, Addyson

Wiley, Kayla
- Officers are:

President- Macy Lloyd

Vice-President- Kacie Marlar

Secretary- Kayla Wiley

Treasurer- Hailey Bliss

Jr. Advisor- Alyssa Austin

Sentinel- Morgan Ratcliff

Reporter- Heather Temple/Maci Liad

Chaplain- Edwin Brewer

DC FFA members show animals at area fairs

Multiple Drew Central FFA members exhibited at the Drew County Fair, Southeast Arkansas District Fair, and Arkansas State Fair this past fall. Sophomore Colton Reed exhibits registered Katahdin breeding stock. He raises Katahdin stock with his grandfather Herschell Loveless. They own Diamond L Farm in Wilmar. Colton has been exhibiting hair sheep since 2013. Annually, at the Arkansas State Fair in Little Rock, Colton exhibits his sheep by their breed, then against other hair breed varieties, and finally against all registered breed types. Arkansas State Fair offers two shows annually. The open show is for any breeder across the United States of any age. It is not uncommon for Colton to compete against seasoned exhibitors from multiple states.

He is a member of the Arkansas Junior Sheep Council. In addition, he was inducted into the highly sought after Purple Circle Club organized by Arkansas Farm Bureau. Colton has been an inducted member of Purple Circle for two years. Purple Circle was organically for market shows only but due to changes in agriculture over the years, his projects now qualify to be eligible.

This longstanding tradition amongst Arkansas youth was established in 1959. Colton plans to continue exhibiting through high school and possibly continue the open show. 2024 Results:

- Drew County Fair and Southeast Arkansas
- Junior Show-District Fair:
- Grand and Reserve Champion Ewe
- Grand and Reserve Champion Katahdin Ram
- Reserve Champion Ram
- Grand and Reserve Champion Katahdin Ewe
- 1st and 2nd Place Bred and Owned Ram
- Arkansas State Fair:
- 1st Place Exhibitor Flock, Best Pair,
- Open Show-Junior Flock
- Grand and Reserve Champion Ram and
- 2nd Place Best Pair Ewe
- Junior Sheep Council
- 1st Place Yearling Ewes, Best Ram and
- 5th Overall Ram Ewe, Junior Flock, and Exhibitor Flock
- Bronze Flock



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# Yearly highlights

- Updates to things:**
- Top Chapter for Ag in Action Center for 2024
  - Reserve District Champions in Dairy Cattle Evaluation in the Southern District
  - 1st Place Parliamentary Procedure team at the Pine Tree Sub-Area Contest and 4th at District





# Hermitage FFA: upholding rich traditions

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The Hermitage FFA has participated in several activities in the past year. Last spring we had students take part in several leadership contest from creed speaking to a discussion meet. Paisley Stanley placed third in the Pine Tree subarea creed speaking and Ruby Baker placed second in the discussion meet and represented us at the District contest where she placed third.

Forestry, Vet Science, Floriculture, Wildlife Management, AG Communications, and Turf grass management are a few of the Career Development Events in which we participated. Ethan Allred, a junior at the time, won a \$2000 scholarship to Southern Arkansas University after competing in the Southern District Forestry contest. The Forestry team ended the year placing third at the state level at the University of Arkansas. The team consisted of Ethan Allred, J.D. Morman, Carter Wilkerson, and Colton McKinney.

Kannon Belin, Alyssa Grider, Paisley

Stanley, and Ali Cathey represented the Hermitage FFA at the Arkansas FFA State Convention and Expo in Hot Springs.

The 2023-2024 school year wrapped up with the Hermitage FFA Awards Banquet, where students were recognized for their achievements. Members received their Discovery, Greenhand, and Chapter pins, while newly elected officers were presented with their officer pins. Special awards were also given to Star Greenhand, freshman Emma Outlaw; Star Chapter Farmer, junior Ethan Allred; and Outstanding Member, Madison Outlaw.

The 2024 -2025 officers are: President-

Ethan Allred; Vice President – Madison Outlaw; Secretary- Paisley Stanley; Treasurer- Alyssa Grider; Reporter – Kannon Belin;

Jr Advisor- Conner Knuckles; Sentinel- Carter Wilkerson; Historian- Emma Outlaw.

Despite the summer break, out students continued to work. We had a booth at the Bradley County Pink Tomato Festival for our fundraiser selling sweet corn.

Students also started working with their SAE (Supervised Agriculture Experiences) livestock projects. We had sever-

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al students that have projects with Pigs, Goats, and Cattle.

Four of our students attended the Arkansas Leadership Conference for a week at Camp Couchdale in Hot Springs. They took part in several sessions learning to be leaders in their home, school, and communities.

The Hermitage FFA did not slow due to the beginning of the 2024-2025 school year. Students continued working with their livestock projects and have shown them at different jackpot shows over the summer. Other showings included the Bradley County Fair in Warren, Four States Livestock Show in Texarkana, the Southeast Arkansas District Fair in Pine Bluff, the Arkansas Youth Expo in Fayetteville, and the State Fair in Little Rock. Several proud students placed in the top 10 in their classes showing off their hard work and dedication.

In November, students attended the leadership conference at SAU and the Leadership Development at the Pine Tree Subarea contest.

We will continue to uphold our rich traditions by adhering to the standards of champions!



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# Warren School District FFA information

1. Can you provide the names of all members of FFA for your school?  
Noemi Castillo, Luke Cathey, Anyiah Chavis, Brian Davis, Emarie Davis, Stephanie Gonzalez, Blayne Jarvis, Marlee Mann, Parker O'Neal, Kylee Ozment, Logan Sanders, Geraldine Sedan, and Roberto Torres.
2. Who are your FFA officers?  
President- Marlee Mann  
Vice President- Parker O'Neal  
Treasurer- Logan Sanders  
Secretary- Emarie Davis  
Reporter- Geraldine Sedan  
Sentinel- Luke Cathey
3. What teams does your school have and do they compete?

We have teams competing in the Veterinary Science, Forestry, and Wildlife Career Development Events (CDE's) We may add another team(s) if any members are interested.

4. In your opinion, what does FFA do for students, and how does it benefit the students?

The FFA provides students with opportunities to develop leadership, teamwork, and communication skills through hands-on experiences and real-world challenges. It also enhances students' knowledge of agriculture, fostering career readiness in fields like agriscience, agribusiness, and environmental science. Additionally, FFA promotes

personal growth, responsibility, and a sense of community through service projects and competitive events.

5. What would you like for the community to know about FFA?

FFA membership is open to any student in grades nine through twelve enrolled in agriculture courses at Warren High School. The agriculture program offers pathways of study in Animal Systems or Natural Resource Systems.

6. Is there any other news you would like to share?

The courses in the Animal Systems pathway of study are Survey of Agriculture, Animal Science, and Veterinary Science. Certifi-

cations available in this pathway are Elanco Fundamentals of Animal Science and Elanco Veterinary Medical Applications. The courses in the Natural Resources pathway of study are Survey of Agriculture, Managing Natural Resources, and Forest & Wildlife Ecosystems. Certification available in this pathway of study is the Ducks Unlimited Ecology Conservation and Management. Again, these courses are available to any student in grades nine through twelve enrolled at Warren High School. We also had two students inducted into the Purple Circle Club this past year; Luke Cathey and Macy Jarvis.



Photo courtesy of Gene Raines, Warren FFA Instructor

Warren FFA members from left to right: seated- Kylee Ozment, Noemi Castillo, Roberto Torres. Standing- Anyiah Chavis, Emarie Davis, Stephanie Gonzalez, Marlee Mann, Logan Sander.

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Warren FFA member Blayne Jarvis stands with her cow at the 2024 Bradley County Fair Premium Sale.

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Warren FFA member Luke Cathey stands with his hog at the 2024 Bradley County Fair Premium Sale.

Warren FFA member Parker O’Neal stands with his hog at the 2024 Bradley County Fair Premium Sale.



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In 1978 Paul Harvey gave a speech to the FFA national convention. His words ring true today. Here is the full text of his speech:

*And on the 8th day, God looked down on his planned paradise and said, "I need a caretaker" - So God made a Farmer.*

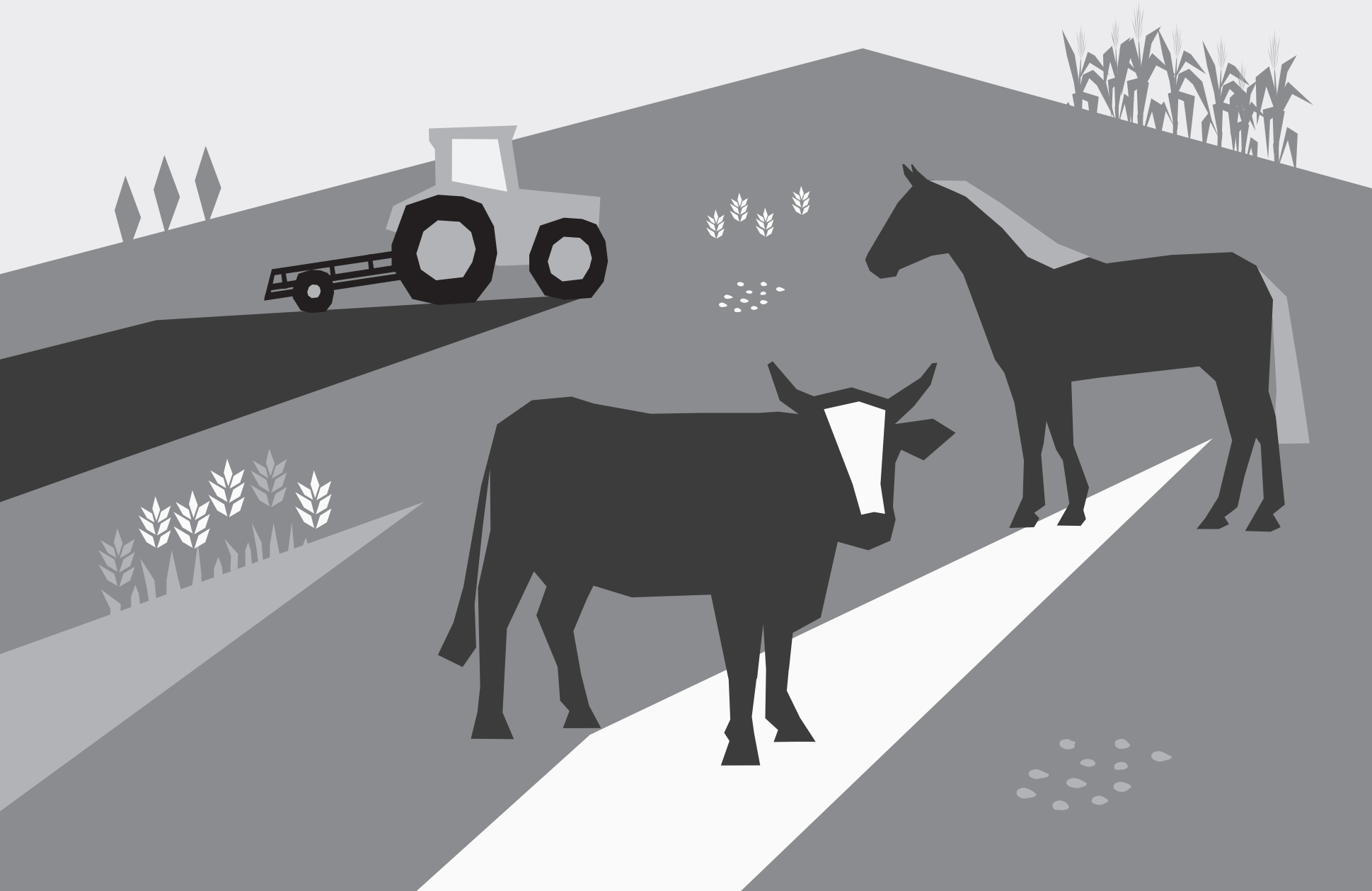
*God said, "I need somebody willing to get up before dawn, milk cows, work all day in the fields, milk cows again, eat supper, then go to town and stay past midnight at a meeting of the school board" - So God made a Farmer.*

*"I need somebody with arms strong enough to rustle a calf and yet gentle enough to deliver his own grandchild; somebody to call hogs, tame cantankerous machinery, come home hungry, have to wait lunch until his wife's done feeding visiting ladies, then tell the ladies to be sure and come back real soon -- and mean it" - So God made a Farmer.*

*God said, "I need somebody willing to sit up all night with a newborn colt, and watch it die, then dry his eyes and say, 'Maybe next year.' I need somebody who can shape an ax handle from a persimmon sprout, shoe a horse with a hunk of car tire, who can make harness out of haywire, feed sacks and shoe scraps; who, planting time and harvest season, will finish his forty-hour week by Tuesday noon, and then pain'n from tractor back, put in another seventy-two hours" - So God made a Farmer.*

*God had to have somebody willing to ride the ruts at double speed to get the hay in ahead of the rain clouds, and yet stop in mid-field and race to help when he sees the first smoke from a neighbor's place - So God made a Farmer.*

*God said, "I need somebody strong enough to clear trees and heave bails, yet gentle enough to tame lambs and wean pigs and tend the pink-combed pullets, who will stop his mower for an hour to splint the broken leg of a meadow lark." It had to be somebody who'd plow deep and straight and not cut corners; somebody to seed, weed, feed, breed and rake and disc and plow and plant and tie the fleece and strain the milk and replenish the self-feeder and finish a hard week's work with a five-mile drive to church; somebody who would bale a family together with the soft strong bonds of sharing, who would laugh, and then sigh, and then reply, with smiling eyes, when his son says that he wants to spend his life "doing what dad does"*  
*- So God made a Farmer.*





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