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Carlisle County FFA Members Attend National FFA Convention & Expo

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Members of the Carlisle County FFA joined more than 65,000 students from across the nation in Indianapolis, Indiana, for the 98th National FFA Convention & Expo, one of the largest gatherings celebrating leadership, agriculture, and service.

The 25-member Carlisle County delegation spent several days exploring the career expo, attending inspiring keynote speeches, and observing contests that captured their interest. Students had the opportunity to meet FFA members from all across the

country, exchanging ideas, sharing experiences, and building friendships that could last a lifetime.

A highlight of the convention came during the second session, when Kase Kelly and Keyli Courtney represented Carlisle County FFA on stage to accept the chapter's National 3-Star Rating Award, the highest honor recognizing excellence in leadership, community service, and FFA activities.

The convention offered more than awards and networking—it gave students a chance to experience the breadth of opportunities within agriculture,

gain confidence in their leadership abilities, and form lasting connections with peers who share their passion for farming and service. For many members, the memories made, lessons learned, and friendships formed in Indianapolis will stay with them for years to come.

Carlisle County FFA members returned home inspired, motivated, and proud to represent their community on the national stage, carrying the lessons and experiences from the convention forward into their schools, careers, and lives.



Arlington City Holds Recent City Hall Meeting

By Lilly Morefield,
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The Arlington City Commission held its recent meeting at City Hall, with Mayor Bobby McGee calling the meeting to order at 5 p.m.

Those in attendance included Mayor McGee, City Clerk Ayna Dixon, Commissioners Nancy Dodge, Carol Carter, Evelyn West, and Paul Gaddie,

along with Fire Chief Josh Gaddie. Visitors included Millie and Elsie Gaddie and Lilly Morefield with The Carlisle County News.

Following the Pledge of Allegiance, a motion by Dodge and second by West to approve the previous meeting's minutes was carried.

Commissioner Carter made a motion to approve the financial report, seconded by Gaddie,

which also carried. After discussion led by Gaddie, a motion to approve the city bills was made by Gaddie, seconded by Carter, and carried unanimously.

In the cemetery report, Commissioner Gaddie noted recent maintenance and reported that everything is in good condition at this time.

Under New Commonwealth Gas, Commissioner

Dodge reported on a contract inquiry. She stated she was told the city did not need a formal contract, but the commission agreed to consult the city attorney for clarification.

Fire Chief Josh Gaddie reported one fire run during the past month and noted that the department roster needs updating.

The commission discussed the current CDBG and

KYWATERS grants. Motions were made and passed for four resolutions needed to complete the related paperwork.

The board also discussed city alleys, including the one running behind the Arlington Baptist Church parsonage.

Mayor McGee noted that measurements will be taken to determine boundaries, and the city could consider deeding the

alley to the parsonage.

Plans for Christmas in Arlington were also discussed. City Clerk Dixon shared that this year's holiday event will be held at City Hall, featuring Santa visits and a children's craft, though there will not be a parade this year.

The meeting concluded with a motion to adjourn, which carried.



Veterans Day Celebration

By Lilly Morefield,
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On Monday, November 10, Carlisle County Schools held their annual Veterans Day Celebration to honor those who have served in the United States Armed Forces.

The morning began with a breakfast for veterans and their family members,

followed by a special program that started at 9 a.m. with a Veterans Procession led by Flag Bearer Mr. Casey Galloway of the Military Club.

Mr. Chase Kelly, representing the Fellowship of Christian Comets, led the invocation. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mr. Sawyer Rambo, CCHS and CCMS

history teacher, and the National Anthem was performed by the Carlisle County Elementary 5th Grade under the direction of Ms. Rebecca Hallum.

Superintendent Tom Radivonyk offered words of welcome and introduction before the first graders performed "You're a Grand Old Flag," directed by Ms. Hallum.

FFA President Mr. Chase Kelly delivered greetings on behalf of the Carlisle County High School FFA, followed by a Service Medley performed by Mr. Daniel Lonsway, CCHS history teacher.

This year's keynote address was given by Mr. Shane Draper, a former Naval Intelligence Specialist 2nd Class, who shared reflections on service

and patriotism.

A moment of silence was observed, accompanied by "Taps" played by Mr. Rambo. Guests were then invited to personally thank the attending veterans during a special "An Honor to Serve" recognition time.

Retired educator Mr. Mahlon Thomas gave a moving rendition of "God Bless the USA,"

and the program concluded with the benediction offered by Miss Bella Hoskins of the Fellowship of Christian Comets.

The Veterans Day Celebration is held annually on the day before Veterans Day, as schools are closed in observance of the holiday.

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