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Dr. Martha Ray Sartor is presented the news at her retirement of a lodging room renovation in her honor.





STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

| INCOME | 2022 | 2021 |
|----------------------|-------------|-------------|
| Contributions | \$354,346 | \$347,604 |
| Grants | \$2,582 | \$4,841 |
| Program Activities | \$884,914 | \$747,716 |
| Realized/Unrealized | -\$836,283 | \$964,960 |
| Interest & Dividend | \$303,262 | \$190,478 |
| TOTAL INCOME | \$708,822 | \$2,255,599 |
| EXPENSE | 2022 | 2021 |
| Program Activities | \$1,263,372 | \$1,244,013 |
| Foundation | \$40,857 | \$49,752 |
| Fundraising | \$28,708 | \$57,961 |
| TOTAL EXPENSE | \$1,332,937 | \$1,351,726 |
| Beginning Net Assets | \$9,738,199 | \$8,834,326 |
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| NET ASSETS | -\$624,115 | \$903,873 |

Be Cool, Stay Cool Summer Fan Drive

4-H'er **Ethan Wolcott** provided 94 fans to his community last summer.

Sevier County 4-H member Ethan Wolcott gets some of his best ideas for community service projects while lying in bed awake at night. "One night I was hot, so I got up to change the thermostat," he said. "Then I realized that I had the ability to do that, but what about those who can't? Heat can be deadly, especially for senior citizens."

That was the start of his Be Cool Stay Cool Fan Drive last summer. The next day, he shared his idea with Kim Frachiseur, Sevier County's 4-H program assistant, and Rex Herring, agricultural agent and staff chair, who approved the project.

Ethan's father, Chris Wolcott, the Sevier County jail administrator, suggested his son contact Angie Walker, a member of the Sevier County Quorum Court. "I reached out to her, and she told me that she would match whatever money I raised," Ethan said.

Walker's husband, Dr. Randy Walker, agreed to distribute fans to his patients in need at Walker Family Clinic. He also notified other clinics that fans were available to their patients as well.

"It worked out great because some people are reluctant to ask directly for help, but their health providers might know their needs," Ethan said.

"We were able to buy more fans than were needed, and we gave the surplus to the Sevier County Senior Citizens Center," he said.

Ethan, 17, is a member of the Sevier County Community Changers and has been a 4-H Ambassador for two years. "My dad and I actually started our club," Ethan said. "A lot

WHEN DID YOU START 4-H? 2011.

4-H CLUB: Sevier County Community Changers

FAVORITE H? HEAD, because everything goes back to your head – knowing you need to help, coming up with a plan and taking action.

of clubs involve community service but focus on agriculture. We wanted to create a club that would be centered solely on community service." His mom, Tonya, is the administrative specialist for the Sevier County extension office.

Ethan recently graduated from Horatio High School with his diploma and 51 college credits from Cossatot Community College of the University of Arkansas – just three classes short of an Associate of Arts and an Associate of General Studies

"If everything goes as planned, I'll be teaching high school history classes when I'm 22 years old," Ethan said.

"One of the reasons I want to teach is that, from my experience, there are few male teachers, and I think it's important to have a male influence in your life. I feel compelled to teach, and at some point, I think I may be able to be a positive role model for someone."







Turning Up the Heat on the Competition

Howard County **Seniors with Spatulas** put their cooking chops to the test.

For many Arkansas families living in communities with limited access to food or grocery stores, creating a nutritious meal on a tight budget can be a difficult task. On February 26, teams from Arkansas and Tennessee put their nutrition knowledge to the test at the Mid-South 4-H Food Pantry Competition, part of the 2022 Mid-South Farm and Gin Show. Arkansas 4-H teams from Howard, Grant, and Drew Counties won the top three spots.

The competition, a combination of the Tennessee 4-H Chopped Challenge and the Arkansas 4-H Food Challenge, brought four teams from each state together and challenged them to cook a healthy meal using three mystery ingredients commonly found in food pantries.

Teams had 45 minutes to prepare their dishes and five minutes to present them to a panel of judges. Each team was required to use tortillas, canned chicken and a cup of Greek yogurt in their dishes, which they could supplement with additional ingredients from the competition pantry. The first-place team from Howard County – Kat Chambers, Sarah Lamb, Christian Trombley and Adelene Westfall – created "Diamond Chicken Dip" with tortilla chips.

Westfall, 16, said participating in the Arkansas 4-H Food Challenge has taught her about nutrition and helped with public speaking.

"I enjoyed the teamwork," she said. "Learning the nutritional facts together was enlightening. I also learned how to form a strong informational speech."

Westfall, Lamb and Trombley won first place in the Senior Division of the Arkansas 4-H Food Challenge last year.

WHEN DID YOU START 4-H?

2011 (Sarah and Adalene), 2012 (Christian and Kat)

4-H CLUB: Howard County Teen Leader Club

FAVORITE H? HEALTH – we know how important it is for our community to have healthy habits, which is why we are trying to educate in this area.

They went on to compete in the 4-H National Food Challenge in September at the Texas State Fair, where they placed fifth.

"I enjoy cooking because you can use so much creativity," Westfall said. "Cooking in 4-H has taught me MyPlate in-depth, and I now know our daily intake and how many calories we need for a healthy meal."

Samantha Horn, Howard County 4-H agent, said that in addition to teaching skills "needed in everyday life," the 4-H Food Pantry Competition required teams to determine their individual and collective strengths. The recipes they created were then given to food banks and pantries to help clients prepare their own meals.

"It gave the youth a chance to work together in a team setting, where you must find what each member's strength is to be as successful as possible," she said.





Teaching Tech and Making Change

Rob Phillips teaches digital skills as a 4-H Tech Changemaker.

Learning new technology comes easy for some, while others really struggle to adapt. That's where Rob Phillips can help.

The Arkansas County 4-Her is one of six national ambassadors for the 4-H Tech Changemakers program, which trains and equips teens to teach adults digital employability skills, such as online job searches, social media marketing, software use and more.

"Digital skills are essential to everyone," Rob said. "You can attend college, pay bills and even work through the Internet. Without these skills, it puts you at a disadvantage in life."

A \$8.5 million investment from program partners — Verizon, Microsoft and Tractor Supply Company — allows 4-H teens to bring vital digital skills to 164 communities, with a focus on rural communities and communities of color. This year, 4-H Tech Changemakers will reach an estimated 50,000 adults across 18 states.

For Rob, teaching digital skills is an extension of what he has already been doing — from helping his great aunt order cleaning supplies online to helping friends block pesky pop-up ads on their phones.

"I have a lot of friends who aren't as tech savvy," he said. "With Tech Changemakers, you teach individual people, and you know who you are helping."

Earlier this year, he taught students at Phillips County Community College of the University of Arkansas how to use LinkedIn to search for jobs. In June, he attended the Arkansas Extension Homemakers Council statewide meeting and taught dozens of attendees how to recognize phishing attempts and avoid scams.

WHEN DID YOU START 4-H? 2009

4-H CLUB: Arkansas County Clover Kids 4-H

FAVORITE H? HEALTH – So many health problems could be avoided through awareness and prevention.

Rob is a third-generation 4-H member. His grandparents met through 4-H, and his aunt is a former 4-H state president. Rob recently completed his term as secretary on the state 4-H Board.

When he first got involved in 4-H in Arkansas County in 2009, his projects were animals and gardening, but he gravitated toward technology-based projects, including robotics and photography.

When 4-H announced the National Tech Changemakers program last year, Rob was selected as one of the six national ambassadors. He spent five days in Washington D.C., receiving training in storytelling and social media.

Rob is attending Phillips County Community College this fall to study business administration, with plans to transfer to a four-year university later. And of course, he plans to continue sharing his tech know-how with anyone who can benefit, as part of the effort to bridge the digital divide.







Breathing Deep, Stretching It Out

4-H Yoga for Kids builds strength and helps improve focus.

For busy kids, taking time to slow down, stretch and breathe can have numerous benefits. The practice of yoga, which combines breathing, controlled postures and mental focus, can help improve children's flexibility, balance and strength – all while being noncompetitive and inexpensive.

The Healthy Living: 4-H Yoga for Kids program was designed by the University of Arkansas System Division of Agriculture's Cooperative Extension Service over 10 years ago. Since its inception, many 4-H clubs throughout the state have implemented it in their curriculum. Amanda Welch, extension 4-H youth development program associate, said the program has received an enthusiastic response from participants and group leaders.

"County agents have been able to implement the program not only in their clubs, but also with youth in their local schools," Welch said. "A lot of 4-Hers say they didn't realize how easy and relaxing yoga is. Most love practicing the Lion's Breath and Frog poses."

Millie Collins, Cross County extension family and consumer science agent, said a group of Cross County 4-Hers – who called their team the "Fruities" – led yoga and interactive 4-H songs while sporting strawberry, grape and pineapple costumes that the Healthy Habits grant helped purchase.

Brittany White, 16, said she enjoyed being a part of the Fruities team and teaching the elementary school group about yoga and healthy eating, adding that the participating kids "loved it."

WHEN DID YOU START

4-H? 2015 (Brittany), 2013 (Kayli) and 2012 (Abby)

4-H CLUB: Cross County Cross Roads 4-H Club

FAVORITE H? HANDS, because you can do so many things with your hands, and because we love to help.

Kaylie Smith, 13, said the Fruities team first watched the 4-H Yoga DVD and practiced the poses to prepare.

"When we went to the school, all the kids seemed pretty excited about getting up and moving around," Smith said. "It seemed to me like they had fun."

Smith said the group plans to teach the program again this summer.

Welch said she hopes to expand the 4-H Yoga Program throughout the state and with other land grant universities, in addition to making the curriculum accessible for more communities.

"We just completed the Spanish version of the leader's guide, and we're hoping we can continue to revise the program to be universal to all," Welch said. "We are also looking at new ways 4-H yoga can be incorporated into other activities, such as 4-H Yoga paddleboarding."









Farm Stay is 'Glass to Grass' Experience

Grace Pepler, owner of Dew Line Dairy, got her start with 4-H dairy cattle.

For many 4-H participants, their projects become lifelong pursuits. Grace Pepler, 21, started showing dairy cows when she was 12 years old, and she now owns and operates Dew Line Dairy in Harriet with her mother, Ruth Pepler. The business, established in 2020, is one of the only certified bovine micro-dairies in Arkansas.

Dew Line Dairy is a part of the Peplers' Dogwood Hills Guest Farm, which offers "farm stays" where guests can feed and milk cows and help with other farm chores. Grace said the hands-on experience provides guests with a better understanding of where their food comes from and the process it goes through before reaching their table.

"People often ask us what our product is at Dogwood Hills, and for the guest farm, an educated consumer is really our goal," Grace said. "We say guests can experience 'grass to glass,' because guests can see how I grow the hydroponic barley fodder in a refrigerated trailer. Then we feed it to the cows, milk them, process the milk, and guests can come to a cooking class in the kitchen and see it really come extreme full circle – from the food we're feeding the cow, to the milk the cow's producing, to the food that's on the table."

Grace joined Searcy County's The Wild Things 4-H Club when she was 6 years old. She showed Silkie chickens, then moved from chickens to goats. Grace got a dairy goat, followed by a beef cow and then dairy cows.

When she was 12, Grace took out a \$4,000 youth loan with the Farm Service Agency to purchase her original registered Jersey cow and heifers, as well as her first fodder system. Through showing cows and selling calves, Grace paid off that loan five years early. Dew Line Dairy is named for Grace's first dairy cow, Dew Drop. WHEN DID YOU START 4-H? 2006

4-H CLUB: Searcy County Wild Things

FAVORITE H? HANDS or HEART – with your hands, it's to the larger service, and that one has been a building block for my family. Our goal is to try to build our community, but you also must have the heart for the community and caring for it.

Grace was homeschooled, and she said her active participation in 4-H was a "big part of my social life." Her favorite 4-H activity was showing at the county fair.

"I absolutely loved showing. The craziest time of the year was the county fair because I was showing in just about every category for a couple years," Grace said. "As I got older, being able to help some of the younger kids was really cool. It was awesome to see their progression and growth in 4-H, and being able to be there on the ground level for them was a great memory for me."

"I like to show the younger generations that there are options, and that it's not just work, it's fun," Grace said. "There are options once you're out of high school. You can still be involved with 4-H, and you can turn your projects into businesses."





4-H Alumni Shares the Good News

Broadcast journalist Gabrielle Phifer gained confidence through 4-H.

Sometimes childhood events turn out to be defining moments. For Gabrielle Phifer — Ashley County native, 4-H alumna and broadcast journalist — that moment happened when she gave her first 4-H speech.

"I was 9, and I gave a demonstration on how to wash hands. I was so nervous that I spilled the entire bowl of water on the floor. I was in tears," she recalled. "The judge helped me clean up the water, and I did finish my speech. After that, I said I would never do another speech again. Obviously, with the career I have, I did. I went back the second year and gave the same talk and won first place regionally."

Gabrielle, now a Michigan-based broadcast journalist, got involved with 4-H at an early age. Her mother, Iris Phifer, was the Ashley County extension agent and a 4-H club leader, and her two older brothers, Solomon and James, both had 4-H projects and served terms as president of the Smarties 4-H Club.

Gabrielle stayed with her 4-H public speaking project throughout high school, competing in local, county and state competitions. Through 4-H, she had the opportunity to travel with other Arkansas 4-H members to Washington, D.C.

After graduating from Crossett High School, Gabrielle earned a Bachelor of Arts in mass communications from UA Little Rock and a master's degree from the Medill School of Journalism at Northwestern University.

While studying in the Medill program, Gabrielle spent a week in Johannesburg, South Africa. She covered the country's politics following the Nelson Mandela era and its impact on youth. She also spent a summer in Washington, D.C. — this time as a credentialed Capitol Hill reporter.

WHEN DID YOU START 4-H? 2002

4-H CLUB: Ashley County Smarties 4-H Club

FAVORITE H? HEART – Love flows from the heart. When your heart is right everything else falls into place.

After college, Gabrielle worked three years at KTVE/KARD in El Dorado, Arkansas, where she was the chief bureau reporter and alternate anchor. The best part of the job was reporting news in her hometown of Crossett, she said.

In 2021, Gabrielle moved to Grand Rapids, Mich., to work as a general assignment reporter at WOOD TV8. Her favorite topics to cover: community stories that showcase good things happening.

"There's lots going on in the world, and I feel people need to know when good works are happening near them. I get to do a lot of that."

Gabrielle credits her 4-H experiences — even that first speech — with her successes today.

"That was a very defining moment in my life because of what I have been able to do and what I do now," she said. "4-H not only helped me enhance my speaking skills but really helped me build my confidence."





Over Fifty Years of Business Success

Frank Wilson credits 4-H for teaching leadership and speaking skills.

Growing up on a farm north of Rison in Cleveland County, Frank Wilson was helping his father plant pine trees before he was 10 years old. By his teens, he was cutting pulpwood with a bow saw and banking it in pens to sell to contractors to take to the paper mills.

When he joined 4-H around sixth grade, it made perfect sense for him to choose forestry as his 4-H project, which involved managing and doing cutting around the farm.

"By the time I was a sophomore or junior, Leroy Barber [my county agent] and several others kept encouraging me to work harder on my forestry project so I could submit it for a national honor."

He took their advice and was one of six national 4-H forestry winners in 1961. He received a \$400 from 4-H and \$1,600 from the McCullough Chain Saw Company, which he used to attend Arkansas A&M (now UA Monticello). He graduated in 1966 with a forestry degree and went to work at Elrod Timber and later for Weyerhaeuser timberland company. In 1972, Wilson and his two brothers started a sawmill operation that became Wilson Brothers Lumber Company, which has been operating now for 50 years.

Wilson credits 4-H for giving him the start that paved the way to college and career success.

"If it hadn't been for 4-H, I wouldn't be where I am now," he said. "I was an old country boy who was scared to get up in front of class in school until 4-H got me over that. I won several public speaking contests when I was in 4-H, but it was the leadership training that helped me later on in my life. I was president of my class in school and the forestry

WHEN DID YOU START 4-H? 1956

4-H CLUB: Cleveland County 4-H

FAVORITE H? HEART – 4-H help me understand how loyalty to God, family, and the community makes you and all you do better.

club in college, and I've been president and chair of several boards and associations. It was because of that training."

Wilson served as president of the Arkansas Forestry Association in 2003-04 and serves on the Arkansas Forestry Commission Board. He has also served on boards for UA Monticello's board of visitors, Cleveland County Hospital, Cleveland County Rural Water Users Association and the Bank of Rison.

Wilson has sponsored youth to attend National 4-H Congress and continues to support Arkansas 4-H so that more youth can have opportunities and experiences like he had.

"I've been quite blessed way behind my measure," he said. "The kids who are involved in it now don't yet realize the impact it's going to have on their lives from here on out."







"If it hadn't been for 4-H, I wouldn't be where I am now. The kids who are involved in it now don't yet realize the impact it's going to have on their lives from here on out." – Frank Wilson

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| Joye Vines Activity Endowment | \$64,540 |
| Trannye White Memorial Scholarship Endowment | \$31,107 |
| Roy & Christine Sturgis Charitable Trust Endowment | \$46,006 |
| Senator David Pryor Scholarship Endowment | \$15,729 |
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| John Frank Pendergrass 4-H Livestock Judging Support Fund | \$6,414 |
| Harold Hicks Trust Scholarship Fund | \$37,262 |
| Susan Marshall Scholarship Endowment | \$564,701 |
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| Feland 4-H Center Maintenance Endowment | \$257,323 |
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| Centennial Scholarship Endowment | \$123,398 |
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| Justice J. Fred Jones Memorial Scholarship Endowment | \$14,134 |
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| Darlene Millard Arkansas 4-H Governor's Award Fund | \$27,186 |
| Dennis R Millard Memorial 4-H Scholarship Endowment | \$28,262 |
| Arkansas 4-H Alumni Association Fund | \$13,649 |
| Rick and Lynnette Cartwright Scholarship Endowment | \$62,441 |
| Arkansas 4-H License Plate Endowment | \$66,653 |
| Robert and Betty Oliver AR 4-H Scholarship* | \$358,364 |
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