

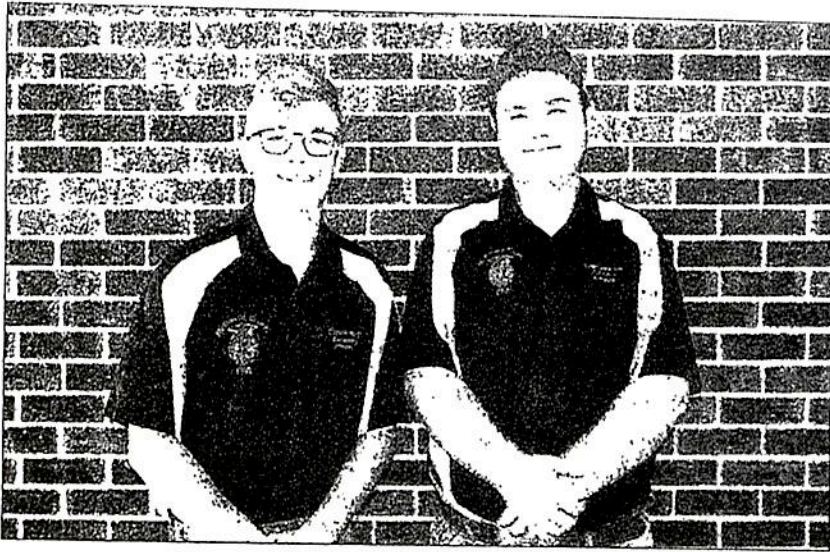
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Carson Hoth and Tyler Sprenkle (right) were both recently elected to the Missouri Junior Cattlemen's Association board. Both are juniors at McDonald County High School.

Two Named To Junior Cattlemen Board

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Two McDonald County High School juniors have been elected to the Missouri Junior Cattlemen's Association board.

Tyler Sprenkle and Carson Hoth were nominated and elected at a meeting of the association in

Sedalia. The meeting was during the Missouri Cattlemen's Field Day, they said. The two students are also members of the Newton-McDonald County Cattlemen's Association.

Hoth said the state organization meets a couple of times a year, and the county organization meets monthly. He noted everyone who is a member of the Newton-Mc-

Donald County Cattlemen's Association is also a member of the Missouri Cattlemen's Association. The junior cattlemen's association is for ages 10 to 21, he said.

Sprenkle was elected to a reporter and public relations position, and Hoth was elected director. Each of them gave a short speech

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about themselves after being nominated and before the vote was taken.

Hoth is 16-years-old and has been showing cattle since he was 5 years old. He now shows cattle at the national and junior level. His parents are Jason and Gina Hoth. His family runs a commercial cow/calf operation, and he has a small registered purebred herd of black Angus cattle.

He said, "Agriculture has always been a main focus on my family's lifestyle. Being on the Missouri Junior Cattlemen's Association allows me to have a better outlook on what is happening in our state, to be more involved, to see what I can do to make it better. To see how the industry is changing and what we need to do to be up with the times."

Sprenkle is also 16-years-old and has been showing cattle since he was 5 years old, starting with bucket calves at the McDonald County Fair. He started showing competitively in the last two years, going to state fairs and going to the national Limousine cattle show.

His parents are Jared and

Megan Sprenkle. The family owns a commercial Beehives herd. Sprenkle has a small registered Limousine herd.

He said, "Farming in McDonald County has opened up a whole new world for me, from fixing fences when I was little to working at the sale barn. It has given me a good work ethic and a lot of opportuni-

ties in the cattle industry and life. I got to learn how to be a better leader by working hard and following the footsteps of other local cattlemen."

He added, "Being on the Missouri Junior Cattlemen's Association board has opened my eyes. I've learned the struggles that Missouri cattlemen face and how to work through them."