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Warner Robins High Builds Pole Barn for New Farm

HOUSTON COUNTY, GA – Warner Robins High School constructed a pole barn on its new farm. Dr. Phil Gentry Sr., young farmer teacher for the school system, spearheaded efforts to build the barn to assist Warner Robins High agriculture teacher Veronica Sanders. The school farm will accommodate rabbits and chickens and will include a garden.

Several fellow agriculture teachers assisted with the construction of the barn. Dr. Ronnie Thomas from Houston County High, Dr. Argene Claxton and Philip Gentry, Jr. from Perry High, Mike Parker from Veterans High helped Dr. Gentry and Sanders. Steve Waters, construction teacher at Warner Robins High, and several FFA members also assisted. Ricky Wheeler, region livestock teacher, provided guidance during the planning process.

Barbara Wall, the system's director of career, technical and agricultural education, commented, "All five high schools in the Houston County School System have quality Ag programs. Teachers and students from the various schools are quite competitive, but when it comes to ensuring that all students have excellent Ag experiences, teachers and students both have been known to put the competition aside to help others."

The FFA mission is to make a positive difference in the lives of students by developing their potential for premier leadership, personal growth and career success through agricultural education. To accomplish its mission, FFA:

- Develops competent and assertive agricultural leadership.
- Increases awareness of the global and technological importance of agriculture and its contribution to our well-being.
- Strengthens the confidence of agriculture students in themselves and their work.
- Promotes the intelligent choice and establishment of an agricultural career.
- Encourages achievement in supervised agricultural experience programs.
- Encourages wise management of economic, environmental and human resources of the community.
- Develops interpersonal skills in teamwork, communications, human relations and social interaction.
- Builds character and promotes citizenship, volunteerism and patriotism.
- Promotes cooperation and cooperative attitudes among all people.
- Promotes healthy lifestyles.
- Encourages excellence in scholarship.

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