

FFA'ers harvesting, selling and giving away produce.

Giving back to the community is the idea behind the corn, tomatoes and other vegetables sprouting on the corner of Avenue G and 13th St.

Last Thursday, four Gothenburg High School FFA'ers were weeding and harvesting the garden they planted last spring.

They later took their produce to the Farmer's Market in downtown Gothenburg to sell and have also given it to residents of Stone Hearth Estates.

"We want to give what we make to the Sun Theatre to help buy a new movie projector," said FFA'er Morgan Kowalewski, who, along with Kristin Bartlett and Madison Costello, put the idea into a plan last fall and approached the District 20 board last year.

Students had considered using space on donated land across the street from the school but ended up on the school's living history corner south of Dudley Elementary.

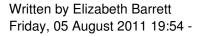
After getting approval from former Dudley Elementary teacher Stephanie Block, who led efforts to use the corner to teach history, FFA'ers planted the garden last spring—tomatoes, corn, zucchini, beans, cucumbers, squash, peas, carrots and eggplant.

They were helped by fellow FFA'er Tyler Block and sixth graders, who planted seeds in wooden boxes during Outdoor Education, and who continue to help with the garden.

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Costello said her father, who has a large garden, makes gardening look easy.

"But once you do it yourself, it's a lot more difficult and time consuming," she said.

Bartlett said the FFA'ers also learned something about selling at the Farmer's Market.

"You need shade and a chair," she said.