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Bolton farm joins SmartAgGro pilot program



Roosevelt Hawkins, Jr. and Roosevelt Hawkins, Sr.

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Roosevelt Hawkins (right) and SmartAgGro's Noah Thigpen (left) walk around Hawkins Farm in Bolton.

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A Bolton farm recently joined forces with SmartAgGro in a pilot program. SmartAgGro is a unique company that works with a worldwide network of agronomists and scientists, then works closely with their clients to develop solutions that help agricultural producers maximize opportunities and reduce production costs and risks while increasing the sustainability of their operations. SmartAgGro's goal is to increase environmental health - and ultimately human health - by supporting agribusinesses in producing nutritious food in a sustainable way.

"While agriculture is part of the problem, it can also become a part of the solution," said Roosevelt Hawkins, Jr. of Hawkins Farms in Bolton. "CO2 emissions from agricultural production currently account for eleven percent of global greenhouse gas emissions, with the largest contribution [coming] from the livestock sector. Everyone has a part



to play in reducing the carbon footprint on this earth. It is imperative that we implement these practices on our farm as we combat climate change in America."

"From advanced soil testing to direct access with a SmartAgGro support team member, we help implement technologies and sustainable practices to reduce their carbon footprint and improve productivity," said Noah Thigpen, who serves as an SmartAgGro soil conservation tech for sector 2."

"I'm going to stay up to date on the latest technology and programs that keep me competitive and produce quality products," said Hawkins. "The SmartAgGro pilot program has really helped me."

Not only can SmartAgGro help a farmer design a cropping system that is ideal for the farmer's soil, climate and market, the company also promotes regenerative farming, an agricultural system that enhances soil fertility, reduces production costs and increases yields.

Bolton Consolidated School plans reunion

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Those who attended Bolton Consolidated School, from its very early days until it closed in 1970, are invited to a full school reunion this fall.

The reunion will be held at the Beulah Baptist Church in Brownsville on Saturday, September 14, 2024. Former students are encouraged to attend and meet with others who also went to school at the facility.

Former students are asked to pass the information about the reunion along

to others, because the planning group does not have everyone's address to notify them of the event.

The group says last year's reunion was a success, and that they hope to have even more people this year.

In order to help the organizers prepare enough food for the event, those who plan to attend are asked to RSVP to Linda Cumberland at LCumberland51@iCloud.com or to Nell Yarborough at Yarbor_N@BellSouth.net or 601-857-2912.

St. Mary's Episcopal plans Homecoming Blue Grass Mass

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The public is invited to join St. Mary's Episcopal Church in Bolton for their annual Homecoming on September 8 at 3 p.m. The service will be a Blue Grass Mass. Rev. Haily Allin will be the

Vicar, Harvey Smith will serve as Lay Worship Leader, and Charlie Carlisle will serve as Lay Reader.

Music will be provided by the Bolton Blue Grass Band, with Sid Champion on piano, Ben Williams on bass, Matthew Ma-

gee on fiddle, Jamie Weems on mandolin and soloist Allison Jenkins.

A reception will follow in the Terry Brantley Parish Hall.

St. Mary's Episcopal Church is located at 209 East Madison Street in Bolton.



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