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November Chapter Meeting:

Nov 9

At last month's meeting, we had a great time celebrating our Freshman "Greenhand" Members by honoring them with their greenhand degrees. We met on campus and conducted our Greenhand degree ceremony. This year, our Greenhand King was Aidan Maul, and our Greenhand Queen was Dotty Lefty. Aidan and Dotty presented the creed to all the members present at the meeting. After, we spent some time writing cards to active duty soldiers and to veterans, thanking them for what they do.

Lincoln FFA Canned Food Drive Results:

Nov 8 - Nov 19

Lincoln FFA hosted a canned food drive last month! Thank you to all the students and families who donated items! Tuesday, November 23 our Advisor Mr. Willhite, our President, Kyndal Rogers, and our Historian, Lindsey Pineschi brought all of the donated items to the Salt Mine Food Bank and donated them. The items will be distributed to local families in Lincoln and in Auburn, Great job Lincoln FFA!

Opening/Closing Ceremony Competition Results:

Nov 17

Members from our chapter travelled to River Valley High School to compete in the Opening and Closing ceremony in mid-November. Individuals from every team level did exceptionally well in the contest. Our Advanced team A placed 4th overall and the Advanced team B placed 2nd overall, along with our Officer team placing 3rd overall.

Honorable mentions:

Grace Landry received Outstanding Treasurer
Camdyn Story received Outstanding President
Molly Landry Received Outstanding Vice President
Lindsey Pineschi Received Outstanding Historian
Adrienne Vite received Outstanding Reporter

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December Chapter Meeting:

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At this month's chapter meeting, we will be having our annual bonfire event at the LHS Farm. Come on by and hang out with us as we honor our Chapter Degree recipients, hang out with good friends, and enjoy some nice potatoes from our baked potato bar!

Lincoln FFA Alumni Pig Raffle:

Dec - Feb

Lincoln FFA Alumni are starting their annual Pig Raffle! FFA members can check out raffle tickets to sell to their friends, family, and community to support our chapter. Tickets are \$5 each. For every 5 tickets an FFA member sells, they will get an activity point, with no cap! The raffle will be drawn in February, during National FFA week. The winner of the raffle will win half of the pig being raised at the LHS Farm! This is typically around 100lbs of pork! The Student who sells the winning ticket will also be awarded an FFA jacket, free of charge! Reach out to Mrs. Armistead in Room 2 for tickets.

Upcoming Career Development Events and Leadership Development Events

Our CDE and LDE teams are in full swing, but it isn't too late to join! For those unfamiliar, CDEs and LDEs are opportunities for FFA members to learn valuable career applicable skills, or practice leadership and public speaking by joining a team and competing across the state of California against other FFA Chapters. If you are interested in signing up for a team or contest, please reach out to your Ag Teacher!

CDE TEAMS:

Practice specific career applicable skills through...

-Livestock Judging: Livestock judging consists of evaluating, selecting, placing, and learning about the various livestock species-cattle, sheep and swine. Contact your Ag Teacher, or Coach Ms. Enke for more information. They meet Wednesdays at 3:30pm in Room 2

-Vegetable Crop Judging: Vegetable crop judging is the process of identifying and classifying common vegetables, pests, diseases, etc. Contact your Ag Teacher, or Coach Mr. Toy for more information.

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-Vet Science: In the vet science competition you work in teams to demonstrate what you know about small and big animals by competing in a written exam, critical thinking scenarios, identification and hand on practicums. Contact your Ag Teacher, or Coach Mrs. Killingsworth for more information.

LDE TEAMS:

Practice leadership and public speaking skills through...

-BIG (freshmen): The Best Informed Greenhand contest is a written assessment that tests ninth grade students on their knowledge of FFA including history, officers, constitution/bylaws, and more. Contact your Ag Teacher, or Coach Ms. Enke for more information.

-Creed (freshmen): Freshman are able to memorize and recite the official FFA creed which outlines the organization's values and beliefs regarding the field of agriculture. This event can teach members to communicate in a cogent and professional manner while building self-confidence. Contact your Ag Teacher, or Coach Mr. Willhite or Ms. Enke for more information.

-Impromptu (sophomores): The purpose of this event is to demonstrate a student's ability, with limited preparation time, to compose and deliver coherent and focused presentations to create competent public representatives for FFA and Agriculture. Contact your Ag Teacher, or Coach Mr. Willhite for more information.

-Prepared speaking: Students write and deliver a six-to-eight minute speech on an agriculture-related topic of their choice. Contact your Ag Teacher, or Coach Mr. Willhite for more information.

-Extemporaneous Speaking: Pick from a variety of pre-selected topics to write a four-to-six minute speech within the thirty minute time limit, deliver the speech and answer questions on your selected topic. Contact your Ag Teacher, or Coach Mr. Willhite for more information.

-Job Interview (juniors and seniors): Participants in the Employment Skills (Job Interview) LDE submit a resume, complete job applications and participate in mock job interviews with a panel of possible employers. Contact your Ag Teacher, or Coach Mr. Willhite for more information.

-Parliamentary Procedure: Join a team and learn how to conduct a proper meeting using parliamentary procedure. Learn parliamentary law and present logical, convincing debates and motions. Practice how to argue about anything to anyone! Contact your Ag Teacher, or Coach Mr. Willhite for more information.

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FFA Degree Applications Open Now!

In December we will be honoring and celebrating our Chapter Degree recipients! Chapter degree applications are due Tuesday, December 10. If you need help getting your application done, contact Mr. Willhite or Mrs. Armistead so they can help you complete your AET records and other requirements.

State degree season is upon us! Mr. Willhite and Mrs. Armistead are on the lookout for Juniors and Seniors who are ready to earn their State degree! Applications are due in late January, so Mr. Willhite is hosting AET work days to help you prepare for the State Degree application, every EVEN SCHOOL DAY at lunch in Room 2. Swing by before December 10 to get added to the list of students who will be applying this year.

FFA DEGREE QUALIFICATIONS:

FFA degrees demonstrate the effort FFA members apply toward their supervised agricultural experience(SAE) and exemplify their outstanding leadership abilities as well as the community involvement they exhibit through their FFA career. Make sure to stay on track throughout the year to qualify!

Chapter Degree:

- Received greenhand degree
- Completed 180 hours of systematic school instruction in agricultural education
- Have an approved SAE in operation
- Enrolled in an agriculture course
- Participated in the planning and implementation of at least three official FFA chapter activities
- Earned and productively invested at least \$150, or have worked 45 hours outside of class time or a combination of the two, through their SAE
- Have developed plans for continued growth and improvement of their SAE
- Effectively lead a group discussion for 15 minutes
- Demonstrated five parliamentary law procedures
- Show progress towards achievement in FFA award programs
- Have a satisfactory academic record
- Submitted a written application for the Chapter FFA Degree
- Complete a minimum of 10 hours of community service activities(cumulative)

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State Degree:

- Received Chapter FFA degree
- Have been an active FFA member for at least two years at the time of receiving degree
- Have completed at least two years of school instruction in agricultural education
- Have earned and productively invested at least \$1,000, or have worked at least 300 hours outside of class time through their SAE
- Demonstrated leadership ability by performing 10 parliamentary law procedures, giving a six minute speech on a topic relating to agriculture or FFA, and serving as an FFA officer, committee chairperson or committee member
- Have satisfactory academic record, certified by an agricultural teacher and the school principal or superintendent
- Participated in the planning and implementation of the chapter's program of activities
- Participated in at least five different FFA activities above the chapter level
- Complete at least 25 hours of community service(cumulative)

American Degree:

- Have a satisfactory academic record, certified by an agricultural teacher and school principal or superintendent
- Participated in the planning and implementation of the chapter's program of activities
- Participated in at least five different FFA activities above the chapter level
- Have earned and productively invested at least \$7,500, or have earned and productively invested \$1,500 and worked 2,250 hours beyond scheduled class time through their SAE
- Complete at least 25 hours of community service in a minimum of two different activities(cumulative)

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FARM UPDATE:

The LHS farm has been busy. Students have operated our equipment between rainstorms to prepare our hay field. With reduced fire danger, we have begun relocating and repairing our beef handling facilities with a more cattle conscious, and student friendly design. Our goat pens are being upgraded with new gates and paneling to provide easier sorting and more reliable separation of animals. This month we will begin harvesting our chickens with our ASM/Entrepreneurship class! Jeff Magill visited the farm and discussed welding certifications, while also providing certifications for a number of our students. Nice work! Mechanics students are working hard on farm equipment repairs to help keep up with the winter season.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Dec 4 - Lincoln Holiday Parade

Lincoln FFA members will be walking in the parade in downtown Lincoln, celebrating the holiday season and handing out candy to the public!

Dec 8 - December Chapter Meeting

In order to avoid finals week, our December FFA meeting has moved to the 8th. It will be at the LHS Farm starting around 4:30pm. After the business session, we will be having our annual bonfire and a baked potato bar!

Dec 9 - Sectional Best Informed Greenhand Contest

Good luck to our freshman BIG team members as they head out to their first contest at Sutter High School!

Jan 7 - 8 - Made for Excellence & Advanced Leadership Academy Conferences

Next month we will have 13 members attending the MFE and ALA conferences, where they will learn about leadership, and ways to implement positive change for their chapter. Have fun, we are excited to hear about what you learned!