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December Chapter Meeting:

Dec 8

Lincoln FFA Members ended 2021 off with a bang! We celebrated the end of the semester and year with our annual December Bonfire activity at last month's chapter meeting! Students enjoyed the warm bonfire at the farm while eating some fresh baked potatoes from the BBQ. At this meeting, we also celebrated 11 of our own Lincoln FFA members who earned their Chapter Degrees this year! As a special treat, we were also happy to have a representative from the Placer County Board of Supervisors join us at our meeting to honor one of our own, Cora Edmonds with Student of the Year award! Congratulations all!

Sierra-Buttes FFA Sectional Best Informed Greenhand Contest

Dec 9

On Thursday, December 9th, our Best Informed Greenhand team traveled to Sutter High School to compete in their first contest of the year. The team includes; Hudson Hants, Dotty Lefty, Carrie Marino, Lilyana Petersen, and Megan Sampson. The Team placed 1st high team overall! Lilyana Petersen placed 2nd high individual, and Dotty Lefty placed 4th high individual! We are so proud of these students, and are excited to see where their season takes us!



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Made for Excellence and Advanced Leadership Academy Conferences

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Shortly after returning to school, our FFA members will be jumping into their first Leadership Conferences of the year. 10 Sophomores will be attending the Made for Excellence Conference (MFE), where they will learn about leadership by developing their interpersonal skills. 3 Juniors will be attending the Advanced Leadership Academy Conference (ALA), where they will learn how to enact positive change for their local members and provide positive change for our community. We are excited to see where these passionate members will go when they return from the conferences!

Ag Leadership Class of 2022/2023 Applications

Jan 12

The application to be in next year's agriculture leadership class will open on January 12th and will close on February 2nd. The Agriculture Leadership class works directly with the FFA Advisor and the Chapter Officers to help provide insight on activities for the chapter, create opportunities for members to get involved, and assist with the day-to-day operations of the Lincoln FFA Chapter. If you are interested, be sure you apply before the application deadline. If you have questions, reach out to Mr. Willhite!

January Chapter Meeting

Jan 19

This month's chapter meeting will be held on January 19th after school in the quad. Come join us to hear some awesome chapter updates, and engage in some fun activities with fellow members. Remember, a new semester means new activity points must be earned, don't miss out!

Sierra-Buttes Sectional Speaking Contest

Jan 29

Good luck to our Lincoln FFA members who are competing in their LDE contests this month at the Sectional Contest. Our Creed competitors are Dotty Lefty and Lilyana Petersen. Our Impromptu Competitor is Phinnegan Quiring. Our Prepared Public Speaking Competitor is Kyndal Rogers. Our Job Interview candidates are Lindsey Pineschi and Frankie Sharif. Good luck all! We hope to see you move on to Regionals!

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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.

Interested in showing animals at the fair(s) this year?

If you are interested in showing an animal at the Placer County and/or Gold Country Fair this year, speak to an advisor as soon as possible! There is a mandatory small animal meeting on January 11th at lunch in room 2 with Mrs. Armistead. If you haven't already, reach out to your species advisor if you are wanting to show!

Mr. Hess - Swine

Mrs. Killingsworth - Beef & Goats

Mrs. Armistead - Sheep & Small Animals

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

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-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.

-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.

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-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.

FFA Degree Applications Open Now!

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!

State Degree Due Date

Jan 24

If you are wanting to earn your State FFA Degree this year, speak to Mr. Willhite or Mrs. Armistead ASAP! The deadline is rapidly approaching and the advisors need to make sure that your recordbooks are up to date.

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

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- 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)

UPCOMING EVENTS:

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!

Jan 12 - Ag Leadership Class Applications Open

If you are interested in being in Ag Leadership next year, be sure you complete the application before the deadline on February 2. See your Ag Advisor, or talk to Mr. Willhite directly if you have questions!

Jan 19 - January FFA Meeting

Join us after school on Wednesday the 19th and hear some chapter updates and enjoy some fun activities.

Jan 24 - State Degree Applications Due

If you haven't already, speak to Mrs. Armistead or Mr. Willhite ASAP to get your AET record books ready for State Degree Applications!

Jan 29 - Sierra-Buttes Sectional Speaking Contest

Good Luck to all of our competitors at their contests this month!