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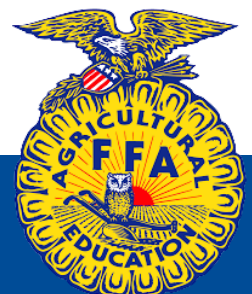
Sargent FFA Chapter at District IV Leadership Conference

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FFA FUN FACTS



BY: ANNABELLE HEINEMAN

The FFA is the largest youth organization in the country.

In 1965 NFA and FFA merged.

FFA was founded in in 1928.

Tim McGraw, Taylor Swift, and Bo Jackson were former FFA members.

There are four FFA degrees that can be earned: Greenhand, Chapter, State, and American.

The rising sun symbolizes the progress and future of agriculture.

The plow is the symbol of labor and tilage of the soil.

E.M. Tiffany is the author of the FFA creed.



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THE DIESEL SHORTAGE

By: Megan Peterson

There is a diesel shortage in the United States right now. Diesel availability in the United States has been at an all-time low since 2008. Prices are averaging \$5.35 a gallon nationwide. Last year at this time diesel prices were averaging \$3.74 a gallon. This is a considerable increase. This has a significant effect on the agriculture industry. With so many pieces of machinery running off of diesel this has been a problem for farmers and ranchers.

This shortage of diesel is considered the worst shortage that The United States has had in decades. The US Energy Information Administration (EIA) has reported that inventories were the lowest from any month since 2008 and were the lowest for October. They started collecting this data in 1982. The majority of diesel that this country has is from the US Gulf. Refineries in the US have been exporting more than one million barrels of distillates daily for nearly a decade. Recently the United States has lost nearly 700,000 barrels per day of distillate imports from Russia because of the war. The US has had to make up for it domestically.

This shortage could affect new crops grown this year. They're so many factors that contribute to the prices of agricultural products. The prices will go up if the cost of production goes up. Between the prices of fertilizer and diesel this years outcomes are predicted to be very high.



CDE HIGHLIGHT

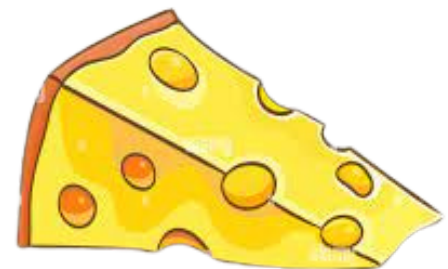


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MILK QUALITY AND PRODUCTS

Participants in the Milk Quality & Products will show their knowledge about quality production, processing, distribution, promotion and marketing of milk and dairy foods.

Participants will taste and identify different kinds of cheese and milk. They will also test their knowledge of production, processing, distributing, and promoting milk and dairy foods.



MEMBER SPOTLIGHT



By: Jesse Pescatore

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Name: Trenton Paskett

Year: Junior

CDE: Field Crops and
Range

Our member of the month for December is Trenton Paskett. Paskett has been incredibly involved in the Sargent FFA Chapter this year. Trenton participates in the Range Judging and Field Crops CDE's. He joined FFA because he has been involved in agriculture his entire life and wanted to continue to dive further into what FFA had to offer. Trenton's personal involvement in agriculture involves farming and harvesting hay.

Trenton's favorite parts of being involved in FFA are the field trips and meeting new people. His favorite FFA-related activity so far this school year was volunteering at the Colorado Potato Festival. He enjoyed interacting with the community and engaging with his friends.

FFA FUNDRAISERS



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By: AJ GARCIA



Trailer:

We are currently trying to sell a trailer made by the Sargent Ag/Shop class in 2021. The trailer is a ball hitch, single axle and is 10 Feet long.

Taking reasonable offers

-Contact us for info and images.

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FFA Hats:

Sargent FFA hats are Richardson snapback mesh back trucker style.

\$25 a piece.

Hats will be sold until inventory is empty



If you have any questions or are interested in either, please contact a Sargent FFA member or email us at sschaller@sargent.k12.co.us

By: AJ Garcia

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FFA WISHLIST

By: AJ GARCIA



The Sargent FFA/Ag Program is in need of donations. If you would be interested in donating, we have included a list of ideas below:

WOOD SHOP

- Pliers
 - Slip-Joint
 - Locking Pliers
 - Needle Nose
- Nails
- Screws
- Screw Drivers
 - Philips
 - Flat Head
- Drill Bits (Kit)
- DeWalt Batteries
- Lumber
 - Scrap Wood
 - Table Saw Blades

WELDING

- Electrodes
- Electrical Tools
- Angle Grinders
- Sanders
- Disc
- Orbital
- Body Saws
- Table Saws
- Nail Gun+Nails
- Wire Brushes

GENERAL AG CLASSROOM

- Ag Magazines
- Newspapers

If you are interested in donating your time to help with CDE coaching, fundraising, or community service, etc. Please contact our advisor, Sarah Schaller at sschaller@sargent.k12.co.us.

DISTRICT LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE

By: KayleeAnn
Marrtinez



On November 16, the Sargent FFA Chapter attended the District Leadership Conference (DLC) at Ski Hi Fair Grounds in Monte Vista. There were a total of 27 members who attended from Sargent and over 120 District IV Members overall. District officers Ellaree Rockey and Westen Burkhart were a part of the planning process. This conference was an excellent opportunity to communicate with FFA members from other chapters.

At this conference, members attended leadership workshops. These workshops included learning the FFA motto, the importance of Official Dress, the FFA timeline, leadership skills, and building a tower with different resources. There were also three guest speakers who talked about their time in agriculture.



DECEMBER FFA ACTIVITY

BY: LANE SPEARMAN

AS AN FFA FUNDRAISER, THE SARGENT FFA CHAPTER IS DOING SOMETHING THAT GETS THE ELEMENTARY INVOLVED AND EXCITED ABOUT FFA. OVER 50 KIDS ATTENDED THE NOVEMBER ACTIVITY AND THEY HAD A BLAST! WE MADE MINI PIES AND RELATED THEM TO AGRICULTURE. THEN, WE PROCEEDED TO DO A VARIETY OF FUN THANKSGIVING-THEMED ACTIVITIES. IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN OUR DECEMBER ACTIVITY PLEASE CONTACT MS. SCHALLER AT: [SCHALLER@SARGENT.K12.CO.US](mailto:schaller@sargent.k12.co.us)



NOVEMBER ACTIVITIES:

- MINI PIE MAKING
- TURKEY CRAFTS
- TURKEY TOSS
- THANKFUL TURKEYS
- MINI CORN COB CRAFT



GREENHAND BANQUET



DECEMBER 2022

BY: AJ GARCIA

Sargent FFA held it's annual Greenhand Banquet and Creed Speaking on November 30th. At this event community members were invited to share a meal with the Sargent FFA chapter before watching first year FFA members recite the FFA Creed. Once recited members were awarded their Greenhand Degree and were given their jackets. Winners of the Creed Speaking competition were Mitchell Peterson in 1st and Jayce Capron in 2nd place. They will go on to compete in the Creed Speaking competition at the District IV LDE's in February. We want to give a huge shoutout to the Sargent FFA Alumni and Supporters Group for their support and for providing the meal that was shared.



CO FFA STATE OFFICER VISIT



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BY: AJ GARCIA

On Wednesday November 30th, two of the Colorado State FFA Officers came to visit our chapter. Antone Sellers, the Colorado State FFA President, and Emma Daly, the Colorado State FFA Executive Committee, were the two State officers that came to our chapter. They had a bunch of different workshops and activities for us to do to not only engage with them, but to engage with ourselves. These workshops all had a theme that taught us a life lesson. Some of those themes were leadership, communication, not being afraid to be outgoing, etc.





UPCOMING EVENTS

By: AJ Garcia

GREENHAND BANQUET

Who: Sargent FFA

**What: Creed Speaking and
Greenhand Banquet**

**When: November 30th @
6:30**

**Where: Sargent HS
Cafeteria and Auditorium**

**Why: For new FFA
members to gain their
Greenhand degree**

UPCOMING EVENTS

- December
- Officer Meeting
 - December 13
- December AGtivity
 - December 14
- Chapter Meeting
 - December 20



FUNDRAISERS

- November Agtivity
- December Agtivity

PICTURES

Pictures from November 2022

By: Westen Burkhart



AG LEADERSHIP CLASS WITH STATE OFFICERS



FFA MEMBERS DURING STATE OFFICER VISIT



FFA MEMBERS DURING STATE OFFICER VISIT



FFA MEMBERS AT GREENHAND BANQUET



GREENHAND SPEAKERS



ANTONE SELLERS
ASHLYN ROCKEY
EMMA DALY



GREENHAND SPEAKERS

SARGENT ALUMNI/SUPPORTERS GROUP



By: Annabelle Heineman



**Sargent FFA Alumni and Supporters Group was chartered in May 2022. This group was founded to help support Sargent FFA in an organized and professional way. The group allows supporters to offer time, support, and encouragement to the members of the chapter. Meetings are held the first Wednesday of every month. Next meeting will be on December 7th at 6:30 in Ms.Schaller's classroom. Anyone who is interested is welcome to attend. If there are any questions, please feel free to reach out by email to:
sschaller@sargent.k12.co.us**



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By: Annabelle Hienemaan



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