

DONGOLA FFA CHAPTER NEWSLETTER

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AG AWARENESS

BY CHEYENNE BRACKEN

Ag Awareness was March 19, 2024 hosted by Johnston City High School. The following Junior High FFA members attended the event; Tristan Riley, Raegen Quinn, Honor Sheppard, Serenity Miller, Sebastian Turner, Mason Kissair, and Rilee Lytle. These students participated in a rotation of different presentations regarding the Agriculture Industry and what the different careers involve. Students learned about what the speakers do on a daily basis. They had a lot of fun and enjoyed exploring different careers.



LIVESTOCK JUDGING

BY KAITLYN HERRING

March 23 of 2024 our Dongola Junior High FFA Members attended the Livestock Judging Career Development Event. The students that attended were, Isaiah Lieberman, Sebastian Turner, Reagen Quinn, and Honor Sheppard. The event took place in Duquoin at the State Fairgrounds. The students had a great time applying their judging skills they have been practicing.



SIU LIVESTOCK JUDGING

BY SARA FLICK

SIU Livestock Judging took place at the SIU Farms. This is where they judge cattle, hogs, sheep, and goats. Isaiah Lieberman, Jesse Welch, Lillian Kunstwadl, Skyli Zinn, Reagen Quinn, Mason Kissiar, and Sebastian Turner all went and did a great job on judging the livestock. Everyone that went learned how to judge the animals by how they acted, and the way they looked. SIU Livestock Judging happened on April 12th, and the members had a wonderful time.



DAIRY JUDGING

BY ANTHONY WISEMAN

On March 23, 2024 The Dongola FFA attended the Dairy Judging Contest. It was held on a chilly morning at the Duquoin State Fairgrounds. We had a total of five members attend. These five were Tristan Riley, Lillian Kunstwadl, Mason Kissiar, Jesse Welch, and Rilee Lytle. At Dairy Judging our members had to judge dairy cattle and determine which are the best and the worse within the groups of four. A big Congratulations to Tristan, who place 3rd overall individual. Our team did a great job judging and placed 2nd overall. Placing in these events is not an easy task and our team pulled it off. As Mr. Hall would say, good job bringing home some hardware!



AG SAFETY DAY

BY JACOB ALLEN

On April 22nd we hosted an Ag Safety Day at the Ag Building. This was for pre-k through 5th grade. Me and a few 7th grade students taught a wood shop safety booth. Other topics included garden safety, livestock safety, chemical safety (Provided by Union County Farm Bureau and AITC), and Fire Safety (Provided by the Fire Department).



SECTION 24 FFA BANQUET

BY KINLEY LINGLE

On Tuesday April, 30th Dongola FFA members attended the Section 24 FFA Banquet. The banquet took place at Elverado High School from 5:00 to 8:00 pm. Three Dongola members attended, Mason Kissiar, Serenity Miller, and Kinley Lingle. Mason and Serenity were both delegates and helped in choosing the new Section 24 FFA Officers. Kinley retired her position as the Section Reporter and assisted in giving out awards. The Dongola FFA Chapter brought home 2nd place in Equine and Dairy Judging along with a Bronze Emblem Chapter Award. Two of the Dongola FFA Chapter members received individual awards this past year. Hunter Howell received 2nd place in Equine Judging and Tristan Riley received 2nd place in Dairy Judging.



MIDDLE SCHOOL CONFERENCE

BY KIARA ADEN

On April 25th 2024, students attended a Middle School FFA Conference. This took place at Rend Lake College. This conference helped students learn about leadership and teamwork. This is our first year attending the conference. With this being the first year there was a lot of Dongola FFA Middle School members that participated in this conference. The students that participated includes Jesse Welch, Isaiah Lieberman, Mason Kissiar, Honor Shepard, Reagan Quinn, Taylor Rushing, Alex Turner, and Serenity Miller. This conference helped students out of their shell, and with their social skills. Food was provided by Rend Lake College. The students played leadership games, and got a tour of the college. Students were also given souvenirs to bring home.



GREENHOUSE SALES

BY LOGAN GORE

Starting April 26th, the Dongola FFA held their annual Greenhouse Sale. The Greenhouse Sale is one of the many staples Dongola School has to offer. The best part about the Greenhouse Sales is that every student gets to participate. The greenhouse is open for three weeks to the public. Not only was this a fun activity, but students learned how to care for plants. Our sales provide the FFA Department and Ag Program with funding for the following year's events. We would like to thank everyone who showed their support for our program this past year!

DISCOVERY DEGREE RECIPIENTS

The FFA Discovery Degree is awarded to 7th and 8th grade FFA members who were enrolled in an agriculture class the previous year, participated in at least one FFA event, and are familiar with our chapter's Program of Activities. The FFA Discovery Degree has been awarded to the following 7th grade students: Sam Sevenski, Lillian Kunstwadl, and Aden Lingle. For the 8th grade students, the FFA Discovery Degree has been awarded to Honor Sheppard, Raegen Quinn, Carleigh Lewis, Taylor Rushing, Ben Flores, Alex Turner, Isaiah Lieberman, Sebastian Turner, Tristan Riley, Jesse Welch, Mason Kissiar, and Serenity Miller.



MIDDLE SCHOOL FFA OFFICER TEAM

The newly Dongola FFA Middle School Officer Team has been elected for this upcoming year with Sam Sevenski as the President, Rilee Lytle as Vice President, Trinity Daniels as Secretary, Lucas Sharp as Treasurer, Kourtney Vanderpool as Reporter, and Bo Duke as Sentinel. The officer team will be working hard this summer on creating a fun and impactful schedule for the upcoming school year.

