

APRIL NEWSLETTER

STATE CONVENTION

The 87th Minnesota State Convention will be held from April 24th-26th. The following CDE Teams will be competing at State: Milk Quality, Nursery Landscape, Ag Sales, Poultry, Floriculture, Creed, Novice Parliamentary Procedure, Ag Issues Forum, Parliamentary Procedure, and Food Science. Good luck to all teams competing! We also have four chapter members participating in the State FFA Band: Eric Meredith (Baritone/Euphonium), Erynn Amundson (Clarinet), Lydia Meredith (Percussion), and Jack Zeidler (Saxophone). Congratulations to these four students on their selection in the band! There will be several events and workshops going on during Convention for students to check out. Some of the 2015 South Africa Ambassadors will be hosting a workshop about their trip; we encourage any and all who are interested to sit in and listen. Another workshop that our chapter is hosting is about the World Food Prize. Be sure to stay updated on that to get more information if you're interested in writing the paper next year! The 2015-2016 State Officers will be giving their retiring addresses, so if you're interested, find out when and where they're speaking! Walking around the St. Paul Campus? Don't forget to swing by the Stop & Shop and pick up some cool FFA gear! FFA is all about making connections and this is a perfect opportunity to make some new friends! Have a great 87th Minnesota State Convention!

Please Note: If your team is listed above, Parent's Night is April 18th and your attendance is mandatory.

URBAN AG IN THE CLASSROOM

Urban Ag. In the Classroom will be held on May 11th. The Dassel - Cokato FFA chapter will team up with the Morris FFA chapter to put on the event at the Minnesota State Fair grounds. We will bring about 70 kids to volunteer and teach inner city kids where their food comes from. The day will start off with set up and preparation for the day, then around 8:30 the kids will arrive, there will be various stations, the kids will get the opportunity to participate in multiple hands-on learning activities, that will teach kids where their food comes from. The kids also got a chance to see some livestock like a cow, goats, sheep and others. Along with hands-on activities and seeing livestock, the kids will also have the opportunity to see farm machinery actively bail hay. The last group will leave at 2:00, then we clean up. We will leave May 10th, and spend the night. If you are in high school, and are interested in helping out this day contact one of the officers or talk to Mr. Sawatzke to get signed up.

PETERSON FARM BROS EVENT

On April 16th at the Litchfield High School, the Peterson Farm Bros will be here. They are a YouTube sensation that sings covers of popular songs and changes them into farming related tunes. Tickets have already been sold, but if you are still interested, you can go to the school and buy tickets then. On the night of the event, there will be a dinner served, as well as a meet and greet with the brothers and other FFA members. This group is very involved in FFA as they have been to our very own Minnesota State Convention. If you want something fun to do that night, go there for a fun-filled evening.

FOOD DRIVE

The FFA annual Food Drive was held from March 8th to March 18th. This year we were able to collect a total of 380 items. These items were split up evenly between both Dassel and Cokato food shelves, giving each food shelves 190 items. Each flex was given a list of food items they could bring in, these items ranged from canned items to basic toiletries. The number of items for each flex was tracked, the winning flex was Mrs. Gorges flex, congratulation to them! Thank you to all who donated this year and helped collect food.!

MEMBER IN THE SPOTLIGHT

The 2017 South Africa Ambassadors have been selected. This year there are four sophomores The students are Kaitlyn Niska, Erynn Amundson, Jack Zeidler, Tabatha Williams, Camryn Sullivan, Calyn Rieger, Kayla Grochow, Patricia Aho, Katelynn Lee, Dylan Terning, Jessica Cron, Rhea Torola, and Eric Meredith. These students will represent both the agricultural and physical education goers, as the trip will be split between athletics and agriculture. They will be in South Africa in the end of July in 2017. Congratulations to these students to for furthering Dassel-Cokato's global connections in South Africa. Be sure to strike up a conversation with them, you will be glad you did!



UPCOMING EVENTS

April

1st: Little International

8th: Region Meats, Dairy Cattle, Dairy Handler, General Livestock
CDE's

11th: Alumni Meeting at 6:45 pm

11th: Region V Banquet

14th: State Food Science CDE

14th: **Spring Form Due Date!**

-Discovery Degree (7th and 8th grade), Greenhand Degree (1st year High School member), Chapter Degree (2-4 year member in high school)

-Chapter Proficiency Application

-Chapter Officer Application

-Greenhand Ring Application

-Star Greenhand Application

-Pre-registration for State Greenhand Leadership Conference (SGLC- current 9th grade students) and State Leadership Conference for Chapter Leaders (SLCCL- current 10th-11th grade students)

18th: Chapter Officer, Star Greenhand, Proficiency Interviews

24th-26th: State FFA Convention

May

6th: Chapter Banquet

11th: Urban Ag in the Classroom

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