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Dassel-Cokato FFA Newsletter



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Upcoming Events

November Dates

- November 7th - Nursery, Milk Quality, Fish & Wildlife, FBM contest
- November 11th - Veterans Day
- November 12th - Fruit Sale Orders **DUE!!**
- November 17th - H2O Conference
- November 22nd-23rd - Thanksgiving Break!
- November 26th - FFA Apparel Orders **DUE!!**

December Dates

- December 3rd - FFA Chapter Meeting
- December 13th - U of M Invite
- December 22nd-January 1st - Christmas Break!

GITS (Greenhands in the Spotlight) By: Grace Zeidler

Greenhands in the Spotlight took place on September 26 at the Prairie Woods Environmental Learning Center near New London. The conference focused on teaching the ninth-grade, first-year members the basics of the FFA, and to get them interested in agriculture. Students learned FFA basics, leadership, officer roles and many other important aspects of the FFA. There were three content-based sessions, two fun sessions with rock climbing and free time, and a long lunch break. The group got to meet and interact with the Region Officer team who ran the conference. This will help them get a jump start on their FFA careers. Those that went to the conference were Warren Smith, Bill Vetsch, James Schoenherr, Devon Matthews, Jordan Nordstrom, Emma Niedzielski, and Lauren Hanson.



National Convention

By: Elizabeth Knutson

From October 22 to October 27, 13 members of the Dassel-Cokato FFA Chapter attended the National FFA Convention in Indianapolis. Six were competing on the Ag Issues team, one was competing with a proficiency, and six were attending as delegates. The Ag Issues team members were Eric Meredith, Ben Miklasz, Emily Miklasz, Abby Mills, Jens Martinen, and Adam Hendrickson. Calyn Rieger was competing with his Environmental and Natural Resources proficiency. Delegates were Ava Erickson, Grace Zeidler, Leah Lutgens, Emmanuel Johnson, Nevaeh Adams, and Elizabeth Knutson. Members had the chance to learn from several sessions put on by the National FFA Officers, attend a Garth Brooks concert, experience a rodeo, and catch some FFA members sharing their talents at National Talent. Although unfortunately the Ag Issues team did not advance on to semifinals, all of the members at convention enjoyed their experience! Be sure to ask them about it! At the final session, members got to watch as Adrian Schunk, a National

Officer Candidate we hosted, got elected as the Eastern Region Vice President!

Ag Issues By: Eric Meredith

This year Dassel Cokato FFA sent the Ag Issues team to compete at the 91st National Convention. The team consisted of Abigail Mills, Emily Miklasz, Benjamin Miklasz, Eric Meredith, Jens Marttinen, and Adam Hendrickson. While the team did not advance to semifinals, they had a great time getting to compete and fell just short of advancing. The team's topic was on the labeling of plant based milk, and if it can be called milk. If you have any questions about their experience feel free to ask them, and if you are interested in joining Ag Issues, talk to Ms Nelson.



Fruit Sales By: Abygale Carpenter

This year for FFA Fruit sales we are offering fruit from MinnTex, French Lake Bacon and Summer Sausage, Marquette's unpopped popcorn, McCone foods including meat sticks, pickled herring, and popcorn, and a variety of cheeses and cheese spreads.

Fruit Sales are going quite well so far this year, but our main concern is to keep pushing sales! This, of course, is a member based activity which means members have to push their sales and use all the resources they have. Never be afraid to tell someone about our sales, and make sure you tell them what their purchase goes toward. After members sell a certain amount, they begin to collect their own fund that they can use to help purchase a jacket, pay for a trip to State Convention, or even individual camps and conferences. Fruit sales end on November 12th, so please do not forget to turn in your folders! The easiest way for the Chapter to handle all the money you earn is to deposit it into a bank account yourself, and then write out one check, but if you cannot make this possible it is completely all right! Good luck to all our sellers and thank you for all your Participation! An extra thank you goes out to

all parents helping our members sell and encouraging them to keep selling!

Region Results By: Abigail Mills

On October 12th we had 3 teams compete at the region competition. Our horse evaluation team place 12th. Team members of this team include Emily M, Tyi, Dayna, Lydia, Emily k. Megan, and Lucy. Dayna Terning was 3rd overall. Our forestry team placed 5th. The members of this team are Carrie N, Brianna T. and Bill V. Carrie Nelson placed 5th and will go to state. Brianna Thomas was 7th. The soils team consisted of 4 members Emily P, Ben M, Abby M and Layla E they placed 6th and made it to state.

Member in the Spotlight

By: Leah Lutgens

Luke Fonkert

Luke Fonkert is currently a junior and competes on the Parliamentary Procedures team. This summer Luke got to attend the State Conference for Chapter Leaders. He had a great time getting to meet new members, learning about how to lead the chapter, and participating in all of the possible activities. Outside of FFA he competes in track and field and is involved in strength and conditioning. This year he hopes to advance to nationals with the Parli Team.



Meet the Officer

By: Jack Zeidler

Jack Zeidler is this year's chapter Vice President. He is a senior this year, along with being a member of FFA he is in NHS. He currently competes on the Farm Business Management His favorite part of FFA is being able to meet people from other parts of the state and nation. He is most definitely a cow person. His SAE is his job and his crop plot, his job is working on a dairy farm, that has taken up the majority of his summer. He also runs the chapter crop plot, this year they grew soybeans and had an abundant amount of help from Nutrien Ag Solutions. The thing he's looking forward to the most this year is being able to help the chapter grow together and hopefully bring more teams to state and nationals.



By: Tyi LaZarre

Tyi Lazarre is this year's current Officer at Large. She is a junior she compete on the horse evaluation team, and parliamentary procedures team. She am involved in Swimming and Track and Field. She works at a dairy farm, south of Cokato where she milks cows as well as helps do other jobs around the farm. She own horses and enjoy showing them over the summer. She works with horses as part of her SAE, where she trains them and helps them to become good show horses. She is looking forward to the rest of the year and encourages members to get involved in as much as they can.



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