

OCTOBER NEWSLETTER

NATIONAL OFFICER CANDIDATE TRAINING

On Thursday October 8th, 8 national FFA officer candidates traveled to Minnesota for our training hosted by our chapter. On Friday these 8 candidates traveled to the Minnesota Department of Agriculture where they met with many different government officials and discussed agricultural problems. From there they traveled back to our high school where they met with our administration where they talked about agricultural education. They also watched our Ag Issues team perform and practiced 1-on-1 rounds. After the long day of meetings and traveling, the candidates and members went to a barn dance/potluck at Irene Bender's along with going to see the largest ball of twine in. On Saturday they traveled to the school for their training and we had a great turn out for trainers and helpers. This year's training ran smoothly.



NATIONAL CONVENTION

This year is the 88th National Convention and is in Louisville Kentucky from October 26th through the 31st. The Ag Issues team will be going down along with 5 other members to represent the chapter. The Ag Issues team will be preparing for their national competition, Spencer Flood will be with the state officers to discuss with the National FFA Organization on how to strive to be a better organization, and the other members will be touring the convention and doing other activities.

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As I am sure many of you know the Dassel-Cokato FFA traveled to South Africa this past August. There the eleven students viewed the difference in agricultural practices as well as the difference in the cultures. At last month's meeting the students gave a presentation on what they all saw/experienced. Other programs and organizations have requested that we present our journey to them to promote further school trips and to just share our experience with them.

**MEMBER IN THE SPOTLIGHT**

Austin Davis is our chapter's member in the spotlight for the month of October. At the State Fair this year, Austin showed off his Holsteins. He won both spots for the FFA Grade Holstein Senior Champion. Austin Davis also won both spots for the FFA Grade Holstein Grand Champion. Austin Davis has been working with his dairy cattle for many years. While in high school, his SAE was dairy production, working with his family's dairy farm. Austin has earned his American Degree with this SAE and many awards for various shows throughout his past. Congratulations to Austin for all of his impressive work.

WORLD FOOD PRIZE

On October 14th -16th, Spencer Flood, Emily Amundson and Mr. Sawatzke will travel down to Des Moines, Iowa for the Global Youth Institute. Spencer is traveling as a Minnesota delegate to participate in the Borlaug Dialogue and various other events, held in conjunction with the World Food Prize. Emily is traveling as a group leader; she participated in the Global Youth Institute last year and is very excited to participate as a group leader. This year there are three participants from Minnesota, compared to the seven from last year. If you would like to qualify to participate in this event, you simply write a 5 page paper on a country of your choice, focusing on a factor in this country which is preventing them from producing enough food to feed them. By participating in this event, both Emily and Spencer receive internships from the University of Minnesota, USDA and possibly an international internship in the country of their choice. If you are interested in participating next year, talk to Emily, Spencer or any of the officers, as well as Mr. Sawatzke.



**THE WORLD
FOOD PRIZE**

NEW AG ROOM & SHOP

This past summer the Ag room and small engines shop went through a big transformation. The small engines shop used to be shared with the welding shop, which caused problems for the classes. With the money that was given to the CTE department, they decided to rearrange and update tools and facilities. The wall that used to separate the computer lab and the Ag room was removed. The new Ag room is where the old computer lab used to be and the new small engines shop is in the old Ag room. Expect to see more updates to the new Ag room over the next couple years.



SERVICE LEARNING DAY

Our FFA officer team has been working hard to plan the school-wide Service Learning Day. Service Learning Day will be happening Tuesday, October 13th (tomorrow). Every student in the school has signed up to participate in an activity of their choosing. Some activities are park clean-up, School clean-up, yard clean-up, 363 sandwich making, pave the way, a senior citizen prom, and the corn drive. All students and staff will be helping out to better the community.

STAY UPDATED!

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