



State FFA Officer Visit

Upcoming Events:

- Chapter Officer Winter Retreat January 7th and 8th
- Greenhand Officer Leadership Day January 9th
- Back to School January 12th
- Hanford Citrus Contest January 24th
- FFA and Booster's Meeting January 26th
- State Degree Scoring January 29th
- Tulare Citrus Contest January 31st

On November 13th, the Strathmore FFA Chapter was fortunate enough to have two CA State FFA Officers join us. The night before their visit they went out to dinner with our chapter and greenhand officers, and then the following day they came and spoke to all the Ag classes. The two officers, President Dipak Kumar and Reporter Ellen VanNoy, taught our members valuable life skills and qualities for our lives now and in the future. They briefly covered areas in responsibility, citizenship, and community service, finance, and our future. All in all, their visit, lessons and company was truly worth while.

-Tyson Brem



Veteran's Day Parade

On November 11th Strathmore FFA made a float for the Veteran's Day Parade. FFA members came together very early in the morning to put the float together, and then rode on it in the parade. It was a lot of hard work, but it was all worth it because our float looked great, and we won the Commander American Legion trophy and \$400! We had so much fun at this event, and it was a great way to show our support and appreciation to our veterans, and those currently serving in our armed forces.

-Ralphy Montijo



Poinsettia Sales

The Strathmore FFA Chapter sold poinsettias as a fundraiser this year. We would like to extend a special thank you to all the students who helped to sell, and to our community members who helped to support our program. We greatly appreciate your commitment to our FFA and our students!

Officer Christmas Party

On Thursday, December 18th the Chapter Officers, Greenhand Officers, and advisors were invited to have a great time at our annual Christmas Party. This event took place at the Porterville Bowling Alley, where we had lunch, handed out our secret Santa presents, and then went bowling. The Greenhand Officers and teachers were on one lane competing against the Chapter officers in the other lane. The Chapter Officers ended up with the lead, but what was more important was that we had a lot of fun and bonded with each other even more.

-Rosario Gutierrez



Greenhand Week

During Greenhand Week, November 10th-14th, we had many activities at lunch. Our first activity started on Monday, where each greenhand painted their hands green and stamped their hand on a long piece of white paper that we would later use as table runners for the Fall Banquet. On Wednesday we resumed the week after Veteran's Day with a roping activity. The following day we had a pie eating relay race with the greenhands versus the rest of the classes. Last but not least, on Friday we ended the week with a tug-o-war contest again, greenhands versus the rest of the classes. Overall, Greenhand week was a lot of fun and very successful at welcoming the freshmen to our organization!

-Samantha Gonzalez



FFA Meeting

On the 15th of December we had our Winter FFA Meeting. We discussed the upcoming events, activities and business that members can participate in. At the end of the meeting we had cupcakes, cookies, and hot chocolate for everyone. Members wore Santa hats, participated in a little gift exchange, to top it off we had a gingerbread house building contest, in which we discovered some of us are not destined to be architects. The meeting was a lot of fun and a great way to wrap up the school year!

-Ralphy Montijo and Tim Brazier



Exeter Citrus Contest

Saturday, December 13th, the Strathmore FFA Citrus Judging Team competed at the Exeter/Golden West Competition. Our "A" team placed 3rd overall in nursery trees, 4th overall in oranges, and 6th for overall high team. All in all, the competition was a huge success and we cannot wait for our next competition on January 24th.

-Amanda Farquharson

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