



Strathmore Agriculture Department



MFE/ ALA Conference

On February 13th and 14th, the Strathmore FFA sent 7 students to the Made For Excellence Conference and 2 students to the Advanced Leadership Academy at the Holiday Inn in Visalia. We had seven different sessions that we had to attend in those two days. We worked on gaining better leadership skills and working on ourselves in general. After our sessions were over on Friday we were able to attend a dance to better get to know and have fun with members from our region. We were able to meet new people, and left with a mind filled with knowledge and a heart for new beginnings.

-Sarah Crocker and Kim Cortez

Upcoming Events:

- SCI Dinner Fundraiser* *March 7th*
- We ♥ Pets Charity* *March 2nd-13th*
- FFA Roping* *March 14th*
- Spring Break* *March 16th-20th*
- Dimuba Vet Science Contest* *March 21st*
- Merced Field Day*
- Modesto Field Day* *March 28th*
- FFA Meeting* *March 30th*



Sectional Speaking

On February 3, 2015, there was a Sectional Speaking Contest at Mission Oak High School in Tulare. We took five Creed Speakers, and three Impromptu speakers to compete. The Creed Speakers had to memorize and recite the five paragraphs of the creed and then answer three questions about what the creed means to them. In the impromptu contest, the contestants had to speak one minute on a key word or quote and one minute on a question. Overall, it was a very difficult contest, but we all had a lot of fun and learned a lot!

-Tim Braziel



San Joaquin Regional FFA Meeting

On February 28, 2015, ten FFA members attended the San Joaquin Regional FFA Meeting at Frontier High School in Bakersfield. At the Regional Meeting the delegates were able to vote on constitutional changes, and the members got to listen to officer speeches and elect their next San Joaquin regional FFA Officer Team. In addition to the meeting,, we submitted our FFA Scrapbook for competition. Our scrapbook turned out really great and we are really proud of it. All in all, it was a really fun day and everyone who went had a great experience.



FFA Week

FFA Week was February 23-27th, and we celebrated by hosting lunchtime activities. The Monday activity was a pie eating contest, in which there were two different teams, and the first team to finish all their “pies” won. The second day was Volleyball. This game was Freshmen and Seniors vs. Sophomores and Juniors. Wednesday was Tug-O-War where the classes competed against each other. Musical chairs was on Thursday where both students and teachers played, which was really fun and entertaining. Finally, to end the week Mr. Plyman had to kiss a pig in front of the whole school! Overall, FFA Week was a lot of fun and was a good opportunity to get involved.



-Hannah Dunkin and Karen Estrella

February FFA Meeting

This month’s FFA Meeting was held on February 23, 2015. The Greenhand Officers were in charge of planning and running the meeting. All the FFA members were invited and after the meeting we always do something fun. This time we had an obstacle course and we had three different teams that competed. It was fun and very funny to watch, After the activity we had strawberries, marshmallows, and pretzels with melted chocolate in honor of National Chocolate Day. Everyone had a great time and it was a lot of fun!

-Konner Williams

San Joaquin Sectional FFA Activity

This year we had the chance to attend the Glow-in-the-Dark Dodgeball game for the Sectional FFA Meeting at Porterville High School on February 25th. We took 17 students, and had two teams. We got to play teams for different schools and meet new people. The Sectional FFA Officers led a meeting and then we adjourned to the gym to play the dodgeball tournament. It was a lot of fun and I am really looking forward to going again next year!

-Itzel Solorzano



World Ag Expo

On February 12, 2015 we took 60 students to the World Ag Expo in Tulare. We went with our teachers Ms. Larson, Miss Amaral, and Mr. Silveira. Luis Sanchez, our State FFA Sentinel, gave us a tour of the Expo and showed us a lot of the different booths that were there. The best part for me was when we got to see the equipment that separated citrus. I thought that was awesome because it automatically analyzed and separated the bad oranges from the good ones. After the tour we got some time to explore on our own and we got to see a lot of different trucks and tractors. I would like to go again because it was a lot of fun and I learned a lot.

-Maria Ceballos



Drive Thru Dinner

On February 26, 2015 the Strathmore FFA Boosters, Ag teachers, and students all gathered at the Strathmore Ag Department to take part in the FFA Drive-thru dinner. We sold over 300 dinners, a major success! The best part of the whole thing was seeing everyone come together and working as one. The money we earned is going to the expenses of our FFA activities throughout the year, and to scholarships. All in all, our drive-thru dinner was a lot of fun and very successful. Thank you for everyone who came out to support the Strathmore FFA!

-Kim Cortez

