



# Strathmore Agriculture Department

## Greenhand Leadership Conference

### Upcoming Events:

- Pathway Showcase*      Nov. 3,4&5
- Veterans Day Parade*      Nov. 11th
- State Officer Visit*      Nov. 13th
- Field Trip to Cal Poly*      Nov. 13th
- Fall Banquet*      Nov. 17th

On October 7, 2014 Strathmore FFA Freshmen went to the Greenhand FFA Leadership Conference. Not only did Strathmore FFA attend, but Monache, Porterville, Tulare, Exeter, Dinuba and Granite Hills were all there also. This Conference gave us the opportunity to connect with other students from other schools and make new friends. In addition to making new friends, the conference consists of games and trivia. The games involved hard thinking, memorizing things, and learning about ourselves—our strengths and weaknesses. The Greenhand Conference was the perfect opportunity to learn what agriculture and FFA is all about while making new friends.

-Karen Estrella and Mariah Rodriguez



## Sectional Opening and Closing Ceremonies Contest

On October 8th three different teams from Strathmore compete in the Sectional Opening and Closing Ceremonies Contest held at the COS Campus in Tulare. We had one officer team, on open team, and one Greenhand team compete. On the Open Team, Jade Church won an individual award, and Hayley Tharp, Shaylie Logan, and Tanner Nuckols won individual awards on the Greenhand Team. Overall, everyone who competed did an excellent job and represented Strathmore well. In addition to competing, we had the chance to meet new people and have dinner there. It was a lot of fun and a great learning experience.

-Sarah Crocker



### Harmony's Harvest Festival

This year for the first time Strathmore FFA marketed our Pumpkins and Sweet Corn at the Harmony Harvest Festival. Several members took the evening to sell our commodities—and it was a very successful evening with us selling out of everything we brought!



## Sectional FFA Activity

Have you ever been inside a corn maze? On October 22nd, 30 FFA students traveled to Visalia to attend the Vossler Farms Sectional Activity. During the activity Kim Cortez and Amanda Farquharson attended a sectional meeting. They voted on constitutional changes and updated information. After the meeting was adjourned they allowed the FFA chapters to enter the maze. The maze had a series of stops and dead ends along the way that most of the students found challenging. During the maze FFA students started a Marco Polo game. This made the maze even more fun and exciting. The Strathmore FFA students left the Vossler Farms Section Activity very tired, but happy from a great experience.

## October FFA Meeting

-Kim Cortez

On October 27th Strathmore FFA had their monthly meeting. We talked about events that had happened in the last month and the upcoming activities that members could participate in. After the business was concluded we had root beer floats and a costume contest. The costume contest was really fun and entertaining. The winners in each category won candy.

-Juan Mendez



## Cow Palace

The 2014 Junior Grand National Rodeo, Horse, and Livestock show, or Cow Palace, kicked off Oct. 17, 2014 in San Francisco, CA. The Strathmore FFA Chapter was well represented by 2 of their best showman, Tyson Brem and Amanda Farquharson. Tyson was quite successful with his market goats and breeding does, placing Champion Open Doe Day One and Reserve Champion Open Doe Day 2. Tyson also had one market barrow (hog) that placed 1st. Amanda did fairly well placing in top of her classes for her 2 market and 1 breeding gilts. All in all Strathmore had great representation at Cow Palace.

-Amanda Farquharson

## Butterfield Stage Days

On October 17th Strathmore FFA put on two booths at the Butterfield Stage Days— Roping and the Pizza Story. In the roping booth we helped Mrs. Daniel teach the fourth graders the history of rodeo and how to rope. The fourth graders seemed to have a lot of interest in the history behind rodeo, and they were eager to learn how to rope. In the Pizza Story we taught them how all the ingredients from Pizza come from agriculture and then gave them a chance to build their own pizza. Overall, it was a great success and we are looking forward to next year!

-Shaylie Logan and Brittany Saunders



## Strathmore's Harvest Festival

The Junior Pathway class hosted the 1st annual Strathmore Harvest Festival at the Strathmore High School Farm on October 24th. The students set up booth and fun activities and invited the Pre-K students to come our for a fund and educational time. We had about 45 students come to our harvest festival, all of which had a great time learning about agriculture, getting their face painted, and getting to take home their very own pumpkin.

-Tyson Brem

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## Kern Ag Summit

The 1st Annual Kern Agriculture Summit was held on Tuesday, October 14th at Bakersfield College. Three students—Raul Carranza, Isabel Delgado, and Amanda Farquharson—attended this fantastic event. Before attending we chose one of the speakers that would be presenting and wrote a bio about them in order to get a better understanding of who we would be listening to. There were several political speakers including Congressman Kevin McCarthy, CA Secretary of Agriculture Karen Ross, Congressman David Valadao, Senator Jean Fuller, and many more. We had never had much experience with politics so it was very interesting and we learned a lot. Most of the discussions centered around the drought in California, but we also learned about pests, invasive species, and other issues facing California Agriculture. It was a very educational and interesting day!

- Amanda Farquharson and Isabel Delgado

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