

November Ag and FFA Newsletter

FFA Foundation Update

Once again, Heritage FFA is participating in the annual Illinois Foundation FFA Collection Drive. Heritage has a goal of sending \$1000 to the foundation this year. The Foundation FFA supports the Illinois Association FFA, by providing financial resources to help provide opportunities for FFA members. As of now, Heritage has had \$300 donated to the foundation. Heritage FFA would greatly appreciate any donations to the foundation, and we would like to extend our thanks to those who have donated so far.

By Jada Davis

- **BUILD Conference**
- **LTS**
- **Agronomy CDE**
- **WCFA**
- **Thanksgiving break**

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Ag Plot Update

The ag plot was harvested in mid-September yielding approximately 185 bushels per acre. Farm Manager, Jack Benschneider says that the weather and overpopulation played a big role in the yields. Thank you to the Dohme Family, the Benschneider Family, and Illini FS for all their work on the plot and time they contributed to help the Heritage FFA.

By Desmond Walker



Dig For a Cure

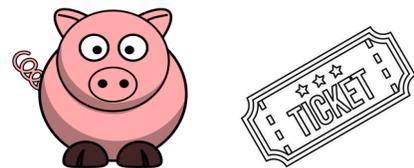
On October 18th the Heritage FCCLA and FFA Chapter came together to raise money at the Dig for a Cure event at the Heritage volleyball game versus Villa Grove. The Heritage FFA chapter donated hot dogs to sell as hot dog meals at the game. The FCCLA did such a great job with this event and were able to raise \$650 to donate to the Mills Breast Cancer Institute. On behalf of the Heritage FFA and FCCLA I would like to thank everyone who came out and supported us to support this great cause.

By Isaac Berry

Hog Raffle

Heritage FFA will be having a hog raffle drawing on November 8th, 2018 during an officer meeting at Heritage High School. The raffle tickets cost 5 dollars each. The first prize is half of a hog, second prize is $\frac{1}{4}$ of a hog, and third prize is $\frac{1}{4}$ of a hog. Allen Meats will be processing the hog, the winner will be able to pick up their pork there. You do not have to be present to win, the officer team will contact you if your ticket has been drawn.

By Keegan Painter



FFA National Convention



On Wednesday October 24 the Heritage FFA had 10 student leave for the National FFA Convention in Indianapolis, Indiana. When we arrived we went to the First General Session of the 91st National FFA Convention. Here we got the privilege to listen to the National Officers and Kyle Scheele, the keynote speaker. Later that night we were able to go see Garth Brooks in concert at the Lucas Oil Stadium. Everyone had a lot of fun and really enjoyed seeing him.

On Thursday October 25 we got up and went to walk the expo and shopping mall. The seniors got to talk to multiple college representatives from around the country and the sophomores and juniors also enjoyed the expo. The expo was a great way for all the students to visit booths and get more involved in their futures. The expo offered fun games and scavenger hunts also. After our walk through at the expo the students went to the Second General Session of the 91st National FFA Convention. On our way home we made a small detour to the Beef House in Covington, Indiana and had a wonderful group dinner. We all had the pleasure of going to the National FFA Convention and enjoying our time.

By Autumn Walker & Rianna Rothermel

Classroom Update

Ag Communications and Leadership: Right now the students are working on presentations for their Ag in the Classroom project. They will be going to the Elementary the first week of November to present their lessons to the children and help spread knowledge about agriculture.

Ag Business: Students are working on their “Shark Tank Project”, which is a project that helps them understand how to run a business and what all has to go into it. They have to create a product that nobody has ever created before and do the main components of running a business.

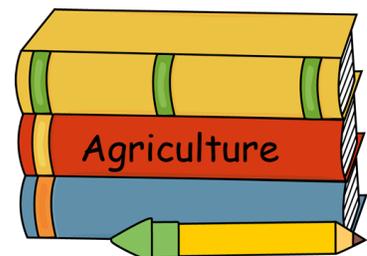
Animal Science: The students are learning about the swine industry. They are learning about the different parts of the pig, the meat cuts of a pig and even how to read ear notching on hogs. After they are finished with the swine industry they will start learning about the poultry industry.

Ag Science: These students are learning more about Agronomy. They are being tested on Crop ID and many different things. Some of the students will be participating in the FFA Agronomy Contest November 15, 2018.

Horticulture: The students in Horticulture are learning about Careers in the Horticulture Industry. The students are required to choose a career in Horticulture and create a brochure about it. In the brochure, they will include information such as the description of the job, the education needed, and the salary. They will then present this brochure to the class to teach about their career.

Intro to Ag: The students are learning about Parliamentary Procedure. Parliamentary Procedure is defined as a rule that defines how a particular situation is to be handled, or a particular outcome achieved, in a legislature or deliberative body. The class is working in groups to properly run through an efficient meeting will continue to learn about this throughout the next week.

By Nicole Cheatham & Lynnae Struck



Upcoming Events

On Friday November 9th the Illinois FFA is putting on the BUILD Conference in Decatur, Illinois. This event will take place at the Decatur Conference Center & Hotel, it is the first year this event will take place. The BUILD Conference will be a great opportunity for FFA members to “build” their leadership skills. Thank you to the Champaign County Farm Bureau for sponsoring two of our students to attend this event.

On Tuesday November 13th is the Section 17 Leadership Training School (LTS) where our FFA Officer Team and any first year members will go to Allerton Park to learn different leadership qualities and spend time as a chapter working together. This is a great event to get the Freshmen more involved in FFA.

On Wednesday November 14th the Intro to Ag class will get the chance to enjoy a special visit from the Section Officers as well as one of the Major State FFA Officers. They will get the chance to do different activities and learn more about FFA.

On Thursday November 15th our Chapter Agronomy teams will compete at the Section contest identifying different crops and weeds as well as equipment used in the agronomy industry.

On Monday November 19th some of our Chapter Seniors will be attending a Mini-Women Changing the Face of Agriculture at Parkland College where they will be able to learn more about careers in agriculture and hear from women already working in the industry. This conference is designed to help our members determine what path they want to take in agriculture past high school.

By Evan Wilson

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