

Heritage FFA

Upcoming Events

Monthly Ag and FFA Newsletter

February Issue

Strawberry Fundraiser

Heritage FFA will be doing a strawberry fundraiser this month. You will have the chance to buy fresh Florida strawberries and support the Heritage FFA while doing so. If you order strawberries you can either get 1 flat for \$30 which contains 8 - 1 Qt. clamshells or ½ flat for \$16 which contains 4 - 1 Qt. clamshells. Make sure to contact an FFA member by February 20th to put your order in. You can expect to get your strawberries sometime in March. Don't miss the chance to get these delicious strawberries, you won't regret it.

By Keegan Painter



FFA Week

FFA Week is almost here and the Heritage FFA Chapter has some new and exciting events coming up this year. On Tuesday we will be having the tractor day where students get the opportunity to drive their tractors to school and wear their favorite tractor colors, while during homeroom we will have pedal tractor races. Wednesday we will be doing our Western day with our homeroom activity as a Scavenger Hunt. Thursday we will be doing our America day where students get the opportunity to show their support for their country with our homeroom activity being Ag Olympics. On Friday the students will have an opportunity to wear their blue and gold for FFA day with a homeroom activity of Four Corners. We will be looking forward to a fun filled week of activities for our chapter and school.

By Autumn Walker

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Tower Garden

The Heritage Ag Department has purchased a Tower Garden with a grant. So now we have a hydroponic system to grow vegetables in the classroom. It is a handy tool to have to show just how far agriculture has come. You don't even need to be outside or in a greenhouse anymore. This addition to the classroom provides another hands on lab area for multiple classes to use throughout the year.

By Isaac Berry



Greenhouse Update

As the months start flying by and the sun begins to shine a little more the Heritage agriculture program is getting prepared to start doing some work in the greenhouse. Our agriculture teacher, Mrs. Mohr has ordered the plants we will be putting in the greenhouse and they should arrive in February.

All classes will be helping to put these new plants into the greenhouse and then an abundance of the care given to the plants after will be by the Horticulture class. Some other exciting news about the greenhouse is that we are looking to make some upgrades, and if the grant we applied for goes through we will be able to make much-needed renovations to our greenhouse. Make sure to read next month for another update on the greenhouse.

By Evan Wilson

Farmer Appreciation Breakfast

Once again during FFA Week, we will be having a Farmer Appreciation Breakfast for our local farmers and Alumni. We invited you and other members of our community to enjoy a well prepared breakfast by your Heritage FFA Chapter. We will be holding the breakfast on February 22, 2019 from 7:30 am to 9:00 am (or until the food is gone) in the Ag shop, which is located at the back of the school. We hope to see you there!

By Nicole Cheatham

Classroom Update

Ag Communications and Leadership: In this class, students are working on their Ag in the Classroom presentations that they will present to the elementary students in just a few short weeks. These presentations will teach the elementary students about livestock and food & nutrition.

Ag Business: These students are currently working on a Microsoft Office Agribusiness Simulation. This simulation challenges students with a series of real-world projects that Slater Farms requires for the operation of its business. Students assume the role of a Microsoft Office Specialist for Slater Farms.

Plant Science: In Plant Science, the students are finishing up learning about the production of oats, barley and rye. They will then be learning to figure Corn and Soybean Yields and Population.

Ag Science: These students are currently diving deeper into animal science. They are learning about processing and animal processes.

Horticulture: In Horticulture, the students are working on making informational posters about the plants that they will be planting and growing in the greenhouse. These posters will be hung up in the greenhouse and will provide information when caring for the specific plants.

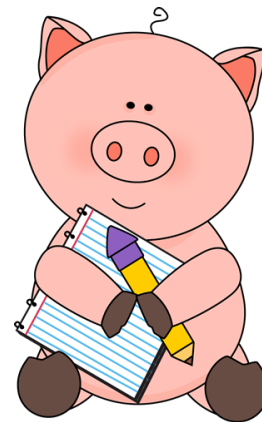
Intro to Ag: These students are currently learning about Animal Science including basic terms and different breeds.

By Lynnae Struck

Ag in the Classroom

In February, the Ag Communications class will be going down to the elementary school to teach students about different agricultural topics just like they did in the fall. Each class will be taught by 2-3 of the Ag Comm students and they will be teaching a topic of their choice. The topics range from farm animals such as chickens, cows, and sheep, to food and nutrition, and Illinois 200th birthday that was celebrated earlier this year. The Ag Comm students have been working hard to make presentations to present to their classes, along with activities and crafts to go along with their topic. We are hoping that the students who have not been introduced to agriculture or don't know much about it can have a better understanding and learn something new. Ag in the Classroom is a great way for the high school students to work with younger children but also be able to introduce agriculture to these students at such a young age. We are hoping to continue to do Ag in the Classroom and make it more successful each time.

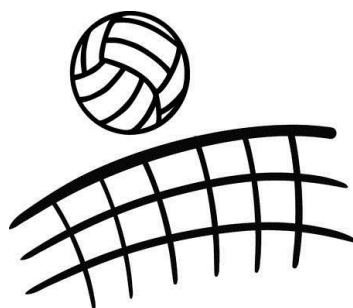
By Rianna Rothermel



Section Volleyball

This year Section 17 Volleyball will be February 27, 2019 at Fisher High School in Fisher, IL. Section Volleyball is where FFA members from our section, which is Section 17, and compete as a fun game with other members from different schools. This year we will be taking two teams if there is enough people that will sign up. Last year we got second against Tuscola and we hope to get first this year!

By Nicole Cheatham



Public Speaking/Job Interview Results

On January 23, Heritage took 4 members to the Section 17 Public Speaking and Job Interview CDE at Monticello High School. Freshmen, Kolton Junglas and Bri Struck competed in Creed Speaking. Junior, Jada Davis competed in Prepared Speaking and Job Interview and Senior, Nicole Cheatham competed in Extemporaneous Speaking. Jada Davis placed second overall in Prepared Speaking, so she will be competing at the District contest in April. The contest was a great experience for all four of our competitors and we look forward to taking members to this contest every year.

By Jada Davis

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