

Monthly Ag and FFA Newsletter

Upcoming Events

- ◆ Plant Sale
- ◆ Ag Day
- ◆ May 19th–
Graduation
- ◆ State
Convention

Ag Day

By Rianna Rothermel

This year, Heritage FFA will be hosting another Ag Day for the students at the elementary school and for the entire community to attend. Ag Day will be on Friday, May 10th at the high school. Children will get the chance to interact with many farm animals such as pigs, calves, chickens, ponies, goats, and bunnies at the petting zoo. They will get to learn more about farm machinery and do many other fun activities. Ag Day is another great way for people to meet this year's new officer team. If you would like to learn more about Heritage FFA, please join us for Ag Day!

Plant Sale

By Evan Wilson

Every year Heritage FFA Chapter has their Spring plant sale. The Horticulture class here at Heritage has been growing these plants all semester long and they will have a great variety to choose from. The sale will take place on Friday, May 3rd from 8 a.m. to 7 p.m. and Saturday, May 4th from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. at 111 South Main Street in Homer; this is located in front of the Vintage Bakery. The prices range from \$15 for the potted arrangements and hanging baskets, to as low as \$2 or \$3 dollars for the spikes and geraniums. So come on out and support your local FFA Chapter and buy some plants!



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New Officer Bio

By Jada Davis

On April 14 at our Chapter Banquet, the 2019-2020 officer team was installed. The new officers are very excited to start their year of service. Here's a little get to know the officers!!

President: Our new President is Jada Davis, and she will be a senior at Heritage in the fall. Her favorite parts of FFA are meeting new people, advocating for agriculture, and travelling across the state.

Vice President: Lynnae Struck was elected to serve as Vice President. Her favorite things about FFA are being able to try new things, go to all the different events, and learn more about agriculture.

Secretary: Rianna Rothermel, our Secretary, will also be a senior this fall. The thing she loves most about FFA is being able to meet new people at every event she attends and being able to grow closer to her fellow officers throughout the year.

Treasurer: Our new Treasurer is Hannah Beck, who will be a senior next year. The thing Hannah loves about being in FFA is meeting a lot of new friends and being able to try new things like deciding to run for an office. It's also given her the chance to explore many careers in the ag industry more in depth.

Reporter: Malani Smithenry, our Reporter, will be a junior next school year. The thing Malani likes about being an FFA member is getting involved with friends from different communities and participating in events that bring them closer together. She also loves getting to learn more about agriculture.

Sentinel: Ryan Cheatham, our new Sentinel, will also be a junior at Heritage next year. His favorite part about FFA is getting involved in new events and he likes getting to learn how to become a better leader and meet new people.

Historian: Our new Historian is Anna Sanders and she will be a junior next year. Anna's favorite part of being involved in FFA is the many experiences she has gained, people she has met, and the long term effects these experiences and people will have on her in the future in the workplace and just in general.

Farm Manager: Jack Benschneider, our Farm Manager re-elect will be a junior next year, as well. Jack loves being involved in FFA because he's always learning new things. Before being in FFA he thought he knew a lot about ag, but through FFA he's learning new things every day.

Student Advisor: Our new Student Advisor, Konner Pearman, will be a sophomore at Heritage next year. Konner's favorite part of being involved in FFA is getting to meet new people and participate in all of the fun events.

Banquet Wrap-Up

By Nicole Cheatham

This year the banquet was held on April 14, 2019. We had a great turn out and everything went smoothly. We did the silent dessert auction and a lot of people participated and it was a good way to raise some money for our chapter. We gave out awards to our members and donors to show our appreciation for what all they have done the past year. We also installed the new officers and they are:

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Vice President: Lynnae Struck
Secretary: Rianna Rothermel
Treasurer: Hannah Beck
Reporter: Malani Smithenry
Sentinel: Ryan Cheatham
Historian: Anna Sanders
Farm Manager: Jack Benschneider
Student Advisor: Konner Pearman



We are all excited for the upcoming year and are so proud of everyone who helped prepare for the banquet. everyone who helped prepare for the banquet.

End of the Year Classroom Updates and Final Projects

By Keegan Painter

The school year at Heritage is coming to an end and the ag classes are starting to wrap up. Ag Communications and Leadership will be finishing up leadership activities. All of the Ag Business students are seniors and will be taking finals soon. The Plant Science and Horticulture classes will be doing the plant sale and cleaning the greenhouse before summer break. Ag Science is learning the importance of ag in their daily life. The Intro to Ag class will be doing an ag across America project where they look into what kind of ag is in each State.

Section 17 Officer Elections

By Lynnae Struck

Every year Section 17 FFA holds Officer Elections in order to appoint the new officers for that year. This year the Officer Elections were held on April 30th, at Parkland. Each FFA Chapter in Section 17 is allowed to bring two delegates to vote on the incoming officers. The delegates this year were Rianna Rothermel and Lynnae Struck. They enjoyed being a part of the election process and having the chance to participate in such an important event. Jada Davis served on the Section 17 Officer Team as Treasurer this past year. On April 30th, Jada gave her Vice President speech in front of the Section Delegates. Jada was elected as Section 17 Vice President by majority vote. We are so excited for Jada and we can't wait to see what she accomplishes this year!

Plot Update

By Isaac Berry

Due to the amount of rain over the past few weeks our Farm Manager Jack Benschneider has been unable to get in the field and plant. He says once it dries out in the coming weeks he will begin to work the ground.

Senior Officer Wrap-Up



By Autumn Walker

At the end of the year we had our six retiring 2018-2019 officers: Gracyn Allen, Nicole Cheatham, Jacob Dohme, Caroline Dohme, Kyley Rothermel, and Autumn Walker. It has been a fun year traveling to conventions and competing in CDEs/ LDEs. We have made great memories this past year that we will never forget. As this chapter has left a positive impact on us, we are all getting ready to start down a new path and go to college this fall. Gracyn is planning to attend the University of Illinois to study Agriculture Business, Nicole is planning to attend Parkland for Ag Business, Jacob is planning to attend Parkland for Precision Agriculture, Caroline is planning to attend Parkland for Nursing, Kyley is planning to attend Pathways at Parkland/University of Illinois to study Human and Food Nutrition, and Autumn is planning to attend Parkland to study Ag Business Management. We want to thank everyone for their support through the past 4 years as we have reached the end of this path and move on to the next.

