

THE AG REVIEW

THE OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER OF CENTRAL VALLEY CHRISTIAN FFA.



OUR 2017-2018 OFFICERS

by Amy Daggs

Coming off our first year and our first officer team, the newly elected 2017-2018 officers are excited to be a part of "Building Our Legacy". Our president Christopher Sousa, he is a senior and plans to major in ag business and accounting and later take on the family business. This year he is most looking forward to leading others and helping members get involved. Vice president Taylor Neese, she is a senior and plans to major in ag business and crop production. She is most looking forward to learning more about agriculture, our community, and doing her part to continue the chapter's success. Our Secretary Morgan Spiro, she is a junior and plans to major in ag communications or education. She is most excited about connecting with our members and become a better leader. Treasurer William Van Beek, He is a senior and plans to join the military then after pursue a job in the ag industry. Our reporter Amy Daggs, she is a senior at CVC and plans to major in ag business and plant science. She is most looking forward to making connections with the community and the members. Our sentinel Simon te Velde, he is a junior and plans to pursue farming in his future. This year he is most looking forward to learning more about FFA. Our Chaplain Garrin Schaap, he is a junior and plans to become an ag engineer. He is most looking forward to expanding his knowledge of ag and making friends. Our Parliamentarian Willem DeBoer, Willem is a sophomore and plans to go to college and major in ag business or engineering. This year he is most excited for the fair and showing his dairy and beef. Lastly we have our Historian Emma Lemstra, she is a senior and plans to go into early childhood education concentrated on christian education. She is most excited to get involved and grow as a chapter this year. We have a great group of people leading our chapter, we are all very excited for this coming year and the success it may bring!

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FFA T-Shirts

BY: Emma Lemstra

Central Valley Christian's FFA theme is Building Our Legacy this 2017-2018 year. This year, I had the privilege to design the Central Valley Christian FFA T-shirts. They are dark/charcoal grey, has a pocket in the front, and are very soft. The shirts have Central Valley Christian FFA on the front (above the pocket) and our theme Building Our Legacy on the back. The T-shirts are \$15 and are available for purchase for you. We would love if you supported our Chapter by purchasing a T-shirt and wearing it.



FFA Member Spotlight:

Ag. Mechanics – Cole Danell



Cole Danell is our Ag. Mechanics member spotlight this quarter. Cole is a senior and this is his second year in FFA. His Supervised Ag. Experience (SAE) Projects are a hay rake trailer and chopper head trailer. He exhibited his hay rake trailer at the Tulare County Fair this past September and placed 1st in the Large Project category and was awarded Best Welds out of all ag. mechanics projects entered. Cole hopes to attend Cal Poly, SLO, majoring in ag. engineering after he graduates in May of 2018.

Chapter Officer Leadership Conference (COLC)

By: William Van Beek

On September 23 CVC's FFA officer team went to Chapter Officer Leadership Conference (COLC). The officers participated in several events including a hamster ball relay and a meeting activity planning session. The conference also really helped the officer team get out of their comfort zone by making them work with officers from other chapters. The officers formed relationships with officers from other chapters and traded advice and expertise. Finally, the officers took a personality test in which they figured out what their strengths and weakness were. Morgan Spiro, CVC's Secretary, said the conference was "...a great experience to interact with other chapters and grow as an officer team." Overall, the CVC Officers had a good time and learned a lot about leadership and its application in FFA

*2017-2018
Theme:*

**"Building Our
Legacy "**

Our motto is "Building our Legacy". This was chosen by our chapter officer team. what this means to us is, coming off of our first year we see this next year as a year for us to build our legacy for the years to come.



Tulare County Fair

By: Morgan Spiro

Another Tulare Fair has come and gone, and CVC definitely went out with a bang. Our chapter was able to expand its horizons to all the large animal livestock barns, as well as win many prestigious awards and recognitions within the fair.

"It felt amazing. All of my hard work payed off," said Christopher Sousa in regard to winning Grand Champion Grade Heifer, "And it felt even better to have such an awesome chapter backing me."

We topped out at twenty-five exhibitors with fifty-seven total animals, and one mechanics project. The 2017 Tulare County Fair was nothing less than good to CVC FFA. Students are encouraged to show livestock and mechanics projects for their SAE this coming year...let's make the 2018 fair another great one!

Major Awards Received On Behalf of CVC FFA:

FFA Novice Swine Showmanship Champion - Emalee Pate

FFA Novice Beef Showmanship Champion - Jenna Schmidt

FFA Novice Dairy Showmanship Champion - Ava Vanderpoel

AOB Aged Cow Champion - Travis Lemstra

Max Corbett Trophy for Replacement Heifers - Shae Gredanius

Reserve Supreme Champion Market Steer - Jenna Schmidt

Supreme Champion Grade Heifer - Christopher Sousa



San Joaquin Region Bootcamp

By: Taylor Neese

The Central Valley Christian 2017-2018 FFA Officer team went to the San Joaquin Valley Officer Boot Camp. The boot camp was located at Camp San Luis, and the officers were challenged in many ways. They participated in leadership courses, obstacle courses, and they interacted with other chapter officers at a BBQ, and at the end of the time they had time to reflect on the weekend. They slept the barracks like the members of the actual boot camp there and woke up ready to learn, be active, and gather new ideas to bring back to their chapter. CVC's Treasurer, William Van Beek, said the San Joaquin Valley Officer Boot Camp was "As a team we learned a lot about teamwork and we connected as a officer team very well."



F.A.R.M.S Leadership Program

By: Ty Dodge

Central Valley Christian Ag. students have the opportunity to participate in FARMS Leadership program. The program is designed to expose students to various aspects of the agriculture industry through industry tours. Students said, "It was an educational fun filled trip with my fellow FFA members." The first field trip was to Giacomazzi Farms, where students learned about the growth of almond trees as well as harvesting. After lunch the next stop was Harris Woolf Almonds, located in Corcoran. At Harris Woolf the students learned the process of hulling and shelling the almonds and how they get packed and shipped. "I would recommend it to other people because I grew in my knowledge of farming and production of almonds, and it was fun to ride in Bruce, the FFA van." - Ty Dodge

FFA Member Spotlight: Ag. Business/Science - Bella Locke



Bella Lock is our Ag. Business/Science member spotlight this quarter. Bella is a freshman this year and has already participated in numerous FFA events this year. She hasn't missed one activity this year, which is awesome, especially for a 9th grader. So far this year she has made it to both FFA Meetings, showed dairy at the Tulare Fair, helped serve at the Historical Society, attended Greenhand Leadership Conference, and competed in the Opening & Closing Speaking Contest. We are looking forward to the next four years with Bella!

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*To keep up
with our
upcoming and
past events as
well as contest!



FFA Meetings

By: Taryn Westra

This year we started off our FFA meetings off with a BBQ. We welcomed all the new members and their families to our FFA program. We learned how a meeting would be ran and what would be covered over each one. After the business portion we had dinner as a chapter then played games, such as corn hole and spike ball. "The games and tournaments we played were fun and filled with friendly competition, it was a nice time to meet new people. It was pretty gucci," Luke Altermatt explains. We then had our second meeting in September. This included the business portion of the meeting and an ice cream social afterwards so the members could hang out and talk. We then attended a home volleyball game as a chapter. Each meeting will have a different activity according to the month. Meetings are a good time to grow as an FFA chapter, learn how a business meeting is properly run, and have some fun. We are looking forward to the October Pumpkin Carving Meeting coming up!

Historical Society Dinner

By: Lizzy Frings

On October 1 our CVC FFA Chapter had volunteered a handful of students go to the Historical Society Fundraiser Dinner. The FFA members in attendance had various jobs, ranging from parking cars to serving dinner and dessert, and also helping with the cleanup of the event. Many students were skeptical about going because it was on a Sunday and usually people like to relax but after asking many students that went they said it was worth going. "I learn that we have an agriculture measure. It was very satisfying meeting new people and learning new things"- Morgan S. We will continue to go to different events and help out the community. Our CVC FFA Chapter will go out of their comfort zones and confront new people and grow as a young adult.



Opening and Closing Speaking Contest

By: Abbey Colburn

Central Valley Christian FFA brought 8 competing teams to this year's Opening and Closing Speaking Competition. These 8 competing teams are a combination of freshman, sophomores, juniors, and seniors. Over the course of the last 4 weeks, these 8 teams have been practicing their parts with intention to win. This competition consists of a cohesive team comprised of a President, Vice President, Sentinel, Treasurer, Reporter, and a Secretary. The Competition was held on October 4th, 2017. Novice team A won 2nd place with the outstanding secretary, treasurer, sentinel. Team C was awarded 3 place for the novice division. A fellow contender who competed as Vice President for the opening closing team responded "This was a very experience but more serious practices are needed to win"

-Ty Dodge



Drive to Feed Kids Dinner

By: Serena Schotanus

On August 12, a group of CVC FFA members attended the Drive to Feed Kids Dinner at the Agriculture Complex in Tulare. Drive to Feed Kids is an organization that helps starving kids around the world and provides them with take-home lunches and dinners that they need. The student participants of the dinner included Jenna Schmidt, Rick Schotanus, Reagan Bosma, Serena Schotanus, Paige Kroes, and Austin Schotanus. The students served dinner, helped with the fundraising games, and cleaned up after the guests. Jenna Schmidt comments on the night, "It was fun serving the guests and raising money for children that are starving all over the world."



Tulare Kings Fall Sectional Activity

By: Chris Sousa

The Tulare Fall Sectional Activity was a success. A sectional activity is a social event where chapters from our section are able to attend every semester. Being a sectional officer I was able to meet many FFA members in different chapters. The event was held at the Mcdermont Field House in Lindsay California on October 12, 2017 lasting from 5-8 p.m. Our chapter brought 10 students to the event. At this event they served us 2 pieces of pizza and a soda. We participated in the flowrider, rock wall, laser tag, and arcade games. Maximus Weston was at the event and stated "I thought that this was a great time and would like to do it again." Overall, this was a successful event that our members were able to get involved in, meet other FFA members and have fun while doing it.

Green Hand Conference

By: Bella Locke



The Greenhand Leadership Conference was a great experience and we learned a lot that day. There were fun activities, good food and we got to make a lot of new friends that were interested in the same things we were. They had a fun theme that kept us interested throughout the day. We learned about judging teams, conferences and SAE's. I would definitely recommend going, it was a fun experience we will never forget.



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