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Drew Central School District FFA information



1. Can you provide the names of all members of FFA for your school?

Andy Abney, Mackenzie Armstrong, Ryli Birch, Kathryn Bittle, Reagan Booth, Victoria Booth, Robert Bostain, Edwin Brewer, Lillian Brown, Mark Burke, Braxtyn Burks, Olivia Campbell, Jared Chapman, Isabel Craig, Kristina Crouse, Slade Curran, Mayson Dardenne, Gustavo Delacruz, Gracie Dison, Madeleine Dubreuil, Jordyn Ferrell, Nicky Groce, Wyatt Hayden, Journey Jackson, Audrey Jacobs, Jordan Jones, Ira King, Paige King, Natalie Lawson, Alexandria Lewis, Brooklyn Liscomb, Macy Lloyd, Allison Loftin, Alana Mack, Mason Maggard, Kacie Marlar, Jose Martinez, Braylin Moore, Aden Muniz, Ana Muniz, Hunter Phillips, Luke Phillips, Morgan Ratcliff, Colton Reed, Tristan Stanley, Abby Strickland, Heather Temple, Jose Tinajero, Gavin Weaver, Addyson West, Kayla Wiley, and Wesley Young

- 2. Who are your FFA officers?
 - a. President- Audrey Jacobs
 - b. Vice-President- Macy Lloyd
 - c. Secretary- Morgan Ratcliff



- d. Treasurer- Gracie Dison
- e. Reporter- Alana Mack
- f. Jr. Advisor- Kacie Marlar
- g. Sentinel- Gustavo Delacruz
- h. Parliamentarian- Alexandria Lewis
- i. Historian- Paige King

3. What teams does your school have?
(This year we plan to have these teams: Parliamentary Procedure, Discussion Meet, Extemporaneous Speaking, Arkansas World Food Prize, Veterinary Science, Forestry, Horse Judging, Wildlife Management, Dairy Products, Land Judging, Floriculture, Agricultural Mechanics, Farm Business Management)

From ffa.org:

FFA is a dynamic youth organization that changes lives and prepares members for premier leadership, personal growth and career success through agricultural education.

FFA develops members' potential and helps them discover their talent through hands-on experiences, which give members the tools to achieve real-world success.

Members are future farmers, chemists, veterinarians, government officials, entrepreneurs, bankers, international business leaders, teachers and premier professionals in many career fields.

FFA is an intracurricular student organization for those interested in agriculture and leadership. It is one of the three components of agricultural education.

The official name of the organization is the National FFA Organization. The letters "FFA" stand for Future Farmers of America. These letters are a part of our history and our heritage that will never change.



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Do they compete? Yes

Can you provide the names of students on each team?

(I can provide last years team members and possibly who is on this year's team but those contests don't start until February)

a. Parliamentary Procedure- Sub area so far this year and placed 1st, Chairman- Audrey Jacobs, Team Members- Gracie Dison, Morgan Ratcliff, Kacie Marlar, Kayla Wiley, Macy Lloyd, Alternate-Maddie Dubreuil (compete at Leadership District in February at SAU in Magnolia)

b. Discussion Meet and Extemporaneous Speaking- Maddie Dubreuil

c. Arkansas World Food Prize- Ryli Birch and Ana Muniz (competed last year) They are now Borlaug Scholars.

d. Vet Science- Audrey Jacobs, Alex Lewis, Paige King, Celeste Crouse, Emma Miller (state qualifiers the past five years)

e. Forestry- Jose Tinajero, Waylon Calhoun, Nathan Cockrell, Gustavo Delacruz (This year, Dakota Bostian, and Braylin Moore) State qualifiers for several years

f. Wildlife Management- Colton Reed, Braylin Moore, Dakota Bostian, Luke Phillips, Andrew Miller

g. Dairy Products- Nicky Groce, Gavin Weaver, Kacie Marlar, Rebecca Phillips

h. Land Judging- No Team last year.

i. Floriculture- Isabella Whitehead, Macy Lloyd, and Kadence Meier (state qualifiers in 2021 and 2022)

j. Ag Mechanics- No Team Last year

k. Ag Business- Dakota Bostian, Colton Reed, and Braylin Moore

4. Have any of your teams won any awards in the last five years? If so, could you list them?

Chapter Awards-

a. FFA for FFS (Food, fiber and shelter)- 2019-2023

b. Ag in Action Center (at Arkansas State Fair)- 2019-2023 Top Chapter Award in 2020 and 2022

c. National Chapter Award- 2019-2023

d. Audit Committee (this is an application based selection)- Audrey Jacobs 2023, Paige King 2022, John Booker 2020

e. Nominating Committee- Kaitlyn Boykin

f. Scholarship winners- Jack Justus Memorial Scholarship-John Booker, Lee Griffith Memorial Scholarship-Kaitlyn Boykin Chambers, ARFFA License Plate Scholarship-Caitlin Dupwe

g. State Degrees- Caitlin Dupwe Jones, Kaitlyn Boykin Chambers, Christopher Chambers, John Booker, Diego Rivera

h. Borlaug Scholars- John Booker (2020 Global World Food Prize Arkansas Delegate), Emma Miller (2022 Global World Food Prize Arkansas Delegate), Ana Muniz, Ryli Birch

i. Extemporaneous Speaking- Southern District 3rd Place 2022/Sub-Area Second Place 2020 and 2021-Ja'Tiyah Johnson, Sub-Area Winner 2019-Kaitlyn Boykin Chambers



j. Prepared Speaking- 2019 Sub-Area First Place- Dixie Morrison, 2019 Sub-Area Second Place- Katelyn Bostian, 2020 Sub-Area First Place- John Booker, 2021 Sub-Area First Place- Dixie Morrison

k. Parliamentary Procedure- 2019 Sub-Area Second Place- Kaitlyn Boykin, John Booker, Rayshonda Lawson, Haley Quillen, Dixie Morrison, Diego Rivera; 2023 Sub-Area 1st, Chairman- Audrey Jacobs, Team Members- Gracie Dison, Morgan Ratcliff, Kacie Marlar, Kayla Wiley, Macy Lloyd, Alternate-Maddie Dubreuil

l. Conduct of Chapter Meetings- 2019

Sub-Area Second Place- Paige King, Ali Jo Cruce, Carlee Lloyd, Kyla Johnson, Lana Boykin, Tristan Stanley, John Dison; 2021 Sub-Area Second Place- Madeline Dubreuil, Abbigail Rankin, Allison Loftin, Macy Lloyd, Audrey Jacobs, Nicky Groce, Blake Gibson

m. Discussion Meet- 2020 Sub-Area 3rd Place- Haley Quillen, 2021 Sub-Area 2nd Place, District Round Winner and Finals Qualifier-Ja'Tiyah Johnson

5. In your opinion, what does FFA do for students, and how does it benefit them? How does FFA prepare them for life outside



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of school?

As a former FFA member myself, I can personally attest to what FFA does for a student and how it benefits them. FFA is described as a dynamic youth organization that prepares members for personal growth, premier leadership, and career success. FFA teaches time management, responsibility, employability skills (Soft skills), life and content knowledge skills, integrity, public speaking skills, civic responsibilities, problem-solving abilities, and meeting etiquette. In addition, there

are endless possibilities to travel. Students learn how to function outside of their own community and thrive in different environments, gives them a sense of independence, and punctuality. Many students would not have the opportunity to travel without clubs like FFA. FFA competitions teach students how to be prepared, how to set goals, and to excel not only personally but as part of a team. It gives them the opportunity to discover their own talents through lots of hands-on experiences all while preparing them for real-world success and careers.



FFA was originally created through vocational education and the letters stood for "Future Farmers of America". The name was officially changed in 1988 to compensate for the way agriculture was changing. Being a part of the agriculture field did not mean that you were strictly production agriculture anymore; a farmer or a rancher. The delegates voted in the changed name to reflect the growing diversity in agriculture

and many new opportunities arriving every day. Our organization is for all kinds of careers because it teaches quality things that any citizen would be applauded for knowing.

6. What would you like your community to know about FFA?

When I started here in 2013, this newspaper did a piece on me because I was the first female agriculture teacher to be hired

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in our county. I grew up in a town where FFA is known everywhere for multiple reasons, particularly its successes. Many questions were posed to me about the future of our Drew Central program. Many expected me to replicate the program that I was a part of growing up. As I told them then, and is the same now, we are creating a legacy of our own. I sat down with my students during that first year and asked them what they wanted their program to be, after all this is their time to learn. They wanted a heavy emphasis on experiences and community. Over the past several years, we have been able to travel to multiple cities, states, and this summer a different

country. I've had students meet influential leaders from all around the state, country, and world. They have helped at community banquets, made donations to several charities and organizations, and love more than anything sharing their love of agriculture and FFA with younger generations. The very much look forward to Arkansas Leadership Conference every summer, working at the Ag in Action Center at the Arkansas State Fair, and assisting as servers during annual events like the Annual Farm Bureau meeting and the All Tomato Luncheon. I'm very proud to call these students mine. They surprise me every day with tenacity, hard work, and caring hearts.

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Hermitage School District FFA information

1. Can you provide the names of all members of FFA for your school?

The Hermitage FFA chapter is an Affiliate Chapter. All students enrolled in Agriculture at Hermitage High School are FFA members.

2. Who are your FFA officers?

Officer elections will be held in the spring of 2024.

3. What teams does your school have? Do they compete? Can you provide the names

of students on each team?

The Hermitage FFA program participates in the following Career Development Events (CDEs) in the spring of 2024: Forestry, Wildlife Management, Vet Science, and Floriculture. Competitions in these areas will begin soon, and students are working to earn positions on these teams. The Southern District and State competitions are generally held annually in March and April.

The Hermitage FFA recently competed in Leadership Development Events (LDEs) at the Pine Tree Sub-Area contest. Alli Cathey placed second in the FFA Creed speaking event, and Paisley Stanley placed third. In the Discussion Meet, sponsored by Farm Bureau, Ruby Baker placed second. Alli and Ruby will advance to the district-level contest in late February of 2024.

Along with the CDEs and LDEs, Hermitage FFA has a long and rich history of students exhibiting livestock. In the fall of 2023, our students exhibited swine, cattle, and goats at the Bradley County Fair; the 4 States Livestock Show in Texarkana, AR; the Southeast Arkansas District Fair in Pine Bluff, AR; the Arkansas Expo in Fayetteville,



Ruby Baker, Paisley Stanley, Alli Cathey, and Emma Outlaw participating in LDE event.



Emma Outlaw at the Bradley County Fair.

AR; and the Arkansas State Fair in Little Rock, AR. Cattle were shown at the Harrison Thanksgiving Cattle Show in Harrison, AR, and the AG Expo at the Ike in West Monroe, LA. Hermitage had one senior, Grant Ferrell, who was very successful this year and throughout his previous exhibiting and showmanship career. Other Hermitage FFA high school exhibitors include Madison Outlaw, Colton McKinney, Parker O'Neal, Emma Outlaw, and Cooper McKinney. We also had elementary 4-H students who exhibited livestock, and we look forward to

promoting them into the FFA program.

Several students attended an FFA Impact Leadership Conference at SAU and A Green Careers Expo at the School of Forestry at UAM.

4. Have any of your teams won any awards in the last five years? If so, could you list them?

Hermitage FFA has been very successful throughout the years and has won many State and National titles. Hermitage FFAs most recent distinguished title was at the National Forestry CDE in 2019, when the

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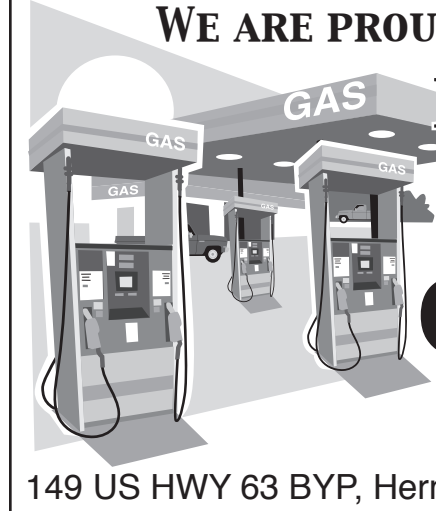
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team was recognized as National Champions. As a former Hermitage FFA member, I look forward to forging a new path of winners!

5. In your opinion, what does FFA do for students, and how does it benefit them? How does FFA prepare them for life outside of school?

Personally, I believe the FFA is the most beneficial organization a student may be a part of in this day and time. We will always need people in production agriculture and farming, but our industry needs for science and technology expertise are continuously growing. Employers need chemists, geneticists, AI specialists, sustainability experts, etc. The FFA is at the forefront of teaching our students the vision, creativity, and skills to sustainably deliver food, fiber, and fuel to a growing world. The FFA will prepare students to be the future leaders in our communities. It teaches them, not only about areas and careers in the agriculture industry, to have the confidence to speak in front of a crowd, organize meetings in an orderly fashion, and conduct themselves in a business environment. It teaches the importance of tradition while forging new pathways.

6. What would you like your community to know about the FFA?

The FFA is an intra-curricular student organization that is one of three components of Agriculture Education. The other two



Hermitage FFA and 4H Livestock Exhibitors and FFA Advisor Dawn O'Neal at the Bradley County Fair.



Senior Grant Ferrell exhibiting his hog at the Bradley County Fair.



Parker O'Neal Exhibiting his swine at the Arkansas State Fair.

components are Classroom/Laboratory instruction and Supervised Agriculture Experiences (SAEs). All three components work together, allowing students hands-on experiences. Our members live the FFA motto "Learning to Do, Doing to Earn, Earning to Live, Living to Serve."

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