

2018 Wyoming FFA Convention – Day 1 Results

Wednesday, April 18, 2018

Wyoming's Chapter of the Year

Little Snake River FFA, Baggs

The Little Snake River FFA members were very busy innovating ways to serve their community this past year. Operation Tiny Tim, a beautification project for a local cemetery, was a fantastic opportunity to give back. Officers and members, as well as community members, planted 500 tulips, placed pieces of antique farm equipment, and laid river rock around the tulips and trees. This project brought pride to the chapter members as well as their entire community in seeing the cemetery restored.

To promote ag advocacy in their school, chapter members raise and sell beef to their school lunch program. They contract to have the beef raised by a certain date. This not only taught members valuable lessons about raising market beef animals and making financial decisions, but also provided high quality local beef for their school. This was shared through the school and local newspapers.

Little Snake River FFA also participates in activities like field trips to lambing operations with elementary school students, and raising a chapter steer. Little Snake River FFA is located in Baggs, Wyoming. They have 46 members, and their Advisor is Mr. Dale Wille.

Innovative Chapter Activities Awards

Building Communities Award

Bow River FFA (Hannah/Elk Mountain) – Sage Grouse Saviors

The Bow River FFA took action to be stewards of the land that takes care of agriculture. By applying for grants, the chapter raised \$3,500 dollars that they turned into 32,000 Sage Grouse Markers! The members then worked with their local conservation district and NRCS to distribute them to 10 different land owners. These markers help make fences more visible to sage grouse and allow agriculturists to lessen their impact on the natural ecosystem.

Growing Leaders Award

Little Snake River FFA (Baggs) – Chapter Steer Program

Teamwork, responsibility, and a steer named Lenard. Little Snake River FFA has developed agricultural leaders by creating teams of 3 within their chapter, led by an officer, to care for the chapter's steer throughout the winter. Each team was assigned a day of the week, and was responsible for feeding and caring for Lenard two times that day.

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Innovative Chapter Activities Awards, continued

Strengthening Agriculture

Windy City FFA (Kelly Walsh High School, Casper) – Platte River Project

The Windy City FFA Chapter makes sure that the future of agriculture is secure by testing and reporting on water quality in the Platte River. Water is an essential part of all agricultural operations. The Windy City Chapter tests water quality and reports it back to the Wyoming Stream Team to actively assist in evaluating and enhancing the safety of our water.

Outstanding Community Service Project

Riverton FFA

The Riverton FFA embodied more charity when needed after Hurricane Harvey struck. They leaped into action and started a food and supply drive. Even they couldn't have guessed that they would gather so much food that they had to get a semi-trailer donated to carry it all. The members and their community gathered literal tons of supplies. When the trailer reached Texas, a local FFA posed with a picture of their jacket and sent it as a thank you.

Range Management

Placing	Winner	Chapter
High Individual	Hunter Elliott	Chief Washakie FFA
Champion Team		Chief Washakie FFA
Reserve Champion Team		Lyman FFA
3 rd Place Team		Jim Bridger FFA

Champion Agriculture Advocacy Week Essay

Rudy Nesvik, High Plains FFA Chapter, Cheyenne Central High School.

Champion Agriculture Advocacy Week Video

Powell-Shoshone FFA

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Champion Ag Teacher

Joe Allen, Frontier FFA chapter, Cheyenne East High School

Mr. Allen is the Ag Teacher at Cheyenne East High School and Advisor for Frontier FFA. He took an unusual path to becoming an ag teacher. He wasn't in FFA in high school but he fell in love with teaching ag in college. Today he loves to introduce ag to those who, like himself, wouldn't normally be involved in it. He uses his classroom to farrow pigs and kid goats, as well as uses the school farm to give students the opportunity to raise animals. He and his wife, Rosie, have two daughters.

The Wyoming FFA Association is part of the National FFA Organization, formerly known as Future Farmers of America. This youth organization has more than half a million student members nationwide, and more than 2,900 in 54 chapters in Wyoming. The FFA mission is to make a positive difference in the lives of students by developing their potential for premier leadership, personal growth and career success through agricultural education.

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