

SPECIAL
POINTS OF IN-
TEREST:

- Get caught up on what went down over the summer at State Convention!
- Meet the new Officer Team, who will serve you for the next year!
- Mark your calendars with important dates including the Fair and upcoming LDE's!

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90th Annual State FFA Convention

This past summer, at the 90th State FFA Convention in Fort Worth,, Bellville FFA had over 20 members attend in order to be recognized for the State Champion Teams of Sr. Chapter Conducting, Jr. Chapter Conducting, Sr. Quiz, Tractor Tech, and Floriculture, as well as to support our State Officer candidate, Conner Neumann. However, in addition, we also had many members recognized for earning their Lone Star. The Lone Star Farmer Degree is the highest degree any member can earn at the state level. Throughout one's FFA career, members must meet certain qualifications in order to receive this degree. With the help of our Ag Teachers, Bellville FFA is proud to say that within the 2017-2018 school year we

had 24 members who qualified to receive this degree. These individuals consisted of Canute Janish, Mackenzie Burke, Niki Carter, Aunnika Wittner, and Haley Guerrero, Brendan Ciancone, William Diezi, Delaney Gutierrez, John Hendrix, Braden Raeke, Garrett Melnar, Noah Noska, Kayla Durham, Austin Hanath, Cole Karisch, Dalton Kasper, David Lewis, Brett Linseisen, Isaiah Madison, Luke Novicke, Justin Schroeder, Walker Schulz, Brooke Shoemaker, and Hunter Spacek.



Bellville FFA Freshman Feed

On Wednesday September 5th, our Greenhands met at the Ag Building for Freshman Feed! They enjoyed a fantastic time of meeting the officers, going over official dress, and learning about all the opportunities within our great organization. Some of the fun activities included an Official

Dress game where the contestants wore a pair of pantyhose with a tennis ball on their heads and knocked over a line of water bottles and Officer Bingo. The winners of the Official Dress showdown were Rex Aschenbeck, Colton Kaase and Mr. Diezi, while the winners of Officer

Bingo were Jordan Schroeder and Tristan Whrite. The Bellville FFA officer team had a great time putting on the meeting and displayed a hopeful insight for the rest of the year. Freshman Feed was a huge success for Bellville FFA!

2018-2019 Bellville FFA Officers

This year the Bellville FFA Officer Team consists of thirteen members. John Hendrix is our President, followed by Niki Carter, who is Vice President. Alexa Aschenbeck is Secretary and is responsible for keeping minutes at all chapter events and meetings. Other officers include:

- Treasurers: Mackenzie Burke and Gabby Eskew
- Reporters: Aunni-

ka Wittner and Kaylin Krebs

- Sentinels: Canute Janish and Lillian Hohlt
- Advisors: Braden Raeke and Faith Martin
- Chaplains: Will Diezi and Emily Shupak

The entire officer team will be happy to help you this coming year. If you have any questions about what

is going on in FFA please feel free to contact us or the ag teachers. We hope to lead you into a great school year and to help you have a successful and rewarding FFA experience!



*Learning to do,
Doing to learn,
Earning to live,
Living to serve.*

12th Annual Bellville FFA Skeet Shoot

The Bellville FFA chapter collaborated with the Bellville FFA Alumni this past year when planning the skeet shoot, just as we have for over a decade. This year it was held at Sealy Texas Premier Sporting Arms, LLC. The skeet shoot was a two day event held on August 3rd and 4th 2018.

Together, our two organizations are able to gather hun-

dreds of people from the community each summer, all of whom help us either by volunteering their time or assisting in the funding of our organization. Because of our joint cooperation, local students have been provided with almost \$500,000 in scholarships to pursue higher education.

Our chapter is very appreciative of the help we receive

from the Bellville FFA Alumni. Without them, many Bellville boys and girls would have had a much more difficult time paying for their education, and for that, we owe them a big thanks.

This year a few of our very own FFA members won the high point youth team. Team members were Brett Linseisen, Walker Schultz, Luke Novicke, and Justin Scroeder.



State FFA Talent Contest

At the 90th annual Texas FFA Convention, the David Lewis Band performed in the Talent contest in front of 13,000 FFA members from all across the state. The band consisted of David Lewis as lead singer and guitarist, Emily Lewis as bass guitarist, and Kyle Peschel as drummer.

Of the ten entries, one from each area, the David Lewis Band ended up on top. They not only won the vote of the delegates, but they also won the people's choice award and they are the first talent team in Bellville FFA history to ever win the Texas FFA Talent Contest.

David also competed at the state contest his freshman year, but the songs "Diamond in My Pocket" and "Old Alabama" seemed to more successfully captivate the crowd, especially with the help of his sister and trusty drummer.



State FFA Scholarships

In FFA there are many ways to be recognized for your achievements. One of those ways is through scholarships. Scholarships can be awarded for almost anything you participate in through FFA. From showing an animal at a major stock show like Houston or San Antonio, to winning a livestock judging contest, the opportunities are everywhere. In addition to scholarships from major stock shows, the Bellville FFA Alumni awards their own set of scholarships to recognize the success of those individuals who are active within the

chapter.

Many Bellville FFA members received scholarships from their participation in this organization in past years. The most recent Scholarship recipients included Conner Neumann, Dawson Townsend, and Jesse Vasquez.

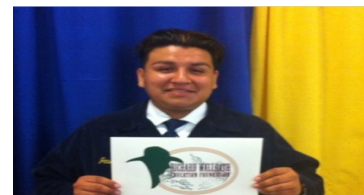
Conner Neumann and Dawson



Townsend each received \$20,000 scholarships from the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo during the Texas FFA State Convention in Fort Worth this year.

Jesse Vasquez received a \$10,000 scholarship from the Richard Wallrath Foundation for his achievements through the FFA organization at the Texas FFA State Convention in Fort Worth.

We are extremely proud of all three of these fine young men, and we know that they will use this scholarship money well.



*I believe that
American agriculture
can and will hold true
to the best traditions
of our national life
and that I can exert
an influence in my
home and community
which will stand solid
for my part in that
inspiring task.*

State FFA Rodeo

This past summer at the 90th Annual Texas FFA Convention, Bellville FFA had two members competing at the FFA Rodeo in Alvarado, Texas, in the events of Barrel Racing, Goat Tying, and Breakaway Roping. Together, the team of Robbin Rice and Niki Carter combined for a 6th place team finish, with Robbin finishing third in the average and the shortgo

in both the Goat Tying and the Breakaway Roping. Niki made a valiant attempt in Barrel Racing, but unfortunately was unable to make the finals.

This wasn't their first rodeo, as both Rice and Carter compete year-round, and are practicing hard for next year's competition.



Give Thanks!

As you look around our wonderful ag complex and notice all the banners hanging in our hallways, remember that none of this would be possible without the sacrifices of time, ener-

gy, and money made by our parents, community members, Alumni, and most of all...our ag teachers. It wouldn't hurt to give these wonderful people a thank you whenever you see them.





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**Champions are Made When No One is
Watching**

Bellville FFA was founded in 1936, and has a rich history of success in the classroom, in FFA sponsored events and contests, and in extracurricular projects across the many fields of agriculture. Just as it was when it was founded, the chapter remains dedicated to teaching students and members the necessary skills for them to succeed in life, whether generic or career-specific. We believe that an agricultural education is crucial, especially in a society that becomes increasingly unaware of the importance of farming and ranching.



2018-2019 Bellville FFA Fall Calendar

September

22nd-Washington
County Dairy and Live-
stock Judging

24th-Bellville FFA Meet-
ing

October

6th-14th-Austin County
Fair

11th-Austin County Fair
Coke Stand Workday

13th-Austin County Fair
Livestock Judging

22nd-27th-National FFA
Convention

November

2nd-Palo Alto Invitation-
al LDEs

3rd-Aggiefest LDE Con-
tests

5th-Bellville FFA Meet-
ing

11th-Bellville FFA Super
Sunday

12th-District LDEs
17th-Area LDEs

30th-SHSU State LDEs

December

1st-SHSU State LDEs

10th-Bellville FFA Meet-
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