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Sargent FFA Members at Hammond's Candy Tour

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By: Jesse Pescatore



FIRST-WEEKEND ATTENDANCE RECORDS BROKEN AT 2023 NWSS

By: AJ Garcia

The annual National Western Stock Show in Denver, Colorado broke records with its attendance for the first weekend. Huge crowds showed up to attend rodeos, livestock shows, horse shows, shopping, etc. The opening Saturday attendance was 58,901. The previous record was 57,386 in 2020.

Paul Andrews, the President of the National Western Stock Show says that he believes TV shows such as Yellowstone and 1923 have helped bring western values and western heritage into view. He says that those shows highlight what National Western Stock Show is all about. We are very fortunate that some of our FFA members were able to attend Stock Show this year. For more info, check out our National Western Stock Show page!



STOCK SHOW 2023

Twelve Sargent FFA members earned the opportunity to attend Stock Show. At Stock Show, the members participated in multiple activities such as visiting with the state officers, getting a tour of the Ag wing by a state officer, Ashlyn Rockey, learning about infant livestock in the nursery, skimming various booths, observing agriculture art and history, and many more. The members were also able to watch a goat, sheep, and cattle judging competition. Through Stock Show, they were able to connect with other agriculture-involved citizens and learn about different areas of agriculture not just limited to livestock and farming. This experience helped them to learn and engage in agriculture as well as people of different communities.



PBR

After walking through Stock Show, the members made their way to the coliseum where the PBR Finals were held. Before it started, the members walked through more booths. Once they were seated they enjoyed the light show prior to the event and then were introduced to the bull riders through an extravagant fire display. This experience was an eye-opener and enjoyable for all members. During breaks in the bull riding the members watched an obstacle game and team cow penning with cutting horses. They were able to be exposed to different work styles of livestock and big-time bulls and bull riders. Some felt nostalgia and joy being able to watch Josh Frost and other local bull riders.

CSU SPUR CAMPUS

BY: WESTEN BURKHART

At the Stock Show, the FFA students were able to get a tour of the new CSU SPUR buildings. Ashlyn Rockey, the Colorado FFA State Secretary (former Sargent FFA Vice President) gave the chapter a tour and showed them all of the interesting features. The first building they got to look at was the Terra building, which opened in June, with a focus on connecting the public with food and AG innovation. The next building that Sargent FFA looked at was the Hydro Building. This building recently opened on January 6, 2023. The Hydro Building provides more opportunities for Denver Water to collaborate with the community. The last building toured was Vida. This was the first SPUR building to open on, January 7, 2022. The Vida building embodies the connectivity between human and animal life. At the end of the tour, Ashlyn got to show the chapter where all of the state officers live and get to pursue their dreams. This was a great opportunity for the Sargent FFA chapter to see a different side of agriculture.



FFA Members checking out Ashlyn Rockey's living quarters on CSU Spur Campus

HAMMONDS CANDY TOUR

By: KayleeAnn Martinez



Twelve members of Sargent's FFA chapter earned the opportunity to take a tour of the Hammonds Candy Factory in Denver, Colorado prior to the members attending the Stock Show the same day. Before the tour, the members got to watch how the candy was made. The same video talked about the history of the company. They got to learn about what is in the candy mixture and that all the candy is handmade. During the tour, the guide explained why they use the materials they do. He also explained the candy-making process for each of the candies that were made in the Denver factory.



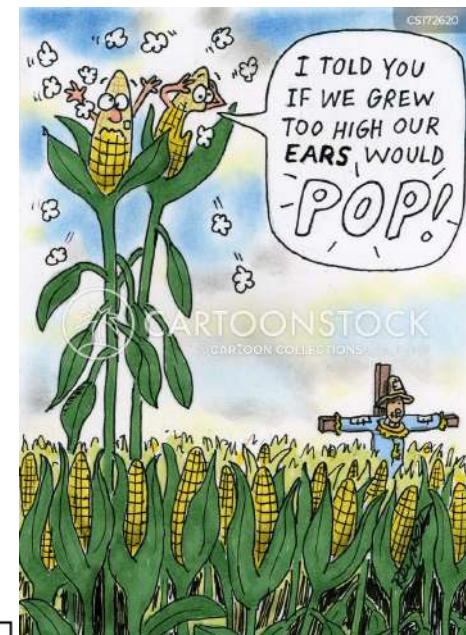
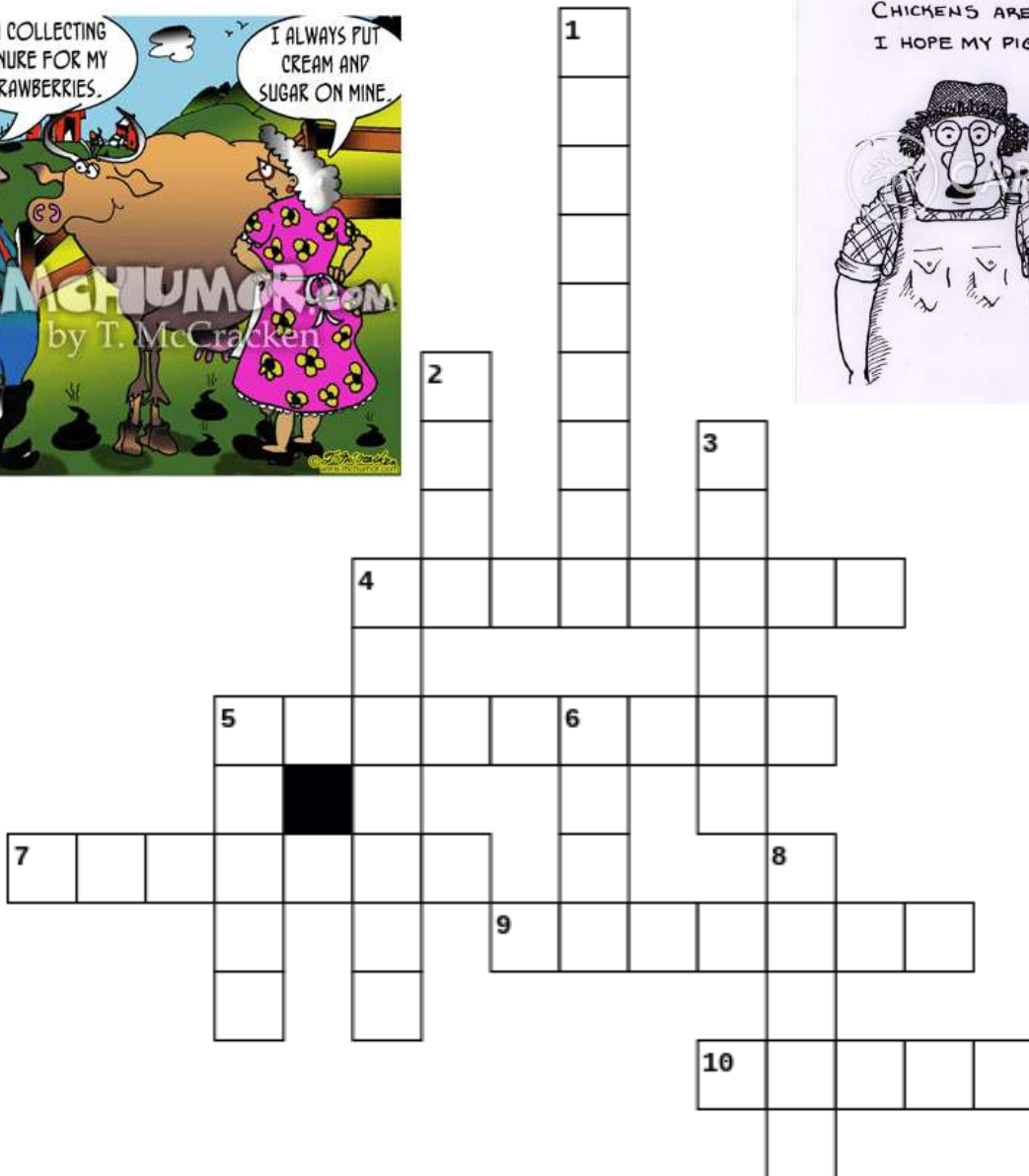
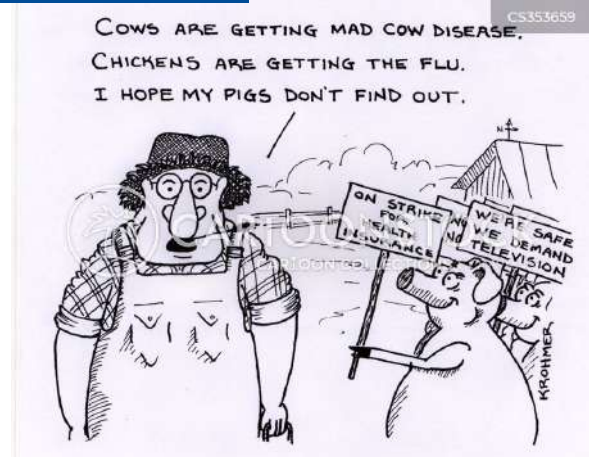
FFA Members watching candy be poured and tossed



FFA members in front of Hammonds's Candy Factory

CROSSWORD AND CARTOONS

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Across

- 4. Month of valentines
- 5. Favorite Valentines Treat
- 7. Valentines Participants
- 9. Shiny gift for women
- 10. Cupids Bow and...

Down

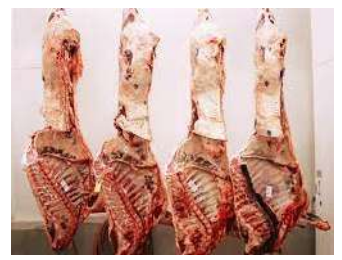
- 1. Fuzzy animal given on valentines
- 2. activity to do with a loved one; like dinner.
- 3. Valentines Logo
- 4. Valentines Plant
- 5. Valentines Mascot
- 6. Valentines Theme
- 8. Manner of speech for a crush

By: Annabelle H



CDE HIGHLIGHT

By: Lane Spearman



February 2023

MEATS EVALUATION AND TECHNOLOGY

Participants in the Meats Evaluation and Technology CDE learn about the science of meat. This includes lamb, pork, and beef. Students that participate in this CDE evaluate carcasses based on yield and quality. Participants also identify different cuts of meat. This competition also has written tests and a team section. Students learn and practice many skills in this career development event such as critical thinking, memorization, and observation. This event is ideal for students interested in the animal industry.



MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

By: Cayden Larimore



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Sargent FFA's February member of the month is Braxton Regester. Braxton is a Freshman at Sargent High School, he plans to compete in the horse judging CDE this year. Braxton decided to join FFA because he has been involved in agriculture his whole life, FFA is another way he can be involved and it is a club where he can be around other kids who enjoy the same things as him. Braxton is always contributing to agriculture by helping produce beef. Braxton's favorite FFA event this year was Big Conference. Braxton likes FFA because it is an organization for him to stay involved and meet educated agriculturists, and it is a great opportunity for him to become involved in his community.



Name: Braxton Regester
Year: Freshman
CDE: Horse Judging

PICTURES



By: Megan Peterson



Burke Temple at CSU Spur in the Greenhouse



Chapter Members learning about soil erosion at Stock Show



Members learning about animal body parts using Virtual Reality



Chapter Members doing a sensory lab at CSU Vida



Members learning how candy is made and related to agriculture

UPCOMING EVENTS

By: Megan Peterson

NATIONAL FFA WEEK

When: February 20-23

Who: Members of the FFA Organization Nationwide

What: National FFA Week is being held February 18-25 this year. The National FFA Week's days are Grants for Growing, Alumni Day, Give FFA Day, and Wear Blue Day.



UPCOMING EVENTS

February

District LDEs- Feb 8
Southern Rocky Mountain
Ag Conference- Feb 7-9
Chapter Meeting- Feb 14
February AGtivity- Feb 15

March

FFA AGtivity- TBD
Regional CDEs- Mar 29



FFA FUNDRAISERS



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By: Megan Peterson



Trailer:

We are currently trying to sell a trailer made by the Sargent Ag/Shop class in 2021. The trailer is a ball hitch, single axle and is 10 Feet long.

Taking reasonable offers

-Contact us for info and images.

Sargent FFA Hats:

Sargent FFA hats are Richardson snapback mesh back trucker style. \$25 a piece.

Hats will be sold until inventory is empty



If you have any questions or are interested in either, please contact a Sargent FFA member or email us at sschaller@sargent.k12.co.us

SARGENT ALUMNI/SUPPORTERS GROUP



By: Annabelle Heineman



Sargent FFA Alumni and Supporters Group was chartered in May 2022. This group was founded to help support Sargent FFA in an organized and professional way. The group allows supporters to offer time, support, and encouragement to the members of the chapter. Meetings are held the first Wednesday of every month. Next meeting will be on February at 6:30 in Ms.Schaller's classroom. Anyone who is interested is welcome to attend. If there are any questions, please feel free to reach out by email to:

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- Pliers
 - Slip-Joint
 - Locking Pliers
 - Needle Nose
- Nails
- Screws
- Screw Drivers
 - Philips
 - Flat Head
- Drill Bits (Kit)
- DeWalt Batteries
- Lumber
 - Scrap Wood
 - Table Saw Blades

GENERAL AG CLASSROOM

- AG MAGAZINES
- NEWSPAPERS

WELDING

- ELECTRODES
- ELECTRICAL TOOLS
- ANGLE GRINDERS
- SANDERS
- DISC
- ORBITAL
- BODY SAWS
- TABLE SAWS
- NAIL GUN+NAILS
- WIRE BRUSHES

If you are interested in donating your time to help with CDE coaching, fundraising, or community service, etc. Please contact our advisor, Sarah Schaller at sschaller@sargent.k12.co.us.

FFA SPONSORS

By: Annabelle Hienemaan



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