



Living Gold



St. Amant FFA Newsletter

January 2020



*Pictured Left to Right- Front to Back
Mandy Delaune, Sadie Foster,
Elizabeth Robertson, Christian Neff,
Santa Claus, Natalie Espinosa, Tate
Roussel, Chelsea Carter, Ty
Anderson, Marcy Mahler*

Christmas Give

By: Christian Neff

This Christmas, our officer team and clubs from around campus adopted nine local families that were in need this holiday season.

The families were invited to a special Christmas celebration where they enjoyed a meal, opened gifts, and took pictures with Santa Claus. We were able to provide these families with nearly 2000 total pounds of canned goods, exciting gifts, and a joyful holiday season.

Upcoming Dates and Events

Feb. 2- Wetland day

Feb. 11- 8th grade night

Feb. 20- Gator-aid

Mar. 4-6- Agventure

Mar. 28- Plant sale & Farmers market



Families enjoy quality time together and meet with our special holiday guest.

FFA Events and Activities

Members Win Numerous Awards at LDE Competitions **By: Chelsea Carter**

St. Amant FFA experienced great success in the 2019 LDE Season. Led by members Tavian Allen, Sierra Ellis, Natalie Espinosa, Sadie Foster and Elizabeth Robertson, our Chapter brought home many awards. In addition to all participants qualifying past the district level, Natalie Espinosa won First Place in the District Creed Speaking contest.

At the Area IV Contest, Sierra Ellis competed in Employment Skills and Sadie Foster placed 2nd in Prepared Speech, where she wrote and delivered a speech on Precision Agriculture. Elizabeth Robertson won 1st overall in Geaux Teach, which consisted of creating and teaching an agriscience lesson on Plant Science.

Foster and Robertson then prepared to compete at the State Competition, held at LSU on December 19. The success continued, as both member took home banners to hang in our department. Robertson placed 2nd Overall in the state, and won an award for Best Lesson Plan. Foster won the state championship in Prepared Speaking, and will compete for the National Championship at FFA Convention this November.

Mid-year Officer retreat **By: Sadie Foster**

Over the Martin Luther King Jr holiday, our officer team met at school to prepare for the upcoming semester. We set both individual and team goals, as well as planned each event for the semester. In addition to planning the exciting semester ahead, our officers also evaluated our work in the Fall. We analyzed the events, compared them to our goals, and looked at ways to further improve the events next year.



The officers also participated in multiple team-building activities to ensure that the team is prepared to work together and accomplish our goals. This day allowed our officers to prepare a positive mindset and a strong work ethic to finish our year strong.

Member of the Month



January Member of the Month: **Rance Schexnaydre**

Rance Schexnaydre, a sophomore Ag I student, was recognized as the January Member of the Month. Rance has shown great dedication and hardwork in FFA Events, has an outstanding Livestock Management SAE, and is a member of the Small Engines CDE Team.

CDE Opportunities

By: Elizabeth Robertson

CDE's are Career Development Events that engage students in skills they can use in future careers. We have a variety of spring competitions available.

See below for the practice schedule:

- Livestock- Wednesday
- Nursery & Landscape- Tuesday
- Poultry- Thursday
- Dairy Cattle- Tuesday
- Small Engines- Tuesday & Wednesday
- Dairy Products- Wednesday & Thursday
- Veterinary Science- Thursday

Country Meats Fundraiser Winners

As one of our Fall Fundraisers, each class was challenged with selling Meat Sticks to fund our chapter's initiatives. Our members did an exceptional job selling, but four showed incredible effort.

1st Place: Ty Anderson- 420 sticks

2nd Place: Collin Weber- 320 sticks

3rd Place (t): Christian Neff- 260 sticks

3rd Place (t): Dylan Gros- 260 sticks

New FFA Officers



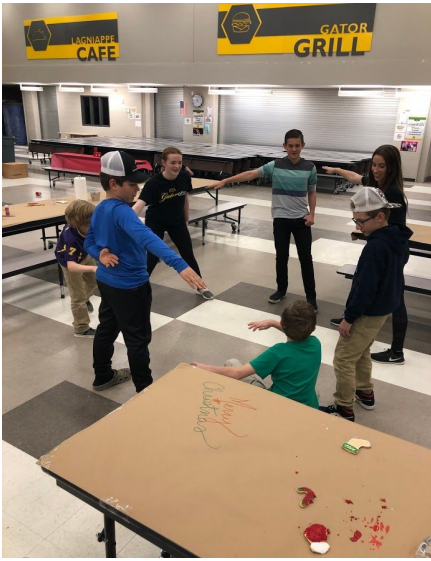
Elizabeth Robertson (Top Right) , has been named our chapter's new secretary. She competed in Geaux Teach during LDE season, placing first in Area and second in State. She is also a member of the Horse Judging Team that will be competing at Nationals, and has an active Equine SAE.



Natalie Espinosa (bottom right) was announced as our chapter's new Sentinel. She placed first in District for FFA Creed, is on the National Horse Judging Team, and is competing in the Nursery and Landscaping CDE. She completed Ag I in the Fall, and maintains an active Ag Education SAE.



Snapshots of STA FFA



Christmas Give was full of games and activities for families to enjoy! (left)

Coach Scott Arceneaux speaking to our members about his personal FFA Experience. (right)



Our chapter is incredibly appreciative for all the parents who helped make Christmas Give successful. (bottom)



Elizabeth Robertson and Sadie Foster received their State FFA Banners. Robertson was awarded second overall in Geaux Teach, and Foster won the state championship in Prepared Public Speaking. (left)



Different clubs and organizations from around school came together to spread holiday cheer for local families in need. (right)



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