

DONGOLA FFA CHAPTER NEWSLETTER

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CHAPTER OFFICER RETREAT

The Dongola FFA Officer Retreat was held at the school on the first day and at an alumni member's farm on the second day. The event took place on August 1st and 2nd. The officers reflected on the past school year and talked about what we want to happen this year while bonding as a team. A few goals we have set for our chapter this year are as follows: we hope to have the majority of our members be active within the chapter, have a profitable Spring Greenhouse Plant Sale, and hold a Dongola FFA Chapter Banquet/Recognition Night.



FARMYARD FOLLIES

Farmyard Follies was at the beginning of the school year. FFA students in the southern Illinois area compete against each other by using their teamwork skills through a series of fun, active games. There were a total of nine participating FFA members. We placed 5th in the bat race and 7th in tug-of-war.



SECTION HORSE JUDGING

The section horse judging was at Vienna Rocky Road Arena. There were three FFA members from Dongola who practiced and competed in the contest. The members judged five classes during the event and placed 12th within the section.



CHAPTER KICKOFF

The FFA kickoff at the school took place from 6:00 to 8:30 PM. The event attracted over 65 attendees, including current and past Dongola FFA members along with their family and friends. Students engaged in games while the advisor grilled hot dogs for everyone. All participants had a great time at the kickoff event.



SIUC GREENHAND CONFERENCE

The SIUC Greenhand Conference was at SIU college. There were three FFA members from Dongola that attended. We learned about leadership, teamwork skills and moved to different workshops.



SIUC HORSE JUDGING

SIUC Horse Judging was at Du Quoin State Fair. We played a series of games competing against other schools. There were six FFA members from Dongola that attended the contest.



BLOOD DRIVE

The Dongola FFA Officers assisted with the latest Blood Drive. Ten pints were donated on September 24th! Our goal is to reach at least fifteen pints during each Blood Drive. If you are interested in able to assist us in reaching this goal please consider signing up to donate blood at the next Blood Drive on December 5th. American Red Cross Blood Services Account Manager, David Palmer is expected to be a guest speaker for our November 13th, 2024 Dongola FFA Chapter Meeting.

LTS

The LTS event was at Trico College. There were two FFA members in Dongola that participated in the event. We played games throughout the night while meeting members from other schools and our Section Officers.



STATE AND SECTION OFFICER VISIT

The state and section officer visit was here at the school. We got to play games with FFA members and grill hot dogs with chips. There were 7th and 8th graders that attended. We also got to learn about leadership.



SIUC FOOTBALL GAME

The SIU football game was at the SIU football stadium. We had lots of fun. There were food, drinks, and free ice cream at this event. We were able to participate in physical activities.



HARVEST DAY

Harvest day was held at the school. The whole school attended this event. All the kids enjoyed trying new things and learning about harvest day. Everyone had a blast and had an opportunity to take a picture with the tractors. Some of the food we had were apples, and there were many types that others enjoyed.



SCHOOL BOARD MEETING

The Dongola FFA Chapter Officer provided a written and verbal report of last year's events and accomplishments to the School Board on September 26th. Following the report, the officer announced this year's goals and made a request to attend the National FFA Convention.

