

# THE CHAPTER CHRONICLES

*Official newsletter of the Big Timber FFA*



## ALL ABOUT THE FAIR

The 2020 Sweet Grass County Fair was one for the books. Not only was the fair able to take place but it was also pretty normal, despite everything happening with Covid-19. All the SAE's exhibited by our chapter members were very impressive. Thank you for another year of hard work and dedication!

### BANQUET:

This year due to previous complications the chapter scheduled their annual FFA banquet to be held during Fair. The ceremony was a tremendous success, allowing more publicity and more opportunities to educate the community about the chapter.

### GOAT ROPING:

The FFA Alumni hosted a goat roping this year down at the fair. It was a great fundraiser and great entertainment for all ages!

### ALUMNI CONCESSIONS:

This year the FFA Alumni did the concessions down at the fair. Everyone in FFA had to participate to sell their SAE in the fair sale. The concessions were very successful, and there was a lot of positive feedback. Thank you to the Alumni for taking on that impressive task! All in all the Fair this year was very successful! Don't forget to write your thank yous to your buyers and anyone who donated any awards you received this week!

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# OFFICER RETREAT

The new officer team met on July 16-18 for the annual officer retreat. The team spent many hours working on the chapter's POA (program of activities) and planning out all the events and projects for the new year. The team is very excited about some of the new projects the chapter is starting to dive into. these projects include "the farm," located right outside the High school parking lot. The team has some high expectations for this year, and they encourage all members to show up to meetings and sign up for committees and get involved with these wonderful developmental projects!

In between hours spent on the POA the officers took a trip to Glaston Lake. They then camped out at our President, Brealyn LaRue's house, only to be woken in the middle of the night by a large storm. After a long night of dragging their tents to the safety of the garage, and getting soaked in the process, the crew headed to cafe 191 for breakfast.

All in all the officer team and advisors are very excited for the new year in FFA. The horizon is still a bit foggy with Covid-19 still clouding the chapter's vision of what contests and gatherings will look like in the next year, but rest assured the group is still planning to put their best foot forward for the new year whether it be in person or virtually.



Big Timber FFA's 2020-2021 Officer Team. Top left to right: Amelia Labach- Vice President, Morgan Anderson- Reporter. Bottom left to right: Cody Prather- Sentinel, Riley Swartz- Secretary, Brealyn LaRue- President, Jake Chulyak-Treasurer.

# SHOW PIG CLINIC

The Big Timber FFA hosted a show pig clinic this month. The clinic was put on by Mr. Long of Long's livestock, and his two sons. The trio talked about how to properly show and groom a show pig. A huge thank you to the Long family for taking the time to educate our chapter, and another thank you to everyone who came to participate.

# THE GARDEN

The garden is currently being used to grow pumpkins. This fall the chapter hopes to host a class form the grade school on a field trip to the pumpkin patch. During the trip, each student will be given a pumpkin to take home and carve. The leftover pumpkins will be sold during a festival/carnival the chapter will later hold for the public at the Garden.

The Garden isn't the only thing happening on the little five-acre plot of land next to the high school, the chapter recently received a mini-grant from the Montana Farm Bureau to construct a fence around the plot. The idea behind the fence is to hold in cattle, which will be used for in-class learning. These animals will allow students to witness different animal sciences. Mr. and Mrs. Standley have big plans for "The Farm."

Go check out our video about the farm on our Facebook page!



*"Do what you can, with what you have,  
where you are."  
-unknown*



