



# Lawton FFA

## Chapter Newsletter

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#### **Lawton FFA members attend statewide leadership camp**

The Lawton FFA Chapter was represented at the 46<sup>th</sup> annual Oklahoma FFA Alumni Leadership Camp at the Tulakogee Conference center in Wagoner, Oklahoma on fort Gibson Lake.

Over 1600 FFA members attended the conference from Over 300 chapters in Oklahoma. The four-day camp included constant engagement in fun-filled, action-packed activities focused on building strong relationships, leadership roles, and extended education.

Attendees from Lawton were Kielely Ash, Gabby Barber, Colby Gilpen, Elizabeth Kopsky, Dean Lester, Makayla Ortiz, Jackie Reed, Dylan Schulte, Tiffani Snow, Riley Weaver, Kenzie Weber, Ashlye Workman, Taylor Workman, and their ag teacher Ms. Courtney Miller.

FFA Alumni Camp is designed to encourage statewide FFA service and leadership involvement. To drive this message home, the camp featured several renowned keynote speakers such as Bill Cordes of Kansas, magician Brad Barton of Utah, and hypnotist Dr. Al Snyder of Wisconsin.

-Peyton Wagner.



#### **New Lawton FFA officers enjoy summer retreat**

In May 2018, members of the Lawton FFA voted in a brand new set of officers to govern the chapter for the 2018-2019 school year. They elected ten individuals who spent a weekend together in August to become a better team. The officers consist of president: Gabby Barber; Eisenhower vice president: Taylor Workman; McArthur vice president: Tiffani Snow; Lawton High vice president: Dean Lester; secretary: Colby Gilpen; Reporter: Makayla Ortiz; treasurer: Riley Weaver; sentinel: Dylan Schulte; parliamentarian: Kielely Ash; and

historian: Jackie Reed. They began their officer retreat in Oklahoma City on August 6-7. They had the chance to do an escape room and go to the Botanical Garden to have some fun and take some pictures. They held meetings to discuss their plans for the upcoming year and they are so excited!

-Bennett England.



## Meet the Members!

Why did you join the FFA? What is your favorite animal?

**First-year member, Mia Avila:** I joined when I saw how amazing it was and how caring everyone is. It's like a big family that's always there for each other. My favourite animal is, of course, sheep!

**Second-year member, Kenzie Weber:** I knew since I was young I wanted to work with animals, so I talked with Don Beavers, who said I should join the FFA. I signed up for ag and, even though I wasn't sure I'd like it, it's helped me see how much I want to be a vet. My favorite animal is a horse; they're compassionate, powerful, graceful, and they aren't afraid to carry us through our problems.

**Third-year member, Ashlye Workman:** I joined the FFA because my older sister, Taylor, was in it and I thought it sounded interesting. My favorite animal is sheep.

**Fourth-year member, Peyton Wagner:** I joined the FFA because I thought it would be fun, cool, and interesting. My favorite animal is the turtle, because they are tough cookies!

## Farm Funnies!

► What do you get when you cross an angry sheep and a moody cow?

-An animal in a baaaaaad moooooood.

► What did the cow say to her calf?

-It's pasture bedtime!



## Meet your officer team!

### Gabby Barber, President

What made you want to run for office?

FFA changed my life, and I feel like it is only right to do my best to give back to an organization that gave me so much. I love to help people be happy and figure out who they are, and I knew that being an FFA officer would be the best way for me to reach others while having an amazing time.

What is your favorite flavor of ice cream?

Ice cream is the BEST! I love cookies and Cream and mint chocolate chip!



## Chapter meeting? What's that?

The Lawton FFA holds a chapter meeting every month so that members can meet each other, hang out, and have fun, all while learning how to get more involved in the chapter or how they can serve in the community.

The first Lawton FFA chapter meeting will be the watermelon social. It will be held on September 18<sup>th</sup>, 2018. The watermelon social includes watermelon and hot dogs, games like a seed spitting contest and a watermelon eating contest, and a silent auction to benefit the chapter. Lawton FFA members have a chance to meet more people and learn about opportunities they have to get involved during chapter meetings. They will also be able to walk through the chapter's livestock barns to see the animals up close and consider showing. We are hopeful in a great attendance!



## ***From the Reporter's Desk***

Hello from the first newsletter of 2018! I am your reporter, Makayla Ortiz, coming to you from the reporter's desk. I am so excited to share with you all that is going on for this month. As football season starts, so does show season. Come along and cheer on your local FFA members! Ask your ag teachers about upcoming shows. September is when we have our annual watermelon social, but don't forget to get involved in other future events that will be coming up soon, for these will be some of the best experiences of your life. May you have a bright, blue and gold month! From the reporter's desk, we'll see you soon!



## ***Behind the scenes...***

So how does this whole newsletter thing work, anyway? The agricultural communications class at Eisenhower High School is in charge of communicating with other members all across the chapter in order to obtain information that gets them involved. They also have to learn about events the chapter participates in so that they can let the public know what we do as FFA members. They are Peyton Wagner, Makayla Ortiz, Bennett England, Jon Payne, and Angel Cefalu. They are led by ag teacher Mrs. Lindsey Hoerbert and chief editor Gabby Barber.



## ***Mark Your Calendars!***

### **◆OCTOBER◆**

- ◆ **October 11:** October chapter meeting at the headhouse, 4 p.m.
- ◆ **October 16:** Regional opening ceremonies and greenhand quiz bowl contest
- ◆ **October 17-21:** Fall break!
- ◆ **October 30:** State opening ceremonies and greenhand quiz bowl contest
- ◆ **October 31:** Happy Halloween!

### **◆NOVEMBER◆**

- ◆ **November 6:** Lawton Leadership conference
- ◆ **November 8:** Southwest district American Farmers and Ranchers speech contest
- ◆ **November 9:** Lawton FFA fall harvest festival and greenhand ceremony + dance at the school farm

## Newsletter Questions

- 1). On what date is the watermelon social?
- 2). Where did the officer retreat take place?
- 3). What did the officers do on the retreat?
- 4). Who are the ten officers on the 2018-2019 Lawton FFA officer team?
- 5). Who is in charge of making the Chapter newsletter?

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**Have a great  
month! –Lawton FFA**

## September 2018 Word Search

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