

# SARGENT FFA

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## NEWSLETTER

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Ellaree Rockey, Westen Burkhart, and Jessica Buser after placing at District LDE's in Extemporaneous Speaking

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# AGRICULTURE NEWS

## STATE OF THE CATTLE IDUSTRY

By: Jesse Pescatore

The USDA semi cattle industry reports a confirmed 61-year low in the cattle industry. This bares whether or not the cattle industry is or is not done shrinking, and could push cattle prices at all classes this year and beyond. Cattle and calves were at 89.3 million head which is the lowest in eight years.

Beef cow herds reported only 28.9 million nearing a record low. Kevin Good, vice president of industry relations and analyses with Cattlefax says that prices will continue to contract this year.

State of the Cattle Industry: Supply Shock Results in 61 Year Low in Beef Cow Herd and Record Price Forecast <https://www.agweb.com/markets/market-analysis/state-cattle-industry-supply-shock-results-61-year-low-beef-cow-herd-and> (accessed 2023 -02 -13).



# SOUTHERN ROCKY MOUNTAIN AG CONFERENCE

BY: ANNABELLE H.

Sargent FFA members attended the Southern Rocky Mountain Ag Conference on February 7th, 2023 as a community service project. Through this, the members were able to interact with the agriculture-involved community. Before their community service project, they engaged in conversations with the multiple different vendors that were present. They were able to learn about different businesses and aspects of agriculture in Southern Colorado. For their community service, the members helped Gosar Sausage serve lunch to the conference attendees. Duties included serving food, directing conference attendees, cleaning tables, and other tasks. This gave the members an additional opportunity to interact with the community and serve their supporters.



Sargent FFA Members at the Ag Conference



# DISTRICT IV LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT EVENTS



By: Westen Burkhart



Wednesday, February 8th Sargent FFA competed in the District LDE's. Sargent had three different quiz bowl teams that competed. Additionally Mitchell Peterson and Jayce Capron participated in Creed speaking with Jayce Capron placing second overall. Sargent FFA also had three participants in Extemporaneous Speaking who all did very well. Jessica Buser took third, Ellaree Rockey took second, and Westen Burkhart took first which will qualify him for the state speaking contest in June. Great job everyone!



Second place Creed Speaker Jayce Capron



Third Place Extemporaneous Speaker Jessica Buser



Second Place Extemporaneous Speaker Ellaree Rockey



First Place Extemporaneous Speaker Westen Burkhart



# FFA WEEK



By: Megan Peterson

This year FFA week was held from February 18th through the 25th. FFA week is nationally celebrated by chapters all over the United States and its territories. This year the national themes were grants for growing, alumni day, give FFA day, SAE Sunday, Ag Teacher Appreciation day, National days of Service, and wear blue day. The Sargent FFA Chapter had different dress up days and activities throughout the week. Sargent FFA officers supplied breakfast burritos as part of the teacher appreciation breakfast for the Jr/Sr High staff and held an Ag Olympics Pep Rally for the Jr/Sr High School. The Ag Olympics included "Hoppin' the Fence" and potato sack races among other activities. We appreciate all who support the Sargent FFA Chapter!

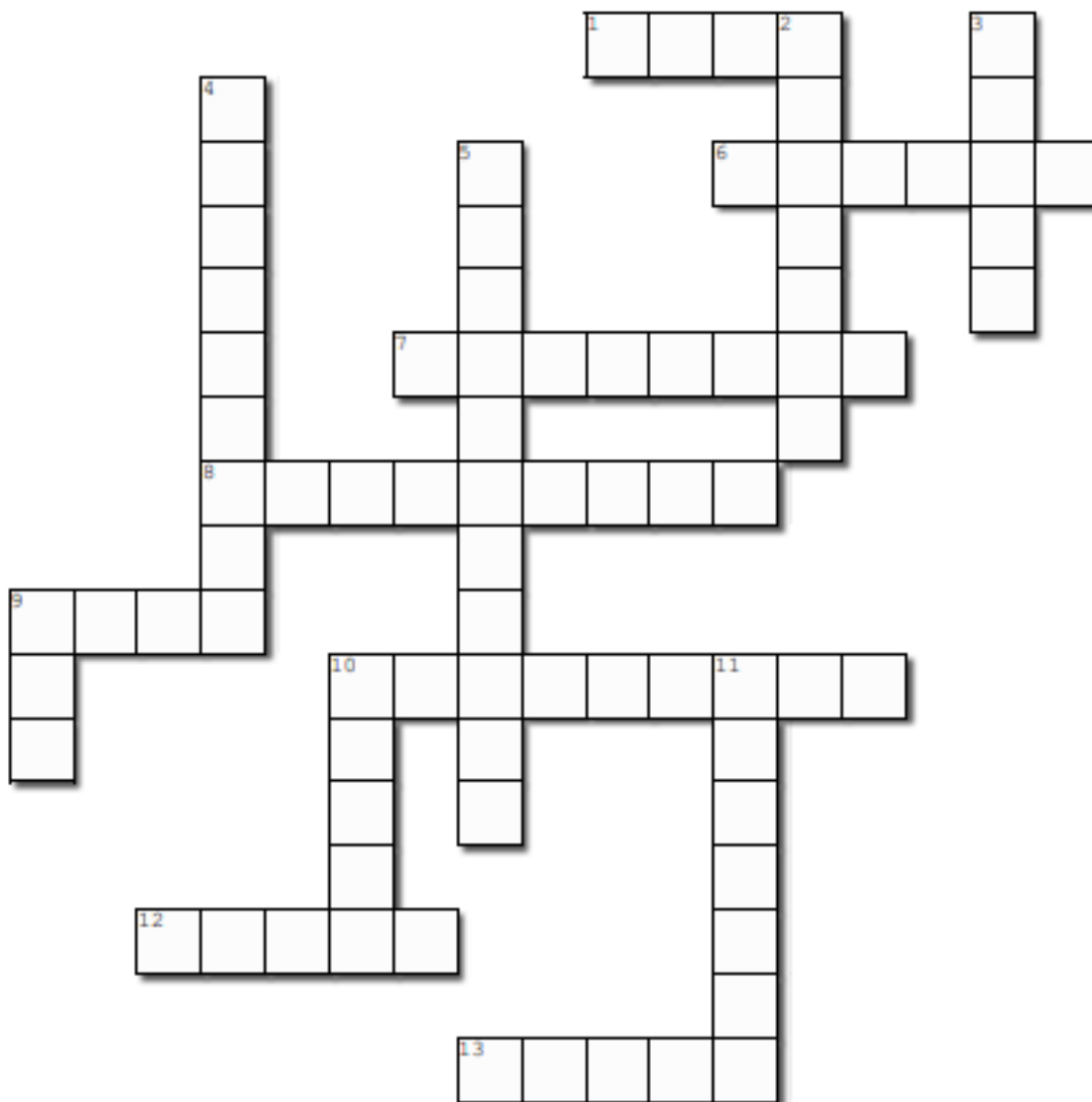


Westen Burkhart with his tractor he drove to school for "Drive a Tractor to School Day"

# AG CROSSWORD

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Complete the crossword puzzle below



Created using the Crossword Maker on TheTeachersCorner.com

## Across

1. A young female pig that has not yet furrowed.
6. You hit nails with this.
7. Cows used for meat production.
8. Something that waters your crops.
9. Grain that grows on a cob.
10. Cows used for milk production.
12. Baby Chicken.
13. A baby cow.

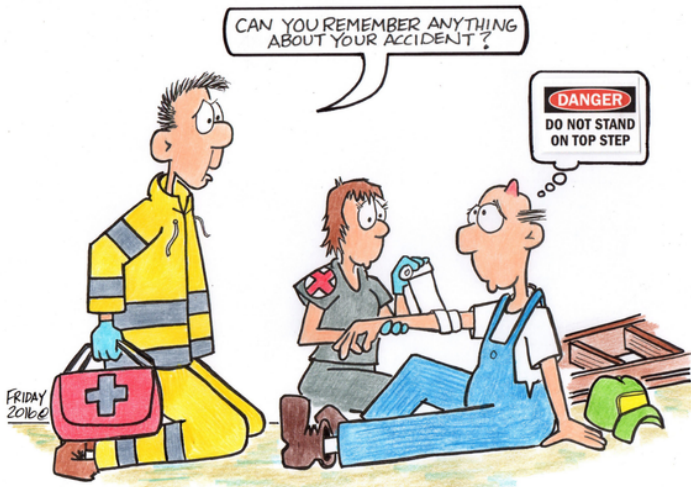
## Down

2. Something big that is used to pull a disc.
3. A place where crops are grown.
4. #1 state in cheese production.
5. A doctor for animals.
9. An animal kept for milk or beef.
10. A breed of pig.
11. Something used to harvest barley and corn.



# AG CARTOONS

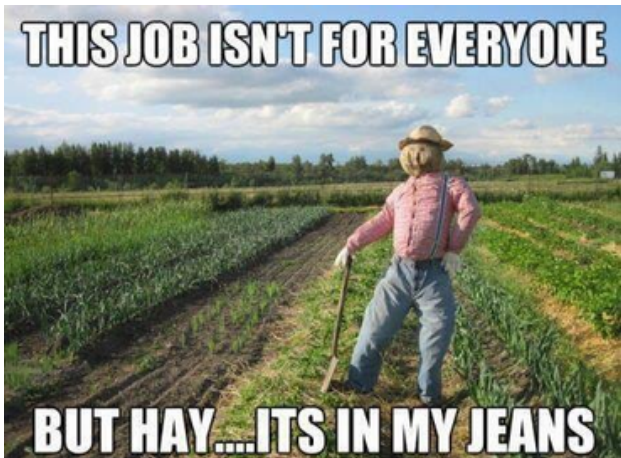
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"I CAN'T STAND THE NOISE. WHY DID I GIVE UP VEGETABLE FARMING?"



# CDE HIGHLIGHT

By: AJ Garcia

## AG TECH AND MECHANICS

Participants in the Ag Mechanics and Technology CDE learn about the mechanics of anything agriculture. This includes welding, electrical, hydraulics, fabrication, and tool identification. Students that participate in this CDE evaluate different tools and show their skills in different areas. This competition also has a written test. 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 mechanical side of agriculture.





# MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

By: Lane Spearman



Evan Watts serving food at the Ag-conference

**Name:** Evan Watts

**Year:** Senior

**CDE:** Ag Mechanics

Sargent FFA's March member of the month is Evan Watts. Evan is a senior at Sargent High School and he plans to compete in the Ag Mechanics CDE this year. Evan chose to join FFA because he wanted to participate in Ag Mechanics and wanted to be in the shop class. Evan contributes to agriculture because he works on a farm that grows potatoes and barley. Evan's favorite FFA event this year was the Logger Days fundraiser in South Fork. He enjoys FFA because he likes supporting the future of the organization.



# AG CONFERENCE PICTURES

By: Cayden Larimore



Burke, AJ, and Bryleigh handing out drinks at the Ag Conference



Hayden serving brownies



Evan making coleslaw



Trenton Lovelace, Burke Temple, and Lane Spearman serving drinks



# PICTURES



By: Cayden Larimore



Jayce Capron giving the FFA creed



Jayce receiving his second place  
creed speaking award



Mitchell Peterson giving the FFA creed



# PICTURES



By: Cayden Larimore



Crops team CDE practice



Milk judging CDE practice



Horse judging CDE practice



Food science CDE practice



# PICTURES



By: Cayden Larimore



Jaycian and Lucas serving coleslaw



Cayden and Fernando serving bread



Brody toasting bread on the grill



Trenton making food at the Ag Conference



# PICTURES



By: Cayden Larimore



Quiz Bowl team 1: Addie Roepke, Angelise Garcia, Kyra Griffin



Quiz Bowl Team 2:  
Cadyn Wright, Braxton Regester, Corbin Castillo



Quiz Bowl Team 3 as well as Creed Speakers:  
Mitchell Peterson, Jayce Capron

# UPCOMING EVENTS

By: Cayden Larimore

## March Activity

**When:** March 15th

**Who:** FFA members and elementary students

**What:** Elementary kids will be invited to spend a couple of hours after school with Sargent's FFA to learn about how St. Patrick's Day and agriculture relate.



## Regional CDE's

**When:** March 29th

**Who:** FFA members

**What:** Regional CDE's will be held on March 29th in Lamar, CO. Students will use their knowledge and skills to compete in Career Development Events.





# FFA

# FUNDRAISERS



FEBRUARY 2023

By: Cayden Larimore



## 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](mailto:sschaller@sargent.k12.co.us)

# SARGENT ALUMNI/SUPPORTERS GROUP



By: KayleeAnn Martinez



**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 March 1st 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:  
[sschaller@sargent.k12.co.us](mailto:sschaller@sargent.k12.co.us)**





# WISHLIST

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## WOOD SHOP

- Pliers, screwdrivers, hammers, and any other miscellaneous tools
- Nails, screws, and any other miscellaneous hardware
- DeWalt or Millwaukee Batteries
- Lumber/Scrap Wood
- Steel/Scrap Metal

## WELDING SHOP

- Electrodes- 7018 or 6011
- Steel Wire Brushes
- Steel/Scrap Metal
- Any other misc. metal, shop tools, or supplies

## GENERAL AG CLASSROOM

- AG MAGAZINES/NEWSPAPERS
- COOLERS
- GRILL/GRIDDLE
- CAMP CHAIRS

\*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](mailto:sschaller@sargent.k12.co.us).\*

# FFA SPONSORS

By: Annabelle Hieneman



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- Center Redi-Mix
- Martinez Farms
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