

# Bridgeland FFA Newsletter

## September 2019

### Welcome Back!

We hope everyone had a great summer and can't wait for another amazing year!

### 2019-2020 Chapter Officers

The Bridgeland FFA officer team has been hard at work this summer getting ready for the new year! This year's officers are:

*President* - Frances Jackson

*Vice President* - Kyle Compton

*Secretary* - Evyn Barnes

*Treasurer* - Claire Lewis

*Reporter* - Jennifer Bray

*Sentinel* - Eryn Barnes

*Chaplain* - Parker Combs

*Parliamentarian* - Remington Castellese

*Historian* - Lucas Payan



### Teachers

This school year we are happy to welcome back Ms. Shelby Scardino and beyond excited to welcome Mrs. Amanda Neuendorf and Mrs. Helene Foster to the Bridgeland Ag Department. We can't wait to see what this year brings with our outstanding teaching team!

### State Convention

This summer your officer team was able to attend state convention and had a blast getting to listen to retiring officer speeches and having an out of this world time at Space Night! We cannot wait to see what they have planned for the year to come!

### First Meeting - Hawaiian Night

**When:** Tuesday, September 10

**Time:** Meeting Begins at 6:30 pm

**Where:** 4th Floor LGI

Join us for our first official meeting of the year. We will be having snow cones and fun activities for all who come. All members are encouraged to attend we will be discussing important information about raising animals and other opportunities that this has to offer!

### FFA Dues

Dues are \$35 and are due to an ag teacher by September 26th. Please fill out a membership form and turn it in with your dues. Paid members will receive:

- Local, District, Area, State, & National FFA Membership
- 2019-2020 Chapter Shirt
- Member Luncheon Ticket for Oct. 22
- New Horizons Magazine Subscription
- Opportunities to grow and promote premier leadership, personal growth, and career success.

### First Booster Club Meeting

**When:** Tuesday, September 10

**Time:** Meeting begins at 6:30 pm

**Where:** Room 1557

Parents, please attend the first booster club meeting and learn how you can get involved too! We have so many exciting things planned for our members and would love to have your support!

## LDE's

Leadership Development Events focus on creating situations for members to demonstrate their abilities in public speaking, decision making, communication, and their knowledge of agriculture and the FFA Organization. Team and individual events are used to reinforce what is taught in agricultural science classrooms.

This year, Bridgeland FFA will be participating in the following LDE's:

Agricultural Advocacy  
Agricultural Issues  
Greenhand and Senior Chapter Conducting  
Greenhand and Chapter Quiz  
Greenhand and Senior Creed Speaking  
Greenhand and Senior Agriculture Skills  
Job Interview  
Public Relations  
Radio Broadcasting

If any members are interested in competing in Leadership Development Events, sign ups for all events are in the shop hallway. Be sure to also ask for a practice calendar from any Ag Teacher. Any questions or concerns, please ask one of the teachers or an officer.

## Mandatory Show Meeting

When: Thursday, September 12

Time: Meeting begins at 5:30 pm

Where: Room 1557 & 1554

If you are interested in showing livestock for the 2019-2020 school year you and/or your parent are required to attend the Mandatory Livestock Meeting. We will be handing out important information regarding each species as well as a calendar of events for the year.

## Important September Dates

**Sept. 9** Open House

**Sept. 10** First FFA Meeting

**Sept. 12** Mandatory Show Meeting

**Sept. 18** Lamb /Goat/Swine Entries

**Sept. 23** Meat/Cookie Fundraiser Begins

**Sept. 25** Lamb/Goat/Swine Draw

**Sept. 26** Membership Dues Deadline

**Sept. 27** State Fair Lamb/Goat Check-In

**Sept. 28** State Fair Lamb Show

**Sept. 29** State Fair Goat Show

**Sept. 30** CFISD Breeding Rabbit Ownership  
Deadline

## Social Media

Stay connected and follow us on our Facebook and Instagram @bridgelandffa and Twitter @bridgeland\_ffa

## Senior Spotlight - Grace Callan

Grace Callan has been hard at work this summer with her heifer, Wilma, who she won her first belt buckle with. Grace has put hard work and dedication into her SAE projects and has enjoyed the opportunity to learn about raising cattle. She has always wanted to raise cattle and has enjoyed the process more than goats. Grace spent her summer working with her projects and making sure they're well taken care of. While time consuming and challenging at times, her hard work has paid off. We are so proud of you, Grace!



### **FFA Google Classroom**

In an effort to keep everyone informed of chapter events, we have a Chapter Google Classroom. This system allows us to send instant updates and info to anyone that is a subscriber.

The google classroom code is **uqv02w**.

### **Chapter Social Media:**

**Website:** [bridgeland.ffaNOW.org](http://bridgeland.ffaNOW.org)

**Facebook:** Bridgeland FFA

**Instagram:** @bridgelandffa

**Twitter:** @Bridgeland\_FFA

### **Ag Teacher Info:**

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### **FFA Jacket**

The FFA jacket is an important part of attending FFA events and functions. Many events require Official Dress to attend. Any high school FFA members wishing to purchase a jacket needs to bring \$75 to an ag teacher as soon as possible. The \$75 includes a jacket, tie/scarf, and shipping. Please make checks payable to Bridgeland FFA.

### **Livestock Judging**

If you are interested in livestock judging, please see Ms. Scardino for more information about fall contests.

### **Dairy Cattle Judging**

If you are interested in dairy cattle judging, please see Mrs. Neuendorf for more information about fall contests.

### **Quality Counts**

Any FFA member that will be showing at major livestock shows this school year **MUST** complete the Quality Counts program, if you have not already done so. You must complete the online course and pass the exam at the end to be Quality Counts verified. If you just moved up from elementary to JH or JH to HS you must take the next level test. Directions on how to complete this process are attached to the Google Classroom.

### **Major Show Hotels**

If you are showing at any of the major shows, it is your responsibility to make your hotel reservations. Please do not let this get away from you. Make reservations **EARLY!**

### **Calf Scramble**

If anyone is interested in entering the calf scramble at any of the major stock shows, please let an ag teacher know ASAP. This is for high school members only.



### Fall Fundraiser

This fall, we will be selling Meat and Cookies from Seitz. The fundraiser will run from September 23rd-October 4th. Students are strongly encouraged to sell in the fundraiser in order to contribute to the success and growth of our chapter. Each item sold will be worth 6 points towards our incentive program.

Incentive Program:

- Portable Phone Charger - 220 points
- CDE Contest Personalized Clipboard - 360 points
- FFA Jacket - 500 points
- Top Seller Award - >1,000 points
- Mystery Buyer Award

**If the chapter achieves 30,000 points, ALL CDE Contest Fees will be covered.**

### Member of the Month

A special recognition to our State Fair showmen for all their time and work that has gone into raising their projects over the summer.

This summers showmen are:

- Paul Alvarez-Lopez -Pig
- Evyn Barnes- Lamb
- Grace Callan- Heifer
- Reagon Carter- Pig
- Remington Castellese- Goat
- Kyle Compton- Pig & Broilers
- Matthew Cornman - Pig
- Morgan Cornman- Pig
- Marisa Dodson- Lamb
- Abigail Neff - Pig
- Brayden Turner- Pig
- Isabel Ward- Pig & Goat

**Be sure to continue to send us any and all photos of your hard work and accomplishments throughout the year. We would love to give everyone the recognition they deserve!**

