



# Tiger Times

## Simms FFA Chapter Newsletter



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### Upcoming Events

For the most up-to-date,  
times, dates, and information  
check the calendar  
[FFASimms.theAET.com](http://FFASimms.theAET.com)

10-3 College Application Week  
10-12 Thank A Farmer  
Breakfast  
10-14 Pumpkin Party  
10-18 October Chapter  
Meeting  
10-20 NO SCHOOL  
10-25 to 29 National FFA  
Convention

**2022-23  
Simms FFA  
Officer Team**



2022-23 Simms FFA Officers: Back Row: Gwen Songer- Student Advisor, Cede Mayer- Sentinel, Brooklyn Kirby- President, Alex Smith- Reporter. Front Row: Lili Schubarth- Treasurer, Morgan Feist- Vice President, Matthias Reifer- Secretary.

### SIMMS FFA HOSTED NATIONAL FFA SECRETARY, JACKSON SYLVESTER

It was with great excitement that Simms FFA hosted an all school assembly with National FFA Secretary, Jackson Sylvester, on Tuesday, August 30. This was an amazing opportunity regardless of the student's involvement in FFA. Jackson presented the concept of being where your boots are! He said that many high school students spend their time looking ahead, which is important, but they miss the opportunities they have at the time. Students were encouraged to participate, support their fellow classmates, and be involved in all aspects of the school. Jackson shared his experiences of traveling the United States and world representing the world's largest in school youth organization, FFA.

Students were able to hear Jackson's FFA story, be encouraged to participate in high school events and activities, and all high school students were provided with new Simms FFA t-shirts. Thank you to all the local businesses that sponsored the Simms FFA t-shirts this year.

Jackson is a certified welder, fabricator, and machinist who strives to own his own business. He will be addressing our students to strive for the highest achievements in FFA and all other areas of life, regardless of background or future goals!

Jackson Sylvester first became involved in FFA in the sixth grade at W.T. Chipman Middle School. He credits his involvement to his dad, an FFA Alum and former Delaware FFA Officer.



National Officer, Jackson Sylvester and Athonie Wiles showing off their new Simms FFA Chapter shirts.





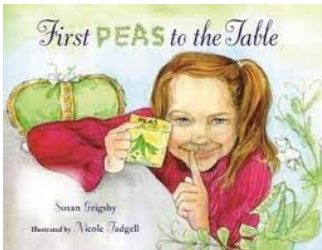
## Events

### National Read a Book Day: #ReadWithAFarmer

Eight members of the Simms FFA traveled to Fort Shaw Elementary on Tuesday, September 6th, for National Read a Book Day. They took with them agriculturally accurate books purchased by the Cascade County Farm Bureau Federation. First Peas to the table by Susan Grisby discussed how vegetables are grown and how historical figure Thomas Jefferson researched and gardened back in his day. Hands on activities were then completed in each classroom.

The feedback from elementary students and teachers has been very positive. They enjoyed having the high school students in their classroom. The high school students felt the time was valuable and the activity should be continued.

The FFA members were able to gift the books to the elementary library to be enjoyed. The #ReadWithAFarmer activity is a national activity of the American Farm Bureau.



Gwen Songer, Grayce Hitchcock, and Kyler Smerker read First Peas to the Table to Fort Shaw Elementary students.



Nine members of Simms FFA traveled for National Read A Book Day. Matthias Reifer, Grayce Hitchcock, Cede Mayer, Kyler Smerker, Gwen Songer, Savannah Kiamas, Lili Schubarth, and Morgan Feist.

### Glacier District Leadership School

District Leadership School (DLS) is conducted by the Montana State FFA Officers in each of the eight Montana Districts. The Glacier District Leadership School was hosted at Dutton on Wednesday, September 7.. There were two groups of student workshops. Younger members worked on goals and FFA opportunities. Older members worked on leadership and team building. There were also meetings and workshops for teachers.

In the afternoon, teachers from the Glacier District conducted specialized workshops introducing FFA Career Development Events, writing thank you notes, and communication etiquette. Officers were instructed in some of the necessary skills to perform their officer duties.



Back Row: Grayce Hitchcock, Cede Mayers, Brooklyn Kirby, Jacob Heggan, Alex Smith. Middle Row: Lili Schubarth, Morgan Feist, Kylee Lucero, Matthias Reifer. Front Row: Hunter Miler, Gwen Songer, Nathan Goble, Rabeka Plute, and Travis Palmer.



### September Review

9/1-	Chapter Meeting
Sept 6-	Read-A-Book
Sept 7-	District Leadership
Sept 10-	BBQ
<b>Sept 10-Pig Raffle \$\$\$</b>	
Sept 20-	Chapter Mtg
<b>Sept 22-GALA TRIVIA \$\$</b>	
Sept 23-	VB Concession
Sept 27-	Ruby Valley





## Events

### 2022 CTE Gala, Trivia Night

Simms FFA and BPA held a joint fundraising event on Thursday, September 22 at the Elks Lodge in Great Falls. The evening included a silent auction, chicken dinner, and trivia competition. The meal was prepared by the Sun River Valley Food Services Department. On behalf of the Career and Technical Education Department of Sun River Valley Schools, we would like to thank all our supporters for a great fundraising event. We had 9 sponsored tables. There were a total of approximately 150 members, families, and guests present. We had 37 silent auction items. We raised about \$5000 for these student organizations. The proceeds of this event will support the travel and participation of members in district, state, and national FFA activities.

### 2022 Homecoming BBQ

Simms FFA put on a BBQ for homecoming. We sold hot dogs with a side of potato salad, chips, dessert, and a drink. The food was good and it was overall put together well. The money that was raised will be used for kids entry fees and traveling expenses. The chapter and I would like to thank everybody for participating and helping us!



## Thank You Table Sponsors

### Gold Sponsors



### Blue Sponsors

Darryl's Tire and Service Center  
Home Builders Association of Great Falls  
Russ and Lorie Miner  
Rohrer Trucking  
The Other Guys Wood Floors

## PUMPKINS



Simms FFA  
Pumpkins for sale  
\$5 in ag shop  
@ home sporting  
events

## PUMPKIN Carving and Painting

Friday,  
October 14  
4-6 pm  
Simms High School Gym

**2ND ANNUAL  
FARMERS  
MARKET**

## Thank You Auction Sponsors

406 Arena	Kirby Allen
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Grizz Bizz	Zoetis



## Career Exploration Events (CDE's)

### Ruby Valley Invitational

Nine members of the Simms FFA Chapter traveled to Sheridan, Montana on Tuesday, September 27th for Ruby Valley Invitational competitions. We are pleased to report that the members learned a lot and are prepared to share that knowledge and apply it to future events.

Forestry-Alex Smith

Jr. Livestock- Chance Kramlich in the top 1/3, and Nathan Goble

Sr. Livestock- Morgan Feist in the top 1/3, Lili Schubarth, Brooklyn Kirby, Hunter Miler, Rabeka Plute, Matthias Reifer



### Steven Schubarth Wins Bronze Medal at National Proficiency

The 2022 National Agricultural Proficiency Awards were named in preparation of the National Convention. Steven Schubarth, a 2022 graduate from Simms High School, was named the winner of the Wildlife Management Placement Award in the state of Montana. He was awarded a National bronze medal for 2022.

The Schubarth family owns the Sun River Game Farm. Steven works as an animal laborer to help breed and raise exotic animals including: Rocky Mountain Elk, Whitetail deer, Mule deer, white elk and white Whitetail deer, domestic-Big Horn cross sheep, guppy fish, and a variety of dog breeds. The animals are marketed and shipped all over the United States. He assists in feeding, breeding, auctions, shipping, housing, and all phases of animal production.

As a child, Steven was very interested in non-typical Whitetail deer. He convinced his grandpa to purchase and breed for antler abnormalities. At the peak of our breeding program we had nearly 20 non-typical bucks. The family has sold these animals all over the US to game farms and now only run a few remaining bucks. They have gotten into breeding white colored deer and elk. The Sun River Game Farm is the home of the first captivity bred and raised fully white, non-albino white-tailed buck. It was born in the Spring of 2021 from the first captivity breed and raised fully-white, non-albino Whitetail doe.

Steven will receive a cash award and bronze award pin from the National FFA for his efforts.

**Save the Date-  
November 9-12  
Sign-Up Due October, 13th**



**2022 MONTANA FFA AG EXPO**  
SPONSORED BY JOHN DEERE DEALERS

The Montana FFA Ag Expo has been created in order to produce an exciting agricultural opportunity for the youth in the northwest. Attendance is usually around 1200 students. This three-day event will include numerous opportunities for students interested in all parts of Montana agriculture. All of these events are put together in a jam-packed three-day exposition. It will take place at Montana State University in Bozeman, Montana. Simms FFA will stay at the Motel 6 in Bozeman. The cost for the trip \$150 includes: registration, housing, food, and transportation.

Registration forms are available from Mrs. Koterba or the Simms FFA Google Classroom.

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### Coming Soon Montana Boxes, Fruit, and Coffee

Help support Simms FFA and BPA members. The Montana boxes contain a variety of things from alpine touch seasoning to coffee to wonderful smelling soaps. Along with the Montana boxes you can also get just coffee. Coffee grounds of your choice in flavor and your choice of consistency (full bean, ground bean, etc.)