

THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF STANISLAUS
ACTION AGENDA SUMMARY

DEPT: Board of Supervisors

BOARD AGENDA# *A-2b

Urgent _____ Routine X

AGENDA DATE May 7, 2002

CEO Concurs with Recommendation YES X NO _____
(Information Attached)

4/5 Vote Required YES _____ NO X

SUBJECT:

APPROVAL OF COMMENDATION FOR THE HUGHSON FUTURE FARMERS OF AMERICA UPON THEIR 70TH ANNIVERSARY

STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS:

APPROVE COMMENDATION FOR THE HUGHSON FUTURE FARMERS OF AMERICA UPON THEIR 70TH ANNIVERSARY

FISCAL IMPACT:

NONE

BOARD ACTION AS FOLLOWS:

No. 2002-325

On motion of Supervisor Caruso, Seconded by Supervisor Blom

and approved by the following vote,

Ayes: Supervisors: Blom, Simon, Caruso, Paul, and Chairman Mayfield

Noes: Supervisors: None

Excused or Absent: Supervisors: None

Abstaining: Supervisor: None

1) X Approved as recommended

2) _____ Denied

3) _____ Approved as amended

MOTION:

ATTEST: CHRISTINE FERRARO TALLMAN, Clerk

By: Christine Ferraro
Deputy

File No.

TO: MR. TOM MAYFIELD 40 PAM VILMERA
FROM: BILL HOBBY & Hughson FFA

Hughson FFA 70 Years of Glorious History

Just as agriculture in the United States has a long, colorful history, so does the National FFA Organization. The initial idea for forming the organization was sparked in 1917 when Congress passed the National Vocational Education Act which established vocational agriculture classes, which started in Hughson during the 1929-30 school year. During the 20's the state of Virginia formed the first Future Farmers club for boys in agriculture. It wasn't long before Future Farmer clubs were springing up across the country.

In 1926, the American Royal Livestock Show in Kansas City, Missouri, invited vocational agriculture students to compete in livestock judging contests. Two years later, the students formed the Future Farmers of America to provide leadership training for farm boys. While in Kansas City for the American Royal, 33 delegates from 18 states, including California, met in the Baltimore Hotel and formally launched the organization on November 20, 1928. National dues were set at 10 cents per member.

On May 10, 1932 the Hughson chapter of the Future Farmers of America received its official Charter and Constitution. Eighteen young boys and their agriculture instructor met the qualifications of both the new National FFA and the California Association, becoming the 116th chapter in California.

These young boys and their instructor would have no idea the impact they were going to make in the local area of Hughson and Hickman. Although there are now 311 chapters in California, the Hughson chapter has always been one of the premier chapters in the state. Over the next four months we hope to bring you the story as it has unfolded over the past 70 plus years.

Here are a few of the Hughson FFA's great accomplishments

May 10, 1932	Hughson Chapter established
May 1934	Tilden Genzoli our First State Farmer
1940's	3 State Farmers
1952	First Agriculture building completed (Still in use 2002)
1955	State Parliamentary Procedure Team finalist
1957-8	Tony Vaz First State FFA officer- Sentinel
1950's	7 Master Chapter Awards
1950's	29 State Farmers
1961	First State Championship teams in Tree and Vine Judging
1966	High School Agriculture Farm established
1967	John Starn First Hughson FFA American Farmer
1969	First girls allowed to join the FFA
1960's	4 State Championship Teams; Trees twice, Vines, and Land
1960's	10 consecutive Master Chapter Awards
1960's	41 State Farmers
1970's	3 American Farmers
1972	Dorothy Nunes first Female State Farmer
1970's	3 State Championship Judging Teams

1975	Lloyd Bunch Regional Star State Farmer award
1979	Dan Avila First State Proficiency Award winner – Crop Production
1970's	94 State Farmers
1980's	3 American Farmers
1980's	2 State Championship Poultry Judging Teams
1984	Jonathon Merriam Star State Agribusiness Person
1988	Top 10 Finish National Poultry Judging Contest
1980's	6 State Proficiency Award winners
1980's	118 State Farmers
1990-91	Brenda Moore State FFA Reporter
1992	First National Superior Chapter Award
1990's	4 American Farmers
1990's	44 State Farmers
2000's	3 National Superior Chapter Awards
2000's	1 American Farmer
2000's	16 State Farmers
May 12, 2002	70 th Anniversary Celebration Hughson High School

In addition to the above outstanding accomplishments, we have had thousands of Chapter Farmers, and many more Greenhand degrees conferred. As we assemble our history for publication, we welcome your comments, stories, corrections, additions, and FFA relics that will make our history complete. Chapter 2 will present pre-FFA days in the 1920's, Chapter 3 the 1930's and so on. Each week we hope to feature a new chapter in our story and with your help we can have the history book of our chapter available to you.

Tom, is there any type of citation, commendation you could ^{and} present to our organization for the 70 years of active service and dedication to students?
Anything you do would be greatly appreciated.

Thanks.

P.S. Sorry for the short notice! This ^{Bill} project has been a big one.

WHEREAS, the National FFA Organization was formed in 1917 when Congress passed the National Vocational Education Act which established vocational agriculture classes and Hughson established their vocational agriculture classes during the 1929-30 school year; and,

WHEREAS, in the 1920's the state of Virginia formed the first Future Farmers club for boys in agriculture and it wasn't long before Future Farmer Clubs were formed across the country; and,

WHEREAS, in 1926, the American Royal Livestock Show in Kansas City, Missouri, invited vocational agriculture students to compete in livestock judging contests; and,

WHEREAS, in 1928 the students formed the Future Farmers of America to provide leadership training for farm boys and while in Kansas City for the American Royal Livestock Show, 33 delegates from 18 states, including California, met and formally launched the organization on November 20, 1928; and,

WHEREAS, on May 10, 1932 the Hughson chapter of the Future Farmers of America received its official Charter and Constitution and 18 young men and their agriculture instructor met the qualifications of both the new National FFA and the California Association, becoming the 116th chapter in California; and,

WHEREAS, although there are now 311 chapters in California, the Hughson chapter has always been one of the premier chapters in the state; and,

WHEREAS, the Hughson FFA has been recognized for numerous significant accomplishments of which include, Tilden Genzoli, First State Farmer in 1934, 3 State Farmers in 1940, and in the 1950's, the First Agriculture building was completed and still in use, State Parliamentary Procedure Team finalist, Tony Vaz was First State FFA Officer as Sentinel, they received 7 Master Chapter Awards and had 29 State Farmers; and,

WHEREAS, in the 1960's girls were first allowed to join the FFA, John Starn received the first Hughson FFA American Farmer, they increased to 4 State Championship teams, 10 consecutive Master Chapter Awards, 41 State Farmers and 3 American Farms; and,

WHEREAS, in 1972, Dorothy Nunes was named first Female State Farmer and the Hughson FFA has continued to receive awards through the years such as, 94 State Farmers in the 1970's, 3 American Farmers, Top 10 Finish National Poultry Judging Contest, 6 State Proficiency Award winners and 118 State Farmers in the 1980's, First National Superior Chapter Award, 4 American Farmers, 44 State Farmers in the 1990's and 3 National Superior Chapter Awards, 1 American Farmer, 16 State Farmers so far in the 2000's; and,

WHEREAS, in addition to the outstanding accomplishments mentioned, the Hughson FFA have had thousands of Chapter Farmers and many more Greenhand degrees conferred,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Stanislaus County Board of Supervisors does hereby unanimously commend and congratulate the Hughson Future Farmers of America upon celebrating their 70th Anniversary.

Upon motion by Supervisor Caruso, seconded by Supervisor Blom, the foregoing resolution was unanimously adopted this 7th day of May, 2002.

Bob Baul

How Mayfield

Nick W Blom

Ray Simon

Paul Caruso