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# Parliamentary Procedure CDE

The Peebles FFA chapter officers and officers-in-training have attended morning and afternoon practices daily, to perfect the proper way to run a business meeting. On November 22nd, both teams attended this CDE contest at Peebles High School. After weeks of long practices, both teams represented the Peebles FFA chapter exceptionally by each placing 1st overall, thus qualifying for the next round. Little over a week later, both teams traveled to Southeastern Ross High School to participate at the next level competition. After a 15 minute meeting, followed by a 35 question test, the Peebles Advanced team placed 7th overall. With a similar competition, the Peebles Novice team placed 7th overall as well. Thus bringing the parliamentary procedure competition season to an end for the Peebles FFA chapter.



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# Fruit Delivery

The fruit has finally arrived! On the third week of December, all of the fruit had completely been delivered, unloaded, and separated depending on the type of fruit. For the next two days, Mrs. Minton and her classes spent most of their time in the shop making fruit baskets, cheese and meat boxes, and barbeque sauce bundles. Once all of the work of putting everything together was done, it was time for the students to start picking their orders up. This made for two evenings of loading student's fruit. Most nights, Mrs. Minton and some volunteer students stayed after school until 8:00 p.m. loading fruit. This was not an easy task. Some students, such as our top seller C. J. Smart, went above and beyond to sell fruit. This is great for the chapter, but makes for a lot of work for the people who help to load the fruit, and even for C.J. herself as she had to deliver all of the fruit. Overall, the fruit sale was a big success.



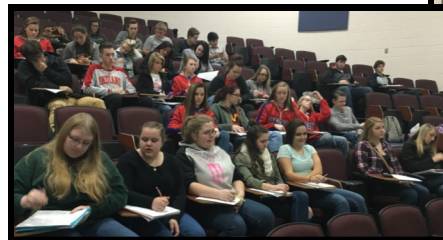
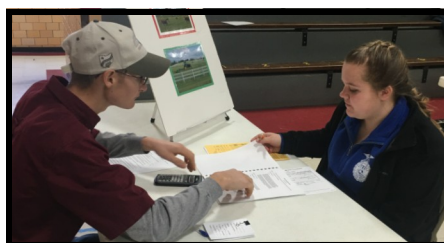
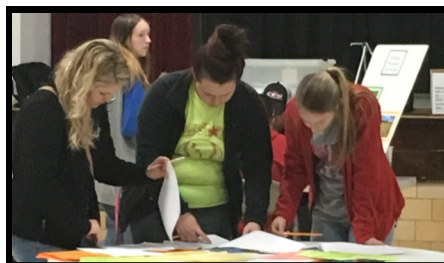
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# Ag Reality

Students from the Peebles FFA chapter, practiced real-life situations during the Agriculture Reality Check sponsored by OSU Extension on December 15th. A simulation activity was conducted where students were assigned a 300-acre farm to manage and were awarded income based upon their grade point averages. They were required to purchase agriculture items necessary to manage their farm and show a profit. Students interacted with representatives from local businesses to help them evaluate production costs utilizing current prices for products such as livestock, equipment, land, and chemicals and to make decisions about what type of farming activities were to be a part of their 300-acre farm. Before lunch, a consignment auction was held where students could purchase other supplies for their farms. To make the simulation realistic and educational, students were able to interact with local businesses. All in all, the students thoroughly enjoyed the day. Some students realized that they could successfully manage a farm where others found that they were failures. Despite their occasional failure, everyone had a good day and learned many lessons that they can carry on through life.



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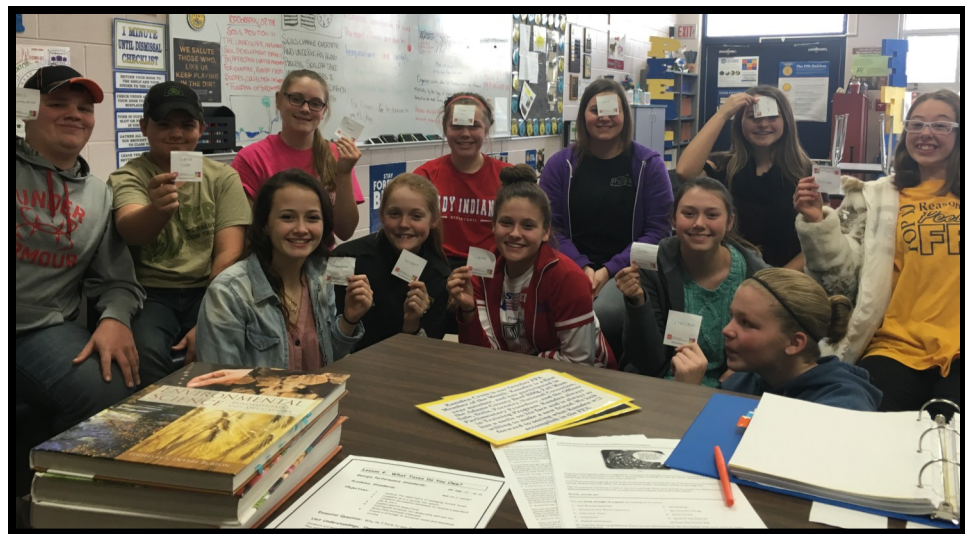
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# Speak-Up Workshop

Throughout the month of December FFA members participated in a series of workshops to help them improve their skills in public speaking. We had anywhere from 15 - 21 Creed Speakers attend the workshops in December. We were also glad to see former Peebles FFA chapter member, Emilee Swayne, attend the Speak-Up Workshop on December 20th to help prepare the public speaking students for their upcoming competition. We are excited to see how each of the members hard work and practice have paid off.



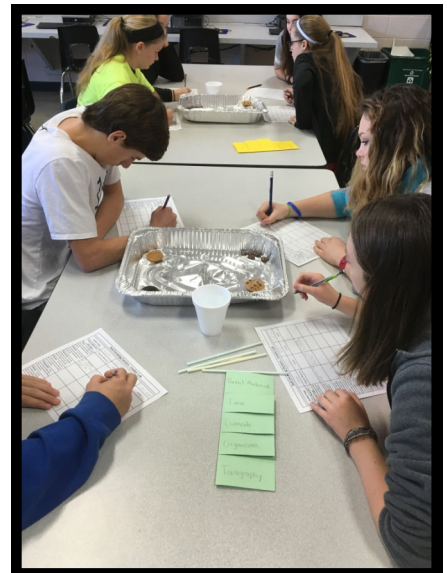
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# The Dirt on Cookies

First year FFA members had been working on Soil Formation, Soil Erosion and Soil Properties in Ag. Food & Natural Resources Class this month. So that students could get some hands-on experience and to be able to visually see how soils are formed, Mrs. Minton put together a Cookie Lab. Students used 4 different types of cookies, representing different soil types to see how the soil forming factors affected each. We hope that this will give some of our 1st year members a boost to maybe try Soil Judging next year.



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