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Public Speaking

The purpose of the Public Speaking CDE is to develop skills in agricultural leadership by providing FFA members the opportunity to appear before groups and to emphasize the importance of communicating with others.

The sub-district contest was held on February 16th at Georgetown High School. From our chapter Whitney Bauman, Nichole Burns & Brianna Baldwin, partook in the Creed Speaking contest, while Molly Bauman participated in Beginning Prepared Speaking and Sarah McFarland participated in the Extemporaneous contest.

Whitney Bauman and Nichole Burns competed in the Beginning Creed Speaking CDE and Brianna Baldwin competed in the Advanced Creed Speaking CDE. The Creed Speaking CDE is designed to develop leadership and the ability to appear before groups by students as they become members of the FFA; all three girls presented from memory the official FFA creed.

In the Beginning Prepared Speaking CDE Molly Bauman had to memorize and recite a speech on an agricultural topic for five to seven minutes with five additional minutes allowed for related questions asked by the judges. Molly wrote and presented a speech on the diversity in agriculture.

In the Extemporaneous Speaking CDE Sarah McFarland had to prepare a speech about agriculture that was chosen at random right before speaking. She was given exactly 30 minutes for speech preparation, her speech had to be four to six minutes, with questions asked by the judges.

Sarah placed 3rd, Molly placed 1st, Brianna placed 1st, and Whitney & Nichole represented our chapter well. Brianna and Molly advanced to the District speaking contest which was held on February 23 at Tallawanda High School. Brianna placed 2nd and Molly played 2nd. We congratulate all participants on their efforts! Good luck to Brianna at the state contest!!



FFA OFFICERS:

- President - Joe McElwee
- Vice President - Katie Cora
- Co-Secretary - Jordan Crum
- Co-Secretary- Jessica Newkirk
- Co-Treasurer - C.J Smart
- Co-Treasurer- Ryanna Shearer
- Co-Reporter - Sarah Mcfarland
- Co-Reporter- Alanys Skaggs
- Sentinel - Brennan Sims
- Student Advisor - Brooklyn Farmer



National FFA Week



This years National FFA Week was held on February 20th-27th. The purpose of FFA Week is to educate the public about agriculture. During the week, we hosted a teacher appreciation luncheon, conducted "FFA's Got Talent" voting polls, made public service announcements on the radio about FFA, and raised money for the Ronald McDonald House.

Our chapter's community service fundraiser for the week was raising money for the Ronald McDonald House. In order to educate students on the Ronald McDonald House, we set up a display in the cafeteria in which students could walk up to and read facts about the organization. To raise money, our chapter hosted the rose sale as well as allowing students to pay \$1 to wear a hat. Our chapter ended up raising a total of \$600 for the Ronald McDonald House.

Early in the week a few of our FFA Officers took part in a radio show on C103. Joe McElwee, President; Katie Cora, Vice-President; Jordan Crum, Secretary and Sarah McFarland, Reporter, were able to be guests of a talk show in which they discussed our program, the importance of it, and how everybody can benefit from FFA whether they live on a farm or in town. We wanted to show the student body how involved our members are in the school and how diverse our chapter is. So, in order to do this we chose students in our chapter that also participated in other extracurricular activities in the school. Each group/organization was represented. Each student was assigned a number, and the pictures were then posted out in the cafeteria along with a video of each student's talent which ranged from table dancing to thumb wrestling and even back hand springs. Students could then choose the most talented member from "FFA's Got Talent".



Every year our officer team plans out a week of fun activities for all of the students to participate in if they wish. Monday was "Plaid and Flannel Day", Tuesday was "Dress To Impress", Wednesday was "Dress Like a Farmer Day", Thursday was "Camo & Hat Day" where students paid \$1 to wear a hat and the proceeds went to the Ronald McDonald House, and Friday was "Blue & Gold Day" as well as "Drive Your Tractor to School Day." We are glad that once again FFA Week was a success. We would like to thank all of the students that participated in events throughout. Fun was definitely had by all.

Community Appreciation Dinner

On February 27, 2016 the Peebles FFA took the time to appreciate all of our community support through a community appreciation dinner. The theme of the night was shown through a free dinner and the speeches of several speakers including, Joe McElwee, Peebles FFA President; Katie Cora, Peebles FFA Vice-President; Jordan Crum, Peebles FFA Secretary; Sarah McFarland, Peebles FFA Reporter; Pam Crum, FFA supporter; Tim Davis, Principal; and Aaron Klohn, Ohio FFA Association

Reporter. The work of our chapter would not be possible without the support of the community.



National Chapter Evaluations

All of our officer books that were evaluated, received perfect scores and gold ratings! Jordan Crum will be receiving her State Degree at convention. Congratulations to Jordan & Jessica (Secretaries), Sarah & Alanys (Reporters) & C.J. and Ryanna (Treasurers) on all of their hard work and dedication and to everyone else that helped!

Valentines Day Rose Sale

As a chapter we decided to give students at our High School the opportunity to purchase roses for Valentines Day at a discounted cost. We purchased Roses and presold them two weeks before FFA Week. This gave us an opportunity to raise money for our FFA week charity. We were able to sell 497 roses and profited \$500.00 that will go towards the Wounded Warrior Project. Chapter members worked diligently to plan and prepare this fundraiser. We sold both individual roses, as well as, a dozen rose bouquets. Members had to organize, de-thorn and assist in wrapping each bouquet. Members had a great time with this activity, had many satisfied customers and were able to make others smile on Valentines Day. We count this as a very profitable venture, and are glad that our hard work will go towards a great cause.



Leadership Lock-In

After our community dinner on Friday night our chapter hosted a Leadership Lock-in in which the members and State Reporter Aaron Klohn participated. Members had the opportunity to develop leadership and teamwork skills at the Lock-In. Throughout the night, fun, activity and fellowship filled the halls of the school. The evening started with an old fashioned scavenger hunt, members got clues to where items would be hidden and then had to determine how those items related to leadership. Renegades was an exciting game that members got to play in the darkened gym that was lit up with glow in the dark balloons and water bottles. Other activities were held throughout the night and members went all out in leadership.



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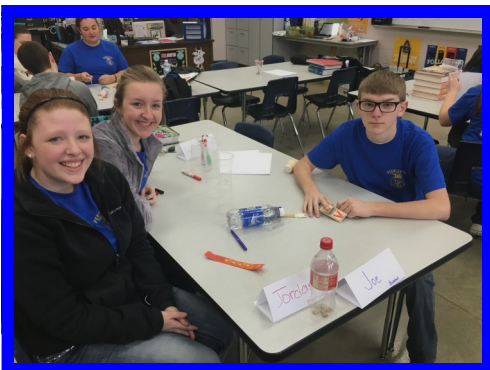
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State Officer Visit

On February 27, 2015 the Peebles FFA had the opportunity to invite the State FFA Reporter, Aaron Klohn to our school for a chapter visit. Aaron spent the day talking about opportunities in the FFA, as well as, other beneficial skills to hone in on that are important now and in the future. Each class participated in different activities, most lessons focused on teamwork, leadership, building individual strengths & positive communication. Classes learned a lot and had a fun time hanging out with Aaron. As a whole the entire day was a success and each member took something positive away from the experience.



ASK MINTON

Question: What does a judging contest consist of?

-First Year Freshman

Answer: In a judging contest even though it is called a team, you compete as an individual. You will be given a class of animals or items to judge as well as questions pertaining to them to help you place the class. These contests are a lot of fun and help to develop decision making skills.

-Minton

Picture of the Month



Some of our officers and Aaron Klohn, State FFA Reporter, at the Community Appreciation Dinner.

NAME: Nicole Burns
PARENTS: Cindy Tipton & Matt Burns
YEAR IN FFA: 1st
ACTIVITIES TAKEN PART IN: Old Timers Day parade, Beef BBQ, Fruit sale, Public speaking, Poultry Judging
FAVORITE FFA ACTIVITY: Beef BBQ
FAVORITE THING ABOUT FFA: The animals
FAVORITE THING ABOUT MRS. MINTON: Everything—She's my BFF
WHAT IS ON YOUR IPOD NOW? Twenty One Pilots & G-Eazy
PLACE YOU'D LOVE TO VISIT: Florida & California
YOUR FAVORITE MOVIE: Hachi : A Dog's Tail
YOUR FAVORITE TV SHOW: Grey's Anatomy
FAVORITE HIGH SCHOOL CLASS: Gym
FAVORITE 'SPARE TIME' ACTIVITY: Softball & Golf
WOULD LOVE TO TRADE PLACES FOR A DAY WITH: Maren Morris
FUTURE PLANS: Go to college for culinary arts



OFFICER FEATURE

NAME: Brennan Sims
OFFICE: Sentinel
YEAR IN FFA: 4th
FAVORITE THING ABOUT BEING AN OFFICER: Having access to the Cave of Officerness.
FAVORITE FFA ACTIVITY: State & National Convention
MOST MEMORABLE FFA MOMENT: Taking care of chickens my freshman year.
WHAT HAS FFA TAUGHT YOU: How to work as a team.



UPCOMING EVENTS

- End Strawberry Sale
- Rose Distribution
- Cookie Dough & Strawberries
- Community Dinner
- Leadership Lock In