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State Convention

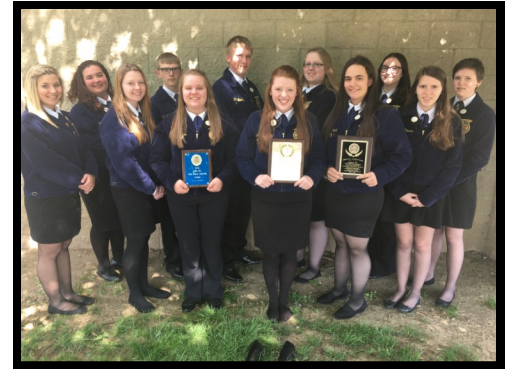
The State FFA Convention was held May 4 – May 6 at the Ohio Expo Center. Members travelled to Columbus after school on May 4th to check into the hotel and have an evening of recreation at Magic Mountain. On Thursday, May 5th the Chapter attended Sydney Snider's workshop on Destination AWESOME. In this workshop students learned to develop their strengths and how to help others.

Friday of the Convention was a busy day, with three general sessions and a number of workshops to choose from. During the Third Session Brooklyn Farmer, student advisor and Brianna Baldwin accepted a Gold Medal Chapter Award on behalf of the Chapter. President, Joe McElwee and Vice President, Katie Cora accepted the award for Ohio FFA top ten chapter development.

Secretary, Jordan Crum, and Treasurer C.J. Smart accepted the award for Ohio's FFA top 10 chapter. After this session, and practices, members had lunch on the Convention grounds and attended leadership workshops. During the Fourth Session in the afternoon we celebrated all the hard work put in by Secretaries, Treasurers, and

Reporters from around the state – including the very own from our chapter! To earn a gold medal rating on Officer Books they must be thoroughly completed using the guidelines provided.

Receiving Gold Rated Officer Books were: Jordan Crum , secretary's award, C.J. Smart, treasurer's award, Brooklyn Farmer, reporter's award. After the Fourth Session members were given time to explore the Career and Trade Show, the Agriscience Fair, displays of Proficiency Award Finalists, and to meet with other members from around the state! Wrapping up the Convention is the Fifth, and final, Session. Not only did we listen to State President, Matthew Klopfenstein give his retiring address, we were inspired and moved by it. After hearing the announcement of the newly elected State FFA Officers, the Ohio FFA Convention was coming to a close for the Peebles FFA Chapter.



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- Alany Skaggs
- Sentinel - Brennan Sims
- Student Advisor - Brooklyn

Spring Plant Sale

The Annual Spring Plant Sale was held on May 6th and 7th. Even though the weather was bad, that didn't stop the Peebles FFA Chapter from selling some flowers! After school on Friday, May 6th the members set up shop selling flowers in the old agriculture and wood shop behind the school and then on Saturday, May 7th moved up to the ACOVSD Bus Garage to sell the rest of the plants. That weekend the Peebles FFA chapter raised about \$1,000! We would like to thank all of our supporters that we have in the community!



Planting the Garden Beds



This year the members of the Peebles FFA chapter spent many hours of hard work and



dedication on planting the flowers and

crops in their garden. They put many hours into completing this project. They did anything from running to ACE to get tools, to staying after school to get the job done. Many other students from all FFA classes took time out of their day to work on this project. Many students from other classes also had a huge part in this project. They spent the last few days of school out of class working on getting the garden complete.



Officer Elections

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The Peebles FFA Officer Team is greatly anticipating the upcoming 2016-2017 school year that will be filled with events and activities. Each of the newly installed officers had to apply and be interviewed so that it could be determined which office they are best suited for. After a rigorous interviewing process and a stress filled wait, the newly slated officers were announced and then elected by the FFA members. The new officers are as follows:



Jordan Crum, President; C.J. Smart, Vice President; Brianna Baldwin, Secretaries; Brooklyn Farmer & Blake Smalley, Treasurers; Jessica Newkirk & Jerilyn Garrett, Reporters; Katie Cora, Sentinel; and Kim Kreal, Student Advisor, The Peebles FFA Officer Team is looking forward to a year full of growth as leaders and as a team through teambuilding activities, learning experiences, hard work, while at the same time enjoying their year of service together.

FFA Banquet

The 58th Annual Peebles FFA Banquet was held Thursday May 12, 2016 at 6:30 p.m. in the Peebles High School Cafeteria. Every year the chapter holds a banquet to recognize the achievements and awards of the members. Our meal that evening was prepared from the chickens that the students in the Animal Science class raised in September, and salad came from the Chapter Garden that the Plant and Soil Science class tended to throughout the year. This year we bestowed 36 Greenhand Degrees and 27 Chapter Degrees. Greenhands have just completed their first year in Agriculture Education and Chapter Degree recipients have just completed their second year. The Chapter awarded 2 Honorary Member Degrees to outstanding individuals that have assisted us throughout the year. Mrs. Penny Tolle and Mr. Tim and Vonda Davis received these awards. Annually, students that are exemplary FFA members are awarded with Star Chapter Awards that consist of Star Greenhand, Star Chapter Farmer, Outstanding Member, and Outstanding Senior. The recipients are as follows: Whitney Bauman & Brianna Baldwin ; Star Greenhands; Jessica Newkirk: Star Chapter Farmer; Jordan Crum, Outstanding Member; and Joe McElwee, Outstanding Senior. As a chapter we are proud of all of our members for going above and beyond expectations.



NAME: Ryanna Sheer

PARENTS: Kara & Brian Sheer

YEAR IN FFA: 2

ACTIVITIES TAKEN PART IN: Fruit sale, Strawberry sale, Mum sale, School Garden, Parli-pro, color run, Chicken slaughter.

FAVORITE FFA ACTIVITY: Creed Speaking

FAVORITE THING ABOUT FFA: Making new friends and learning new life lessons.

FAVORITE THING ABOUT MRS. MINTON: She builds my self confidence when she ignores me and tells me I'm wrong.

MOST MEMORABLE FFA MOMENT: Hanging out with my best friends at National Convention

WHAT IS ON YOUR IPOD NOW? Jamie Grace

PLACE YOU'D LOVE TO VISIT: Rome

YOUR FAVORITE MOVIE: Pitch Perfect 2

YOUR FAVORITE TV SHOWS: Pretty Little Liars

FAVORITE HIGH SCHOOL CLASS: Mrs. Minton's

FAVORITE 'SPARE TIME' ACTIVITY: Riding horses

WOULD LOVE TO TRADE PLACES FOR A DAY WITH: John Wayne

FUTURE PLANS: Graduate high school with honors and proceed to Ohio state and gradate with a chiropractors degree.



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OFFICER PROFILE

NAME: Jessica Newkirk

OFFICE: Secretary

YEAR IN FFA: 2nd

FAVORITE THING ABOUT BEING AN OFFICER: Keeping busy after school hours.

FAVORITE FFA ACTIVITY: Parli Pro

MOST MEMORABLE FFA MOMENT: Gossiping with Kim and Corey during class, and Kim always getting in trouble for it.

WHAT HAS FFA TAUGHT YOU: How to speak in front of crowds with ease.



UPCOMING EVENTS

- Fair Prep
- Garden Work