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# District Soil CDE's

The District 9 Rural Soils Judging Contest was held on October 1st in Highland County. Participants test their skills against students from other schools as they contended in either, Agricultural Soil Judging or Urban Soil Judging. Participants in both Agricultural and Urban Soil CDE's evaluated the soil based on specific features such as Slope, Landform/position, Flood hazard, Soil stability, Soil texture at the surface, subsoil and substratum levels, Drainage class, Depth to restrictive features, Depth to bedrock, Degree of limitations and Best Management Practices. The **Agricultural Soils CDE** is composed of completing a general soil knowledge test, a soil survey test and evaluating four soil pits to make decisions when faced with soil related issues that affect agricultural production. The **Urban Soils CDE** is composed of completing a general soil knowledge test, a soil survey test and evaluating four soil pits to determine its potential use for urban, home site, and other nonfarm uses and development.



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# **ACRMC GALA**

On October 4th, members were asked to volunteer at the Annual Adams County Regional Medical Center Gala, this even occurs each year to raise funds for investments that enables them to provide patients with the highest level of care. Nine of our FFA Chapter members worked to set-up for the meal, served the meal, waited tables and cleared tables throughout the evening.





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# **HSAC Chili Cook-Off**

On October 5th, members set-up a booth of our Rags to Riches items in support of the Humane Society of Adams County Chili Cook-Off. Members sold items and worked the booth to raise funds for the cause. Many community members visited the Cook-Off and many adoptable animals were viewed. Our members were glad to participate in such an amazing event and to help the HSAC reach their goal.





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## Long's Haunted Trail

October 5th was a busy day for our members, as Twenty-Two of them volunteered their time to work the Haunted Trail at the local Long's Retreat Family Resort. This is the second year that our chapter has participated in this event; it was truly a fun filled night full of scary masks and scaring visitors! At the end of the night Long's Retreat donated \$440.00 toward our National FFA Convention expenses. We truly appreciate their support!





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## Kindness Rocks "the sequel"

We know that one message, at just the right time, can change someone's entire day so members decided to host our Kindness Rocks Event again, which is why we are calling it "the Sequel". In May our FFA members attended State FFA Convention and were able to handout over 100 Kindness Rocks to other FFA Members throughout the state. On Thursday, October 17th twenty-one members got together once again to paint and decorate rocks with kindness quotes, inspirational phrases and fun messages. Our chapter was able to paint over 100 rocks that will be used as conversation starters for our members as they encounter other FFA Members from around the Nation in hopes to meet new people and to brighten their day as they are handed a Kindness Rock. Members handed out over 165 kindness rocks during National Convention.





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## Garden Clean-Up

Sixteen Peebles FFA Members worked to break down and clean-up the FFA Chapter Sowing Seeds Garden. Each year it is imperative to clean out the raised beds in the garden as it helps to prevent pests, weed seeds and diseases from overwintering and causing problems when temperatures start to warm back up. Cleaning out the garden for winter also allow our members to spend more time on the fun aspects of gardening once spring arrives and provides a clean slate for perennials and vegetables to grow.



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## Happier Halloween

To spread awareness for suicide prevention, our members created cards with various uplifting messages on them, they also gave information about the suicide prevention hotline on the back and passed them out to students during lunches along with a piece of candy of their choice. They were told to either keep it if they needed it, or pass it on until it reached someone who did. Overall, the event was a success, members passed out over 325 cards and a day based on fear was given hope!



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# PES Fall Carnival

Talk about Fun!! Thirty-One Peebles FFA Members took time out of their busy schedules on to have a little fun and help the Peebles Elementary School PTO with their annual PES Fall Carnival. FFA members were asked to help set up for the evenings events, run the carnival games throughout the night, paint faces, help with the hayride, as well as, judge some of the contests such as best costume and pumpkin decorating. Members were very excited to help and was sure to join in the fun by dressing up for the evening. Many FFA members came to support the event and had a ball. All in all, the evening was a huge hit and our FFA members had as much, if not more fun than the little ones that came to participate. Thanks to the Peebles Elementary School PTO for the opportunity to help serve the younger students and families of our community.



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## In House Job Interview Contest



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Seventeen Members from our FFA Chapter competed at the Peebles FFA In-House Job interview contest on Thursday, October 24th. The **Job Interview CDE** is designed for members to practice and demonstrate the skills needed in seeking employment in all areas of agriculture. Each part of this event simulates real world experiences that students will have when seeking employment in the future by participating in a mock, job interview. Contest activities include completing an application, writing a cover letter, creating a resume, participating in an interview and writing a follow-up letter.



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## National FFA Convention

Members from the Peebles FFA chapter arrived in Indianapolis on October 30<sup>th</sup>. Wednesday Evening members took the opportunity to strengthen our FFA Chapter by hosting a chapter fun night where members participated in a number of team building games and activities. October 31st, members at-



**Jordan Crum**  
**American Degree**

tended the First General Session of the National FFA Convention, featuring Bob Goff, a New York Times Best-Selling Author of *Love Does* and *Everybody Always*, as the keynote speaker. After opening session members were able to explore the National FFA Expo and Career Show where they had the opportunity to visit numerous agricultural related companies, organizations and schools. On Thursday afternoon members attended the Second Session, where they listened to Shea Booster give his retiring address. During this Session our FFA Chapter was also awarded the National Three Star Chapter Award! On Thursday evening, our members attended the Buckeye Bash where they danced the night away with other FFA members from all over the State of Ohio. On Friday the chapter traveled to the Exotic Feline Rescue Center and then on to Beasley Orchard for a tour. That evening they returned to the Convention for the Sixth General Session featuring Michelle Poler, a creative social entrepreneur, fear facer, & branding strategist, as the keynote speaker. The next morning at the Seventh General Session Jordan Crum was awarded the American FFA Degree; only 0.05% of all FFA members ever receive this honor!

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# Exotic Feline Rescue Tour



Our chapter visited the Exotic Feline Rescue Center on Friday, November 1st while attending National FFA convention in Indianapolis, IN. The visit to the Rescue Center allowed FFA members to gain knowledge on the zoological industry while experiencing it first-hand. When the members arrived they were able to learn about the center's daily operations. The tour exposed members to the plight of endangered cats in captivity and the wild. Members were able to view several species of cats including lions, tigers, pumas, leopards, bobcats, and servals in their large natural habitats. They learned all about these beautiful cats including their history, veterinary care, diets, likes, dislikes, and instinctive behaviors.





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## Beasley Orchard

Members were given the opportunity to learn about Apple and Pumpkin production by exploring the farm in areas such as the pumpkin patch, the apple orchard, the apple cider press and much more. Members were able to speak with the Marketing Manager as he discussed business aspects of the farm, as well as how he became such a young marketing manager. The members thoroughly enjoyed the experience of learning about the Agritourism Industry.

