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Parliamentary Procedure Contest

December 3, was a very exciting day for the Peebles FFA Parliamentary Procedure team. It was the day of the Sub-District Parliamentary Procedure contest. Parliamentary Procedure consists of a team of eight FFA members properly conducting a mock business meeting before a set of judges and taking a test over Parliamentary Procedure. This year's participants were Katie McFarland, President; Morgan Brown, Vice-President; Jessica Shelton, Secretary; Callie Ralston, Treasurer; Emily Bauman, Reporter; Noah Ward, Student Advisor; Joe McElwee, Parliamentarian; and Clay Brown, Member. Alternates included Tyler Ryan, Sentinel, and Trea Ewing, Chaplin. The Peebles FFA chapter participates in this contest every year; spending many hours before and after school studying and practicing for the contest. However, this year's contest was especially exciting for the Peebles FFA Chapter because our chapter got to host the contest. Usually the Parliamentary Procedure Contest is only exciting for the team competing, but this year we got the whole chapter excited to help host and run the contest that evening. All of the



FFA OFFICERS:

- President** - Katie McFarland
- Vice President** - Morgan Brown
- Secretary** - Jessica Shelton
- Treasurer** - Callie Ralston
- Reporter** - Emily Bauman
- Sentinel** - Tyler Ryan
- Student Advisor** - Noah Ward
- Chaplin** - Trea Ewing
- Parliamentarian** - Joe McElwee

Peebles FFA members in attendance thoroughly enjoyed the evening. The night ended with the declaration of the placings; sadly, the Peebles team received 3rd place as well as a gold rating. Even though they did not get to move on to the district contest, they should be proud of their efforts since a gold rating is the highest rating an individual or team can receive. We wished good luck to the other teams from our sub-district, Eastern Brown and Fayetteville, good luck at the district contest the following night.

Fruit Delivery

The fruit has finally arrived! On the second 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 three evenings of loading student's fruit. Most nights, Mrs. Minton and some volunteer students stayed after school until 8:00 loading fruit. This was not an easy task. Some students, such as our top seller Callie Ralston, 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 Callie herself as she has to deliver all of the fruit. Overall, the fruit sale was a big success.



Chapter Creed Contest

The Peebles FFA held their first Chapter Creed Contest on December 19th, at 6 p.m. in the Round Room. 13 Greenhand members presented the Creed for a panel of judges as well as their (and everybody else's) parents! They all did very well and our judges picked five members to continue to work with Mrs. Minton on the Creed to prepare for the Sub-District Speaking Contest. These students were Sarah McFarland, Jordan Crum, Noah Kreml, Katie Cora, and Raegan Dick. One student will be picked from these five to represent our chapter at the Sub-District Contest on February 13th.



December Meeting

A t-shirt design was finally voted upon, and the design theme is Top 10 Reasons to Join the Peebles FFA, reasons were discussed and submitted to decide which ones to put on the shirt. The scrapbook committee will start meeting when we get back from break to put together the scrapbook. Upcoming CDEs were also discussed, such as the Job Interview Contest, the Greenhand Quiz,

Fruit Donation

Each year the FFA has to order extra fruit in order to replace other fruit if it has been damaged or is rotten. They also have many people who would like to buy more fruit. If this fruit is not used or sold, the Peebles FFA then donates the fruit to the local food pantry. From that fruit, they make fruit baskets for members of the community. This is a great community service for the chapter to do and they plan on continuing this for the coming years.

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Emily Bauman and Jessica Shelton, agricultural education students, from the Peebles FFA chapter, practiced real-life situations during the Agriculture Reality Check sponsored by OSU Extension. 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.

Prior to the Agriculture Reality Check program, the Farm Service Agency presented a lesson in the classroom for the Agricultural students so they would be prepared to participate in the event. To make the simulation realistic and educational, students were able to interact with local businesses.

All in all, Emily, Jessica, and participants from other schools, 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.



ASK MINTON

Question: Why are we being asked to stay after school and help with these “books” in January? And what are they?

-First Year Freshie

Minton’s Answer: The books we are working on in January are the scrapbook, Treasurer’s book, and the Secretary’s book. We are asking for help with the scrapbook because it is a large task for just our officers to take care of and I want to involve everybody in our various activities.

-Minton

Picture of the Month



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NAME: Clay Brown

PARENTS: Dean and Beth Brown

YEAR IN FFA: 3rd

ACTIVITIES TAKEN PART IN:
Conventions, Livestock Judging, Fruit Sales,
and Parliamentary Procedure.

FAVORITE FFA ACTIVITY: Conventions

FAVORITE CDE: Livestock Judging

FAVORITE THING ABOUT FFA: Getting
out of school.

**FAVORITE THING ABOUT MRS.
MINTON:** Her chair.

MOST MEMORABLE FFA MOMENT:
Blockading the door during State
Convention.

WHAT IS ON YOUR IPOD NOW?
Everything

PLACE YOU'D LOVE TO VISIT: An insane
asylum.

YOUR FAVORITE MOVIE: Anchorman 2

YOUR FAVORITE TV SHOWS: That 70's Show

FAVORITE HIGH SCHOOL CLASS: Ag

FAVORITE 'SPARE TIME' ACTIVITY: Soccer

WOULD LOVE TO TRADE PLACES FOR A DAY WITH: My twin.

FUTURE PLANS: Attend Southern State Community College to study to become
a nurse.



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OFFICER FEATURE

NAME: Emily Bauman

OFFICE: Reporter

YEAR IN FFA: 3

**FAVORITE THING ABOUT BEING
AN OFFICER:** To help younger
members develop leadership skills.

FAVORITE FFA ACTIVITY: Con-
ventions and speaking contests.

**MOST MEMORABLE FFA MO-
MENT:** Giving the Creed in front of
the whole school.

WHAT HAS FFA TAUGHT YOU:
How to work well with a team.



UPCOMING EVENTS

- Job Interview Contest
- Greenhand Quiz
- Public Speaking Contest
Preparations
- Evaluation preparation