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# National FFA Week

This year's National FFA Week was held on February 16th-22nd. The purpose of FFA Week is to educate the public about agriculture. During the week, we hosted a teacher appreciation luncheon, conducted "Hot Tamale" voting polls, made public service announcements on the radio about FFA, and raised money for the charity of our choice with the National Honor Society.

Our chapter's community service fundraiser for the week was raising money for Pennies for Patients. In order to educate students on Pennies for Patients, we set up a display in the cafeteria in which students could walk up to and read facts about Pennies for Patients. To raise money, our chapter invented a contest in which teachers volunteered to become a cow for a day. The participating teachers' names were placed on a box and then set out in the cafeteria so students could put money in the box for the teacher of their choice. At the end of the month the two teachers with the most money in their jar had to wear cow suits for the whole day on Friday, February 28. To keep track of how much money each teacher has, the officers recorded the totals on pennies that were placed next to the facts about Pennies for Patients. The teacher cows ended up being Mr. Vogler and Mr.

Stephens. Our chapter ended up raising approximately \$230.

Early in the week our FFA Officer Team took part in recording radio spots at the local radio stations. The senior officers 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.

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**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

# FFA Week Cont.

Another way that the officer team informed the community about FFA Week was our President and Vice-President attended the proclamation ceremony at the Adams County 4-H Extension office in West Union. They were able to meet our county commissioners and get their picture taken with them.

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 where students could choose the "Hot Tamal.". Jacob Fletcher and Mariah Knauff were the winners of this contest.

Every year our officer team plans out a week of fun activities for all of the students to participate in if they wish. Tuesday was "Plad and Flannel Day". Wednesday was "Hat Day", students paid \$1 to wear a hat and all proceeds were donated to Pennies for Patients. Thursday was "Camo/Duck Dynasty Day", Owen Behr and Jessica Newman won Uncle Si cups for being decked out in camo, the teacher luncheon was also held that day.. Friday was "Blue & Gold 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, and we can't wait until next year.

# Public Speaking

One important contest that happens in February is the Public Speaking contest. There are different divisions within this contest: Creed, Beginning Prepared, Prepared, and Extemporaneous.

From our chapter Sarah McFarland, partook in the Creed Speaking contest, Raegan Dick participated in Beginning Prepared Speaking, Emily Bauman partook in the Prepared contest, and Callie Ralston participated in the Extemporaneous contest. The sub-district contest was held on February 20 at Georgetown High School. Sarah placed 2nd, Raegan placed 1st, Emily placed 3rd, and Callie also placed 3rd. The district speaking contest was held on February 26 at Miami Trace High School. Sarah, Raegan, and Callie all competed in that contest. We congratulate all participants on their efforts!

# National Chapter Evaluations

All of our officer books were evaluated, received perfect scores and gold ratings! Emily Bauman will be receiving her State Degree at convention, and A.J. Cluxton placed 5th in the state in Diversified Ag Placement, and was the only student outside of the final four to receive a gold rating. Congratulations to Callie, Jessica, Emily, and A.J. on all of their hard work and dedication and to everyone else that helped!

# Job Interview

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The Job Interview CDE is designed for FFA 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. The District Job Interview Contest was held on February 11, 2014 at Lynchburg-Clay High School.

Peebles FFA students competed in three of the five divisions for students to participate in, Division I Freshman, Alanys Skaggs-5<sup>th</sup> Place; Division III Junior, Emily Bauman-3<sup>rd</sup> Place; Division IV Senior, Callie Ralston-2<sup>nd</sup> Place. Congratulations to these students!

## Community Appreciation Dinner

On February 21, 2014 the Peebles FFA took the time to appreciate all of our community support through a community appreciation dinner. The theme of the night, appreciation of community support, was shown through a free dinner and the speeches of several speakers including, Katie McFarland, Peebles FFA President; Callie Ralston, Peebles FFA Treasurer; Annie Rhoads, Peebles FFA Alumni Secretary; Joe Ryan, past Peebles FFA member; and Tre Plowman, Ohio FFA Association Vice President. The work of our chapter would not be possible without the support of the community, and our members enjoyed having the chance to show appreciation to all of our supporters.

### ASK MINTON

**Question:** What does a judging contest consist of?

**-First Year Freshman**

**Minton's Answer:** In a judging contest even though it is called a team, you compete as an individual. You can choose from General Livestock, Equine, or Poultry judging contests in the spring. You will be given a class of animals, as well as questions pertaining to those animals 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



Our students and Tre Plowman, State FFA Vice-President, at the Community Appreciation Dinner.

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**NAME:** Alanys Skaggs

**PARENTS:** Kris and Michelle Parker

**YEAR IN FFA:** 1st

**ACTIVITIES TAKEN PART IN:** National Convention, Mum Sale, Fruit Sale, helper at ParliPro Contest, Chapter Creed Speaking, and Job Interview.

**FAVORITE FFA ACTIVITY:** National Convention

**FAVORITE CDE:** Job Interview

**FAVORITE THING ABOUT FFA:** You can be yourself.

**FAVORITE THING ABOUT MRS. MINTON:** She teaches very well.

**MOST MEMORABLE FFA MOMENT:** When I got lost at convention.

**WHAT IS ON YOUR IPOD NOW?** Country music

**PLACE YOU'D LOVE TO VISIT:** Puerto Rico

**YOUR FAVORITE MOVIE:** The Notebook

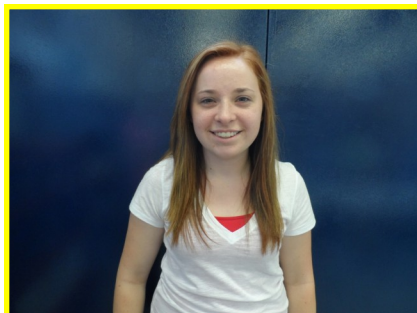
**YOUR FAVORITE TV SHOWS:** Chicago Fire

**FAVORITE HIGH SCHOOL CLASS:** Geometry

**FAVORITE 'SPARE TIME' ACTIVITY:** Volleyball

**WOULD LOVE TO TRADE PLACES FOR A DAY WITH:** Miley Cyrus

**FUTURE PLANS:** Go to college to become a physical therapist.



## OFFICER FEATURE

**NAME:** Noah Ward

**OFFICE:** Student Advisor

**YEAR IN FFA:** 2nd

**FAVORITE THING ABOUT BEING AN OFFICER:** Having access to the Cave of Officerness.

**FAVORITE FFA ACTIVITY:** Livestock Judging

**MOST MEMORABLE FFA MOMENT:** Top 10 Team at State Livestock Judging

**WHAT HAS FFA TAUGHT YOU:** How to work as a team.



## UPCOMING EVENTS

2- Hog Clinic

8- Marysville Contests

15- Miami Trace Contests

22- Ashland Contests

28- Third Grade Ag Day

29- State Contests