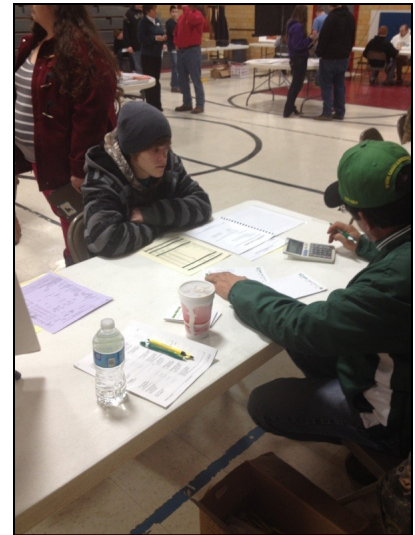


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## FFA Members Participate in Local Ag. Reality Program

D.J. Douglas, Joe McElwee and Noah Ward, 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. To make the simulation realistic and educational, students were able to interact with local businesses. All in all, the boys 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.



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