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Public Speaking

The purpose of the Public Speaking CDE is to develop skills in agricultural leadership by providing FFA members the opportunity to appear before groups and to emphasize the importance of communicating with others.

The sub-district contest was held on February 16th at Georgetown High School. From our chapter Whitney Bauman, Nichole Burns & Brianna Baldwin, partook in the Creed Speaking contest, while Molly Bauman participated in Beginning Prepared Speaking and Sarah McFarland participated in the Extemporaneous contest.

Whitney Bauman and Nichole Burns competed in the Beginning Creed Speaking CDE and Brianna Baldwin competed in the Advanced Creed Speaking CDE. The Creed Speaking CDE is designed to develop leadership and the ability to appear before groups by students as they become members of the FFA; all three girls presented from memory the official FFA creed.

In the Beginning Prepared Speaking CDE Molly Bauman had to memorize and recite a speech on an agricultural topic for five to seven minutes with five additional minutes allowed for related questions asked by the judges. Molly wrote and presented a speech on the diversity in agriculture.

In the Extemporaneous Speaking CDE Sarah McFarland had to prepare a speech about agriculture that was chosen at random right before speaking. She was given exactly 30 minutes for speech preparation, her speech had to be four to six minutes, with questions asked by the judges.



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National FFA Week

This year's National FFA Week was held on February 20th-27th. The purpose of FFA Week is to educate the public about agriculture. During the week, we hosted a teacher appreciation luncheon, conducted "FFA's Got Talent" voting polls, made public service announcements on the radio about FFA, and raised money for the Ronald McDonald House.

Our chapter's community service fundraiser for the week was raising money for the Ronald McDonald House. In order to educate students on the Ronald McDonald House, we set up a display in the cafeteria in which students could walk up to and read facts about the organization. To raise money, our chapter hosted the rose sale as well as allowing students to pay \$1 to wear a hat. Our chapter ended up raising a total of \$600 for the Ronald McDonald House.

Early in the week a few of our FFA Officers took part in a radio show on C103. Joe McElwee, President; Katie Cora, Vice-President; Jordan Crum, Secretary and Sarah McFarland, Reporter, 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.

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 along with a video of each student's talent which ranged from table dancing to thumb wrestling and even back hand springs. Students could then choose the most talented member from "FFA's Got Talent".

Every year our officer team plans out a week of fun activities for all of the students to participate in if they wish. Monday was "Plaid and Flannel Day", Tuesday was "Dress To Impress", Wednesday was "Dress Like a Farmer Day", Thursday was "Camo & Hat Day" where students paid \$1 to wear a hat and the proceeds went to the Ronald McDonald House, and Friday was "Blue & Gold Day" as well as "Drive Your Tractor to School 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.



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Community Dinner

On February 27, 2016 the Peebles FFA took the time to appreciate all of our communities support through a community appreciation dinner. The FFA members served and assisted the guests of the community. The theme of the night was Amplify– Our goal, life, and choice. The theme was represented through a free dinner and the speeches of several speakers including, Joe McElwee, Peebles FFA President; Katie Cora, Peebles FFA Vice-President; Jordan Crum, Peebles FFA Secretary; Sarah McFarland, Peebles FFA Reporter; Pam Crum, FFA supporter; Tim Davis, Principal; and Aaron Klohn, Ohio FFA Association Reporter. The work of our chapter would not be possible without the support of the community. We thank the community and our FFA members for putting together an excellent dinner.



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