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# Chapter Public Speaking Contest

The Peebles FFA held a Public Speaking Contest on January 17th. There were 10 members participating in the beginning creed and 1 member participating in the advanced creed. Our older FFA members helped to facilitate the evening, they hope to help alleviate nerves for the 1st year members. Casey Reed, Joy Bauman and Linda Rhoads served as our judges for the evening; we are very thankful that they selected those members that will represent our chapter at the Sub-District Contest. Those members that will represent our chapter are as follows: Carlie Cluxton, Brooklyn Cluxton, Kamden Crum (Beginning Creed) & Victoria Arnold (Advanced Creed).



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# Fundraisers

We have officially began our Strawberry Sales again this year and have added butter braids to this years fundraiser. Our FFA Alumni sponsors this fundraiser to help pay for FFA Chapter expenses throughout the year. Members are excited to begin this fundraiser as many of our customers truly enjoy fresh strawberries this early in the year. Members listened to the Butterbraids Representative to learn about how to best sell this product. We are hoping that our community members will enjoy this new product.



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# Public Speaking Workshops

This year our chapter held public speaking workshops in order to help prepare those participating in the Public Speaking Contest held on January 17th. FFA officers and past creed speakers discussed some of the qualities a good public speaker must have. Creed speakers were asked to present the creed in front of their peers; Officers also recorded each speaker as they were presenting. This gave each of the creed speakers an opportunity to watch themselves to be able to pinpoint mistakes they were making, the actions they were doing and to utilize it as a learning tool to improve their performance. Through many practices and lots of advice, the students were able to dramatically improve their public speaking skills!



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