



Peebles High School



May 2017 State Convention

The State FFA Convention was held May 3 – May 5 at the Ohio Expo Center.

Members travelled to Columbus after school on May 3rd to check into the hotel and have an evening of recreation at Magic Mountain. On Thursday, May 4th the Chapter attended the David Townsend workshop on the Roadway to Success. In this workshop students learned to develop their strengths and how to help others. Friday of the Con-



vention was a busy day, with three general sessions. During the Third Session, Jordan Crum and CJ Smart, President and Vice President, accepted a Gold Medal Chapter Award on behalf of the Chapter. After this session, members had lunch on the Convention grounds. During the Fourth Session in the afternoon, we celebrated all the hard work put in by Secretaries, Treasurers, and Reporters from around the state – including the very own from our chapter! To earn a gold medal rating on Officer Books they must be thoroughly completed using the guidelines provided. Receiving Gold Rated Officer Books were: Brianna Baldwin, secretary's award, Blake Smalley & Brooklyn Farmer, treasurer's award, Jessica Newkirk & Jerilyn Garrett, reporter's award. After the Fourth Session members were given time to explore the Career and Trade Show, the Agriscience Fair, displays of Proficiency Award Finalists, and to meet with other members from around the state! Before the final session, the State FFA Band and Choir performed. Band members include: Whitney Bauman and Cade Williams. Choir members include: Katie Cora and Sarah McFarland. Wrapping up the Convention is the Fifth, and final, Session. Not only did we listen to State President, Mary Buehler give her retiring address, we were inspired and moved by it. After hearing the announcement of the newly elected State FFA Officers, the Ohio FFA Convention came to a close for the Peebles FFA Chapter. The Peebles FFA chapter visited the Ohio State University Dairy Farm. Members toured the Ohio State's Dairy Barn facilities, and learned about the animal management and production practices that occur. Members were able to view the many aspects of the Dairy Farm and discuss the history of the herd and the future of the program. The visit to the OSU Dairy Farm allowed FFA members to explore and it also immersed them in rich experiences that include science, technology, engineering and math—different strands that work together to create a stronger, more meaningful whole. The visit to the OSU Dairy Farm tapped into the head, heart and hands of our members; they thoroughly enjoyed the experience of interacting with the farm manager and the dairy calves and cows on the farm. Members also learned how much technology has advanced the practices at the farm and has allowed the program to flourish. This was a visit our FFA Chapter won't soon forget.

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Annual FFA Banquet

The 59th Annual Peebles FFA Banquet was held Tuesday May 16, 2017 at 6:30 p.m. in the Peebles High School Cafeteria. Every year the chapter holds a banquet to recognize the achievements and awards of the members.

Our meal that evening was prepared from the chickens that the students in the Animal Science class raised in September. This year we bestowed 44 Greenhand Degrees and 16 Chapter Degrees. Greenhands have just completed their first year in Agriculture Education and Chapter Degree recipients have just completed their second year. The Chapter awarded 3 Honorary Member Degrees to outstanding individuals that have assisted us throughout the year. Ms. Emilee Swayne, Mrs. Tammy Hill and Mr. Kevin Smart received these awards. Annually, students that are exemplary FFA members are awarded with Star Chapter Awards that consist of Star Greenhand, Star Chapter Farmer, Outstanding Member, and Outstanding Senior. The recipients are as follows: Carlie Cluxton, Star Greenhand; Jerilyn Garrett, Star Chapter Farmer; Owen Behr, Jessica Newkirk & Blake Smalley, Outstanding Members; and Jordan Crum, Katie Cora & C.J. Smart, Outstanding Seniors. As a chapter we are proud of all of our members for going above and beyond expectations.



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Officer Elections

The Peebles FFA Officer Team is greatly anticipating the upcoming 2017-2018 school year that will be filled with events and activities. Each of the newly installed officers had to apply and be interviewed so that it could be determined which office they are best suited for. After a rigorous interviewing process and a stress filled wait, the newly slated officers were announced and then elected by the FFA members. The new officers are as follows: Jessica Newkirk, President; Owen Behr & Jerilyn Garrett, Vice Presidents; Carlie Cluxton & Lexington Shiveley, Secretaries; Blake Smalley & Victoria Arnold, Treasurers; Whitney Bauman & Logan Evans, Reporters; Kalub Smith & Baylie Clough, Sentinels; and Alyssa Young & Sarah Laxton, Student Advisors. The Peebles FFA Officer Team is looking forward to a year full of growth as leaders and as a team through team building activities, learning experiences, hard work, while at the same time enjoying their year of service together



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Planting The Garden Beds

This year the officers of the Peebles FFA chapter spent many hours of hard work and dedication on planting the flowers and vegetables in the garden. They put many hours into completing this project. In the garden, there is a large variety of different vegetables and flowers that members take care of throughout the summer including tomatoes, peppers, watermelon, cucumbers, asparagus, strawberries, and many more.



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Oodles For Noodles

On May 15th, juniors of the Peebles FFA attended the PES Field Day. They constructed various activities involving pool noodles for the kids to participate in. Students also helped set-up the activities and contributed to running the activities. The students loved playing with the kids and very much enjoyed volunteering their time!



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