

# May 2018

# State Convention



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The State FFA Convention was held May 2 – May 4 at the Ohio Expo Center. Members travelled to Columbus after school on May 2nd to check into the hotel and have an evening of recreation at Magic Mountain. On Thursday May 3rd, Members attended the First General Session where they listened to key

note speaker Gian Paul Gonzalez teach his lesson about being “All In”. Next, members visited the Ohio State University where they were given a tour on food science. After the tour, members returned to the convention to attend the Second General Session where they listened to Eddie George talk about the importance of the three E’s, education, entertainment, and entrepreneurship. Friday of the Convention was a busy day, with three general sessions. During the Third Session, Jessica Newkirk and Owen Behr, 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: Carlie Cluxton, secretary’s award, Baylie Clough, treasurer’s award, Whitney Bauman 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. . Wrapping up the Convention is the Fifth, and final, Session. Not only did members listen to State President, Ryan Matthews, give her retiring address, they were inspired and moved by it. After hearing the announcement of the newly elected State FFA Officers, Whitney Bauman and Blake Smalley received their State FFA Degrees, a very notable accomplishment that only 3% of Ohio FFA members achieve. After Whitney and Blake received their degrees, the Ohio FFA Convention came to a close for the Peebles FFA.



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# Oodles for Noodles

On May 21st, members of the Peebles FFA attended the Peebles Elementary School Field Day. FFA members partnered with the Peebles Elementary PTO organization to help plan the field day station. Members constructed various activities involving pool noodles for the kids to participate in, such as ring toss, an obstacle course, croquet, tic-tac-toe and a javelin throw. Members focused on discussing positive and fun ways to get active during summer months without having to spend a lot of money utilizing simple items like pool noodles. Members also helped set-up the activities and contributed to running the activities. Our members loved playing with the kids and very much enjoyed volunteering their time!



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## 2018 Peebles FFA Banquet



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The 60<sup>th</sup> Annual Peebles FFA Banquet was held Tuesday May 17, 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 34 Greenhand Degrees and 20 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 2 Honorary Member Degrees to outstanding individuals that have assisted us throughout the year. Mrs. Kathy Garza-Behr and Jessica Palomino 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: Stephanie Osman, Star Greenhand; Carlie Cluxton, Star Chapter Farmer; Whitney Bauman and Jerilyn Garrett, Outstanding Members; Jessica Newkirk, Owen Behr, and Blake Smalley, 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



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The Peebles FFA Officer Team is greatly anticipating the upcoming 2018-2019 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: Jerilyn Garrett, President; Whitney Bauman & Carlie Cluxton, Vice Presidents; Emily French, Secretary; Braden Arrasmith, Treasurer; Makenzie Wait, Reporter; Stephanie Osman, Sentinel; and Taylor Cluxton, Student Advisor. 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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