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Back To School Night

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On Thursday, August 15, 2013 the Peebles FFA Chapter hosted a back to school night to encourage incoming FFA members to get excited about participating in chapter activities this year.

The officer team brought in refreshments to offer to the visiting students. The visiting time was from 4pm until 6pm. Many incoming FFA members visited the vocational agriculture room to learn about the in class experience, as well as the FFA part of agriculture classes.

The FFA officers served as hosts to ag room and ambassadors to the Peebles FFA Chapter. They helped to welcome parents and students alike, had the chance to talk one-on-one with individuals about the FFA program and all that it entails. All in all, back to school night was a success and the incoming students are looking forward to their year in agriculture education and FFA!



August Meeting

FFA OFFICERS:

- President - Katie McFarland
- Vice President - Morgan Brown
- Secretary - Jessica Shelton
- Treasurer - Callie Ralston
- Reporter - Emily Bauman
- Sentinel - Tyler Ryan
- Student Advisor - Noah Ward
- Chaplin - Trea Ewing
- Parliamentarian - Joe McElwee

The August meeting was held on August, 28th. This was the first meeting of the new school year when we got together and introduced the new officers and members. Expectations for the year were discussed, as well as the events coming up in September.



Overview of the Peebles FFA Program

The FFA is an organization that works hand in hand with Classroom Instruction, so there will be many activities for students to participate in throughout the year. Those activities include but are not limited to regular classroom work, a variety of outside field trips, individual student projects, career development events (contests), leadership development and much, much more. The students will have the opportunity to participate in after school and weekend activities through Animal Science and Technology and FFA programs. If a field trip is scheduled that involves more than the normal class period, the students will be told several days in advance and their other teachers will be notified of their absence, this gives each student ample time to make up any class work missed.

Each year students are asked to purchase a $\frac{1}{2}$ " **3-RING BINDER**; this will be used for Agriculture Class only and will be checked and graded regularly to ensure they are completing the work assigned; this needs to be brought in **AS SOON AS POSSIBLE**. The only required fees are **\$20 FFA DUES** which will pay student membership for a year, this will allow them to participate in district, state and national contests and activities; dues are to be turned in by **September 13, 2013**. Other costs such as the purchase of an FFA Jacket are optional but are not required. If there are financial issues please contact me and I will be sure to take care of the situation.

As the Agriculture Educator and FFA Advisor I feel that being an active member in the FFA is an integral part of our program, therefore there are requirements students **must** fulfill outside of the classroom as well as inside the classroom. The Agriculture class is worth 1.25 credits this is .25 more credits than other courses for the purpose of extracurricular activities that are attached to this course. Therefore a grade can be assigned for the after school activities.

Each Student must : be a member of the FFA - (\$20.00 Dues), participate in 4 after school activities by the end of the year, attend at least 4 FFA meetings (throughout the year), sell \$400.00 worth of fruit during our Fruit Sale, attend the Annual FFA Awards Banquet in May, have a Supervised Agriculture Experience Program. 1st year Ag. Students - Totaling 15 Hours of Labor or Earning \$150.00, 2nd year Ag. Students - Totaling 30 Hours of Labor or Earning \$300.00, 3rd year Ag. Students - Totaling 45 Hours of Labor or Earning \$450.00, and 4th year Ag. Students - Totaling 60 Hours of Labor or Earning \$600.00. These are personal projects and are arranged by you

and your child. The only things I insist upon are that the student have some type of financial involvement in the project, that they provide as much of the labor as possible, and that the project is agriculturally related.

Examples are: market hogs, market lambs, market steers, planting trees or shrubs, dairy cattle, crops, breeding livestock, fence building, paint buildings, landscaping, feeder pigs or calves, construction, poultry, job placement, rabbits, and permanent improvements. I realize not every student can raise an animal or crop; therefore there are other projects and options we can discuss that would be more suitable for your student and situation.

You will find an attached sheet that states you and your student understand what is required of them for this class and as normal school procedure, an authorization form for you to give permission for your child to participate in the activities listed above & a membership form that allows me to see what activities that your student may be interested in. This form needs to be returned to me by August 30, 2013.

ASK MINTON

Question: What do you have to do to be in FFA?

Minton's Answer: To be in FFA: you must be enrolled in an agriculture education class, pay \$20 FFA dues, participate in 4 after school activities, attend at least 4 FFA meetings, sell \$400 worth of fruit, attend the banquet in May, and have a Supervised Agricultural Experience.

-Minton

Picture of the Month



Callie and Morgan having some fun during summer officer trainings.

NAME: A.J. Cluxton

PARENTS: Nathan and Sherry Cluxton

YEAR IN FFA: 2

ACTIVITIES TAKEN PART IN: General Live-stock Judging, Envirothon, State and National Convention, Fruit Sales.

FAVORITE FFA ACTIVITY: Convention

FAVORITE CDE: General Livestock Judging

FAVORITE THING ABOUT FFA: When we have breakfast before contests.

FAVORITE THING ABOUT MRS. MINTON: Her van, and Tyler, Noah and I never getting in trouble.

MOST MEMORABLE FFA MOMENT: Our vid-
eos at Natioanl Convention last year.

WHAT IS ON YOUR IPOD NOW? Music.

PLACE YOU'D LOVE TO VISIT: Tyler's house.

YOUR FAVORITE MOVIE: Dumb and Dumber

YOUR FAVORITE TV SHOWS: Duck Dynasty

FAVORITE HIGH SCHOOL CLASS: Spanish 2

FAVORITE 'SPARE TIME' ACTIVITY: Working
with any calves.

**WOULD LOVE TO TRADE PLACES FOR A DAY
WITH:** THE Tyler Ryan

FUTURE PLANS: Go to college to become a nutritionist and own my own cattle/grain farm.



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OFFICER FEATURE

NAME: Katie McFarland

OFFICE: President

YEAR IN FFA: 4

**FAVORITE THING ABOUT BEING
AN OFFICER:** Getting to know the
other officers and members better.

FAVORITE FFA ACTIVITY: Con-
vention

**MOST MEMORABLE FFA MO-
MENT:** Having my FFA lambs win
the Grand and Reserve Champion at
the Adams County Fair.



UPCOMING EVENTS

September 5—Junior Fair Beef
Barbeque

September 12-15—Old Timers Day
Mum Sale

September 25—September Meeting
Chicken Project