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2013 National FFA Convention

A few members from the Peebles FFA chapter arrived in Louisville on October to attend the Opening Session, featuring Rick Pitino as the keynote speaker, as well as the National Chapter Awards Banquet. The rest of the chapter joined them on Thursday, October 31st



to explore the 86th Convention and Expo. That day members were allowed time to attend the Career and Trade Show. They then attended the Second General Session, where the chapter was presented with the 3 Star-National Chapter Award. This award is highest honor a chapter can receive besides being one of the top 30 chapters in the nation. On Thursday evening, our members attended the Buckeye Bash where they danced the night away with other FFA members from Ohio. On Friday morning members attended the Fourth General Session where they listened to the keynote speaker, Joe Torillo. Following that session members attended various workshops related to careers and leadership skills. That afternoon the chapter went to Incredible Dave's where they enjoyed a time of recreation together. Later that evening they returned to the Convention for the Sixth General Session featuring Josh Sundquist. In all, the members of the Peebles FFA Chapter thoroughly enjoyed their time in Louisville where they fueled passion, sparked action, and ignited FFA.



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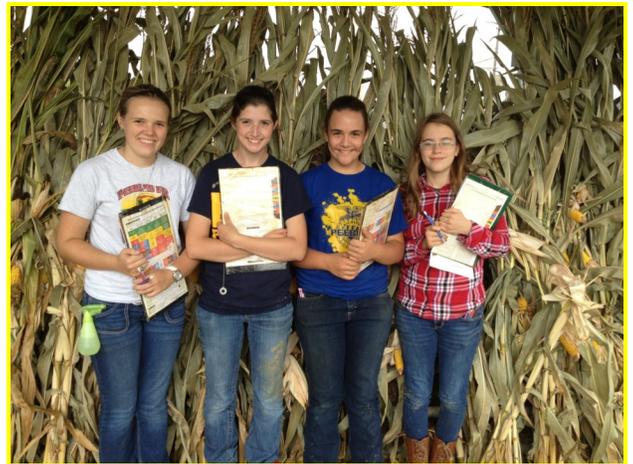
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- Vice President - Morgan Brown
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- Treasurer - Callie Ralston
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- Student Advisor - Noah Ward
- Chaplin - Trea Ewing
- Parliamentarian - Joe McElwee

October FFA Meeting

There were two meetings held during the month of October. The first one was held on October 17th was to inform members of upcoming Fruit Sales. Rules of selling fruit were discussed, and order forms were passed out. The second meeting was held prior to National Convention with the kids planning to attend to set an itinerary for the trip.

Fall CDEs

All through the month of September our Rural Soils judging team studied and prepared themselves for the District 9 Rural Soils Judging Contest, that was held on October 1st. The contest is comprised of two tests and the judging of four soil pits. This event helps to teach participants about the capability of land and what it can be used for. Each individual gained a lot of information about soil and land usage and had fun while doing so. Members of the team were: Emily Bauman, Callie Ralston, C.J. Smart, and Raegan Dick.



The State Forestry Judging Contest was held on October 5th. Members competing in this event completed the online test portion on October 3rd. In this contest the team is expected to recognize environmental and social factors affecting the management of forest; identify major species of trees, as well as hand tools and equipment and their uses; be able to recognize and understand approved silvicultural practices; and be able

to identify forest disorders. The team was made up of Callie Ralston, Morgan Brown, C.J. Smart, and Raegan Dick.

Fruit Sales

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The Peebles FFA kicked off their Annual Fruit Sale on October 17th. In preparation for this fundraiser: classes discussed who they planned on selling to and what was appropriate to do while selling fruit, every member watched the video “Top 10 Things Not to Do While Selling Fruit” that was put together by last year’s officer team, ads were put in the local newspaper, and Public Service Announcements were recorded at C103. Members were also made aware of the various awards that they could earn from selling fruit; the top ten salesmen all will receive plaques at the annual banquet that is held in may as well as a cash prize: first place will receive \$200, second place-\$175, third place-\$150, fourth place-\$100, fifth place-\$50, then sixth place through tenth will all receive \$25.

This fundraiser is our chapter’s main source of income for the year. With money made from our fruit sales we are able to travel and compete in various CDEs and other activities. Our chapter is very grateful to the community for all their support this year, and in past years. Without the community’s support we would not be able to continue to develop our chapter. As a reminder, all order forms and money are due on November 13th and fruit will come in the second week of December. If you have any questions please see Mrs. Minton.

ASK MINTON Picture of the Month

Question: Why do we have to learn the FFA Creed?

- UNpublic Speaker

Minton’s Answer: Learning the Creed is a great way to understand the meaning and spirit of FFA and agriculture. When you recite the Creed, you may decide to participate in the Creed Speaking CDE. It is also a requirement for receiving your Greenhand FFA degree.

-Minton



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NAME: Raegan Dick

PARENTS: Stacey and Stephen Dick

YEAR IN FFA: 1st

ACTIVITIES TAKEN PART IN: Rural Soil Judging, Forestry, Beef BBQ, Chapter Garden Work, Mum Sale, OTD Parade, and National Convention.

FAVORITE FFA ACTIVITY: National Convention

FAVORITE CDE: Rural Soil Judging

FAVORITE THING ABOUT FFA: After School Activities

FAVORITE THING ABOUT MRS. MINTON: She's funny!

MOST MEMORABLE FFA MOMENT: When Callie wrote the poem about forestry.

WHAT IS ON YOUR IPOD NOW? Country and Pop

PLACE YOU'D LOVE TO VISIT: Italy

YOUR FAVORITE MOVIE: The Hunger Games

YOUR FAVORITE TV SHOWS: Phineas and Ferb

FAVORITE HIGH SCHOOL CLASS: Agriscience

FAVORITE 'SPARE TIME' ACTIVITY: Shopping

WOULD LOVE TO TRADE PLACES

FOR A DAY WITH: Jonny Gomes

FUTURE PLANS: Be a doctor.



OFFICER FEATURE

NAME: Jessica Shelton

OFFICE: Secretary

YEAR IN FFA: 3rd

FAVORITE THING ABOUT BEING AN OFFICER: The Cave of Officerness

FAVORITE FFA ACTIVITY: State Convention

MOST MEMORABLE FFA MOMENT: the gravel tunnel when building the Community Garden

WHAT HAS FFA TAUGHT YOU: The quality of leadership and the need for responsibility in life decisions.



UPCOMING EVENTS

November:

9—Chick Slaughter

13— Fruit Sale Forms Due

20— FFA After School Meeting