

Chicken Slaughter

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The students in the Animal Science and Technology class started off the annual chicken project with 100 birds. Students prepared an enclosure for the chicks before they arrived on September 20th. While in class, the students were given the tasks of feeding, watering, and maintaining the chickens' facility on a daily basis. During this process, the students were provided with the opportunity to see an agricultural product from start to finish, as well as having the satisfaction of completing the assignment. 95 of the original 100 birds were slaughtered and processed on November 9th at the high school. The meat from these chickens will be used at the Annual Peebles FFA Awards Banquet as well as the chapter's Community Appreciation Dinner that will be in mid-February 2014.



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

District 9 Leadership Night

Members of the Peebles FFA chapter attended a State FFA Leadership Night on November 13th at Laurel Oaks Technical Center in Wilmington. Freshmen, sophomore, and junior members attended leadership sessions with the Ohio FFA Association Officers and seniors attended business and industry sessions to help prepare them for their future endeavors. Attendees learned about seeing the good in themselves as well as others and how to focus on the big picture. At the end of the night members made a plan to include more of the chapter members in the planning in activities to utilize their strengths. Many State Officers were there to help conduct this workshop. All who attended enjoyed themselves and gained valuable leadership skills.

Fruit Sale Wrap Up

Fruit sales wrapped up and our chapter sold almost \$31,000 of product to local people around the community. Top sellers were: 1st, Callie Ralston; 2nd, Emily Bauman; 3rd, Morgan Brown; 4th, C.J. Smart; and 5th, Raegan Dick.

Our annual fruit sales are our largest fund raiser for the year. Profits help pay for banquet, State Convention, and various Career Development Events. Our chapter is very thankful for everybody that went out and sold and all of our buyers! Without the support of the public our chapter would not be able to participate in near as many activities. Make sure that when you are delivering your fruit to give all your buyers a big, hearty "Thank you!". Remember that fruit is coming in the week of December 4th, and you can pick up your fruit starting that Tuesday from 3-8, Wednesday from 3-6 and Thursday from 3-8. Be sure to plan accordingly so that your fruit doesn't freeze! Also be sure to deliver your fruit in a timely manner so that it doesn't spoil.

Public Speaking

There are various Public Speaking Career Development Events that one can participate in as a FFA member, including Creed Speaking, Advanced Creed, Beginning Prepared, Prepared, and Extemporaneous. Only freshmen may do the Creed Speaking Contest, and only first year members may compete in the Advanced Creed Contest. Students must write and memorize a speech to present it if they are planning to participate in prepared speaking, of different time lengths depending on the individual contest. In the Extemporaneous participants prepare a speech in thirty minutes and then present it that day. If you are looking for more information on the rules please go to ohioffa.org.

If you are interested in any of these events please plan to attend the Public Speaking Workshop afterschool on December 16th. Joy Bauman and Annie Rhoads, FFA Alumni members, will be there on that day to further explain these events. Those interested in the Creed contest should be spending their BUG periods with Mrs. Minton to prepare for the Chapter Creed Speaking Contest that will be held on December 19th at 6 in the Round Room.

Students interested in either of the prepared contests should have a draft turned in on January 7, 2014. More training and preparation will be held after Christmas Break. The Sub-District Speaking Contest will be held on February 13th.

Parliamentary Procedure

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Not only does the Peebles FFA plan to participate in the Sub-District Parliamentary Procedure Contest, but they plan to host the contest on December 3rd. The team is made up of eight FFA members who properly conduct a mock business meeting before a set of judges, as well as complete a test over parliamentary procedure knowledge. Those eligible to participate are the officers as well as students that have previously been on the officer team. If you are not able to be on the team, other students are still needed to help host the contest that night.

November Meeting

At the November meeting the chapter discussed t-shirts, fruit sales load-out, the Parliamentary Procedure Contest, the scrapbook, and Christmas Caroling. T-shirt designs must be in before Thanksgiving Break and then the chapter will vote on a design. Fruit will be loaded out December 10th, 11th, and 12th. Helping for two hours on any of those evenings counts as one after-school activity. We will be hosting the Parliamentary Procedure Contest on December 3rd, members were asked to help run the contest as well as to bring in food for the concession stand. Anybody interested in helping with the scrapbook should sign-up. The chapter discussed going Christmas Caroling as a group, but decided that there was not enough time for this activity.

Picture of the Month

ASK MINTON

Question: Why do we have to sell \$400 worth of fruit? How can it be a grade?

-Concerned Salesmen

Minton's Answer:

I require you to sell \$400 worth of fruit because the money raised from this fundraiser is put towards all the activities that our members participate in throughout the year. I can take a grade for this fundraiser since by being in an agricultural class you are also a FFA member.

-Minton



NAME: C.J. Smart

PARENTS: Kevin and Jane Smart

YEAR IN FFA: 1st

ACTIVITIES TAKEN PART IN: National Convention, Rural Soils Judging, Forestry Judging, Creed Contest, Mum Sale, Chicken Slaughter, Parliamentary Procedure Contest and Fruit Sales.

FAVORITE FFA ACTIVITY: National Convention

FAVORITE CDE: Equine Judging

FAVORITE THING ABOUT FFA: It's my second family!

FAVORITE THING ABOUT MRS. MINTON: Her personality.

MOST MEMORABLE FFA MOMENT: Cracker Barrel with Lexy at National Convention

WHAT IS ON YOUR IPOD NOW? Country

PLACE YOU'D LOVE TO VISIT: The largest horse farm in the United States

YOUR FAVORITE MOVIE: Flicka

YOUR FAVORITE TV SHOWS: I don't watch much TV.

FAVORITE HIGH SCHOOL CLASS: Geometry

FAVORITE 'SPARE TIME' ACTIVITY: Playing with my horses.

WOULD LOVE TO TRADE PLACES FOR A DAY WITH: Nobody.

FUTURE PLANS: Go to college to study to become a veterinarian.



OFFICER FEATURE

NAME: Callie Ralston

OFFICE: Treasurer

YEAR IN FFA: 4th

FAVORITE THING ABOUT BEING AN OFFICER: Feeling superior to everyone below me.

FAVORITE FFA ACTIVITY: I can't choose just one!

MOST MEMORABLE FFA MOMENT: Anytime we have eaten together as a family.

WHAT HAS FFA TAUGHT YOU: FFA has helped me discover my self and helped me embrace my creepiness.



UPCOMING EVENTS

Parliamentary Procedure Contest

Fruit Delivery

Fruit Donation

Ag. Reality

Chapter Creed Contest

December Meeting