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National FFA week activities

This years National FFA Week was held on February 23rd-27th. The purpose of FFA Week is to educate the public about agriculture. During the week, we hosted a teacher appreciation luncheon, conducted "Best Soldier Contest" voting polls, made public service announcements on the radio about FFA, and raised money for the Wounded Warrior Project Charity.

Our chapter's community service fundraiser for the week was raising money for the Wounded Warrior Project. In order to educate students on the Wounded Warrior Project, we set up a display in the cafeteria in which students could walk up to and read facts about the organization. To raise money, our chapter invented a contest in which classrooms competed to win a baked good for the class. The participating teachers' names were placed on a box and then set out in the cafeteria so students could put money in the box for the teacher of their choice. At the end of the month the two teachers with the most money in their jar got snacks for their entire class. To keep track of how much money each teacher has, the officers recorded the totals on helmets that were placed next to the facts about the Wounded Warrior Project. Our chapter ended up raising a total of \$89.

We wanted to show the student body how involved our members are in the school and how diverse our chapter is. So, in order to do this we chose students in our chapter that also participated in other extracurricular activities in the school. Each group/organization was represented. Each student was assigned a number, and the pictures were then posted out in the cafeteria where students could choose the "Best Soldier impersonation".

Every year our officer team plans out a week of fun activities for all of the students to participate in if they wish. Monday was "Plaid and Flannel Day", Tuesday was "Boot & Hat Day", were students paid \$1 to wear a hat, and proceeds were donated to the Wounded Warrior Project, Wednesday was "Mismatch Day", Thursday was "Camo Day", and Friday "Blue & Gold Day." We are glad that once again FFA Week was a success. We would like to thank all of the students that participated in events through-



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Community Appreciation Dinner

On February 27, 2015 the Peebles FFA took the time to appreciate all of our community support through a community appreciation dinner. The theme of the night was shown through a free dinner and the speeches of several speakers including, Jessica Shelton, Peebles FFA President; Joe McElwee, Peebles FFA Vice-President; Phil Swayne, past Peebles FFA member; and Sydney Snider, Ohio FFA Association President. The work of our chapter would not be possible without the support of the community, and our members enjoyed having the chance to show appreciation to all of our supporters.



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Public Speaking

The purpose of the Public Speaking CDE is to develop skills in agricultural leadership by providing FFA members the opportunity to appear before groups and to emphasize the importance of communicating with others. The sub-district contest was held on February 24th at Georgetown High School. From our chapter Molly Bauman, Shayla Osman & Ryanna Shearer, partook in the Creed Speaking contest, while Raegan Dick participated in Beginning Prepared Speaking and Sarah McFarland participated in the Extemporaneous contest. Molly Bauman and Ryanna Shearer competed in the Beginning Creed Speaking CDE and Shayla Osman competed in the Advanced Creed Speaking CDE. The Creed Speaking CDE is designed to develop leadership and the ability to appear before groups by students as they become members of the FFA; all three girls presented from memory the official FFA creed. In the Beginning Prepared Speaking CDE Reagan Dick had to memorize and recite a speech on an agricultural topic for five to seven minutes with five additional minutes allowed for related questions asked by the judges. Raegan wrote and presented a speech on the importance of leadership in everyday life and in agriculture. In the Extemporaneous Speaking CDE Sarah McFarland had to prepare a speech about agriculture that was chosen at random right before speaking. She was given exactly 30 minutes for speech preparation, her speech had to be four to six minutes, with questions asked by the judges. Sarah placed 4th, Raegan placed 2nd, Molly placed 7th, and Ryanna also placed 2nd. Raegan and Ryanna advanced to the District speaking contest which was held on February 26 at Fayetteville High School. Raegan, and Ryanna both competed at that contest. We congratulate all participants on their efforts!



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