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APRIL NEWSLETTER

April FFA Meeting

The next FFA meeting will be held on April 20th at 7 P.M. in the Ag center. The Ag challenge for this meeting will be a volleyball tournament. First, the freshmen and sophomores will compete against each other, followed by the juniors and seniors. The winners of each competition will play each other, determining the overall winning team. The losers of each round will also play against each other to determine both 3rd and 4th place. Each team will be made up of three male and three female members from each grade level. Make sure to attend this month's meeting!

Upcoming Events

Ag Breakfast: The next Ag breakfast will be held at Tim Hortons in Lancaster on April 10th at 6 A.M. All members and their families are welcome to attend. This monthly tradition allows for good food and socializing. We look forward to seeing you all there!

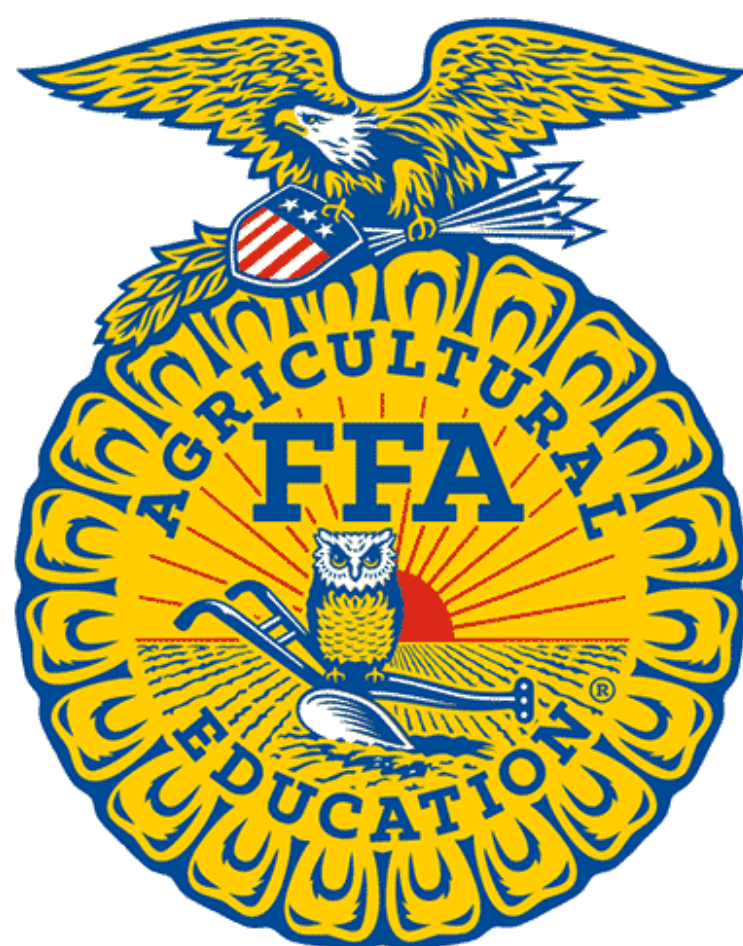
Upcoming Career Development Events

District Outdoor Power Equipment CDE: This year, our Outdoor Power Equipment CDE team consists of *Coltyn Anderson, Caleb McGee, Tyler McGraw, Justin Seymour and Grayson Thompson*. In this CDE, members evaluate different types of engines, power equipment, and review different repair skills. The district competition will be April 7th, determining if the team will move on to the state competition. Best of luck to all contestants! Results will be announced in the next newsletter.

State Nature Interpretation CDE: The Nature Interpretation CDE consists of members being able to identify a variety of mammals, birds, reptiles, and different types of equipment in picture form. Along with that, there is also a written test. Participants will also complete three different practicums testing their knowledge of what they have been working on. *Reese Melton, Greta Helser, Alayna Leppert, Maddison Wells, Sophia Dossman, Catherine Buckley, Averie Frank, and Olivia Stout* will all be representing our chapter on April 11th at the State competition. Good luck ladies! Results will be posted in the next newsletter.

State Agricultural Issues Forum CDE: The Agricultural Issues Forum CDE is a very competitive CDE within Ohio. This year, our team consists of *Alana Benjamin, Madison Matheny, Grace Martin, Reese Melton, Bella Metz, and Riley Strickler*. In this CDE, members are required to research a current agricultural issue, submit a ten page portfolio prior, and give a 15 minute presentation debating both the pros and cons of the issue, followed by a question and answer session. The state competition is April 25th. Good luck ladies! Results will be posted in the next newsletter.

Agricultural Mechanics Engineering Skills CDE: The Agricultural Mechanics Engineering Skills CDE evaluates members proficiency in areas such as electricity and machinery. Contestants also take a written exam and do hands on practicums to show their abilities. This year, our team consists of *Catherine Buckley, Mason Jones, and Gary Kemmerling*. All of these members have been working hard for their state competition on April 30th. Good luck everyone! Results will be posted in the next newsletter.



Past Happenings

State Public Speaking CDE: On March 7th, our State Public Speaking CDE team consisting of *Jazmine Arledge, Troy Busch, Grace Martin, Emma Strickler, and Riley Strickler* all competed in the state competition. *Jazmine Arledge* competed in the FFA Creed Speaking competition, where she placed in the top ten in the state of Ohio. *Grace Martin and Riley Strickler* both competed in the Beginning Prepared Public Speaking competition, where they both placed in the top ten in the state of Ohio. *Troy Busch and Emma Strickler* both competed in the Extemporaneous Speaking competition, where *Emma Strickler* placed first in the state of Ohio, making her one of six FFA members in Ohio history who have won both Senior Prepared Speaking and Extemporaneous Speaking State championships. At the National FFA Convention in October, *Strickler* will be representing both our chapter and the state of Ohio in this competition! *Troy Busch* placed second in the state of Ohio in Extemporaneous speaking. This coming fall, *Busch* is headed to the Big E held in Boston, Massachusetts to compete in the Regional competition! This is the first time in Ohio FFA history that the top two in the same category have been representing the same FFA Chapter. We are so proud of everyone for their outstanding work and true dedication this year!



A-C FFA Public Speaking Team at the State Competition!

Greenhand Quiz CDE: Results for the Greenhand Quiz CDE have officially been posted. Our team consisted of *Peyton Davis, Fred Lown, William Daughtery, Jazmine Arledge, Kehlan Watterson, Haylie Wiseman, and Avery Hill*. This year, our CDE team placed 53rd in the state of Ohio. Good job!

Veterinary Science CDE Online Exam: The Veterinary Science CDE helps develop members knowledge and practical skills within the veterinary science realm. *Peyton Davis and Alayna Leppert* both competed in the online exam. They placed 92nd in the state of Ohio.

Columbus State University Welding Exam: On March 11th, senior FFA members traveled to Columbus State college to take their welding exams. This is the 8th year that our school has went for their American Welding Society Certificate. Students had the option to take either the Stick welding D1.1 structure test or the Mig welding D9.1 sheet metal test on galvanized steel. *Catherine Buckley, Harley Devaney, Calum Duncan, Stephen Ferguson, Chase Hanna, Mason Jones, Gary Kemmerling, Abby King, Malachi Mead, Landon Slone, Emma Strickler, and Maddix Tipple* all passed their tests. Great job everyone!



Senior A-C FFA Members at Columbus State University!

National Association of Agricultural Educators

National Policy Seminar: March 22nd - 25th , four of our members attended the NAAEE National Policy Seminar to promote and advocate for agriculture. *Catherine Buckley, Grace Martin, Emma Strickler, and Riley Strickler* all attended this trip. This trip to our nation's capitol was a rather important one. Our members spent time visiting both of our Ohio Senators: *Bernie Moreno and Jon Husted*. In addition, our team also visited *Warren Davidson, Mike Carey, Shontel M. Brown, Max L. Miller, and Troy Balderson* to advocate for Career-Tech and Vocational Agriculture in Ohio. These members also met with *Josie Montoney*, who works in the House of Representatives Agricultural Committee Office, where they were able to discuss current topics affecting agriculture today. They also attended and watched a senate session, which allowed them to see firsthand how these work! Our attendees also visited the National Botanic Gardens! Thank you to our FFA chapter for making this trip able to happen, and to *Mr. Sharp* for taking our members. These members all had both an amazing and educational time on this memorable trip!





A-C FFA members visiting with Senator, Jon Husted, at the NAEF National Policy Seminar!

A-C FFA Members with Congresswoman, Shontel M. Brown at the NAEF National Policy Seminar!



A-C FFA Members with District 12 Ohio Congressman, Troy Balderson!



District & State Agricultural Mechanic Skills CDE: This year, our Agricultural Mechanics Skills CDE consisted of members *Caleb McGee, Payton Roberts, and Reid Strickler*. This competition tests members' knowledge on hands-on skills in areas such as machinery, electricity, and environmental systems. The team placed 2nd at the District competition, moving them on to the state competition on March 26th. The team placed 18th in the state of Ohio. Good work everyone!

State Agronomy CDE: The State Agronomy CDE was held on March 28th. *Coltyn Anderson, Olivia Chaffin, Tyler McGraw, Justin Seymour, and Logan Weidner* all competed in this competition. This contest tests members' knowledge on crop production, management, and soil science. It also consists of an online exam, the identification of several items, a soil practicum, and much more. These members have been working hard and have attended invitationals prior to the state competition to get in more practice. The team placed 11th in the state of Ohio. Great job everyone!

**A-C FFA Members at the
Ashland Invitational for
spring CDE's!**



State Preliminary General Livestock CDE: The State Preliminary General Livestock CDE was held on March 28th. Prior to this, there were several invitationals held for members to get extra practice in. *Samantha Buckley, Troy Busch, Callianne Corey, Demi Lee, Abbie Leist, Ava Loel, Makenna Singleton, and Raylee Westhoven* are all competing this year. All of these members have been working extremely hard the past couple of months for this competition. The team placed 17th in the state of Ohio. Good job everyone!

State Preliminary Poultry Judgement CDE: The State Preliminary Poultry Judging CDE was held on March 28th. *Emilie Belcher, Peyton Davis, Emilie Belcher, Brooke Edgar, Elizabeth Schwartz, and Sophia West* all competed. The team placed 16th in the state of Ohio. Great job to all contestants!

State Preliminary Equine Management CDE: The State Preliminary Equine Management CDE was held on March 28th. This year, our team consists of *Abigail Green, Emily Kissling, Cooper Singleton, Brinn Tuttle, and Madison Wells*. All of these members have dedicated a lot of time to this competition, on top of all of the invitationals they have attended. The team placed 33rd in the state of Ohio. Great job everyone!