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MARCH NEWSLETTER

March FFA Meeting

The next monthly A-C FFA meeting will be held on Monday, March 16th at 7 P.M. in the Ag center. The Ag challenge for this meeting is Tug of War. Each grade level will have both a female team and a male team, both consisting of five members. The first round will be Freshman vs. Sophomores, and then Juniors vs. Seniors. The winning team in both rounds will compete against each other, determining the winner!

Upcoming Events

Ag Breakfast: The next Ag breakfast will be held at IHOP on March 6th 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!

Logan Elm Square Dance: Again this year, our chapter is invited to the Logan Elm FFA Square Dance! There will be various other chapters in attendance as well. This event allows our members to interact with other FFA members and have a fun night dancing with friends! Mark your calendars for March 12th and be sure to bring money for a sweet treat at Dairy Shed after!

State Degree Informational Meeting: If you are interested in getting your State FFA Degree, be sure to mark your calendar for March 9th! There will be an informational meeting discussing all the criteria needed in order to receive your State Degree.



Upcoming Career Development Events

General Livestock CDE: The General Livestock CDE allows for members to test their abilities on judging livestock animals. In this competition, contestants will rank animals and give oral reasonings behind their rankings. Members also will take a written test asking about all of the information they've been learning with their coach, and former A-C FFA member, Allie Poston. This year, the team consists of *Troy Busch, Callianne Corey, Demi Lee, Ava Loel, Ariana Norris, Makenna Singleton, Abbie Leist, and Madison Matheny, Raylee Westhoven, and Samantha Buckley*, along with several middle schoolers. There are invitationals being held on March 7th and March 14th for members to prepare for the state competition on March 28th. Best of luck to all members!

Ag Mechanics Skills CDE: The Ag Mechanics Skills CDE team this year consists of three members: *Fred Lown, Caleb McGee, and Cole West*. In this competition, contestants have to demonstrate several skills that pertain to welding, engineering, brazing, wiring, hydraulics, and much more. The State competition is going to be held on March 26th. Good luck to all contestants!

Poultry CDE: In the Poultry CDE, members are required to evaluate and grade egg products, poultry carcasses, and live poultry. *Grace Martin, Riley Strickler, Lane Drake, Brooke Edgar, Emilie Belcher, Sophia West, Elizabeth Schwartz, and Peyton Davis* are all competing this year. The online exam will be on March 2nd and state preliminaries on March 28th. This is the first time in a while that we have had a team for this particular CDE. Good luck to everyone competing!

Nature Interpretation CDE: The Nature Interpretation CDE consists of members being able to identify a variety of different 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!

Equine Management CDE: The Equine Management CDE tests members on their knowledge of equine science. Parts of this CDE include identifying feed, judging horse conformation, and solving real life management scenarios. *Cooper Singleton, Abby Green, Emily Kissling, Dakota Stevens, Brinn Tuttle, and Madison Wells* are all competing in the State competition on April 22nd. Good luck everyone!

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State Public Speaking CDE's: On March 7th, *Jazmine Arledge, Troy Busch, Grace Martin, Riley Strickler, and Emma Strickler* will all be representing our chapter at the State level for Public Speaking. Good luck to everyone competing!



Past Happenings

County & District Public Speaking CDE's: Within the Public Speaking CDE, there are four contests in which members can compete: Creed Speaking, Beginning Prepared Speaking, Senior Prepared Speaking, and

Extemporaneous Speaking. This year, we had multiple members sign up, including several middle schoolers, being brave enough to face America's number one biggest fear! *Jazmine Arledge and Peyton Davis* competed in Creed Speaking, *Grace Martin and Riley Strickler* competed in Beginning Prepared Speaking, *Alayna Leppert and Bella Metz* competed in Senior Prepared Speaking, and finally, *Troy Busch and Emma Strickler* competed in Extemporaneous Speaking. All members placed top two in the County, moving them all on to the District contest the following week. At the District contest, *Jazmine Arledge, Troy Busch, Grace Martin, Riley Strickler, and Emma Strickler* all placed in the top two, moving them on to the upcoming State competition on March 7th. Great job everyone and good luck to all at the State competition!



AC-FFA Public Speaking Team at the County Competition!

District 7 Agricultural Sales: On February 10th, we had four members compete at the District 7 Agricultural Sales CDE at Clearfork Valley High School. *Catherine Buckley, Samantha Buckley, Emma Strickler, and Riley Strickler* all competed in this competition. In this competition, members make sales presentations selling specific agricultural products, create a binder detailing their product, take a written test, and do both team and individual practicums, trying to sell their item to customers. At this contest, our team placed 3rd overall out of eight total teams. Great job ladies!



Our Agricultural Sales Team at the District 7 Competition!

National FFA Week: Once again this year, we had spirit week in order to celebrate National FFA Week. FFA week is used to recognize all the accomplishments we have had in our chapter over the years. This also allows members to proudly represent their membership within our chapter. This year's schedule was as follows:

Monday - Pajama Day

Tuesday - Dress for Success (dress as your future career)

Wednesday - FFA Shirt Day

Thursday - FFA Swagger Day (wear official dress)

Friday - Camo and Carrhartt

Ice Skating: This year to add on to our National FFA Week celebration, we went Ice Skating at OSU! *Alana Benjamin, Troy Busch, Madison Matheny, Bella Metz, Ava Loel, Raylee Westhoven, Demi Lee, Callianne Corey, Grace Martin, Riley Strickler, Cooper Singleton, Justin Seymour, Peyton Davis, Coltyn Anderson, Samantha Buckley, Avery Hill, Haylie Wiseman, Lane Drake, Kevin Baker, Logan Wiedner, Kynleigh Wright, Hunter Bow, Brinn Tuttle, Elizabeth Schwartz, and Wyatt Saxour* all attended this fun trip! This night and possibly new A-C FFA tradition was very memorable for everyone!



Thank you Farm Credit for sending our chapter donuts to celebrate FFA Week!



Our chapter cheering on the girls basketball team to wrap up FFA Week!



A-C FFA Members having fun ice-skating at OSU!

Greenhand Quiz CDE: The Greenhand Quiz CDE is one of the largest and most exciting CDE's in Ohio. Every year, we have various freshmen signed up to compete. In this particular CDE, freshmen members are quizzed on their knowledge of FFA history, parliamentary procedure, and facts about FFA from over the years! This year: *Lane Drake, Peyton Davis, Fred Lown, Haylie Wiseman, Avery Hill, Benjamin Brewer, William Daugherty, Kehlan Watterson, Jazmine Arledge, and Tezi Bard* all took the online exam on February 24th. Results will be announced in the next newsletter. Good luck everyone!

State Agricultural Communications CDE: On February 14th, AC FFA members traveled to Columbus, Ohio to compete in the State Agricultural Communications CDE. The four members who competed were *Samantha Buckley, Troy Busch, Demi Lee, and Riley Strickler*. This contest allows for members to test their abilities on creating a professional media plan. The first step of the competition was taking an online exam quizzing contestants' knowledge on press writing, where *Samantha Buckley* placed 1st in the State of Ohio. Then were the County and District contests, where they placed high enough to move on to the State Competition. The team placed 3rd overall in the State of Ohio. Great job everyone for upholding the tradition of our A-C FFA Agricultural Communications Teams!



A-C FFA Agricultural Communications team at the State Competition!

Top Fall Fundraisers Trip: The annual Top Fall Fundraisers Trip took place February 14th - 16th . In order to be eligible for this trip, members must sell at least 25 boxes in our Fall Fruit and Snack Sale. This year, we had 21 attendees; *Jazmine Arledge, Olivia Chaffin, Callianne Corey, Brooke Edgar, Averie Frank, Greta Helser, Savanna Holley, Cecelia Kerns, Emily Kissling, Alayna Leppert, Ava Loel, Madison Matheny, Reese Melton, Bella Metz, Coltyn Anderson, Peyton Davis, Evan McDonnell, Caleb McGee, Justin Seymour, Cooper Singleton, and Gavin Whitson, along with Mr. Tilley and chaperones, Brooke Roberts, Jon Singleton, Aimee Pinkstock, Brittany Tilley, and Kelly Helser.* The largest thing that we do on this trip is attend the National Farm Machinery Show and watch the Truck and Tractor Pulls. On top of that, we also went to the Newport Aquarium, Falls of Ohio State Park, and Jungle Jim's. This trip is always fun and educational for all attendees and very memorable. Thank you to everyone, especially the chaperones for making this trip possible!



Our FFA at the truck and tractor pulls during the annual louisville trip!

Young Leaders Conference: This year, we had several members attend the Young Leaders Conference held at the Ohio State University on February 19th. This event is hosted by the Alpha Gamma Rho fraternity and Sigma Alpha sorority, and is focused on teaching high school aged students who are interested in agriculture about key leadership skills. Members got put into randomized groups and did ice breaker activities with them. *Callianne Corey, Bella Metz, Brooke Edgar, Catherine Buckley, Cecelia Kerns, Cooper Singleton, Demi Lee, Emma Strickler, Grace Martin, Griffin Noll, Olivia Chaffin, Riley Strickler, Samantha Buckley, Sophia Dossman, Troy Busch, and Tyler McGraw* all attended this year!



Our FFA Chapter participating in the Young Leaders Conference!

State Degree Recipients: The State FFA Degree is the highest degree that can be awarded to members at the state level. Individuals who earn this degree must have received their Chapter FFA Degree and have met the requirements found in the Ohio FFA Manual. This year, our FFA chapter has one member receiving their State FFA Degree. *Mason Jones* has been approved for his State FFA Degree and will receive it at the State FFA Convention in May. Great job representing our chapter, Mason!

American Degree Recipients: The American FFA Degree is the highest degree awarded to a FFA member. There are many requirements needed in order to reach this level of success. This year, Braleigh Blosser, Madison Cordle, and Travis Spence have been approved by Ohio to receive their American Degree this fall in Indianapolis, Indiana at the National FFA Convention. Their applications have now been forwarded for national review. Congratulations to all members and great job representing our chapter so well!

New Chapter FFA Officer Team: Congratulations to the new 2026-2027 A-C FFA Officer Team! Elections took place at the February FFA meeting. We look forward to what all this team will accomplish! The new officer team is as follows:

President - Riley Strickler
Vice President - Samantha Buckley
Secretary - Troy Busch
Treasurer - Demi Lee
Reporter - Bella Metz
Sentinel - Grace Martin
Student Advisor - Reese Melton



**Our new
2026-2027
AC-FFA
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Team!**

**Thank you
25-26 A-C
FFA Officer
Team**

As the 2025-2026 officer team has officially retired, we are sad to say goodbye, but beyond happy for what they brought to our chapter. Each and every single person on the team had a significant impact on our chapter. Thank you to all for shaping our chapter into how it is now and bringing more positivity to our chapter.

