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Next FFA Meeting

The next FFA meeting will be on September 23rd at 7pm at the Ag Center. The Ag Challenge for this month will be Scavenger Hunt. There will be a male and female representative for each class to be a “runner” which will hand each item to either Mr. Tilley or Mr. Sharp. You may bring your bookbag, as it may help your class!

Past Happenings

Washington Leadership Conference: As the year starts back up, recognizing some activities that happened over the summer is needed. Two members from our chapter this year, *Alayna Leppert* and *Sophia Dossman*, spent five days this summer in Washington D.C. working on their leadership skills through workshops with hundreds of other FFA members from across the country. They also had the opportunity to tour monuments throughout D.C. and make amazing memories. If you have any questions for them about their experience, reach out!

Ohio Leadership Camp: Our members, *Greta Helser*, *Alayna Leppert*, *Justin Seymour*, *Coltyn Anderson*, and *Reese Melton* went to Ohio FFA Camp Muskingum to learn more of their leadership capabilities and how to improve them. They went through many sessions learning about their own personal goals and how to use them to benefit others. The Army Representative also gave them a demonstration on how leadership is used everywhere, even in the military. These members learned a lot about themselves and hope to put these qualities to use in our chapter!



FFA Camp: The following members, *Mara Anderson, Coltyn Anderson, Kevin Baker, Olivia Chaffin, Callie Corey, Sophia Dossman, Luke Foster, Averie Frank, Sabastian Hines, Demi Lee, Ava Loel, Bella Metz, and Olivia Stout* went to this years Session 5 of Ohio FFA Camp Muskingum. As always the food is good, and fun is had. Through their time at camp they got to do sessions of fun with swimming and even archery. They met many new people, and even acquainted with friends from last year. If you want to go next year, ask these members and even the advisors. So much fun happens here, which is why it's called “the happiest place on dirt”. You don’t want to miss out!

Summerfest: This year, our chapter hosted a new event at Mr. Sharps to start the school year off on a good note. With good food, games, and shooting- much fun was had. Members finished the night off with a hayride and a little bit of line dancing to end. This activity was much fun, and we hope to continue the tradition into next year!

Franklin Park Conservatory Field to Table Event: To keep with traditions, we had the following members, *Greta Helser, Alayna Leppert, Avery Frank, Lane Drake, Reese Melton, Emily Kissling, Olivia Stout, Benjamin Brewer, Abby Green, Aiden Blackenship* and Mr. Sharp represented our chapter this year. This is Franklin Park's main fundraiser for the year and we have helped now for nearly 15 years. Our members helped out at a selfie booth and carried many gift bags to the dinner area for the people at the event. The chance to meet many new people and serve in a huge community service activity is big for our chapter. They had a lot of fun and as always, ate well.

Ag Breakfast: The monthly Ag Breakfast for September was held on Friday September, 5th at 6am at Waffle House in Lancaster. This was a great event to start the year because it is an event to eat good food and socialize before the day starts!

Forestry CDE: As the year starts off, the first Career Development Event is Forestry. In this event students will be required to identify many species of trees by their leaves as well as their bark, how to calculate timber cruising and board feet in a log to name a few. The members involved this year are Coltyn Anderson, Reese Melton, Olivia Chaffin, Justin Seymour, Cooper Singleton, Aiden Blankenship, Caleb McGee, Kevin Baker, William Daughtery, and Brooke Edgar. Wish these members luck as they head to the Knox County Invitational on September 9th.

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Big E: The Eastern Fair is for the states in the east by the coast. Many of these states are so small that they tend to struggle to get a full state fair. So instead, they do a combined fair altogether. Ohio sends their second placing teams in State competitions. Our Ag Issues team, consisting of *Maddie Graf, Reese Melton, Grace Martin, Bella Metz, and Alana Benjamin*. They took a trip to Springfield, Massachusetts to compete in the Eastern Region Career Development Event. Our team has worked all Fall to prepare for this contest. And it definitely paid off. With their hard work, they were able to not only be successful at a very high level, they were able to bring home the Regional Championship banner in the Agricultural Issue Forum CDE at the Big E. This was the fifth time for an A-C FFA team or individual to win this prestigious award. Nice job ladies!

Upcoming Events

Farm Science Review: Members will be spending the day at this activity, learning about many different aspects of agriculture. This can be from the different types of crops that are planted to the different machines that are used in different fields. This is a great opportunity to learn more about agriculture! Our Chapter has been attending the Farm Science Review now for over 50 years

Ohio Legislative Leadership Conference: *Emma Strickler, Cate Buckley, Alayna Leppert, and Sophia Dossman* are going to be representing our Chapter at the Ohio State House on September 23rd. The members will get to go through a simulated legislative workshop presented by the Ohio Farm Bureau. They will also get to eat lunch and discuss legislative topics with our elected officials and also the work that people in agriculture deal with every day. They will get a chance to meet many other FFA Members from around Ohio and have a great time doing it.

Hog Roast: On September 30th, the annual A-C FFA Hog Roast is going to be held in the Cafeteria at 6pm. This is a Pot Luck style dinner, so families will need to bring a covered dish as well as table service. This is a great time to talk to your fellow FFA members and relax, while also eating good food. More information will come out soon!

Smile!

