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MAY NEWSLETTER

May FFA Meeting

The next FFA meeting will be held on Monday, May 18th at 7 P.M. in the Ag center. Prior to the meeting, we will be having an adopt a highway clean up. There will be no Ag challenge for this meeting, as there will be an end of the year cookout for all members. The assistant officers will be running this meeting. Make sure to attend as this is the last FFA meeting of the school year!

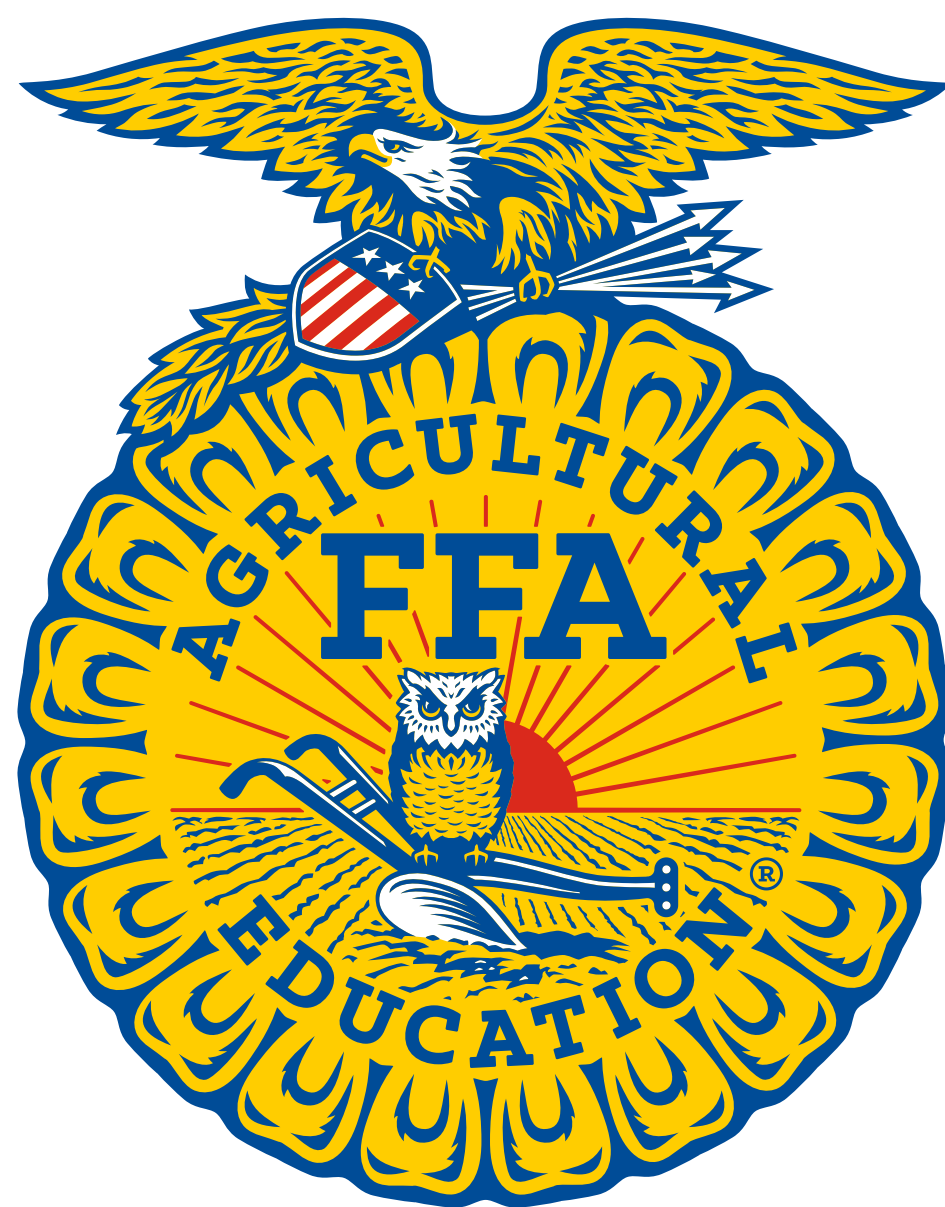
Upcoming Events

Ag Breakfast: The next Ag breakfast will be held at Chick-Fil-A in Lancaster on May 1st at 6:30 A.M. prior to leaving for state convention. 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 as this is the last Ag breakfast of the school year!

State FFA Convention: This year, the Ohio FFA State Convention will be held April 30th and May 1st. We have several members being recognized this year for all of their hard work within our chapter. *Mason Jones* will be earning his State FFA Degree. *Ariana Norris* will be recognized for her gold-rated Secretary's book, *Sophia Dossman* will be recognized for her gold-rated Treasurer's book, and *Alayna Leppert* will be recognized for her gold-rated Reporter's scrapbook. *Emma Strickler* will be recognized for winning the State Extemporaneous Public Speaking CDE. *Braleigh Blosser* and *Emma Strickler* will be recognized for their proficiency awards. *Samantha Buckley* will be recognized for being the 1st place individual in Agricultural Communications. As we have several individuals being recognized for their constant dedication to our chapter, it is important that we have as many attendees as possible to cheer our members on!

Chapter Awards Banquet: Make sure to mark your calendars for the annual A-C FFA Chapter Awards Banquet on Saturday, May 9th at 5:30 P.M. in the high school cafetorium. This allows us to recognize all of the hard work, dedication, and impressive achievements that our chapter has accomplished throughout this school year! All members are asked to wear official dress if you have it, if you need to borrow a loaner jacket, please talk to *Mr. Tilley* as soon as possible. If you do not have the correct items for official dress, we ask that members dress nicely.

Ag Day + Baby Animal Farm + Tractor Day: Every year, the A-C FFA Officers and Assistants host a Baby Animal Farm day and tractor day. This year, it will be held on May 13th. If there are any members interested in bringing in any agricultural animals to have available in the shop during this time, please talk to *Mr. Tilley or Mr. Sharp* as soon as possible to figure out how to get it here. Anyone in grades K-12 are encouraged to visit the Ag shop to see all of the animals we have. During this time, the annual Ag Day for the 3rd graders will also be going on. Ag Day consists of teaching young students about agriculture through hands-on activities such as a cow milking simulation and learning how to pot plants. We will also end the day with handmade ice cream. This is such a fun and educational day that the officers look forward to every year. Please be sure to stop by!



Past Happenings

State Nature Interpretation CDE: This year, our Nature Interpretation CDE team consisted of *Sophia Dossman, Averie Frank, Greta Helser, and Reese Melton*. The state competition was on April 11th. The team placed 5th in the state of Ohio. *Reese Melton* placed as the 2nd overall individual out of 100+ contestants, this alone is a very impressive accomplishment. Great job to this team for representing A-C so well, and we can't wait to see what is in store for next year!



State Nature Interpretation CDE Team

Pickaway County Ag Breakfast: Once again this year, the A-C FFA Officer Team was invited to the Pickaway County Ag Breakfast on April 17th. There were also several local community businesses and neighboring FFA chapters in attendance. Our officer team had such an amazing time together and getting a good breakfast before the school day!

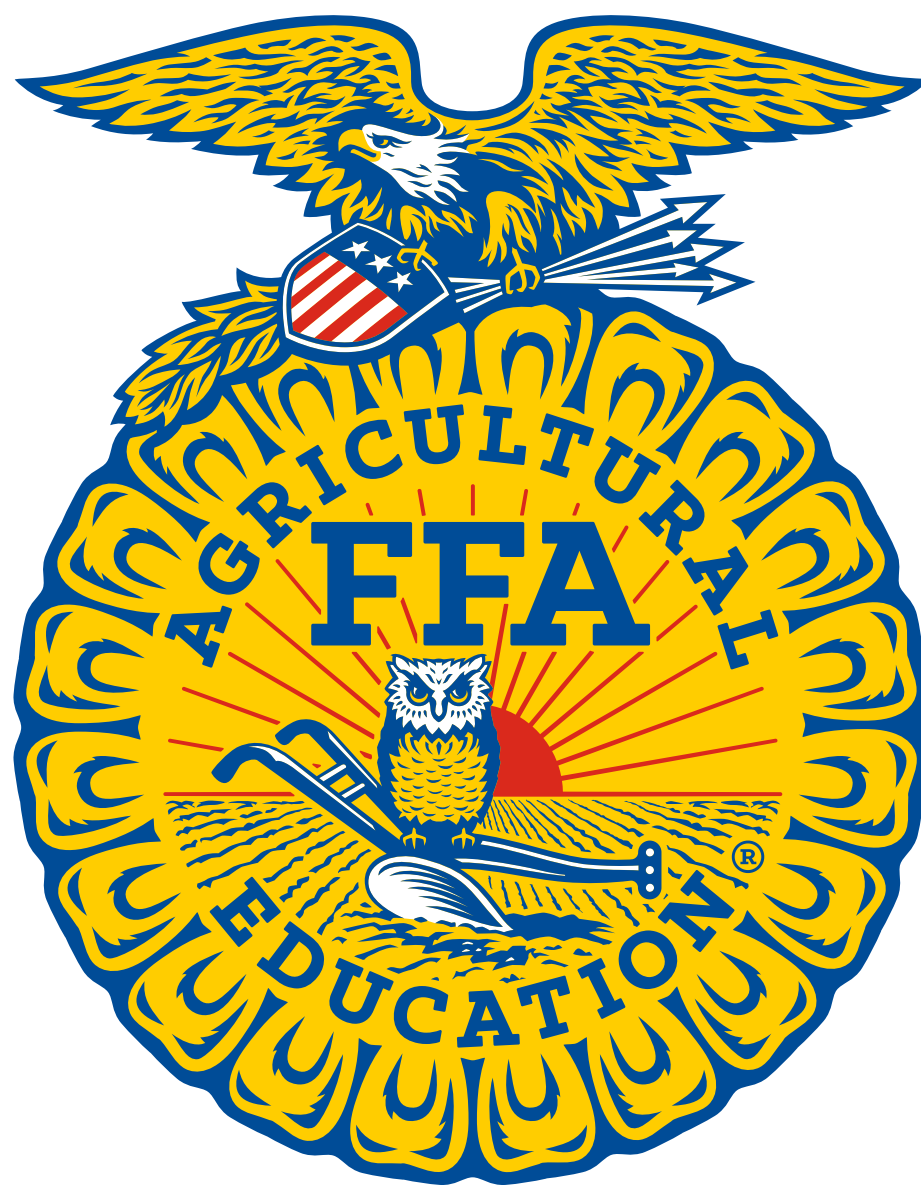
American Welding Society Certification: On April 17th, senior, *Landon Slone* became the first individual in our school to earn a D9.1 4G overhead welding certification. This type of welding is one of the hardest types of welding certifications to earn in the industry. Congratulations *Landon!*



Landon Slone after his Welding Test

District + State Outdoor Power Equipment CDE: The Outdoor Power Equipment CDE team this year consisted of *Coltyn Anderson, Caleb McGee, Tyler McGraw, and Grayson Thompson*. This team placed 2nd in the district competition, moving them on to the state competition at the Ohio State University Wooster Campus on April 23rd. *Coltyn Anderson, Tyler McGraw, and Grayson Thompson* placed 20th. Good job!

State Agricultural Issues Forum CDE: This year, our Agricultural Issues Forum CDE team consisted of *Alana Benjamin, Madison Matheny, Grace Martin, Reese Melton, Bella Metz, and Riley Strickler*. These members competed in the state competition on April 25th, where they placed 2nd in the state of Ohio, earning them the right to compete at the Big E again this coming fall in the Eastern Regional competition. Great job ladies for representing our chapter so well!





State Agricultural Issues Forum CDE Team

Agricultural Mechanics Engineering CDE: Our Agricultural Mechanics Engineering CDE team this year consisted of *Catherine Buckley, Mason Jones, and Gary Kemmerling*. The state competition was held on April 30th, where the team placed 5th in the state of Ohio. Good work!

Graduating Seniors:

As graduation is coming up at the end of this month, on behalf of all of the officer team, we would like to thank all of our seniors for their constant work and dedication within our chapter. The class of 2026 is made up of several individuals who have done amazing things for our FFA chapter and made it a better place for everyone involved. We are so proud of all of you and cannot wait to see where life takes all of you. Once again, thank you for everything and you will never be forgotten.

- The 2026-2027 A-C Officer Team