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SEPTEMBER NEWSLETTER

September FFA Meeting

The next monthly A-C FFA meeting will be held on Monday, September 21st at 7 P.M. in the Ag center. For this meeting, the Ag challenge will be Class Scavenger Hunt. All members will compete in this competition, but there will be one designated runner for each grade level. We look forward to seeing you all there!

Upcoming Events

Ag Breakfast: The September Ag Breakfast will be held at IHOP in Lancaster at 6 A.M. on September 4th. All members and their families are welcome to attend. This is a great opportunity for all of our members to interact with each other and get a good breakfast before the school day! We hope to see you all there!

A-C FFA Alumni Fry Booth: As the football season has quickly taken off, so have Alumni Fry Sales! Fry Sales will take place during all of the home football games. The dates of home football games this month are September 4th and 11th. If you are interested in helping work the Fry Booth, please get in contact with any of our advisors as soon as possible. This would count as a community service activity, as well as FFA activity points. Be sure to stop by and get some yummy fries during the game!

State Officer Visit: On September 16th, our State FFA President, *Austin Manning* and State FFA Treasurer, *Claire Loudon* will be visiting our school and having our FFA members participate in workshop activities that they have prepared for us. Be ready for a fun day in Ag class when these State Officers visit!

Farm Science Review: This year, our Chapter will be attending the Farm Science Review on September 22nd during the school day. This trip allows for our students to see and learn about the science of farming, as well as different types of agricultural equipment currently being used such as drones, tractors, and much more! Be sure to turn in your permission slip and money by September 4th in order to attend this trip!



Ohio Legislative Leadership Conference: On September 22nd, four A-C FFA members will travel to the Ohio Statehouse Atrium to attend the Ohio Legislative Leadership Conference. This event focuses primarily on teaching students about legislative issues, as well as preparing them to advocate for both agricultural education and FFA. We attend this event every year and our members always come back with amazing leadership skills!

**Upcoming Career
Development
Events**

Knox County Forestry Invitational CDE: On September 10th, several A-C FFA members will travel to Knox County to participate in the Forestry Invitational CDE. This contest will also count as the District Forestry CDE. Results will be posted in the next newsletter.

State Forestry CDE: On September 26th, our Forestry CDE Team will travel to Hocking College to compete in the Forestry CDE at the State level. All members will be competing at the State contest, however the top four scores from our Chapter will make up our final placement (top four scores = team of record). Results will be posted in the next newsletter. Best of luck to all members!

Past Happenings

Stoutsville Cemetery Memorial Day Flag Set-Up: On May 21st, several A-C FFA members gathered to set up flags in remembrance of veterans at the Stoutsville cemetery. This event is an amazing community service activity that our Chapter provides, as well as a great way to express our appreciation. Thank you to all members who came and helped!



A-C FFA members at Stoutsville Cemetery!

Top Spring Fundraisers Trip: The annual Top Spring Fundraisers Trip took place this year June 1st-3rd. We had several members attend the trip; *Coltyn Anderson, Alana Benjamin, Catherine Buckley, Addilynn Koles, Madison Matheny, Cooper Singleton, Jaston Spires, Emma Strickler, and Riley Strickler*. These members traveled to the Greenbrier River Campground in West Virginia. Throughout the entirety of the trip, members toured the Beckley Coal Mine Exhibition, participated in a wild caving tour at Lost World Caverns, and ended their trip by visiting the White Sulphur Springs National Fish Hatchery. *Mr. Bryce Bennett, Mr. Gavin Eastep, Mr. Jeff Tilley, Brittany Tilley, and Anthony Wompler* all chaperoned this trip. A huge thank you to all chaperones for making this trip possible, as well as all members who attended the trip!



A-C FFA members on Top Spring Fundraisers Trip!

Ohio Statehouse Visit: Three current members and one former member of our FFA Chapter; *Samantha Buckley, Grace Martin, Bella Metz, and Hannah Saum* traveled to Columbus, Ohio on June 2nd to participate in a Senate Hearing and give personal testimonies in support of House Bill 125. The approval of this Bill would allow for state-wide excused school absences for students participating in 4-H and FFA activities. These young girls did an outstanding job advocating for agriculture and representing the Ohio FFA Association!



Current and Former A-C FFA members at Ohio Statehouse!

A-C Alumni Award Night: On June 6th, members of our FFA Chapter helped with setting up and cleaning up for the Amanda-Clearcreek Alumni Award Night. This community service event allows for us to give back to our alumni for everything they've done for both our school and FFA Chapter. A huge thank you to all members who helped out this year!

Chapter Officer Retreat: The annual Officer Retreat for the 2026-2027 Officer and Assistant Officer Team took place June 16th-18th this summer. Our team traveled to Burr Oak State Park and had two days filled with fun team bonding activities such as zip lining, swimming, mini golfing, and hiking. The team also came together and shared all of their ideas for the upcoming school year. The Officer team is looking forward to an amazing year with all of our members!

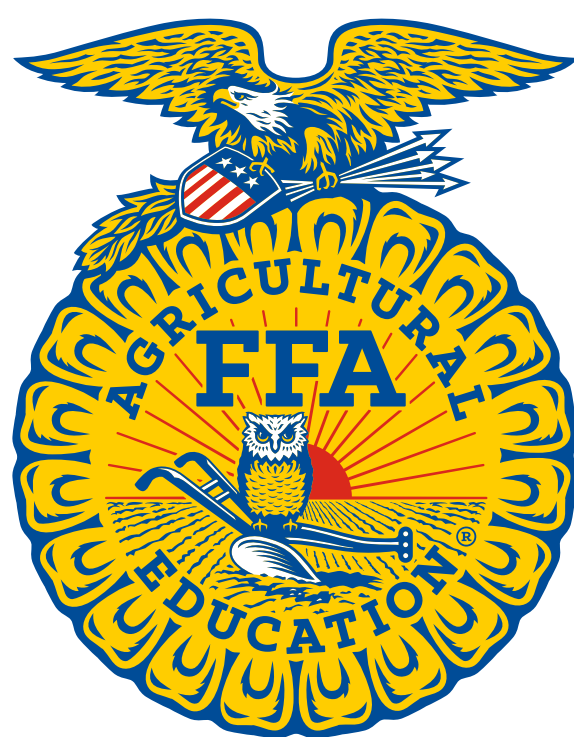


A-C FFA Officer and Assistant Officer Team Hiking!

Washington Leadership Conference: The Washington Leadership Conference (WLC) is a once in a lifetime experience that allows for FFA members to come together and advocate for agriculture, as well as learning many leadership skills and making memories that will last a lifetime. This year, *Samantha Buckley, Troy Busch, Madison Matheny and Riley Strickler* all attended. While on this trip, our members visited several memorials and monuments in D.C., as well as the Capitol building, the Library of Congress, and several Smithsonian Museums. Our members also attended leadership workshops where they developed a “Living to Serve” (LTS) plan that they will soon implement into our community. Our members had an amazing time on this trip and came back with amazing ideas for our Chapter! Since this trip, *Samantha Buckley* has received a grant of \$500 from the National FFA Association. This money will help with her LTS plan, which is a literacy project working with primary aged kids to help with improving basic reading skills such as letter sounds and sight words. Our Chapter will help with her plan by volunteering their time and working after school hours with these children. The money she received from the grant will go towards supplies and tools that help keep her LTS plan engaging, as well as educational in order to help improve literacy rates and set kids up for future success. This is such an amazing thing that *Samantha* is implementing into our community, and we would love all the help that we are able to get!



A-C FFA Members at United States' Capitol Building in Washington D.C.!



Ohio FFA Camp: July 6th-10th, several members of our Chapter traveled to Carrollton, Ohio to attend the 5th session of FFA Camp Muskingum. FFA Camp offers several different activities for members to participate in such as leadership workshops put on by the State FFA Officers, team tournaments like volleyball and basketball, paddle boarding, swimming, archery and much more! Our members returned back from this trip with not only improved leadership and team work skills, but also lifelong friendships!



A-C FFA Members at Ohio FFA Camp!

Pelotonia: Once again this year, our FFA Chapter helped with the annual Pelotonia bike riding event in Columbus, Ohio on July 31st by helping clean up at the end of the event. The Pelotonia is a three-day bicycle tour that raises millions of dollars for cancer research. This is always an amazing community service event activity for our members to help with. Thank you to *Samantha Buckley, Troy Busch, Lainey Busch, Peyton Davis, and Grace Martin* for all coming out and helping with this event!



A-C FFA Members at Pelotonia Event!

Back to School Bash: On August 14th, A-C FFA members helped with the Back to School Bash. These members helped run a game about FFA knowledge and encouraged people to join FFA for the upcoming school year. Thank you to all members who helped!

A-C FFA Annual Summerfest: The annual A-C FFA Summerfest was held at *Mr. Sharp's* house on Saturday, August 22nd. At this event, we had several activities for our members to participate in such as trap shooting, card games, line dancing, volleyball, cornhole, and spikeball. There was also cookout style food provided for all members and their families. We ended the night by having all FFA members go on a fun hayride! This is a great opportunity for our members to connect with each other at the start of the school year. We had an amazing turnout this year with 100+ FFA members and parents in attendance. We hope everyone had an amazing time and enjoyed this event!



A-C FFA Members on Hayride at Summerfest!

Field to Table: The annual Field to Table event hosted by the Franklin Park Conservatory was held on August 28th. Every year, our FFA Chapter helps with this event. This year, *Callie Corey, Lilly Elder, Cece Kerns, McKenna May, and Bella Metz* all helped with this event. This was an amazing opportunity for our members to gain community service hours, help our community, and get a great meal. Thank you to all members who came out and helped!



A-C FFA Members Helping with Field to Table Event!

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