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November
FFA Meeting

The next monthly A-C FFA meeting will be held on Monday, November 16th at 7 P.M. in the Ag center. The Ag challenge for this meeting will be Shower Cap Marshmallow Toss. There will be one female and one male member from each grade level. More information will be discussed at the meeting. We look forward to seeing everyone there!

Upcoming Events

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

State Officer Leadership Night: Every year, our FFA Chapter hosts a State Officer Leadership Night. This year, we will be hosting this event on November 12th, from 6-8 P.M. At this event, our Chapter connects with other Ohio FFA Chapters by participating in leadership based activities put on by the State FFA Officers. Make sure to get your money and permission forms turned in by the end of the school day on November 4th in order to attend. We can't wait to see you all there!

A-C FFA Fruit + Snack Sale: Our annual fruit and snack sale is still in full swing! ALL final orders are due at the end of the school day on November 12th, with no exceptions. Make sure to get all of your forms and money turned in and keep selling fruit to support our Chapter! Everyone please do your part with this fundraiser, this is crucial for our Chapters activities in the future!

Holiday Food Drive: On November 24th, we will be hosting our annual Holiday Food Drive. During the school day and after school, FFA members will collect non- perishable food items in Amanda and Stoutsville, and then donate them to two local churches in our community. This counts as a community service event, as well as activity points. This is a great way to give back to our community during the holiday season!

Upcoming Career Development Events

All results from these CDEs will be posted on our instagram (@acffa) and posted in the next newsletter!

Aquarium Managment + Animal Management Online Exam: The online exams for the Aquarium Management and Animal Management CDEs will take place on November 2nd. These exams will assess participants knowledge of key topics, including medical terminology, safety regulations, anatomy and physiology, and the overall care and management of animals within their chosen area of study. Best of luck!

District Job Interview: The District Job Interview CDE will be held on November 4th at Licking Valley High School. *Annalyn Liston, Riley Strickler, and Makenna Singleton* will all be competing. Good luck!

State Aquarium Managment + Animal Management: Members that placed in the top 150 on the online exam on the Aquarium Management and Animal Management exams will compete at the in person competitions on November 11th. At this competition, students will do species/ equipment identification and hands-on practical skills related to the animals in their industry.

Ag Tech and Mechanical Systems Online Exam: The online exam for the Ag Tech and Mechanical Systems will be held on November 16th. This exam will test members on their knowledge surrounding the core areas of agricultural engineering, power, and mechanics. Good luck to everyone competing!

County Novice + Advanced Parliamentary Procedure: The County competition for both Novice and Advanced Parliamentary Procedure will take place on November 17th at Amanda-Clearcreek. This competiton consists of members showing how to smoothly run a meeting using Robert's Rules of Order. Best of luck to all competitors!

District Novice + Advanced Parliamentary Procedure: The District competition for Parliamentary Procedure will be held on November 23rd at Bloom Carrol. Teams must place top 2 in the county to compete at Districts.

Past Happenings

Wilmington Job Interview CDE: Finals for the Wilmington Job Interview Invitational CDE were held at Wilmington High School on October 3rd. In the middle school division, Avery Strickler placed 4th, Sadie Hoffman placed 5th, and Haylie Blosser placed 8th. In the freshman divison, Annalyn Liston placed 2nd, Ellie Stewart placed 3rd, Kenzie Lamp placed 5th, and Peyton Roberts placed 6th. In the sophomore divison, Peyton Davis placed 1st. Great job everyone!

County Job Interview: The County Job Interview CDE was held on October 8th at Liberty Union. At this competition, *Annalyn Liston* placed 1st in the Freshman Divison, *Peyton Davis* placed 4th in the Sophomore Divison, *Riley Strickler* placed 1st in the Junior Division, and *Makenna Singleton* placed 1st in the Senior Divison. Based on their placings, *Annalyn, Riley, and Makenna* all earned their way into competing at the upcoming District 7 competition.

Fairfield County Fair Success: Our FFA members had an amazing run at the 2026 Fairfield County Fair! In their respective projects completed in class; *Kinsley Kerns* placed 3rd in Small Wood Working, *Ariana Norris* placed 1st in Welding, *Theran Parks* placed 3rd and *Jaston Spires* placed 4th in Electricity, and *Adyson Green* placed 2nd in Agriculture Collections. Great job everyone!



A-C FFA Members Helping Set-Up the Fairfield County Fair FFA Booth!

Versailles Greenhand Conference: The Versailles Greenhand Conference was held on October 17th at Versailles High School. This event introduced our middle school students enrolled in an Ag class to the FFA organization, as well as teaching them prime leadership and communication skills. Students participated in workshops put on by State FFA Officers, heard from keynote speakers, and had the opportunity to explore different CDE options. Thank you to Versailles FFA for hosting a great event. We will definitely be back!



Middle School Students at Versailles Greenhand Conference with State FFA Officers!

National FFA Convention: This year, the National FFA Convention was held October 21st-24th. Members that attended this trip had the opportunity to tour the CEARC Greenhouse and Waterman Farm Tour at OSU, tour Trader Points Creamery and the Indiana Zoo, attend several convention sessions, the Avery Anna and Ty Myers concert, a rodeo, and the Buckeye Bash! *Peyton Davis, Greta Helser, Alayna Leppert, Reese Melton, and Cooper Singleton* competed at the national level in the Agricultural Issues CDE, where they earned a bronze rating. We are incredibly proud of all of these members for their hard work. We also were able to see A-C FFA graduate members, *Braleigh Blosser, Madison Cordle, and Travis Spence* receive their American FFA Degrees, which is an incredible accomplishment. We had an amazing run this year at the National FFA Convention!



A-C FFA Members at Lucas Oil Stadium after American Degree Ceremony!

National Champion at National FFA Convention: Also at this year's National FFA Convention, a graduate member of our FFA Chapter, *Emma Strickler,* earned the National Championship in the area of Extemporaneous Public Speaking. This makes Chapter history, as A-C FFA has never had a national winning CDE team, let alone an individual.

Emma's speaking journey:
Freshman year: 3rd in the State in FFA Creed Public Speaking
Sophomore year: 1st in the State in Beginning Prepared Public Speaking
Junior year: 1st in the State in Advanced Prepared Public Speaking, 5th in the Nation in Advanced Prepared Public Speaking
Senior year: 1st in the State in Extemporaneous Public Speaking, 1st in the Nation in Extemporaneous Public Speaking

Emma has also been extremely successful in other FFA CDE competitions throughout her high school FFA career. She has earned State Championships in the area of Agricultural Issues and Agricultural Communications, and earned banners in the areas of Job Interview and Agricultural Sales.

We are beyoud proud of *Emma* for her constant dedication towards her public speaking career. Congratulations!



Mr. Sharp and Emma Strickler after being named as the National Champion in Extemporaneous Public Speaking!



