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October FFA Meeting

The next monthly A-C FFA meeting will be held on Monday, October 19th at 7 P.M. in the Ag center. The Ag challenge for this meeting will be posted at a later date. We hope to see everyone there!

Upcoming Events

Hog Roast: The annual A-C FFA Hog Roast will be held on October 1st at 6 P.M. in the high school cafeteria. All members and their families are invited to attend! We will have several activities provided such as apple bobbing, a pumpkin carving contest, and a 50/50 raffle! All the proceeds from this event will help fund our Chapter's upcoming National Convention trip. Freshman, sophomores, and juniors are asked to bring a covered dish, and seniors are asked to bring a dessert item. Please be sure to bring your own table service. We would love to see you all there!

Ag Breakfast: The October Ag Breakfast will be held at Chick-Fil-A at 6:15 A.M. on October 2nd. 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!

A-C FFA Alumni Fry Booth: Fry Sales at the FFA Trailer will take place during all of the home football games. The dates of home football games this month are October 2nd, 9th, and 16th. 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 also count towards activity points. Make sure to stop by and get some yummy fries or a dilly bar during the game!

Fall Fruit and Snack Sale: A-C FFA will be starting their annual Fall Fruit and Snack Sale on October 8th. This is an amazing opportunity to raise money for our Chapter, as well as gain FFA Buxx and activity points. More information will come at a later date!

Fairfield County Fair Booth Set Up: Our Chapter will be helping with the Fairfield County Fair Booth Set-Up on October 9th from 3-5 P.M. This will count as a community service activity and counts towards activity points. Sign-ups will come out soon!

Versailles Greenhand Conference: The Versailles Greenhand Conference will take place October 17th from 9 A.M. - 1:30 P.M. This event is open to all 8th grade and freshman Ag students who are interested. Sign-up forms will be passed out in class. This is a great way to get more involved with FFA and see what it's all about!

National FFA Convention: This year, the National FFA Convention will be held October 21st–24th. Members attending the trip will have the opportunity to participate in educational tours, attend convention sessions, and enjoy events such as the rodeo, concert, and the Buckeye Bash. We would like to wish *Peyton Davis, Greta Helser, Alayna Leppert, Reese Melton, and Cooper Singleton* the best of luck as they will compete at the national level in the Agricultural Issues CDE. We would also like to wish *Emma Strickler* good luck as she will compete at the national level in the Extemporaneous Public Speaking CDE. A-C FFA has had a state winning, national competition team or individual in Ag Comm, Ag Issues, Public Speaking, or Job Interview 25 of the last 26 years since 2000. We are incredibly proud of all of you and wish you luck! We will also be able to see current A-C FFA graduate members, *Braleigh Blosser, Madison Cordle, and Travis Spence* receive their American FFA Degrees, which is the highest degree that the FFA can bestow upon its members. We are looking forward to another exciting and memorable year at the National FFA Convention!

Upcoming Career Development Events

Wilmington Job Interview CDE: The Wilmington Job Interview Invitational prelims were held via zoom on September 28th for middle schoolers, sophomores, and seniors and on September 30th for freshman and juniors. We had several members compete in this invitational contest; *Haylie Blosser, Sadie Hoffman, Avery Strickler* competed in the middle school division, *Kenzi Lamp, Annalyn Liston, Peyton Roberts, and Ellie Stewart* competed in the Freshman division, *Peyton Davis* competed in the Sophmore division, *Riley Strickler* competed in the Junior divison, and *Greta Helser* competed in the first-year Senior division. All of our members did an exceptional job and will all be moving on to finals. Finals will be held at Wilmington High School on October 3rd at 9 A.M. Good luck to all members! Results will be announced on our instagram (@acffa) and in the next newsletter.

County Job Interview: The Fairfield County Job Interview CDE will take place at Liberty Union High School on October 8th at 4 P.M. We have several members who have been working extremely hard towards this competition! The results will be announced on our instagram (@acffa) and in the next newsletter. Great luck to all of these members.

Past Happenings

Knox County Forestry Invitational CDE: On September 10th, *Olivia Chaffin, Isabella Lowe, McKenna May, Reese Melton, Peyton Roberts, Elizabeth Schwartz, and Logan Weidner* all participated in the Knox County Forestry Invitational. This was an amazing opportunity for our members to learn more about forestry and get in extra practice before the State competition. Great job everyone!



A-C FFA Members at the Knox County Forestry Invitational!

Big E: A-C FFA member *Troy Busch* recently represented the state of Ohio in the Eastern Region Extemporaneous Public Speaking CDE at the Big E in Springfield, Massachusetts. Competing against students from 18 states, *Troy* earned an outstanding 4th place finish overall! Along with competing, *Troy* and his fellow FFA members, *Cecelia Kerns and Demi Lee,* as well as advisors *Mr. Bennett and Mr. Eastep* enjoyed educational and sightseeing experiences throughout their trip. They visited the Hersheys Chocolate World Museum, went on the famous Duck Boat Tour, toured the Museum of Ice Cream and the Boston Tea Party Museum. They also made a final stop at Niagara Falls on their way home. We are beyond proud of *Troy* for this outstanding accomplishment!



A-C FFA Members at Big E Awards Banquet!

State Officer Visit: On September 16th, our State FFA President, *Austin Manning* and State FFA Treasurer, *Claire Loudon* visited our Chapter. This allowed for our members to participate in hands-on activities to strengthen their leadership skills by participating in hands-on workshop activities put on by the State Officers. Thank you to *Austin* and *Claire* for such a memorable day!

Farm Science Review: Once again this year, our Chapter attended the Farm Science Review on September 22nd. Our students learned about all different types of modern day agricultural equipment and were able to learn about several different peoples role in agriculture by playing games and participating in hands-on activities. This is always such a fascinating and educational experience for our students to be a part of!



A-C FFA Members at Farm Science Review!

Ohio Legislative Leadership Conference: *Samantha Buckley, Reese Melton, Bella Metz, and Riley Strickler* all traveled to Columbus, Ohio on September 22nd to attend the Ohio Legislative Leadership Conference. These members participated in a simulation where they stepped into the roles of both lobbyists and legislators, and debated the pros and cons of different Ohio House Bills. Our members also had the opportunity to explore the Statehouse, visit with the director of state policy from the Ohio Farm Bureau, *Evan Callicoat*, hear from several amazing speakers during a luncheon, and visit with the State FFA Officers. This is always an amazing experience for our FFA members and they always come back with exceptional leadership skills and unforgettable memories from this activity!



A-C FFA Officers at OLLC with State FFA President, Austin Manning!

State Forestry CDE: On September 26th, our Forestry CDE team consisting of *Coltyn Anderson, Olivia Chaffin, Reese Melton, and Justin Seymour* traveled to Hocking College to compete in the State Forestry CDE. These members did an exceptional job at the state competition, placing 3rd out of 25 teams in the entire state of Ohio, which is a very impressive accomplishment. We are so proud of all of these members for their hard work and determination towards this CDE!



A-C FFA Members at State Forestry CDE!