



Willard FFA Newsletter

Willard FFA Chapter Updates and News

January - February 2017

Willard FFA members compete in County, Sub-District and District Public Speaking

Willard FFA had three members compete in the public speaking career development event at the county, subdistrict, and district levels! The purpose of the Public Speaking contest is to develop agricultural leadership by providing FFA members the opportunity to develop oral communication skills through Agricultural Public Speaking activities.

Regan Hartz competed in the creed speaking contest. She recited the FFA creed by EM Tiffany. Regan placed 1st at the county level, 2nd place at the sub district contest, and took 7th place in the district. Regan will also recite the creed at our annual FFA awards and appreciation banquet.

Zoey Hartz participated in beginning prepared speaking. She wrote a speech on the livestock care standards board and the role they play in Ohio's animal agriculture. Zoey placed 1st at the county contest, 2nd place at sub-district contest, and took 4th in the district.

Annie Cummings participated in extemporaneous speaking. Annie drew a topic upon arriving at each contest in which she has 30 mins to prepare a 5-7 minute speech. She would then give the speech to a panel of judges. Annie placed 4th at the county contest, 2nd in the sub-districts, and took 7th place in the district



Public Speaking participants From Left to Right: Zoey Hartz, Annie Cummings, Regan Hartz

Tractor Supply FFA Promo

Willard FFA members spent a Saturday and Sunday afternoon promoting our chapter at the Willard Tractor Supply. Members shared with community members the opportunities available for premier leadership, personal growth, and career success for students. Shoppers could donate \$1 at checkout to show their support for FFA. The funds from these purchases go towards grants to provide classroom materials FFA chapters and scholarships for FFA graduates.



Members pictured: Zoey Hartz, Ivy Smith, and Regan Hartz

Ohio State ATI Campus Tour

Willard FFA juniors and senior members spent the day at The Ohio State University Agricultural Technical Institute touring the campus and learning about opportunities available. FFA members experienced campus including the livestock facilities, greenhouses, academic buildings, and housing options. They were able to chat with an admission counselor about the option of studying at OSU ATI.



Touring ATI's new cattle management system designed by Dr. Temple Grandin



Wishing we were on a tropical island! Checking out OSU ATI's conservatory!

Celebrating FFA WEEK

(Feb 20- Feb 24)

FFA WEEK!

Tuesday:

Elementary Lessons
Children's Miracle Network Video at Lunch
to Kick of "KISS THE PIG" fundraiser

Wednesday:

Duck Pond Ag Trivia at Lunch

Thursday:

Teacher Appreciation Breakfast
Fancy Threads Thursday- Dress up and Official
Dress day
Taste Test at Lunch- Gluten Free vs Whole
Grain

Friday:

FFA Assembly- End of the Day
Dress like a Farmer Day
Soil Judging at Lunch

FFA WEEK 2017

TRANSFORM

Tuesday:

Willard FFA members taught agriculture lessons to Willard Elementary students in preschool and 2nd grade. The preschool classes learned about wheat and apple production. 2nd grade learned about corn production. Each lesson included a hands-on activity! Willard FFA hopes to implement a PALS (Partners in Active Learning) program next year to teach elementary lessons once a month.





Lunchtime activities

During FFA week, the Willard FFA chapter strives to get the whole school involved in ag education and FFA promotion! On Wednesday of FFA week, we offered “Duck pond” trivia at lunch. All middle and high school students could choose a duck and answer the coordinating trivia question to win candy!

On Thursday, all students were encouraged to taste test pasta of whole wheat and gluten free varieties. This was part of our “food for thought” campaign to show students that foods labeled “gluten free” aren't always the healthier choice.

On Friday, we offered a glimpse at a CDE contest by allowing all students the opportunity to judge some soil textures. 4 soil types were supplied and students could examine and feel the samples to determine the soil type.

FFA week cont...

The Willard FFA Chapter celebrates National FFA Week!



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FFA members quizzing WMS students on their Agriculture knowledge with Duck Pond Trivia



Teacher and Staff Appreciation Breakfast

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Willard FFA members hosted a teacher and staff appreciation breakfast during FFA week to thank our support system within WHS and WMS. We served pancakes, fruits, and juice.



Taste Testers at Lunch

Kiss the Pig Fundraiser

The Willard FFA Chapter hosted a fundraiser for Nationwide Children's Hospital during FFA week. Students could donate money towards the teacher that they wanted to see kiss the pig. There were 4 middle school and 4 high school teacher who agreed to participate in the fundraiser.

Our school raise \$118.00 to donate to Children's Hospital through the fundraiser. Our chapter voted to add additional chapter funds in order to send a \$200 donation to the hospital.

Mrs. Freed and Mrs. Light were the teachers who had to kiss the pig.

Thank you to all who donated and to the teachers who agreed to participate.



Mr. Crawford won "best dressed" on Dress like a Farmer Day



FFA Assembly

In celebration of FFA Week, the Willard FFA Chapter hosted a school wide assembly. During the time, members performed a skit titled "If I weren't an FFA member..." We also invited students and teachers to participate in various relay races including stick ponies, egg and spoon, wheel barrow races, and a balloon/fly swatter race.

FFA Seniors had the opportunity to share out about the impact FFA had on them during their high school career. Seniors this year include: Annie Cummings, Kathleen Schaaf, Rebecca Blanton, Derek Wilson, Brayden Niedermier, and Gabe Orozco.



Upcoming FFA Events and Activities



February 2nd- Regional Evaluation of State Degrees, American Degrees, and Proficiencies

February 6th- ATI Campus Tour with FFA Jrs & Srs.

February 15th- Sub-District Public Speaking at Plymouth High School

February 18th-25th- FFA Week Celebration

February 22nd- District Public Speaking at Wellington

February 25th- ATI Livestock Judging Contest- Wooster

March 11th- ATI Dairy Judging Contest- Wooster

March 15th- Livestock and Dairy Exams- Online

March 16th- Willard FFA Banquet

March 18th- Dairy and Livestock Ashland Invitational

March 25th- State Livestock

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Congratulations to our new Greenhand Degree Recipients



2016-2017 Willard FFA Officer Team

President- Derek Wilson

Vice President- Rebecca Blanton

Secretary- Lesley Burton

Treasurer- Pressley Buurma

Reporter- Caley Legg

Sentinel- Annie Cummings

Student Advisor- Phillip Bogner

