

Athens FFA

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2014

Athens Competes in Dairy Foods CDE

Wednesday, December 3rd, marked the date for Section 14's Dairy Foods CDE. This year's team was comprised of Danielle Cornwell, Jessica Harding, Justin Myers, Abbigail Stuebs, Jacqueline Stuebs, and Hailee Weisenberger.

The contest consisted of four rounds: a written test over the dairy industry, the identification of a variety of milk defects from given samples, identifying the type of cheese from given samples, and determining whether or not common dairy products were real or artificially made.

Our chapter placed 5th overall with its top individual being Jessica Harding, placing 9th overall in individual scoring. I would also like to thank AC Central for hosting Dairy Foods CDE and to Mr. Brown and Mr. Butler for chaperoning the trip.



Pictured from right to left: Abbigail S., Jessica H., Hailee W., Katelyn H., Kayla R., Danielle C., Justin M..

Fruit Sales

For those of you who sold fruit, orders are in! Fruit sales help to fund several trips and scholarships from the Athens FFA, such as the annual FFA Ski Trip, and ensures that our chapter is able to provide a variety of opportunities for its members. Thank you to all who sold fruit and make sure to pick up your order and get them delivered.

Treats for Troops

The annual Treats for Troops Drive ended last Friday, December 5. The drive is set up to provide gifts and much needed supplies to the soldiers overseas. It is a way for members and non-members to reach out and to show their appreciation for our armed forces, who may or may not be celebrating their Christmas at home. Special thanks goes out to all who donated to this cause.

Meet State FFA Treasurer Willow Krumwiede

This month we have the privilege of reading about former Section 14 member and 2014-2015 State FFA Treasurer Willow Krumwiede. The purpose of this interview is to educate members on the opportunities and long-term impacts that can result from getting involved with the FFA.

What pushed you to get actively involved with the FFA?

Definitely my advisors! Mrs. Pech and Mrs. Heavner have always pushed me to achieve my full potential as an FFA member.

Which leadership skills learned through the FFA have had the greatest impact on your everyday life?

Communication skills are very important - whether you're working with members or sponsors it's important to know how to talk to people.



Has your perspective on the FFA changed since you became a State officer?

Well, I'm seeing FFA from the perspective of a State Officer now so I suppose you could say my perspective has "changed". My opinion on FFA is as positive as ever!

How has the FFA helped you to become the person you are today?

The FFA has everything to do with who I am today. Because of FFA I have met some of my best friends, made some of my greatest memories, and have even been lead to my career choice.



Turnip Day 2014

On Monday, November 24th, the Athens FFA participated in the USDA Community Garden's annual Turnip Day. The purpose of Turnip Day is to get the community involved in harvesting the thousands of turnips planted each year that will be given to local food pantries to help families in need. As well as improving their community service skills, members were able to develop good interview skills through an on-scene reporter from News Channel 20. Thank you to all who volunteered their time to give back to the community around them.

Festival of Trees

On Wednesday, November 26th, our chapter took part in Memorial's Festival of Trees, a local tradition that highlights locally decorated trees, wreaths, swags, and gingerbread houses. The group was split up between helping with children's crafts and helping to tend to the needs of the refreshment stand. Members were able to develop good customer relation skills and were able to bring Christmas cheer to the people in their community. A special thanks goes out to Mr. Brown for transportation to the fairgrounds and to those members who volunteered to help with transportation back home.



From right to left: Abbigail S., Kelly C., Hayley C., Danielle C., Santa C., Alli M., Justin M., Lea K.

Section 14 Agronomy CDE

Wednesday, November 19th, marked the date of Section 14 Agronomy CDE. Those who participated were Lea Kissick, Justin Myers, Abbigail Stuebs, Jacqueline Stuebs, and Kayla Richards.

Participants were required to identify an array of crop plants from their seeds as well as weeds from their seeds and a live or preserved specimen. Contestants also had to identify a selection of insects and their life cycle and economical impact and rate hay, wheat, and soybean samples from best to worst quality.

Congratulations to the team for placing third, Lea Kissick for placing 7th overall, and Justin Myers for placing 10th overall. A thanks goes out to Williamsville High School for hosting the event and to Mr. Brown for chaperoning.



ACNN

The Athens FFA has the Athens Chapter News Network (ACNN). This is a short clip of recent and upcoming Chapter news. It can be accessed by visiting the Chapter website or by visiting the Chapter YouTube channel.

Members of the Month

The Members of the Month for December are Skyla Jewell and Katelyn Holliday.

Skyla was chosen due to her exceptional dedication and positive attitude towards helping the Chapter out. She demonstrates good leadership and dedication in the FFA.

Katelyn was nominated for her want to get more involved with our chapter. She exemplifies dedication and genuine interest in the FFA and her chapter.

To Chapter Officers:

- > Secret Santa gifts will be given out December 15th, 16th, and 17th. Officers should have gotten a \$2, \$2, and \$5 gift for to be given on those days.
- > Officer surveys have been given out. These will be summarized and will become your Officer bio on the website. Please return them by next Wednesday so that they can be put on the site.

Chapter Website Update

Chapter Reporter Justin Myers is pleased to announce the launch of the new Athens FFA Chapter website! The website is home to information on events, information on your Chapter officers, helpful resources, and is the homepage for the Athens Chapter News Network. If you haven't already taken a look at it, be sure to visit www.athensffa.wix.com/athens-ffa and see for yourself.



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