



## **Amanda-Clearcreek FFA News**

### ***Fall, 2023***

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#### **Next FFA Meeting**

This month's FFA meeting will be held on October 17th in the cafetorium at 7:00 PM. This month's Ag Challenge will be team pizza eating. Two males and two females from each class will be needed to completely eat a large pizza in the shortest time possible. The toppings on the pizza will be chosen by the chapter advisors. Individuals who have participated in previous 'individual' challenges are eligible for this challenge.

#### **Upcoming Events**

##### **Fall Trap Shoot**

Currently, the Fall Trap Shoot is on hold. The chapter is discussing if there is interest and if there is a location where it can be held.

##### **Ohio Legislative Leadership Conference (OLLC)**

On Wednesday, September 27th, members from the Ohio Farm Bureau will be leading a workshop in the morning, teaching FFA members how the government systems work and how to inform high government officials about our educational programs. Members then get to eat a catered lunch with many of the state legislatures. The FFA officers from our chapter that are attending the Ohio Legislative Leadership Conference this year are: *Peter Smith, Maddie Cordle, Haley Robinson, and Maddie Matheny.*

##### **Fairfield County Fair Exhibits**

Our chapter members have been busily working on learning projects in class that will be displayed at the Fairfield County Fair in the FFA booth in early October. Expect to see plumbing, concrete, welding, advertisements, forestry tree ID scrapbooks and electrical projects. Plus, good luck to *Tanner Rose* with his market hog projects that he is taking to the fair through FFA.

### **National FFA Convention**

The National FFA Convention, the largest youth convention in the world, is coming up fast. FFA members had the opportunity to apply to attend the chapter trip which is in November. More information will be in the next newsletter as to what our chapter has going at the convention. Needless to say, our chapter will be busy!

### **Fruit & Snack Sale**

The Fruit & Snack sale will be starting soon - watch for FFA members with sale information.

### **Past Happenings**

#### **Top Spring Fund Raiser's Camping Trip**



This past spring, 11 students attended the top spring fund raiser's camping trip to Ohiopyle, PA. They went white water rafting on the Youghiogheny River, explored the town of Ohiopyle, toured the 9/11 Memorial at Shanksville, PA and toured Fallingwater, a Frank Lloyd Wright home. To attend this trip, these students had to sell over 250 bags of mulch and be in the top 15 in sales for the chapter. This trip is always one of the last of the school year and a blast for those who go.

### **A-C Alumni Thad Davis 5k Run/Walk**

The Thad Davis Memorial 5K Run/Walk, sponsored by the A-C Alumni Association, was held on Saturday, June 17th. The FFA was again asked to help and had eight members help with this event. The proceeds went to the Amanda-Clearcreek Alumni Scholarship Fund.

### **Officer Retreat**

This year the 2023-2024 officer team took their annual team retreat to Ohio FFA camp retreat center. On the trip we did many fun activities including zip lining, high ropes and visited the Stan Hywet Hall & Gardens. The team did many team building activities to learn to work collaboratively, as well as planning for the upcoming year.

### **Washington Leadership Conference**



This past summer our chapter sent two students, *Peter Smith* and *Maddie Matheny*, to the Washington Leadership Conference held annually in Washington D.C. *Peter* and *Maddie* both were educated on what it takes to be a leader and what they need to bring back to our chapter to further improve it. While they were there, they went on multiple tours of the various monuments and got to spend time with other FFA members around the nation, where lifelong friendships were created. *Peter* and *Maddie* had this conference paid for by donations the chapter has received in the memory of Rusty

Bowers and Becky Strickler, both FFA members who were lost due to accidents in past years.

### **Pelotonia**

Since its inception, the A-C FFA has worked to help the Pelotonia raise money which is used for cancer cure research. Originally, this fundraising bike ride came through Amanda but it now follows a different route. This year our chapter took 18

students to be volunteers to help set up for the bike race. These students helped take down tables and chairs, as well as set up bike racks. For more information, go to: <https://www.pelotonia.org/>

### **Summer FFA Camp**



Amanda-Clearcreek FFA chapter members went to the 5th session of FFA Camp again this summer, which was held from July 10th through the 14th. The theme for camp this year was ‘Welcome to Hollywood’. As always, FFA Camp is a great opportunity for members to meet new people and learn better leadership skills. At camp, FFA members can kayak, canoe, motorboat, participate in sports tournaments, complete a high ropes course, and/or shoot a shotgun, rifle or learn archery. All of the members who attended camp gained leadership skills, unforgettable memories and friends that will last a lifetime. We had 21 FFA members from Amanda-Clearcreek attend the fifth session of FFA camp this year. 8 of those students were incoming freshmen.

### **Farm Science Review**

The Ag. Ed. classes took a field trip to the Farm Science Review on Tuesday, September 19th. This event was open to all four grade levels and we had 52 students attend. Thank you to A-C FFA Alumni members *Joel Spires, Tim Cordle*



and *Ben Blosser* for helping to chaperone this trip. At the event, students got to walk around and look at the newest agricultural technologies.

### **Franklin Park Conservatory Field to Table Event**



The Franklin Park Conservatory puts on the ‘Field to Table’ annually in August. For many years, the chapter has assisted with the operation of this agricultural awareness and fundraising event. Every year the chapter sends multiple members to this event to represent FFA by taking pictures of people with an antique tractor loaned out to the event by members of the Franklin County Farm Bureau.

### **Hog Roast**

This year’s annual Hog Roast took place on Wednesday, August 30th at 7:00 P.M. in the high school cafeteria. This event is a potluck, so all FFA members in attendance were asked to bring a food item depending on each grade level. Community members and A-C FFA Alumni members are also invited to attend. Our FFA Chapter provided the roast hog, dinner rolls and drinks. The Hog Roast was an enjoyable social event with amazing food for the chapter members, their families and community supporters. We were pleased to see more members and their families in attendance this year. We are hoping the change from November to August helped with this increased attendance.

## **Upcoming CDE's**

### **Forestry CDE**

Members competing in the Forestry Career Development Event have the chance to learn how to identify different kinds of trees, forestry tools, how many board feet of lumber can be cut and used from a tree, how to use a compass and how to identify the type of wood used in everyday products. This CDE also consists of bark and leaf ID and an online test. Members who choose to sign up for this contest must also complete two practicums. The practicums for this year are chainsaw parts ID, map reading and forest diseases/pests. Mr. Tilley is coaching the Forestry CDE team again this year. The team will be competing in the state contest on Saturday, September 30th.

### **Job Interview CDEs**

The Job Interview CDE, referred to as the Employment Skills LDE at the national level, is a competition where individuals learn to apply for and interview for a job. Participants learn how to complete a resume, job application, interview and then write a follow-up letter. The chapter is allowed to send one member at each grade level plus a first-year junior or senior. This year's chapter representatives are:

Freshman - *Makenna Singleton*

Sophomore - *Emma Strickler*

Junior - *Maddie Cordle*

Senior - *Madelyn Anderson*

This group has a lot to live up to as our chapter had the state winner, *Jillian Bennett*, last year who is preparing to compete at the national level in November.

### **Animal Management CDE & Aquarium Management CDE**

These contests deal with animals of various kinds, including just about everything found in a pet store. An online test is the first elimination level for these CDEs. If interested in learning more about animals, see Mr. Tilley

### **Agricultural Technical & Mechanical Systems CDE**

If you have an interest in mechanics, you might be interested in this CDE. See Mr. Tilley for more information on this upcoming CDE.