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WR FFA Newsletter

Welcome Back!

By: Hayley Beck

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Summer is over and school is back. Our chapter had a very successful summer. Five members went to WLC, Safety Town went great, 11 members went to FFA Camp, The float in the parade turned out great. We had a good turnout at the Baby land tent at fair, and members did a good job on all their projects, but just because summer is over doesn't mean the fun stops.

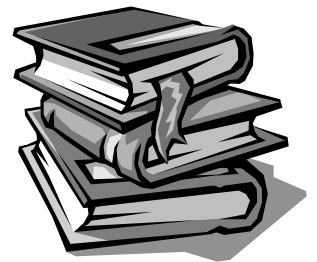
This year the chapter will be doing a lot. We will be involved

in many contests, attend National and State convention and do a lot of really fun and educational stuff that everyone will want to be a part of.

To keep everyone on the same page and so that no one misses out on anything a newsletter will be sent out monthly. The newsletter will be just like this one and have all the information that you will need. Also fun activities to do and interviews of officers

and members so that you know a little bit more about the members in the chapter.

It is my goal as the news reporter to make sure everyone is well informed so if you have any questions or suggestions please e-mail me at wr_ffa@student.western-reserve.org



New Members

By: Hayley Beck

Last year we had over 80 members in our chapter, with nearly 40 of them being freshman. This year the chapter now has 95 members! The new freshman class has many new

members that will make the chapter grow. It is very exciting to have so many new members

We hope all the new members have a great year.



Fair Success

By: Hayley Beck



Brad Beck- Premier Crop Exhibitor, Best NK Soybean Exhibit, Top Overall Soybeans, Best Display Stalks of Wheat, 2nd Best Display Small Grain, along with multiple ribbons. Hayley Beck- 2nd Best Exhibit Soybeans, along with one 1st, five 2nd places, and one 3rd in various crops. John Sherman- Best Display Small Grains, Top Overall Wheat, Best Pioneer Corn Exhibit, Best Golden Harvest Corn Exhibit, Top Overall Corn, Second

Best Display Stalks of Wheat, Stalks of Corn, Ears of Corn, and Shelled Corn. Sherman also received three 3rd place ribbons for his sheep.

Lindsey Bement- 1st Place Beginner Showmanship for Meat Goats, along with Kyle Kidd taking 2nd place and Amanda Combs taking 5th Place in the same class. Bement also took 2nd place in Meat Does, Intermediate Kid.

Amanda Combs also placed 4th in 16-year-old Dairy Feeder Calf Showmanship, and she took 1st place in her class for Dairy Feeder Calf. Laina Roberts- 4th place in

Snaffle Performance and 5th place in the Senior Western Pleasure Class with her horse.

Erik Hansberger- Grand Champion Beef Carcass, 1st place in the livestock judging contest, while Jordan Timbs placed 5th in the same contest. Their team placed 2nd overall. Timbs took 1st place in the 16-year-old Swine Showmanship. Matt Scheerer - Grand Champion Dairy Feeder Calf, also he placed 2nd in the 14-year-old Dairy Feeder Calf Showmanship and took 1st place in the Dairy Steer Showmanship.

Greenhand Camp

By: Hayley Beck

In FFA, there are 4 degrees that members can receive. American, State, Chapter, and Greenhand. The first year members receive the Greenhand Degree.

Every year there is a camp especially for Greenhand Degree recipients. Last year the two members that went to

camp were Matt Scheerer and Chelsea Jackson. Matt Scheerer said "It was a lot of fun and I met a lot of new people."

This year the camp is from September 25th to the 27th. The camp is held a Camp Muskingum, which is Ohio's FFA camp. Any first year member is

welcome to go. The cost of the camp is \$25. The six members that will be attending this year are Katie Martin, Dan Keith, Colton Braker, Garrett Hartman, Hayley Craft, and Brittney Freeman. Have Fun!



National Convention

By: Hayley Beck

National Convention is from October 21st to October 24th. The convention will be held in Indianapolis, Indiana. The chaperones will be Mrs. French and Mrs. Beck. The Group will be staying at Springhill Suites by Marriot, in Carmel, Indiana.

During the convention the members will be attending convention sessions, a Toby

Keith concert, tour a chocolate factory, attend the Buckeye Bash, tour the Fair Oaks Dairy Farm, and many more fun filled events. The convention will cost \$250. The first payment of \$100 is due by Friday September 18th. And the second \$100 is due by October 6th.

Senior officer, Erin

Koehler says " The Buckeye Bash is a lot of fun, you get to see people from all over Ohio."

Mrs. French adds, "this is a trip that rewards FFA members that have put countless hours into this organization while allowing them the opportunity to explore options for their futures in agriculture."

WR FFA Day

By: Hayley Beck

To replace attending the Farm Science Review this year we will hold an event that all FFA members will benefit from. All are invited to take a field trip to Camp Conger for a day of team-

building and leadership games on September 28th.

All members will be included in this event unless the student is failing a class. In that case the members will have to stay in school for the

day.

This day will be filled with leadership and personal development activities and will also highlight for the 40 new members, how they can become involved in the FFA.

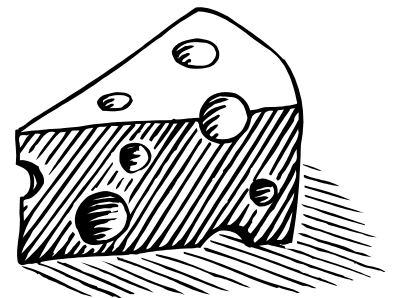
Fruit and Cheese Sales

By: Hayley Beck

On October 9th the chapter will have a meeting after school at 2:30-3:00pm.

Along with the meeting the chapter will start the Annual Fruit and

Cheese Sale. The sale will continue through November 6th. Money will be due with the order form. All WR FFA members will have order forms along with the school's main office.



About the Officers

Secretary: Erin Koehler

Birthday: March 1st

Grade: 12

Years being an Officer: 2

Siblings: Brother, Robert
Sister, Beth

Favorite Holiday: Halloween

Favorite Song: Hotel Cali-
fornia By: The Eagles

Favorite Animal: Cow

Favorite Movie: Nightmare

Before Christmas

Favorite Color: Purple

Favorite FFA Event: 3rd
Day Ag Day and contests.

Why did you join FFA? :

FFA Awards: Greenhand
Degree, Chapter Degree,
Blue & Gold Award, and
Gold Rating on her Secre-
tary's book.

Advise to New Members:

Try everything once so you
don't regret anything.

Treasurer: Hope Spishak

Birthday: April 10th

Grade: 12

Years being an Officer: 2

Siblings: 2 Brothers, Mike
and Rob

Favorite Holiday: Easter

Favorite Song: I've got a
Feelin By: Billy Currington

Favorite Animal: Minia-
ture Donkey

Favorite Movie: Walk the

Line

Favorite Color: Yellow

Favorite FFA Event: Public
Speaking

Why did you join FFA? :

"Because of my love for ag-
riculture"

FFA Awards: Greenhand,
Chapter, and State Degree.

Advise to New Members:

Do everything that you can

and don't listen to every-
one, think for yourself.

Member Interviews

Freshman: Natalie Robson

<p> Birthday: May 22nd Years in FFA: 1 Siblings: Brother, Kyle Favorite Color: Pink Favorite Sport: Volleyball and Basketball Favorite Song: I got a Feelin </p>	<p> By: Black Eyed Peas Favorite Animal: Dog Why did you join FFA: "I thought it would be a good learning experience and a great opportunity to learn more about agriculture" </p>
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Sophomore: Jayla Riley

<p> Birthday: November 17th Years in FFA: 2 Favorite Colors: Orange and Yellow Favorite Song: "Amarillo Sky" By: Jason Aldean Favorite FFA Event: FFA </p>	<p> Camp Favorite Animal: Horse Advise to New Members: Participate in as many events as possible. Why did you join FFA: For the experience and </p>	<p> to meet new people. FFA Awards: Greenhand Degree </p>
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Junior: Laina Roberts

<p> Birthday: August 19th Years in FFA: 3 Favorite Color: Yellow Favorite Song: All you Need Written by Laina Favorite FFA Event: FFA Camp and Fair </p>	<p> Favorite Animal: Horse Advise to New Members: Have fun and don't be afraid to try new things. Why did you join FFA: " I'm very interested in agriculture and I thought it would be a </p>	<p> great learning experience. FFA Awards: Greenhand and Chapter Degree. </p>
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Senior: Brett Grandy

<p> Birthday: July 9th Years in FFA: 3 Favorite Color: Blue Favorite Song: Man in the Mirror By: Michael Jackson Favorite FFA Event: FFA Week </p>	<p> Favorite Animal: Cow Advise to New Members: "Don't stop til you get enough" Why did you join FFA: To learn how to be a farmer. FFA Awards: Greenhand and Chapter Degree </p>
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Fall Calendars

▶ September 2009

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7 No School	8	9	10	11	12
13	14 No School	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25 Greenhand	26 Camp —
27	28	29	30			

▶ October 2009

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2	3 Homecoming
4	5	6	7	8	9 After School Meeting	10 Fall Fun Fest
11	12 No School	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21 National	22 Convention	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	31

All About FFA

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flag

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national convention
owl
plow
rising sun
state convention

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Advisor's Corner By: Mrs. Libby French

Thanks to our supporters

Welcome back! It's hard to believe that another school year is in full swing! I am proud to announce that our Western Reserve FFA Chapter continues to grow in membership and is now at 95 students! I am also very proud to announce that the team of 11 officers at the helm are all outstanding, dedicated, and work very well together as a team. Along with strong leadership, this chapter is blessed with a *very* supportive staff, administration, school board, and community (which of course, includes all of the FFA parents!). I was reminded of this when I attended Ohio FFA Camp with 11 of

our students this July. As I listened to stories of cuts and school funding in other districts I felt the strong need to thank our administration, staff, community and school board for allowing our students to gain the FFA experience to further become leaders in our school and community. So- I am taking this opportunity to thank each and every one of you who have contributed to and supported this FFA Chapter from the bottom of my heart! I also extend the challenge to FFA parents and community supporters to also thank our administration, staff, and school board members when you have the opportunity or come into

contact with one of them. This chapter exists to support the students who are impacted by the FFA organization and to further their education of agriculture, regardless of if they live on a farm or not. Thank you for continuing to support our WR FFA members!

As a closing request- we are facilitating the first ever WR FFA Day on Monday, Sept. 28th and I am looking for parent volunteers to help with the management of the day. We will be at Camp Conger from 8:15 am- 1:30 pm. If you are available and willing, call me at 419-668-8470 ext. 2038.

Believing in the future of agriculture,

Mrs. Libby French
