

SEPTEMBER, 2013

Upcoming Events

- October 1:
Area 10 Skate
Party
- October 2:
Alumni Mtg @
7pm
- October 4:
Farm Fest
- October 9:
FFA Mtg @
7:30am
- October 12:
Haunted Corn
Maze
- October 15: Fruit
and Meat Sales
End
- October 19:
Haunted Corn
Maze
- October 24: Area
10 Barnwarming
- October 30 -
November 2:
National FFA
Convention
- November 7:
Area 10 Public
Speaking
- November 13:
FFA Mtg @
7:30am
- November 14:
District Fall Public
Speaking
- November 15:
Chapter FFA
Barnwarming
- November 20:
Greenhand/
Chapter Degree
Banquet

Weaubleau FFA Newsletter

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Weaubleau FFA Has a Big Summer!

Weaubleau FFA members went paintballing at Paintball Outpost in Springfield, MO to celebrate the end of the school year and to kick off their summer activities. Twenty-seven members attended. The students had fun paintballing and had a great time with their fellow members.

Seven members of the Weaubleau FFA Chapter volunteered at the Hickory County Fair over the summer. They helped with taking tickets, picking up trash and transporting visitors. The members that attended the volunteer day were Meghan Wheeler, Leo Barnett, Kristine Curtis, Konner Hoelscher, Riki Meagher, Chris Baker, and Allissa Kilgore.

Several of our members showed up at the

Weaubleau Park for community service in July. We cleaned up, painted the restrooms, and spread mulch over the play-



Members paintball to kickoff the summer

ground. The members worked hard in the summer heat, and received popsicles and soda for their efforts.

Weaubleau High School held its biannual alumni reunion this year. Members from our chapter worked hard

the day before to set up chairs and tables, and prepare the food. They also worked during the banquet filling drinks, and stayed after to help clean up.

On August 22, 2013, we hosted an Ice Cream Social during the school's open house night. Seventeen FFA members worked the Ice Cream Social. Approximately 220 people attended this event, which helps kick off our school year.

2013 State FFA Convention

Six students qualified to go to the 2013 State FFA Convention on a contest team. Meghan Wheeler, Kyla Minica, Angela Hartman, Katie Burkhart, Logan Chaney, and Peyton Wood competed at the district and state level contests for Ag Issues. This contest required them to present an unbiased report on an agricultural issue.

These members gave an interactive presentation on genetically modified organisms, handing out modified and unmodified popcorn, collectively giving a ten minute speech, and answering seven minutes of questions. The Ag Issues team received 1st place in Area X, 3rd at districts, and 7th at the state level. Meghan Wheeler received the State FFA



Ag Issues-left to right: Angela Hartman, Katie Burkhart, Kyla Minica, Meghan Wheeler, Peyton Wood, Logan Chaney

Degree while at convention this year. This is the highest honor that can be given at the state level, presented to only the top 3% of members. Peyton Wood was one of only 200 members given the honor of singing in the State FFA Choir this year.



Member of the Month:
Gavin Alexander

2013-2014

Weaubleau FFA

Officer Team:

President: Meghan Wheeler

Vice President: Kyla Minica

2nd Vice President: Logan Chaney

Secretary: Konner Hoelscher

Treasurer: Katie Burkhart

Reporter: Angela Hartman

Sentinel: Allissa Kilgore

Historian: Peyton Wood

Chaplin: Christopher Baker

Parliamentarian: Leo Barnett

Assistant Reporter: Kristine Curtis

Weaubleau FFA Chapter Banquet

The Weaubleau Chapter Banquet was held on May 1st, 2013. All members and their families were invited to attend.

This annual event is held to focus on the achievements of individual members throughout the year. Proficiency awards are handed out to each student based on their Supervised Agricultural Experience (SAE).

Awards are also earned by members if they participate in a Career Development Event (CDE) or Leadership Development Event (LDE) competition. The Ag Issues team members were presented

with individual plaques to commemorate their achievements at the area, district, and state levels. Other teams that earned certificates were Dairy Foods, Dairy Cattle, and Entomology.

A select few students are given certificates and plaques for their hard work in record books, SAEs, classroom work, leadership, and helpfulness. Chapter Workhorse awards are given to two members who work hard to benefit the chapter and help without being asked. One record book and one exceptional pupil award is given for every grade.

The Outstanding Freshman and Star Chapter Greenhand awards are given to the two freshman ag students with the best record books, SAEs, participation, and leadership qualities. The Star in Agribusiness is presented to one member with an exceptional SAE in agribusiness, as well as keeping an up to date record book, participating in the chapter, and showing outstanding leadership abilities. The Star Chapter Farmer is awarded to one member with an exceptional SAE, record book, participation, and leadership abilities in any SAE.

Chapter Officers

The Weaubleau FFA Chapter Officers for the 2013-2014 school year were installed at the chapter banquet on May 1st. Students showed up for an interview in April in their official dress. They went through an interview process where Donna Peterman and Julie Proctor asked questions then ranked the members based on their answers. They also took an FFA knowledge test and were ranked based on participation points.

The new officers are Meghan Wheeler-president and Area 10 VP, Kyla Minica-Vice President, Logan Chaney-2nd VP, Konner Hoelscher-Secretary, Katie Burkhart-Treasurer, Angela Hartman-Reporter, Allissa Kilgore-Sentinel, Peyton Wood-Historian, Chris Baker-Chaplin, Leo Barnett-Parliamentarian, and Kristine Curtis-Assistant Reporter.

The officer team has worked hard over the summer,



2013-2014 Officer Team: Back L to R: Peyton Wood, Allissa Kilgore, Kyla Minica, Leo Barnett, Chris Baker, Katie Burkhart, Logan Chaney; Front L to R: Angela Hartman, Konner Hoelscher, Meghan Wheeler, Kristine Curtis

honing their leadership abilities to improve the chapter. They attended two leadership events. The LEAD Conference in Springfield and Area X Chapter Officer Training in Bolivar. They also went on a two day chapter officer retreat at One-Eyed Willy's in Niangua. While there, they went on a float trip, participated in leadership activities, and planned the coming years events.

Chapter Reward Trip

On May 30th, members in the top 15% of participation were invited to go on a paid trip to Silver Dollar City. Konner Hoelscher, Meghan Wheeler, Angela Hartman, Kyla Minica, and Allissa Kilgore attended this event, with Logan Chaney not being able to come.

These members had fun riding the rollercoasters and visiting the attractions. The trip was cut slightly short when a thunderstorm blew in, but these members still had a great time.



Public Speaking Academy



Angela Hartman and Meghan Wheeler

Angela Hartman and Meghan Wheeler attended the Missouri FFA Public Speaking Academy on July 4th through 6th. It was held at the University of Central Missouri. Sixty members attend this

academy each year, where they get to stay in the dorms and work with teachers and state FFA officers on their speech writing and public speaking abilities for two days. On the third day, members present their speech to an audience of their peers and a judge. Angela, who participated in the beginners category, presented an excellent speech on unusual genetically modified

organisms. Meghan, who competed in the advanced division, gave a great speech on the pros and cons of genetically modified organisms. The Missouri FFA Public Speaking Academy director was Jamie Rogers. The four state officers who attended were Mitchell Blehm-1st State VP, Carlee Buckner-Area 15 State VP, Taylor Washburn-State FFA Secretary, and Jonathon Bellis-Area 11 State VP.

“Leadership is not wielding authority - it’s empowering people.”

- Becky Brodin

Area X Summer Events



Members attend the Area X Mixer

Twelve Weaubleau FFA members attended the Area 10 Mixer at Bennett Springs during the summer. At the mixer, they met and “mixed” with members from other chapters in our Area. They were served food and beverages. Brandon Delmont and Brandon Hoard paired up to enter the Super Farmer Contest. They had to go through several challenges which included a Wheel

Barrow Obstacle Course and an Egg Toss. Although they did not win, they did participate valiantly.

On July 18th, twenty-one members went to Camdenton for the Area X trip to Big Surf. Students had fun seeing old friends and making new ones from across the Area. This water park has many slides and a wave pool. Students who attended

were Megan Pribil, Lakota Peppel, Dustin Kenig, Chris Baker, Montana Isenbletter, Rhett Burkhart, Angela Hartman, Riki Meagher, Jalainee Dampier, Allyson Dybdall, Shalee Scott, Austin Nance, Sam Howe, Ashley Packham, Kristine Curtis, Jessica Meyers, Katie Burkhart, Joel Stokes, Logan Chaney, Kaulin Cutbirth, and Jay King.

The Missouri State Fair

On the opening day of the Missouri State Fair, our chapter took twenty two members to Sedalia for two dollar day. Students enjoyed seeing the show animals, riding the various rides, and visiting the FFA building.

The fair had several showcases from various tractor companies, feed producers, and truck manufacturers. Many of the students enjoyed the midway, where they were able to ride the Ferris Wheel and play carnival

games.

FFA members are given the opportunity to win ribbons and money by entering fruits, vegetables, forage grasses, crops, hay, canned goods, and wood or metal projects. Three of our members took advantage of this. Logan Chaney entered several different fruits and vegetables and earned several ribbons. Chris Baker also did well with his fruits and vegetables, but most notably was awarded a gold ribbon for

a bench with a metal frame he made in shop for an FFA project. Meghan Wheeler earned ribbons for her fruit, vegetable, and forage grasses entries, too. She even received reserve grand champion for her red clover seed.



Logan Chaney, Chris Baker, and Meghan Wheeler with their ribbons.



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**Learning to Do, Doing to Learn,
Earning to Live, Living to Serve**

Do you want to go to National Convention?

To be eligible to attend National FFA Convention in Louisville, Kentucky, this year you need to be a high points winner for fruit and mum sales and participation points. Fruit and mum sales are worth 50% and participation points will be worth the other 50%. Three spots are reserved for freshman and seven will be for other members.

Freshman eligibility:

Top 3 combined fruit/mum sales and highest score on the FFA knowledge test.

Other Members:

Fruit/mum sales are 50% and participation points are 50%

Costs to go:

If you sell less than \$300 you pay \$200

If you sell \$301-\$399 you pay \$100

If you sell \$400-\$599 you pay \$75

If you sell \$600-\$800 you pay \$50

If you sell \$801 or more you go for free!

The cost for the chapter will be \$250 to \$310 per person.

Weaubleau FFA Alumni

Originally titled Parent Support Group, we began on November 13, 2007. Our goal: to provide support to chapter members in the form of college scholarships, assistance with travel expenses, chaperones on trips, participate in chapter events, aid the advisor with assistance and/or experience in the various activities the Weaubleau FFA Chapter members are involved in.

As the chapter membership grew, it became clear we needed to become a non-profit organization. On December 23, 2009, we became the Weaubleau FFA Support Group, a non-profit organization with charter number N00880264. We continued with our support of the chapter members. Our membership continued to increase also. Once again it came to our attention that in order to be an official FFA support group, we would need to pay dues to the National FFA Alumni Association each year. So, once again our name title changed on February 1, 2012, to Weaubleau FFA Alumni. We retained our charter number and continue to be a non-profit organization.

We are a group of adults who believe in the members and desire to provide as much assistance needed for them to attain their goals. These young adults are our future. We are always wanting any adult who has an interest to please come and join. You do not have to be a former FFA member or originally from Weaubleau to join the Weaubleau FFA Alumni. You don't have to be a member to attend our meetings or assist with activities. We want all parents, former members, or interested adults to come see what we do. We have lots of laughs and fun. Our lives are busy and we know that not everyone can attend every event or meeting, but please come when you get the chance. Your presence is appreciated by the members and needed.

Come enjoy the food, the fellowship, and lets make this the best year we can for these members!

Next Meeting: October 2nd at 7pm

We will have chili, cornbread, and brownies!

