

# Greenville FFA Newsletter

## March 2009

### The Blue Jacket



## Greenville FFA

### *FFA Week Celebrated*

During National FFA, there were many activities that were conducted by members of the Greenville FFA Chapter. Mayor Mike Bowers signed a proclamation declaring FFA Week in Greenville and community businesses displayed posters and outdoor signs.

Activities were also held at school. Those activities included special days for the student body such as Hat Day, T-shirt Day, Blue and Gold Day, and posting the FFA Flag daily by the NJROTC.

Members held a pizza party, went snow tubing, had a breakfast meeting, and other activities included giving buttons and pens to teachers and administrators, daily announcements, and providing cherry pie to the teachers for Washington's Birthday.

This year the chapter worked again with WTGR on daily interviews and radio spots. It was a busy week for FFA members as they celebrated National FFA Week.

### Senior Spotlight

Each month, we will highlight some of the seniors in the Agricultural Education program. We hope that this will provide you with a glimpse of who we are.

This month, the spotlight will feature Kevin Brenner and Seth Monnin. Both of these seniors have been past officers and have taken a leadership role directing the chapter during their years in Ag Ed.

Kevin, son of Randy and Annette Brenner, is a 4 year member of the FFA serving two years as Sentinel. He has worked two years at Weaver Brothers Inc. in Versailles. Kevin has participated in TruckCade, Pancake Breakfast, Safety Awareness Days, Adopt a Highway, Fruit Sales, WalkAmerica, and the fishing trip. He plans on continuing to work for Weaver's until he lands a job with the railroad.

Seth, son of Jeanna and Arnold Monnin, has been a member for 3 years serving a President his last year. His SAE included working for North Lane Farms in Union City. Seth's FFA activities include National FFA Week, National FFA Convention, State FFA Convention, soil judging, dairy judging, community service projects, and the fishing trip. He plans on attending Sinclair Community College and seek a degree in Fire Science. Seth eventually hopes to become a full time firefighter.



## ***FFA Alumni BBQ Set***

April 3<sup>rd</sup> is the date for the next Alumni BBQ. Featured again will be Ribs, Pork Chops and Chicken Dinners. Desserts and drinks will also be available. Contact and FFA member or FFA Alumni member for details, cost, and pre-sale tickets.



## **FFA Sponsors Special Days for Staff and Students**

The Greenville FFA Chapter sponsored “Jeans for Babies” day at Greenville High School on February 24<sup>th</sup>. In cooperation with the March of Dimes, members of the local FFA Chapter received permission from the administration to sponsor this day for staff and faculty members of Greenville High School during National FFA Week. For a \$5.00 donation to the March of Dimes, staff at the high school was able to go casual for the day and wear blue jeans and boots. They also received a FFA Week button to wear that helped to promote the week.

Again this year was the “Hat for Babies” day for the student body. For a \$1.00 donation to the March of Dimes, students could wear their hats all day. Approximately 110 students took advantage of this program. It is hoped that this event will continue to grow each year.



Members of the Greenville FFA Chapter have participated in March of Dimes activities for the last several years through the WalkAmerica program. Many members also wear specially designed T-shirts throughout the year that helps to keep the March of Dimes theme in public view.

The chapter would like to express its appreciation to the administration for allowing us to sponsor this day for such a worthy cause and they would like to thank each and every staff member and student who participated. Nearly \$240.00 was raised for the March of Dimes and over \$250.00 for Children’s Hospital through these activities. It is hoped that this will continue to be an annual event during National FFA Week.

### **WalkAmerica being Planned**

Members are currently making plans for the annual Walk America. This 6.5-mile walk is held to raise funds for the March of Dimes. Members will be holding a car wash, selling raffle tickets and feet, and raising donations for those who walk on April 25<sup>th</sup>. If you wish to sponsor a FFA member or buy tickets or feet, contact any FFA member or call us at 548-4188 ext.844. Those members walking and raising \$25.00 will receive a specially made FFA WalkAmerica T-shirt.



## **State Degrees Earned**

The Greenville Chapter has just received notification that Karri Stickley and Connor Garber will earn their State Degree. They will be awarded the State FFA Degree on May 2<sup>nd</sup> at the Ohio FFA State Convention in Columbus.

## **FFA Holds Blood Drive**

As part of its Community Service projects, Greenville FFA recently sponsored a Blood Drive at Greenville High School for students and staff. In cooperation with the Community Blood Organization, the FFA held its 8<sup>th</sup> Annual Blood Drive.

A total of 74 individuals were registered with 60 pints of blood donated and 12 units of double red cell donations were collected. This amount will assist over 160 individuals who have need of blood. This was the first time for many students to be able to donate. You had to be at least 17 years old with parent permission to donate blood.

Another drive will be held in May sponsored by the Medical Tech Prep program and the FFA will sponsor its next drive in February of 2010. If you have any questions about donating blood, please contact any FFA member for details.

## **FFA**

## **To Be the Best, You Must do your Best**

## **FFA Members Score Well on Proficiency Awards**

In the area of individual proficiency awards, the following results were announced by Advisor Daryl Goodwin following the district evaluation process. Connor Garber received a Bronze Rating and 1<sup>st</sup> in District 5 in Agricultural Services and he placed 2<sup>nd</sup> in District 5 and a Bronze Rating in Diversified Agricultural Production Placement. In Veterinary Medicine, Michelle Heckler placed 1<sup>st</sup> in the District competition and placed in the top 4 in the state. We are waiting on results of her state interview.

Each of these individuals received a plaque and \$15.00 from the Greenville FFA Alumni. For their District 5 accomplishments, each 1<sup>st</sup> through 3<sup>rd</sup> place finisher will receive a plaque and all 1<sup>st</sup> place winners will receive a check for \$25.00 from the Ohio FFA Foundation. Again this year, all gold rated applicants will be recognized on stage at the 2009 Ohio FFA Convention held in Columbus.

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



## Upcoming Events

March 25	Ag Mechanics Skills Contest
April 2	Small Engines Contest
April 3	FFA/FFA Alumni BBQ
April 3	Promising Young Women in Ag Conference
April 14	FFA Meeting
April 14	Southwest Skills Contest
April 21	Spring COLT Conference
April 25	WalkAmerica
May 1-2	State FFA Convention
May 7	Food for America-Anthony Wayne
May 11	FFA Meeting

## Greenville FFA Officers

**President— Connor Garber**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President—Karri Stickley**

**Treasurer—Tyler Pitman**

**Sentinel—Levi Boehringer**

**Advisors—Daryl Goodwin and John Guttadore**

**1<sup>st</sup> Vice President— Seth Gessler**

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