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### Perry High School

#### PHS FCCLA Participates in GOLD Training

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Perry High FCCLA STAR event competitors participated in Goal Oriented Leadership Development (GOLD) Training at Camp John Hope in Fort Valley, Georgia. Advisers Kama Beaumarchais and Crystal Quick wanted to develop a strong team bond between this brand new group of competitors. These students are working hard together throughout the school year on their competitions as well as traveling together. Having a strong team bond will only help this group grow stronger and closer throughout their STAR event journey with Perry High School FCCLA. GOLD Training is designed to teach team building and leadership skills to students in an exciting and hands-on environment. The goal is to develop a student chapter into a successful and effective team. Students participated in team building games and leadership development through their low rope's obstacle course. Watching this group of competitors grow and learn together was such a rewarding experience. The chapter looks forward to another successful competition year with Perry High FCCLA.

Perry High School is located at 1307 North Avenue in Perry, Georgia. Wesley "Del" Martin serves as Principal.



Mary Carver, Alyssa Butts, Jersey Wright, Addison Bigler, Marquita Jackson, Gabrielle Green, Sara Ford and Gracie Svoboda are pictured above learning to walk as a team.



Pictured at right is Carson Kelly going over the wall with the help of his team.



Northside High



Warner Robins High



Houston County High



Perry High



Houston College and Career Academy



Veterans High

PHS FCCLA Participates in GOLD Training (continued)



Pictured at left is Jhadailyonna Royal as she is being helped through a tire by her team.



Pictured at right, left to right, are: Jocelen Odom, Jhadailyonna Royal, Gabrielle Green, Kaneisha Tolbert, and Carson Kelly.



The PHS FCCLA group is pictured above working the balancing board as a team.

# Veterans High School

## VHS FFA Brings Home National Awards



Pictured are team members, Zachariah Franks, Will England, Jack Garmendia, and Toby Himes.

The Veterans High School FFA Agricultural Sales Team competed at the National FFA Convention in Indianapolis, Indiana. Team members included Zachariah Franks (Bronze Level Individual), Will England (Silver Level), Jack Garmendia (Gold Level), and Toby Himes (Silver Level). Veterans High School and FFA Advisers are proud of this team and their Silver Emblem finish at competition of the highest level.



The Veterans High School Meats Evaluation and Technology Team finished seventh at the National FFA Convention. Team members included Gracie Ware, Rachel Schoonover, Courtney Street, and Emily Hallidy. These ladies were Gold Emblem finishers with Rachel Schoonover finishing third in the Nation individually. It is believed to be the highest finish ever by anyone from Georgia.

Dr. Amy Barbour serves as Principal at Veterans High School. The school is located at 340 Piney Grove Road in Kathleen, Georgia.



Pictured are team members, Gracie Ware, Rachel Schoonover, Courtney Street, and Emily Hallidy.

## VHS FCCLA Knowledge Bowl Brings Home Awards from Fall Leadership Conference



Veterans High School FCCLA Knowledge Bowl placed third in the state at the Fall Leadership Conference at the FFA/FCCLA Center in Covington, Georgia. The team was quizzed on content questions in Early Childhood Education, Consumer Economics, Nutrition and Food Science, Clothing and Textiles, Interior Design and FCCLA. The Knowledge Bowl Team took an online quiz at school to place in the top 16 in the state and then participated in a zoom interview and placed in the top eight. The last round was a buzzer round held at the Fall Leadership Conference.

Pictured above are team members William Vinup, Noah Rios, Maddy Lathrop, and Ca'Shouri Jones. Advisers for Veterans High FCCLA are Julie Vinup and Jill Masee.



## VHS FCCLA Participates in Community Service Activity

The Veterans High School Chapter of FCCLA had the opportunity to participate in a community service activity on Sunday, October 29th, at Central Baptist Church. Chapter officers decorated two trunks for the church's Trunk Or Treat. The first trunk was FCCLA themed which was decked out in red and white and included the FCCLA flower, the red rose. The second trunk had a Fall theme and displayed pumpkins, fall leaves, and even a scarecrow.

Everyone had a great time giving out candy to the children and families of the community.



Pictured are Kyndal Crawford and Brynli Adams.



**Trunk  
Or Treat**



Pictured are chapter officers Cashouri Jones, Maddie Lathrop, Noah Rios, Mollie Mize, Kyndal Crawford, and Brynli Adams.

## VHS FFA Meats Evaluation Teams Earn Honors

Both Veterans High School FFA Meats Evaluation Teams won state honors on November 18<sup>th</sup> in Athens, Georgia. The Junior Meats Evaluation Team won the state title by placing all four members in the top four individually. Team members included Britnee Mason (State High Individual), Saffron England (2nd Place), Lawson Brown (3rd Place), and Oliver McDonald (4th Place).

The Senior Meats Evaluation Team finished second place in a close contest with all team members finishing in the top ten individually. Team members included Camryn Graham (State High Individual), Kaylin Bailey, Lydia McClellan, and Aly Corzine.



**Junior Meats Evaluation Team**  
Britnee Mason, Saffron England,  
Lawson Brown, and Oliver McDonald.



**Senior Meats Evaluation Team**  
Camryn Graham, Kaylin Bailey,  
Lydia McClellan, and Aly Corzine.

### MEATS EVALUATION

#### CAREER DEVELOPMENT EVENT

This is a great CDE for students interested in working in the meat animal industry, members that work with livestock and want a deeper understanding, or students who are interested in learning more about what happens to their food before it makes it to the grocery store.



#### PARTS OF THE CDE

- Identification of Retail Meat Cuts
- Beef Quality and Yield Grading
- Placing of Five Classes of Meat Based on Quality
- Questions about Placings of Five Classes
- Written Test about Meat Science and Food Safety
- Meat Formulation Problem Solving

#### WHO CAN PARTICIPATE?

The Meats Evaluation CDE is divided into a junior and senior division. The junior division is open to FFA Members from grades 6-9. The senior division is open to FFA members from Grades 9-12.

This is a team event with four members per team.



## VHS SkillsUSA Earns Award at SkillsUSA Champions Rally



Veterans High School SkillsUSA is pleased to announce that the chapter took second place in the Chapter Pathway Display Poster at the SkillsUSA Champions Rally. The event was held at the Georgia National Fair on October 6, 2023. The two members responsible for the poster were 11th graders Angel Stokling and Bri Bailey.



# Feagin Mill Middle School

## FMMS FFA and FCCLA Win Georgia Organics Pepper Palooza Social Media Contest Grand Prize

The Feagin Mill Middle School FFA/FCCLA chapters teamed up together along with the Ag/FACS classes to participate in activities involving peppers for six weeks. These activities included several taste testing opportunities, growing peppers, art activities with peppers, creating and presenting a poem/song/rap/cheer, researching facts and health benefits, creating an informative slide show, and many more fabulous pepper activities. Some of the favorite activities were making and eating candied jalapeños, making and eating chili, performing the poem/song/rap/cheer for peers, and knife skills utilizing peppers. Principal Mark Sams grew jalapeño peppers and brought them in for students to make the candied jalapeños, chili, and homemade pepper sauce that was presented to the custodians for Custodian Appreciation Day. These activities were posted to social media with the hashtag #pepperpalooza. Due to all the wonderful creative activities, Feagin Mill Middle School was selected by Georgia Organics for the Social Media Grand Prize. The students had a great time learning about, growing, cooking, and participating in Pepper Palooza activities.

Mark Sams serves as Principal at Feagin Mill Middle School. The school is located at 1200 Feagin Mill Road in Warner Robins, Georgia.



Pictured are FMMS Ag students.



Warner Robins Middle

Bonaire Middle

Feagin Mill Middle

Huntington Middle

Mossy Creek Middle

Northside Middle

Perry Middle

Thomson Middle



## FMMS FFA and FCCLA Win Georgia Organics Pepper Palooza Social Media Contest Grand Prize (continued)



FFA student  
Mallory Thomas.

Pictured at right  
are: Mark Sams,  
Akiya White,  
Akasha Martin,  
Madilyn Taylor,  
Morgan Davis,  
Dana McIntyre,  
and Olivia Grant.



8th grade FACS students are  
pictured taste testing peppers.



Makayla Jones and Ariel Wilson are pictured  
utilizing knife skills with peppers.



Reese Bogue  
and Khloe  
Thomas.

FCLA members  
are pictured with  
homemade  
pepper sauce.



# Mossy Creek Middle School

## FCCLA Chapters are Better Together

FCCLA chapters and FACS students from Feagin Mill Middle School and Mossy Creek Middle School did an amazing job with the Fall Rally competitions at the Georgia National Fair. These competitions took place during Houston County School District's Fall Break. The following are the competitions and placing of both schools:



Peanut Recipe - 1<sup>st</sup> Place, Olivia Grant, FMMS; and 2<sup>nd</sup> Place, Olivia Swendeman, MCMS. These competitors developed their own peanut recipe. Each tweaked the recipes several times before reaching perfection. Students were judged on safety sanitation practices, presentation, taste, and use of peanuts in the recipes. Their hard work and dedication paid off by placing first and second in this state competition.

Chapter Booth Display and Design - 2<sup>nd</sup> Place, Shelby Manley, Arav Patel, Dana McIntyre, and Madilyn Taylor, FMMS. These FCCLA members designed the booth, collected/purchased items, sought advice and guidance from HCHS SkillsUSA Officers. At the end of September, these students worked together as a team to put up the booth display, adding several informative details which brought their vision to reality. Collaboration was used to make sure all aspects of the rubric were met with the maximum number of points possible. These FCCLA members are already working on the design for next year.

Georgia Organics Pepper Palooza - 1<sup>st</sup> Place, MCMS FCCLA Chapter, and 2<sup>nd</sup> Place, FMMS FCCLA Chapter. Starting in August, both school's FCCLA members and FACS students participated in a plethora of activities with peppers as the focus. A variety of peppers were grown, many recipes were made with peppers, research projects and oral presentations on peppers were shared. Dr. Mark Scott, Superintendent of Houston County School District and members of the Houston County School Board joined in on the fun, as pictured below. Everyone had a 'pep-pepperytime'.

Themed Speech Competition- 1<sup>st</sup> Place, Drisana Biswas, MCMS; and 3<sup>rd</sup> Place, Morgan Davis, FMMS. The students had to write a speech on the FCCLA national theme - The Ultimate Journey, what FCCLA means to them, and how FCCLA is impacting their life. Each student presented their speech in front of a live audience at the Georgia National Fair. After many hours of writing speeches and practicing several times in front of peers at school and family members, Morgan and Drisana were very pleased with their results.

Brochure Design - 1<sup>st</sup> Place, Chandlar Curry and Ayla Wood, MCMS, category Male Recruitment; and 4<sup>th</sup> Place, Charlie Freeman, FMMS, category Foundation Sponsor Recruitment. These FCCLA members certainly exhibited their due diligence in researching information about recruitment, respectively in each category. After gathering data, collecting photos, and creating a digital design, students put all these components together to produce an award-winning brochure.

Chili Cook-Off Competition - 2<sup>nd</sup> Place, Madison Johnson, MCMS. Madison spent several weeks creating her own recipe for this competition. She was judged on safety, sanitation, attire and final product taste. The judges observed this competition as the product was being prepared on site at the Georgia National Fair.

With the above winnings from each school, Mossy Creek Middle School earned the Georgia National Fair FCCLA 2023 Superior Chapter Champion alongside Feagin Mill Middle School earning Superior Chapter Reserve Champion.



## FCCLA Chapters are Better Together (continued)

These two chapters have worked together with several different competitions while encouraging each other along the way. Chapter members and Advisers were grateful and pleased with all the accomplishments. It is satisfying to see the students work hard and the rewards of their hard work. Feagin Mill Middle School FCCLA Adviser is Lisa Duke and Mossy Creek Middle School FCCLA Adviser is Sherry Sheppard.

Mossy Creek Middle School is located at 200 Danny Carpenter Drive in Kathleen, Georgia. Dr. Jody Dean serves as Principal.



MCMS and FMMS FCCLA Officers are pictured at above with FCCLA State President, Olivia Morrison.



Feagin Mill Middle School Reserve Champion Chapter with Principal, Mark Sams.



Pictured are MCMS FCCLA Officers with Adviser Sherry Sheppard and Dr. Jody Dean, Principal of MCMS.



Advisers Lisa Duke, FMMS; and Sherry Sheppard, MCMS; are pictured at the FCCLA Fall Rally.

# Perry Middle School

## PMS FBLA Attends FBLA Fall Leadership Conference



Perry Middle School FBLA members were able to sharpen their leadership skills on November 7, 2023. After a morning of dining at the local Chick-Fil-A, the group headed to Columbus, Georgia to attend the Fall Leadership Conference. This year's conference was held at the Columbus Convention and Trade Center. Young leaders were able to learn about state officer opportunities, meet presiding state officers, participate in open events testing, and attend several leadership sessions. A few of the sessions that were offered included: Team Up! Skills to Succeed Together, Discover Your Leadership Voice, The Power of Storytelling, Exploring National Programs, and Leaders Network. The lunch was a catered dinner consisting of a mixed greens salad, chicken tenders, tater tots, steamed carrots, chocolate chip cookies, sweet tea, and water. It was a wonderful experience for everyone involved.

Perry Middle School is located at 495 Perry Parkway in Perry, Georgia. Dr. Heath Burch serves as Principal.



# Thomson Middle School

## American Council on Germany Visits TMS FFA



Last year in November, TMS Agriculture Teacher, Ken Ford, was recommended by the former Commissioner of Agriculture, Gary Black, to be a part of The American Council on Germany (ACG). The American Council on Germany selected Mr. Ford to participate in the ACG Leadership Mission on Agriculture Policy and Resource Scarcity. Mr. Ford served on the ACG as a representative for Georgia Agricultural Educators and Minority Farmers. The

experience served as a valuable professional opportunity and contributed to strengthening transatlantic relations. The program gave the cohort of nine American professionals from Georgia insights into the challenges and concerns of agriculture, farming, and food-supply conditions, as well as trade agreements and policy making. This year the nine farmers and agricultural professionals from Georgia hosted nine farmers and agricultural professionals from Germany.

Thomson Middle School FFA hosted the farmers and agricultural professionals from Germany on October 28, 2023. The group was greeted with a parade by the TMS FFA Chapter, parents and guardians, and administrators. TMS FFA Officers began the tour with the FFA Opening Ceremony in the TMS cafeteria and gifted the German friends with many TMS, FFA, and agricultural gifts. When introductions were given, the group got a chance to tour the agricultural facilities at TMS. They began in the Agricultural classroom/lab where Mr. Ford explained about American Agriculture Education in today's classrooms and FFA. The remainder of the tour was led by TMS FFA Officers, FFA Members, and the Pig Show Team. The group got the chance to tour the greenhouse, school/community garden, chicken layers, livestock barn, and they ended the day by all getting a chance to walk the show pigs.



## American Council on Germany Visits TMS FFA (continued)

It was a complete honor for TMS FFA to be chosen to represent Thomson Middle School, the Houston County School District, Georgia Agriculture Education, and the United States as the only school to be toured by the group from Germany. The group was blown away by the TMS Agricultural Program and students.

Thomson Middle School is located at 301 Thomson Street in Centerville, Georgia. Dr. Scott Wynn serves as Principal.



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