

District 4 Newsletter

March / April

Hi District 4,

I hope all of you are well and getting excited for the NYS FFA 2008 State Convention in Canton, NY!! I hope that this year many of you decide to run for either District President or a Line Office! If you need any help preparing your application, please don't hesitate to ask me. I have included a bit of information on convention in the newsletter. I have been well and as always busy. At the end of January, I attended the Jan. Governing Board and Made for Excellence Conference (MFE). At Governing Board, we worked on different topics like redistricting, the election of state officers and selecting a site for the 2009 NYS FFA State Convention. MFE was a blast! Three NATIONAL presents came and put on an amazing conference based on getting to know yourself. On Saturday night, we had a Night of Excellence where members sang karaoke, painted beautiful murals for State Convention, swam in the pool and watched Harry Potter movies. We all had a ton of fun and learned a lot!

Rachel Golja
District 4 President

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2008 District 4 Competitions

Results

Job Employment Interview

1st Place - Carly Poulin, Walton

2nd Place - Pamela Rooney, Worcester

Junior Creed Speaking

1st Place - Alice Young, Walton

2nd Place - Allen Lewis, Ostelic Valley

People in Agriculture

1st Place - Raymond James, Walton

2nd Place - Autumn Sergent, Ostelic Valley

3rd Place - Cierra Thomsen, Unadilla Valley

4th Place - Chad Evans, Worcester

Senior Extemp. Speaking

1st Place - Dan Larkin, Ostelic Valley

2nd Place - Ashley Curtis, Afton

3rd Place - Katelyn Walley, Walton

4th Place - Ryan Mason, Ostelic Valley

Junior Extemp. Speaking

1st Place - Cassie Sklenka, Worcester

2nd Place - Morgan Clark, Worcester

**Good luck
at Sub-States!**

Important Announcements

Sub-States

- - April 5th at Cobleskill–
Richmondville School!
- ** If you are competing in
Job Employment Inter-
view or Prepared Public
Speaking be sure to bring
all manuscripts that are
needed!
- ** GOOD LUCK TO ALL
PARTICIPANTS!

ATTENTION ALL FFA MEMBERS

At State Convention this year, we are going to be participating in the Locks for Love program. We are doing this in memory of a NYS FFA member named Deanna from the Springville FFA chapter. If you would like to donate your hair, it needs to be 10 inches long and if it is layered the longest layer needs to be 10 inches . There will be more information in the future but for now just consider it!

****ATTENTION CHAPTER REPORTERS/ HISTORIANS AND ADVISORS****

NYS FFA is looking for pictures of FFA members in action. The pictures are to be used in slide shows at State Convention! If possible please send 10 or more quality pictures to myself (ffadp4@yahoo.com) or the NYS FFA State Office (jft@cornell.edu or mailing address on nysffa.org).

District 4 NewsState Officers Visit Sidney

Danny Geoghan, State Vice President, Amber Wynkoop, State Secretary and Rachel Golja, District 4 President, visited the Sidney FFA on February 8th, 2008. We did many activities with the afternoon agriculture classes. We did a lot of activities that got the classes working on their communication and teamwork skills. We all had a great time and learned a lot!

Recently the Ostelic Valley FFA Chapter sponsored a blood drive!
Great job guys!

CONGRATULATIONS to the Walton Agriculture Program who received Career and Technical Education (CTE) Certification!
Great Work!

Excellent Job!

NYS FFA

2008 NYS FFA State Convention

FFA: Journey of a Lifetime

What happens at State Convention:

- if you qualify to compete at the State level in a CDE, you will compete here and then winners are announced

- There are some CDEs you can compete in that are only available at State Convention. They are:

Aquaculture CDE

Agriculture Mechanics CDE

Floriculture CDE

Agricultural Communications

Small Animal Care CDE

Tool ID CDE

Junior Chapter Meeting CDE

Talent CDE

And Many Others!

- There are many tours and / or workshops you can participate in. There is even one workshop conducted by a NATIONAL Officer that you can participate in! Also there will be a workshop given by Lucas Fues, our National Officer Candidate!

- Career Show

- Mardi Gras Party on Friday night!

- Key Note Speakers

May 1st - 3rd!

Last Thoughts

Upcoming Events

March

19th - District Competitions at Sidney

29th - Governing Board Meeting at Vernon-Verona-Sherrill High School at 1 pm

April

1st - State Officer Applications Due to State Office

- American Degree Applications Due to State Office

5th - Sub States at Cobleskill-Richmondville TBA

May

Teachers Corner

- Districts 2009 = We need to work on scheduling next year's district competitions. I will be working on this and sending you emails with available dates and other information so we can get the ball rolling.

- As the year is finishing out, if you would like a chapter visit please let me know so I can schedule one and notify the Line Officers!

- I hope to see you all at the State Convention this year!