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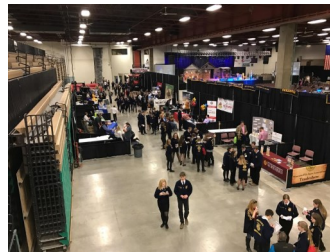
First General Session

By: Hayley Nelson

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The first general session of the Montana State Convention began with an introduction from the Mayor of Great Falls, Bob Kelly. The first session included retiring address speeches from Jake Michels (Parliamentarian) as well as from Josh Meyer (Treasurer). The key note speaker was Bill Sarpalius, he spoke about the impact of agricultural education on individuals as well as himself. He also spoke about the importance of determination and hard work and how they will affect the different aspects of life. His speech was very empowering and left many audience members thinking about how they will spend the remainder of



Students Explore the trade show.

their time in the FFA jacket. The “Final Four” for Extemporaneous Speaking, Prepared Public Speaking, Parliamentary Procedure, as well as Creed and Jr Creed were announced. The Finalists were announced in no particular order and received the times and locations of their final competitions.

Mr. Massar gave a friendly reminder that there will be an award for the most respectful chapter award. Members will be observed and a chapter that was respectful and clean. The winner of this award will be given at Saturdays general session. All in all the first general session of the 2017 Montana State convention went off without a hitch. We will be looking forward to the next three sessions of the convention.

Special points of interest:

- The Alumni Store
- Trade Show
- Electric City Coffee Booth

Day of Service: Giant Springs Park

By: Lily Agar

Five willing to serve chapters took on the trash at Giant Springs Park. It was a beautiful sunny day to walk around and clean up the community. Students walked along the bank of the river. They found some pretty interesting objects. One such was a camouflage bucket that had washed ashore. Then while

a girl attempted to retrieve some trash, she slipped and fell waist deep into the water. That is some dedication right there. The hour of walking gave them the ability to do something good for the city of Great Falls. So the motto of living to serve comes true. They took their time to be outdoors and serve a commu-

nity. There were five chapters that participated in this activity. Those chapters were Fromberg, Electric City, Forsyth, Gardiner, and Winnifred.



Tomorrow at Convention

- Ag Mechanics CDE
- Star Green-hand
- 3rd Delegate Session
- Extemp Speaking Finals
- Student Success Workshop-Wells Fargo
- Great Falls Tours
- Student Success Workshop-MSU
- Chapter Officer Workshop-Valerie Earley
- Parli-Pro Finals
- Agronomy CDE
- 4th Delegate Session
- Dance Workshop
- Conduct of Meetings CDE
- State Degree Dinner
- 3rd General Session
- Dance



1st and 2nd Delegate Session

By: Katrina Roberts

The delegate sessions were very informative. We got to see how formal voting and debating works on a state level. We were able to amend and debate the given motions in the first delegate sessions. All of the motions were tabled until the next session, in which the delegates will vote on the motions. Del-

egate Katrina Roberts stated, "It has been an honor to represent my chapter and their feelings in the new motions". Another delegate, Matthew Wolsky, said that "It was an interesting experience because it was the first time I went to a delegate session".

Prepared Speaking: Final Four

By: Fernando Garcia

The final four Prepared Speaking competition had the four best speakers in the state, two boys and two girls giving their best and making incredible speeches, trying to get a spot in the National FFA Convention. All of the competitors prepared a lot themselves, and all of them were confident about their speech. The judges always made good

questions for all of the competitors making the level of the competition high, all the answers were really good too surpassing the expectations of the judges. We just know that who wins this battle will represent the state of Montana very well in the National FFA Convention.

Farm Business Management

By: Taylor Potts

Rise and shine competitors, FBM started out this morning at 6:45 in the Family Living Center. In addition to sleep deprivation, competitors battled a team problem and a 100 question individual test. Competitors were as excited as they could be that early and were ready to compete. While members

were not enthusiastic about the early start, teams did their best to calculate net inflow, outflow, and total profits. They provided business recommendations and teams did their best to calculate the best possible business options based on the information about the ranch operation they were

Day of Service: Community Garden

By: Alysa Jensen

For the afternoon Day of service, members went to a landfill turned garden. Members at the organic garden worked around the grounds and the garden is very proud of its organic reputation. Vicki Peterson said that "We believe in gardening in a sustainable circumstances without pesticides and if we don't use pesticides we believe we'd all be healthier as well as the environment.". Members were very happy to help Vicki Peterson with her gardening efforts



given. Competitors are all hoping to have placed well and are excited to hear the results which will be announced later this week. The competition was sponsored by Stockman Bank.





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Extemporaneous Speaking: Preliminary Round

By: Mary Brown

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30 minutes to write a speech and then seven to present it. These are the conditions that extemporaneous public speakers have. Yesterday, 12 students gathered and dueled for the top four spots and the chance to speak on the main stage. “Extemporaneous speaking is a challenge,” Mary

Brown, one of the final four speakers said, “But it is certainly a challenge that everyone should attempt to do because you learn so much doing it”. Come watch Nathan Wildeboer from Missoula, Kaitlyn Koterba from Electric City, Mary Brown from Electric City, and Chase Kilzer from

Culbertson. They will all be speaking on the main stage at 8:30 am tomorrow. Come and support your fellow FFA members!

National Officer Workshop

By: Hayley Nelson

The Southern Regional National Vice President, Valerie Earley did a student successes workshop earlier this morning. We started with a fun chant to get everyone warmed up and excited. The chant went “Bang bang choo choo train, wind me up and I’ll do my thing, I know karate and I know Kung foo, mess with me and ill mess with you!” We then went into a *Train Game* that involved getting into groups of five or fewer people, if you were not in one of the groups after three seconds you were “out”. Valerie then had us explain how friendship, cooperation and willingness to explore helped us in the *Train Game*. Each member was given a sticky note to write two good qualities about themselves as well as two reasons that they believe they are powerful. She explained to us that thinking positively about ourselves will help us encourage





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Ag Sales

By: Hayley Nelson

The Ag sales competition was a three part competition, an individual test, a team sales pitch and an individual sales presentation. There were forty three teams competing from around the state and many were very excited and nervous for their sales presentations. Kelli Ober from Cascade said “The competition was

pretty stiff but I have confidence in my team and their abilities.” Many judges also came from across the state to help out with this competition including many from Montana State University. One first time FFA judge named Daniel Meeks he said “It was a very pleasurable experience, I did not anticipate I would

have this much fun, it was a good learning experience, never meet so many nice people in such a short amount of time.” It was a very long competition and all competitors await the results to be announced at the 4th general session of State Convention on Saturday morning.

Talent Auditions

By: Cassidy Storrusten

Carter Storrusten of the Electric City FFA chapter , and McKenna Quirk were two performers during the FFA Talent show they both performed with instruments. Carter performed a song Can’t stop By The Red Hot Chili Pep-

pers on his bass guitar, Carter has been playing bass guitar for almost two years. Carter stated that “My favorite part of the talent show was playing I love to play for people including a audience”. And McKenna

played a few songs on violin she stated that “My favorite song to listen to and performed was The Third Movement”.

Trade Show

By: Harleigh Johnson



This year’s trade show showcased many different agricultural fields. It gave many members the opportunity to explore colleges, learn about ag sciences, and have fun. Many booths provided raffle drawings and scholarships applications as well as fun games and hands on learning displays. TireRama hosted a tire changing contest, the

Noxious Weed Education Campaign offered jeopardy, and Project House Meats led minute to win it games. On top of that the Montana Ag Summit hosted a Montana knowledge test and North 40 offered a personality test with an evaluation of your strengths and weaknesses. The FFA organization is so lucky to have many sponsors, so

thank you to all of you who took time to support us this week. Weather or not members took a turn on the rock climbing wall or learned about soil filtration from the Natural Resources Conservation services, we hope you took advantage of the opportunity and had fun.