

FFA members have had two main fundraising events for the first semester. The first was a cookie dough sale with Fresh Country Fundraising. This fundraiser went well. The second major fundraiser was the Hunter's Appreciation Raffle that we held along with the Community Chamber. A large number of our members did a super job helping with the event in addition to selling raffle tickets. This fundraiser was also a success. The blue and gold jackets worn by students at different events have looked nice!

FFA members competed at the Concho District Leadership contest on November 6<sup>th</sup> at Grape Creek High School. Jody Pfeuffer competed in the Job Interview competition and was one place out of qualifying for area. Andrew Osborn competed in the Jr. Creed competition and placed 6<sup>th</sup>. Renatta Hillegas and Stephanie Gutierrez completed in the Public Relations contest and placed 5<sup>th</sup>. The FFA Radio Team consisted of Madison Petty, Makayla Baker, and Hanah Krebs placed 7<sup>th</sup>. The AG Advocacy team consisting of Jake Nanny and Christian Mayfield were not able to compete due to the third member of the team moving to a different school two weeks prior to competition. This contest was good for our students and let them see that our district is one of the most competitive in the state. Participation at district was better than ever with most contests having more than 10 team entries. Our students were shocked when one of the other teams found out their placing and started crying for joy. They realized that these competitions are equal in value to any state bound athletic team.

FFA members ended the semester with a sausage wrap Christmas cookout at the ag shop. Many members enjoyed the wraps and sirloin tips while they visited about upcoming events and plans for the holidays.

Christoval FFA is gearing up for a busy winter season. Jace Wilkey started things off right at the Sandhills Stock Show in Odessa by winning Grand Champion Goat. Next up is the Tom Green County Fair and Junior Livestock Show, January 16-18. Christoval has many members exhibiting animals, Jody and Jesse Pfeuffer, James and Mattie Cochran, Kenzie Uptergrove, and Jace Wilkey will be showing market lambs, pigs, and goats. Each one has worked diligently over the past many months to prepare their stock, hoping to enjoy success again. Every member will also be taking their animals to major stock shows across the state including: San Angelo, San Antonio, Odessa, Fort Worth, and Houston. Help us support our members and come out to the fairgrounds. Goats will show January 17<sup>th</sup> at 3pm, Lambs and Swine will show 8am, the 18<sup>th</sup>, and Steer/Heifers will follow at 12pm. Don't forget about the Barbeque Supper and Cake Auction the 18<sup>th</sup>, 4:30-7:00pm. All proceeds go towards premium money for exhibitors. The Premium Auction will follow at 7pm. Anyone interested in supporting our FFA members can donate to Friends of Christoval FFA. Contact Mr. Smith at the high school (896-2355 ext. 7234) for more information. In past years, Friends of Christoval FFA has been a major buyer supporting our youth at the county sale. Again this year we will be making a generous donation to support many kids in the county.

Along with Livestock Shows, we have many students preparing for Agricultural Mechanics Project Shows. With much success in the past years, students here are striving to earn the titles all over again. On Wednesday, February 19, 2014, 25 of our own students will have their projects judged. With students entering windmills, deer blinds, rustic furniture, trailers, and livestock equipment, it's a sight to see. On Thursday, February 20<sup>th</sup>, 9am, awards will be given and the public is welcome. Donations to

Christoval FFA are always welcome and if anybody wants to donate and become part of Friends of Christoval FFA, please contact Mr. Smith. Donations help cover entry fees, travel, project materials, and tools. The following students have entries in the AG Mechanics show at San Angelo: Sam Jacobs, Hayden Hargraves, Jake Nanny, Wyatt Crotwell, Hunter Atkins, Trace Edmiston, Shayna Gibson, Jakayla Hallbrooks, Trenton Kelsey, Jake Kuhlman, Colten McAllister, Jacob McGimpsey, Andrew Osborn, Kendall Smith, Sterling Guy, Madison Petty, Hanah Krebs, Makayla Baker, Nathan Strickland, Cole Kennemer, Jody Pfeuffer, and Jesse Pfeuffer. Several other 8<sup>th</sup> grade students that are new this semester will also be participating. We also have an entry for Houston with a welding trailer. We are behind on this project waiting on special order axles from Brutons, however the trailer is framed out. Some projects are finished and some are barely started. This takes a lot of coordination to keep everyone on task.

In addition to a record number of participants in the project shows we also have a record number of FFA members who will be representing Christoval FFA at the San Angelo Stock Show scholarship calf scramble. The following students will compete: Jake Kuhlman, Jacob McGimpsey, Buster Krebs, Wyatt Crotwell, Kenzie Uptergrove, Jesse Pfeuffer, Jake Nanny, Makayla Baker, Colt McAllister, Paul Moore, Scarlett Moore, Kayce Jackson, and Trenton Kelsey.

FFA members are currently signing up for judging contests which will be held in the spring. We already have a horse team which has attended training at TAMU thanks for Mrs. Behrends animal science class and Mrs. Hargraves. We will have at least two other teams depending on when and where they compete and thinking about how to pay for it.

The year has been going very well in the ag shop! Our class enrollment for spring semester is 80.

Jody Pfeuffer (Chapter President)