

Area IX Times

AREA OFFICER SPOTLIGHT:

Peyton Ricks,
Treasurer

Chapter Officer

Position: Woodville FFA President

Other Leadership

Roles: Interact Secretary, STUCO Vice Pres., Class Treasurer, & FCCLA President

Hobbies & Interests:

Showing Cattle

Favorite Food:

Sushi (Crunch Roll)

Favorite TV Show:

Jersey Shore!

Favorite Sport:

Baseball

Favorite Music:

Rap & Texas Country

Favorite Color:

Hot Pink

If you could meet any famous person, who would it be?

"The Situation" from the TV show Jersey Shore

Favorite Quote:

"This is a grenade free zone."

Favorite CDE:

Floriculture

Favorite LDE:

Job Interview

Favorite SAE:

Market Steers

Favorite FFA Memory:

My favorite FFA memory was when me and Danielle Coker, the Area 3rd Vice President, were late every single day at State Leadership Camp!

AREA OFFICERS 'PINKY PROMISE' TO FIGHT CANCER

On Saturday, January 29, 2011, five area officers and two Area IX FFA members played in a Colmesneil Student Council sponsored volleyball tournament to benefit a Colmesneil High School teacher who was recently diagnosed with cancer. The tournament was named "Pinky Promises" in honor of victim 'Ms. Pinky.' The Area IX volleyball team, Team Dynamite, won its first round of the tournament, but fell short in the second round to the



team that would eventually win the tournament.

"I had an amazing time," one area officer stated. "I haven't played volleyball in four years, but that was the most fun I have had in a while."

When Team Dynamite stepped on the court for the first time, the team members admit that they were nervous about the game. However, a crowd member and former Colmesneil FFA member yelled the well known area IX chant, "Area IX?" Team Dynamite all looked at each other, laughed, and yelled back, "Hoo-rah!"

An officer said, "As soon as we did the Area IX chant and the game began, I wasn't nervous. Though I do have to say, now that it's over, I'm pretty sore!" Pictured at left is Team Dynamite with the grateful Ms. Pinky.

NEWS FROM THE MCGEE BEND DISTRICT

The month of January finds the McGee Bend District at a very busy time of the year, but the district officers are excited about upcoming events and hope that everyone else is, as well. The district officers expect to see a lot of participation from the McGee Bend District in CDEs, speaking events, and the talent contest. District speaking events and the talent contest will be held on April 7, 2011 at the McGee Bend District Convention in Huntington. McGee Bend District's service project this year is collecting care packages for soldiers. The district officers asks for all donations to be brought to the district convention. If anyone outside of the McGee Bend District would like to donate items, they may contact the Huntington FFA advisors.

CHATting WITH COLT

Happy belated New Year to all of the fine young men and women of the Area IX Association. I hope everyone has made some "realistic" resolutions for yourselves as part of the 2011 year! We, as a state officer team, have made some resolutions of our own, and that involves a little bit of state convention, retiring addresses, and Spring goals for the rest of the year. In January, the state officer team met in Austin, Texas for convention planning and capitol tours. Interestingly enough, on January 4th we attended the 1st annual Ford Scholars Banquet where two of our area members received their diplomas for the class of 2010 Ford Scholars. What an honor it is for them to be representing our area in such a prestigious fashion. After that, the officer team inhabited Austin for a week. We came up with convention ideas, as well as logo themes and even the concert singer! We also had the privilege and opportunity to meet Commissioner of Agriculture Todd Staples, Speaker of the House Joe Strauss, Lt. Governor David Dewhurst, and Deputy Commissioner of TEA Lizzette Reynolds. We had a very memorable time and are now ready to travel to schools as well as major stock shows. Be looking out for state officers in Fort Worth this upcoming week and feel free to stop us for a chat. Also, good luck to all those preparing for CDE's. The Spring is the busiest time of year, but also the best time. So take advantage of it, Area IX! Get involved and be active and don't forget to find your "power within."

National FFA Week 2011

In 1947 FFA Week was established to be held during the week of George Washington's birthday. FFA chapters across the nation take part in this week of agricultural education through interactive and informative events. Promote FFA as well as the agricultural industry and start planning now!

SCHEDULE:

February

- 1—Payment Deadline for both JudgingCard & Roster System Prior to January 1, 2011
- 3-20—San Antonio Livestock Exposition
- 5—Prospect Show in Big Sandy
- 5—Prospect Show in Evadale
- 15—National FFA Scholarship Deadline
- 19—Prospect Show in Deweyville
- 19—Prospect Show in Buna
- 19—FFA PBR Event in Arlington
- 19-26—National FFA Week
- 26—Prospect Show in Mauriceville
- 27—District Convention Practice and Testing in Silsbee
- 28—District Convention at Silsbee High at 4:30p.m.