

Mulhall-Orlando FFA Chapter

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Mulhall-Orlando FFA Has a Busy Start to the School Year

By Paige Day, Mulhall-Orlando FFA Reporter

ORLANDO, Okla. – The Mulhall-Orlando FFA Chapter began the school year by welcoming a new Ag instructor. Mr. Brooks returned to teaching after enjoying several years of retirement. He brings many years of experience to the job, and we have enjoyed his leadership.

In August, the Officer Team participated in a one-day team building retreat. We went to an escape room, as well as Climb OKC. We enjoyed working together to complete the various activities. The officer team also attended the Northwest Area COLT Conference in Enid in September. “COLT” stands for Chapter Officer Leadership Training. This year’s theme was “Level Up” and “encourages chapter officers to make the most out of their leadership journey.” The 2018-2019 FFA Officer Team consists of: President-Sydney Johnson, Vice President-Lane Blankinship, Secretary-Sarah Cunningham, Treasurer-Karlie Thomason, Reporter-Paige Day, and Sentinel-Ashlyn Larman.

Numerous members of the chapter have been extremely busy with their livestock projects, showing at local, county, the Oklahoma State Fair and finishing the fall season at the Tulsa State Fair. The chapter has had multiple successes in all species. Kaylee Shenold was pretty excited to qualify for

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the Junior Livestock Auction at Tulsa with her Hamp wether lamb to finish her fall show season.

Mr. Brooks has been focusing on livestock judging with the chapter members as well this fall. He has coordinated weekly workouts to provide the students with multiple opportunities to judge various livestock in the community. Jerry and Ada Pfeiffer of Pfeiffer Farms allowed students to work out on goats, Sonny and Gaye Pfeiffer of Pfeiffer Angus Farm had the students work out on cattle, as well as sheep, and Mark and Brenda Johnson of J & J Beef Genetics allowed the students multiple opportunities to visit their farm to work out on cattle. We are fortunate to have such great support in our community, and we are very grateful for their willingness to help our FFA students.

The workouts have definitely paid off. The Jr FFA livestock judging team, consisting of Charley Johnson, Baylee Brown, KayLea Taylor and Callen Oldenburg attended the Woodward County contest and placed 2nd. Charley was also the 4th high individual at the contest. The Jr FFA team consisting of Karlie Thomason, KayLea Taylor, Paige Day and Callen Oldenburg attended the NJSA Regional Livestock Judging contest, also in Woodward, and they placed 5th. Callen was also the 5th high individual at this contest. From there, the livestock judging teams headed to the Oklahoma State Fair. In the Jr FFA Individual contest, Callen Oldenburg placed 5th, and Paige Day placed 6th. One Jr FFA team (Callen, KayLea, Charley and Baylee) placed 3rd overall, and the other Jr FFA team (Paige, Lane, Ashlyn and Karlie) finished 11th overall. The fall livestock judging season concluded at the Tulsa State Fair. The Jr FFA team (Baylee, Callen, KayLea and Charley) did it again, placing 3rd overall. Baylee Brown also placed 5th in the individual contest. Congratulations to all of these chapter members who have worked so hard to improve their livestock judging skills!

As we look ahead, things will not be slowing down. We will be preparing for numerous competitions, including speech contests, interscholastic competitions, proficiency awards, as well as

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attending additional leadership conferences. The officer team will leave October 23 to attend the 91st National FFA Convention in Indianapolis.

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