



# GOLDEN THREAD

## Tri-County FFA Newsletter

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## HELLO!

This month's Golden Thread article will go over many things (look to your left). Ashley Peterson and Robyn Corbin are the 2016-17 Reporters for the Tri-County FFA and they are super happy to keep you all updated on what is happening in the TC Chapter. Without further dew , keep reading.

### Get To Know Your Reporters

Ashley and Robyn want you to get to know them a little.

#### Q: Why did you join FFA?

A: Robyn: In 9th grade my best friend told me to join and I never regretted my decision.

Ashley: I joined FFA my 7th grade year because I was very interested in joining meats and livestock judging.

#### Q: What is your favorite FFA contest?

A: Robyn: My favorite FFA contest would have to be either Dairy Foods or Agriscience but very hard to pick which one is number one. Both have brought me many opportunities.

Ashley: Meats judging has to be my favorite FFA activity as I have been in this contest for many years and it has provided me with many opportunities.

*“Work Hard  
in Silence,  
Let your  
Success be  
your Noise.”*

*-Frank Ocean*



TC FFA members at the Barn Dance in May to kick off Summer. Left to Right: Wayde Cochran, Sam Rance, Brett Woodcok, Claire Cantrell, Robyn Corbin, Angela Tressler, Maria Moore, Cameron Edmond, Austin Stearns, and Ashley Peterson.

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# 2016 FFA STATE CONVENTION

Amplify your FFA Journey!

“Work Hard  
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## Results:

### State Winners

*Vet Science* - holly, SYD, Becca, Ashley  
*Ag Issues* - holly, Emily, Abby, Claire, Jordan, Taylor and Micah  
*Ag Education* - Emily  
*Discovery Creed* - Blayne  
*Agriscience* - Blake, holly, Micah, SYD, Emily, Robyn

### State Runner Up

*Ag Bus Demo* - holly and Savahana  
*Marketing* - Brittany, Taylor and Ashley  
*Essay* - holly  
*Discovery Prepared* - Blayne  
3rd in State  
*Ag Com* - SYD, Savahana and Brittany  
*Extemp* - Micah  
*Outdoor Rec Prof.* - Brittany

*Agriscience Prof.* - Robyn  
4th in State  
*Ag Bus Management Team*  
- Angela, Robyn, holly, SYD  
*Specialty Crop Prof.* - Robyn

**Also Top Ten Chapter Award, Living to Serve Award and Living to Serve Safety Award**

Sean finished his awesome journey as a state officer

Emily was elected District President and holly was elected District Secretary

Robyn was Section Star in Agriscience

The Tri-County FFA members want to thank Mr. Scherer and Ms. Steuer for pushing them to work hard on their contests for state convention. The members were able to show their hard work pay off at convention. One member from another school asked Robyn after convention if we cheated because we were called on stage so many times. Her response was, “If you call cheating working hard and spending lots of time in the AG room, then yeah we defiantly cheated.” Obviously she was giving him a sarcastic yet truthful answer. If you want results you have to work hard for it. This is what FFA can teach you. Hard work pays off.



Successful Week At the FFA State Convention, way to go Tri-County FFA!

# 2016 TOP 15 TRIP

## Spring Mill State Park

Top 15 is when the top 10 Chapter members and top 5 Greenhands go on a trip with their Advisors. How they obtain this award is by participating in activities year round therefore earning points on the top 15 board. In the past they have gone white water rafting and camping. This year they decided to go to Spring Mill State Park and for the weekend. They left bright and early Friday morning to head down to the state fair and help the state officers with the FFA pavilion. Then at noon they left to begin their trip to Spring Mill State Park. Once they got there they were able to set up their tents and go for a hike. On Saturday the members and advisors went to Holiday World where they had lots of fun, screaming, and memories made. At night they cooked s'mores and told scary stories. On Sunday they went to BlueSpring Caverns and took a ride on the mystery river voyage. The trip was lots of fun and was enjoyed by the members.

*and  
so the  
adventure  
begins*

*adventure  
— more —*



# 2016 OFFICER RETREAT

Pine Creek Camp

## Tri-County Officers

**President:** Holly Lehe

**Co-Vice Presidents:** Micah Lehe and Sydney Rust

**Secretary:** Emily Kilmer

**Treasurer:** Matthew Harrington

**Co- Reporters:** Robyn Corbin and Ashley Peterson

**Sentinel:** Wayde Cochran

**Chairmen:** Abby Kilmer, Brittany Gonzales, and Taylor Pinkerton

**Middle School Advisor:** Courtney Lehe

“I choose to earn trust.  
I choose to build others.  
I choose to sacrifice today for a better tomorrow.  
I choose to give my best in the face of challenge.”

On August 13th and 14th the Tri-County Officers went to Pine Creek Camp for their annual officer retreat. Where they were able to grow as a team, develop ideas and plan for the upcoming year. They came together as a team and wrote eight goals for the year. These goals will set ambition in the team so they can accomplish their goals. There was lots of laughter and memories made over the weekend. The officers came up with the hashtag:  
#leaveourlegacy2016/2017



Officers were presented different topics ranging from why you should join FFA to why Ag education is important in school, and then presented their topics to the team

## DISTRICT KICKOFF, CONTEST, & FUTURE NEWS

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National Convention & more!

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### District 1 Kickoff

Emily Kilmer and Holly Lehe are two District 1 officers from Tri-County. Emily is serving as District 1 president and Holly Lehe is serving as District 1 secretary. Their team put together the annual District 1 Kickoff where the state officers were welcomed and put on activities for the members.

### Contest

Soils, dairy foods and meat judging recently had their contests. Dairy Foods Team placed 2nd overall. Ashley Allie was 4th placed Individual and Courtney Lehe was 10th placed individual. State Runner Up Meats Judging Team. The junior team placed 8th. Blayne Vandever was high overall individual, Ashley Peterson was 4th, Blake Peterson 10th and Chase Stearns 14th! The teams placed 2nd and 5th and are going to state. Emily Kilmer was 2nd individual!

### Future News

National Convention (being held in Indianapolis this year!!) will be October 18-22. On October 20th members that are not competing in national contest will be taking a day trip! They will be able to experience National Convention!