Fun Fact - Human Heart

- The average heart is the size of a fist in an adult.
- Your heart will beat about 115,000 times each day.
- The heart can continue beating even when it’s disconnected from the body.
- The first open heart surgery occurred in 1893. It was performed by Daniel Hale Williams.
- The youngest person to receive heart surgery was only a minute old.

Member of the Month

Breanna Sweeney is a well rounded FFA member. She competed on the first year member team as a freshman and now as a sophomore, she participated in potato judging, job interview and is on the Agriculture Issues team. Breanna has also shown interest in prepared public speaking. Breanna is in Ag Mechanics and Welding class and plans to participate in the Ag Mechanics competitions this spring. She also plans to raise her first market animal this year - way to go Bre!

January Meeting

On February 7, we held our rescheduled January meeting. There were about 20 members that attended as well as several parents who met with the Alumni chapter. At our meeting we had 10 different CDE stations including Agronomy, Ag Mechanics, Livestock Showmanship, Horse Evaluation, Floriculture, Comic design of FFA Motto (not a CDE - just for fun), Milk Quality and products, Food Science and Technology, Meat evaluation, and Poultry Evaluation. Each station showcased a part of the activity and introduced FFA members to opportunities to compete as an individual and as a team.

Upcoming Events

- National FFA Week- February 17-28 featuring spirit days and lunch activities the 19-23
- State Degree Scoring, February 20
- Ag Mechanics CDE @ WSU, February 21
- FFA Breakfast- February 23: 7:30am and Chapter Bowling at Bowlaway Lanes - 6:30pm
- Ag Mechanics CDE @ WWCC, February 28
- Floral CDE @ Chelan, March 7
- Ag Mechanics CDE @ Wa-Hi, March 7
Animal SAE Meeting
On January 31, we held our rescheduled meeting for FFA members interested in an animal SAE project. We discussed the costs, expectations, and plans of raising an animal to show at our county fair. Between members and parents there were approximately 60 people that attended this meeting with high interest in raising market animals. Raising an animal gives FFA members a chance to be an entrepreneur and face the many challenges that can occur. All the responsibility is upon the FFA member including feeding, watering, and cleaning pens daily. Our FFA advisors expect to have a record number of participants at this years fair.

Job Interview/Ag Issues
On January 24, Mrs. Payne and Mrs. Johnson traveled with the Agriculture Issues team (Parker Morgan, Breanna Sweeney, Kylie Cochran, and Natalie Lieuallen) and Job Interview participants (Tazie Betzler, Breanna Sweeney, and Alexis Jones) to Oakesdale High School to compete in the district VI competition. The Ag Issues team placed fourth, qualifying to compete at the state level in May at WSU. They have a busy spring of presentations planned around our community. Alexis Jones moved on to the second round of the Job Interview contest where she was just short of placing in the top four.

Officer Interview: Logan Petty
Logan is a Junior this year and holds the position of Reporter. The musician in the team, Logan likes listening to country, old rock, and jazz music. He plays the drums (he’s rocking at every marching band event!) guitar. He has 1 dog and 3 cats. Logan’s favorite thing about FFA is the people and community FFA has built. He wants people to know that FFA is much more than just welding, trucks and raising cows. There’s something for everybody, everyone is welcome and can find something they enjoy. Logan is in AP Environmental Science and raises market hogs for his SAE.

Advisor Interview- Ms. Crane
Ms. Jennifer Crane is a new Ag teacher and Advisor at Walla Walla High School this year. Her coffee order is a Sugar-Free Cinnamon Vanilla Latte. She enjoys gardening, crafting with a cricut, going for walks, collecting Harry Potter items, and photography. Ms. Crane is coaching various competitions this year including Potatoe & Apple Judging, Floriculture, Agronomy, Extemporaneous and Prepared Public Speaking, Creed Speaking, Scrapbook, and National Chapter. Her favorite memory since she’s been an Ag teacher at Wa-Hi is Cooking and hanging out at Officer Retreat in Couer d’Alene. She is looking forward to Making new memories and experiences with a new team here at Wa-Hi.