



ELKTON FFA NEWSLETTER

“You’re Hired!”

On February 2nd 2011, the Elkton FFA Chapter took a trip to Days Creek to participate in the Job Interview competition. It was a new experience for many of the participants, but none the less, they still excelled.

Each competitor entered a room with three judges who would interview them, and ask them questions like they would for a real job. Competitors try to please the judges and answer the questions realistically. Students were judged on their personal interview, resume, cover letter, and job application. Out of 24 competitors in the advanced competition, all four of the Elkton competitors placed in the top twelve. Junior Chris Evoniuk in 1st, Sophomore Hannah Whitley in 6th, Sophomore Stanley Dunas in 7th, and Junior Noah Miller in 11th place. “It really helped me prepare for job interviews in the future...I had a lot of fun,” sais Chris. Chris will be advancing to sectionals to try and earn a spot at the state competition. Freshman Amy Parker also competed very well in the beginning competition

All FFA members who competed in this competition agreed that this was a great real-life learning experience. Everyone had a fun time and hope to return next year to be just as competitive.

-Stanley Dunas, Treasurer



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Upcoming events

- **FFA Meeting**
High School, *February 17th*
- **Sectionals**
Medford, *February 28th*
- **District Officer Elections**
Oakland, *March 7th*
- **FFA State Convention**
Central Point, *March 18-21*

Chapter Members Earn FFA State Degrees

This year Jackson Murphy and I took on the lengthy process of applying for our State FFA Degrees. The process has been long and difficult but in the end we will have the privilege of wearing that gold charm on our jackets.

To begin with we had to compile our records from our SAE projects from the last four years.

Next, we took a test that tested us on basic agriculture and FFA knowledge. After we passed our test we filled out our State Degree application. After many long class periods and head aches we were finally able to prepare for the final step; our State Degree Presentation. We each created a seven minute presentation on our

FFA experience which we presented to community representatives and FFA State Officers.

We are proud to say that Jackson and I will be receiving our State FFA Degree on stage at State Convention in March!

In the end this has been a great experience for both of us!

-Rachel Winslow, Reporter



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LEARNING TO DO,
DOING TO LEARN,
EARNING TO LIVE,
LIVING TO SERVE.
- FFA MOTTO

Elkton FFA Website Currently
Under Construction!!!

District Leadership Skills

Sitting outside in forty degree weather is not the ideal morning of an average teenager; especially when you're waiting in the chilly conditions for your turn to give a six minute speech to a group of unfamiliar people. Butterflies passed throughout my stomach as I patiently endured the waiting process for what was the 2011 Umpqua District Leadership Skills Competition. I was one of eight anxious sophomore public speakers awaiting my turn to knockout the judges with my presentation skills, and when the competition was finished, I placed second from the top.

Other Elktonions representing blue and gold jackets at the conference included John Evoniuk (high placing Creed recipient at sub-districts), Tyler Trout (extemporaneous speaking contestant) and Mr. Groth's advanced Parliamentary Procedure team: Brandon Bowen, Kaylee Chudy, Allyse Doudna, Rachel Winslow, Josie Baker, and Emily Wuerler.

In preparation for this event, John had to learn the five paragraphs of the FFA Creed word for word. The Parliamentary Procedure team researched twenty topics that would be drawn from at some stage in the competition. Tyler and I researched our respective speech topics.

For not having a Parliamentary Procedure team in a number of years, the team of six competed very well. I placed second in Sophomore Public Speaking, John placed third in Creed, and Tyler placed fourth in Extemporaneous Speaking.

-Hannah Whitley, President

Officer Highlight

This Month's Highlight: Jackson Murphy, Secretary

My name is Jackson Murphy. I have been going to Elkton since I was in 3rd grade. I've never been the kind of guy to back down from a challenge. If it sounds hard or impossible, you can always count on me to do everything I can to accomplish whatever it may be. With my time away from school I enjoy logging and training horses. During hunting seasons and salmon runs, you never know where to find me; I could be 20 miles up in the hills or in a boat in the middle of the Umpqua. Running around in the hills has always been my favorite activity. You just never know

what you're going to find.

I am super excited to be this year's chapter secretary and to be a part of this extraordinary FFA group that we have become. This year has had a very impressive start, and I look forward to all the future competitions and activities that our chapter will be attending. So far I have had a great year with my friends and fellow officers.

