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Chapter Recognized at State Convention

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Upcoming events

- **District Forestry**
Tiller, May 5th
- **Envirothon**
Salem, May 6th
- **Plant and Metal Sale**
EHS, May 6th and 7th
9 a.m.–5 p.m.
- **State Forestry**
Tiller, May 16th
- **End-of-the-year BBQ**
ECEC, May 19th, 6 p.m.

Each year the Elkton FFA Chapter participates in a fun filled weekend of listening to guest speakers, participating in various competitions, and learning about FFA. This exciting weekend is the Oregon FFA State Convention. State Convention is held at various locations around the state each year and this year it was held at Crater High School in Central Point. Every morning and every evening at state convention we attended sessions. These sessions can be very entertaining, with guest speakers like Judson Laipply. One morning while sitting on the hard bleachers, we had a sudden surprise. As the speaker said the usual, “would a representative from the following chapters please make their way to the right side of the stage” something unexpected happened; Elkton was called over the microphone. As Hannah Whitley



Hannah Whitley (Chapter President) accepting the award for Largest Increase in Membership on behalf of the Elkton FFA Chapter.

quickly got up and found her way to the stage, we learned that we had received an award for increasing our membership by ten percent or more. As Hannah started making her way back to the bleachers with our award in hand, once again the name Elkton echoed over the microphone. This award was for the largest chapter member increase in the whole state of Oregon! Who would've guessed? The Elkton FFA Chapter has in-

creased our membership over 20 members in just one year. But this wasn't something that just happened. Our new agriculture teacher and FFA advisor, Mr. Groth, has gone to great lengths to get students involved in Ag classes and FFA. Mr. Groth also took home an award at convention. He was awarded the “Teacher Turn the Key” scholarship which is awarded to the outstanding 2-4 year agriculture teacher. This award will allow him to travel to St. Louis next fall for the National Agriculture Teachers Convention! It is obvious that he has done his work to deserve this award. The chapter looks forward to seeing many more great things like these awards in the future.

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

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construction

Spring Buzz

Spring is in the air and with spring weather comes many new events and activities for the Elkton FFA Chapter. FFA members have participated in many new competitions throughout the year, and each one is a great new learning experience for everyone.

Spring was kicked off this year with the District Meats Evaluation competition on April 22nd held at Oakland Lockers. Thirteen Elkton FFA members competed and all did very well. Both the beginning and advanced teams took home third place finishes. Tyler Trout was the high individual for the advanced team and Emily Wuergler earned high individual for the beginning team.

Next week the chapter will be participating in the forestry competition. For many students this is the big one. This is the one event that they look forward to all year and do very well in. Each year Elkton FFA takes one of the top spots in the district and state forestry competitions. This year they are once again hoping for a great outcome. On April 20th the forestry students went to the forestry workshop in Tiller where they were taught what to expect for the competition.

The Envirothon is another competition that is just around the corner. The Envirothon is a combination of subjects from our agriculture classes such as soils, forestry, and science classes, including water quality and wildlife. The high school has an FFA team and a science team, both coached by Mr. Groth and Mr. Harper.

The freshmen agriculture class has also been working vigorously to prepare for the Mother's Day Weekend Plant and Metal Sale, May 6th and 7th. The class has managed nearly 200 hanging baskets, over 300 4-inch potted plants and 250 6-packs of vegetable and flower starts.

Elkton FFA members are very excited for the upcoming events they have been working towards and hope to make Elkton proud!

-Rachel Winslow, Reporter

Officer Highlight

Chapter Vice-President, Tyler Trout

My name is Tyler Trout and I am the Chapter Vice President. I have been involved in agricultural pursuits my whole life and I enjoy them immensely. I have worked on my grandparents' sheep ranch, the Trout Ranch, since I was old enough to lift a pitchfork. Whether its helping a ewe lambing or cleaning out pens, I've done it. I got involved in 4-H the first chance I got and raised a lamb to sell at the lamb show from 4th grade through 8th grade. Once I got into high school I became involved with FFA under the supervision of the Elkton legend, Denny Quinby. He taught me the agricultural ways well until he retired in 2010. Before he left, he instilled his knowledge of forestry, bovine species (specifically the Brangus breed), and nutritional science in me. It has left a big impression on me that will most likely carry throughout my agricultural involvement. Now I am being taught by Mr. Braden

Groth. Though he is a young teacher and doesn't have the years of experience of the Quinbinator, he is wise. He has allowed me to become involved in many more competitions and activities than I was my previous years. He has taught me the ways of Soils Judging, Extemporaneous Speaking and Meat Evaluation. It has been a great few years with many experiences that I will never forget. I'm glad I am in FFA and that I get another year to participate in what it has to offer.

