



ELKTON FFA NEWSLETTER

In The Pits

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Upcoming events

- **District Ag Sales**
Glide, *December 2nd*
- **State Ag Sales**
Dayton, *December 10th*
- **District Job Interview and Creed**
Days Creek, *February 1st*
- **District Leadership Skills**
Sutherlin, *February 8th*

This year Mr. Groth's soils team participated in both the district and state soils competition. The team of four competing at state consisted of Allyse Doudna, Chris Evoniuk, Alauna O'Brien, and Brandon Bowen. Allyse and Chris, who previously competed in soils knew what to expect, but Alauna and Brandon were both rookies to the pits.

The four showed that they deserved to represent Elkton at state when they earned the top four scores from Elkton out of 15 at the district level. Elkton hosted the competition with six other teams in attendance. These schools brought some good competition, but that didn't keep the Elkton team from showing up to compete. The Elkton team finished 3rd at districts.

The four stu-

dents chosen to participate at state had a lot of ground to cover before they arrived at the state competition in Umpqua. All week they studied hard, wanting to improve their scores. When the day of the competition



State Soils Team (left to right):
Alauna, Chris, Allyse, Brandon

arrived they were all a little nervous, but it didn't stop them from giving it their all. Everyone on the team improved tremendously. The team placed 6th out of 15 other schools at the competition! Allyse Doudna was high individual for Elkton, with Chris Evoniuk a close second.

"State Soils

was a great experience," said Chris. "Our whole team was proud of how we competed and we proved we belonged to be with the best. I would definitely do soils again if I had the chance."

Many believe that competition is just what students need to achieve greatness, but no competition can compare to this one. These four students were required to walk into 6ft. deep soils pits (which had eventually turned to mud), extract samples, and then judge the soil based on its many characteristics. "Soil judging isn't easy, but it's a lot of fun to participate in something so hands-on and real," said Allyse. "Many people didn't even know that there was such a competition, but if given the opportunity I dare them to try it."

-Allyse Doudna, Sr. FFA Member



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~Hog Raffle~

The Elkton FFA is having a hog raffle! Buy tickets now for your chance to win a whole hog, **cut and wrap included**. Tickets are one for \$1.00 or six tickets for \$5.00. They can be purchased from any FFA member at Elkton High School home basketball games, or various businesses around Elkton. The drawing will be held on December 3rd, so get your tickets today! Contact FFA Advisor Braden Groth at (541) 584-2228 ext. 214 for more information.

Community Members Form Elkton FFA Alumni

Over the past two years I have been approached by numerous individuals in the community asking how they can support our FFA members; enter the Elkton FFA Alumni. The Elkton FFA Alumni joins a network of over 40 other local Alumni chapters across the state and more than 50,000 Alumni members across the nation. *You did not have to be a member of the FFA in high school to join the FFA Alumni!*

The Elkton FFA Alumni was formed with one purpose in mind: to support our local FFA chapter and its members. The local Alumni can support Elkton FFA members in a number of ways including help raise funds for scholarships, help prepare students for competitions and serve as judges at the district and state level, help prepare food for FFA chapter functions and much more. Elkton FFA Alumni members can also serve as advocates for FFA and agricultural education at the district, state, and national level.

As a young teacher in a program that is continuing to grow and diversify, I consider myself fortunate to have this great support system for members of the Elkton FFA Chapter. Enclosed you will find a membership sign-up form if you would like to take part in this great opportunity to support our youth!

-Braden W. Groth, Elkton FFA Advisor

Officer Highlight

This Month's Highlight: Emily Wuergler ~ Chapter Sentinel

Hi, my name is Emily Wuergler and I am the sentinel for the Elkton FFA Chapter. I have been in FFA for three years and I participate in anything I can. Some previous things I have enjoyed are rituals, agriculture sales, soils, meats judging, livestock judging, and animal holding at the State Fair.

In FFA I show pigs for my project and have participated at the county fair and state fair. I currently have 14 pigs involved in my project, and I work with them every day. This consists of walking them, bathing and cleaning them, feeding them, and making sure their

pens are clean.

I enjoy FFA because I have had the opportunity to meet new people, compete in events, travel to places I haven't been before, and learn new things.

I would like to become a district and state officer in the upcoming years, and am excited to see where FFA will take me!!

