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ELKTON FFA NEWSLETTER

Winning in Winter

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Upcoming events

- **State FFA Convention**
Hermiston, *March 23-26*
- **District Floriculture**
Oakland, *April 6th*
- **District Forestry Workshop**
Tiller, *April 12th*
- **District Meats/Livestock**
Oakland, *April 20th*
- **Plant and Metal Sale**
EHS, *May 5th & 6th*
- **District Forestry**
Tiller, *May 10th*
- **State Forestry**
Tiller, *May 21st*

When the weather turns cold and rainy, the Elkton FFA Chapter does not go into hibernation, but puts on official dress and continues in intense competition. A great number of our members took part in winter Career Development Events (CDE's).

To start off, Hannah Whitley and Alyssa Smith took their impressive resumes and strong handshakes to Days Creek for the District Job Interview competition where they both excelled. The competition started with bringing a prior completed résumé and cover letter to the event. Then, at the competition they filled out job applications and went through an intense mock-interview. Alyssa placed first in the beginning competition and Hannah earned second in advanced. Even though districts is the highest level in which beginners compete, Alyssa is looking forward to competing next year. Hannah carried her experience from districts into sectionals, and earned 1st place! She will compete at FFA State Convention, March 23-26. Hannah says, "It's pretty cool to be one of the top eight job interviewees in the state."

The Parliamentary Procedure competition is usually described in one word: intense. This year the Elkton team lived up to that standard. The team consisted of Allyse Doudna, Hannah Whitley, Christine Evoniuk, Noah Miller, Justin Stubbs, and Brandon Bowen. Parliamentary Procedure is a team event where six members follow Robert's Rules of

Order to debate topics through numerous motions and amendments. Elkton competed with four beginners and two members in their second year. Nevertheless, Elkton debated with the best of them, even calling out other teams when they did not follow procedures correctly. It was a close battle and Elkton ended up receiving 3rd place! This year, Allyse Doudna was the team chairman. She said, "It felt good to do well this year, and I hope that in upcoming years Elkton FFA parliamentary procedure teams will keep improving."

The last competition for Elkton during the winter CDE's was Advanced Public Speaking. Hannah Whitley researched and composed a seven minute speech on the topic of the agreement between the HSUS (Humane Society of the United States) and the United Egg Producers concerning laying hen cage sizes. After her speech, Hannah was drilled with questions concerning her topic by a panel of judges. However, she knew her material inside out, and at districts she came home with a third place banner!

We are very proud of all the Elkton FFA members who participated in the winter CDE events. Everyone took the time to prepare for their competitions, competed with focus, and continued the Elkton tradition of greatness.

-Chris Evoniuk, Reporter



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Congratulations
to
Tyler Trout for
earning his State
FFA
Degree!!!

*Tyler will be recognized
on stage at the State
FFA Convention in Her-
miston, on March 25th.*

FFA Week

The chapter recently put on FFA Week for the first time. FFA Week was ran in conjunction with National FFA Week, February 19th to February 23rd. The chapter developed a theme and activity for each day:

- **Tuesday, Environment Day:** Students at EHS wore green and the chapter sponsored a school-wide community clean-up.
- **Wednesday, Gratitude Day:** The chapter created placards for local businesses and delivered them around town to show appreciation for the community's continued support.
- **Thursday, Outreach Day:** The chapter held a district-wide canned food drive. The food was delivered to local families in need.
- **Friday:** The chapter put on a school-wide FFA assembly with activities that included an official dress relay, obstacle course, follow the leader, and concluded with an awesome FFA video presentation.



Environment Day Community Cleanup

Officer Highlight

This Month's Highlight: Stanley Dunas, Treasurer

Hello, my name is Stanley Dunas and I am a junior at Elkton High School. This year I was elected chapter treasurer for the Elkton FFA Chapter for the second time. This is my third year as an FFA member and I am enjoying being a part of the chapter very much. Having been a member in the past I feel I have a good amount of experience in FFA. This allows me to help other new members and provide leadership for our growing chapter. Besides being active in FFA at Elkton High School, I like to play football, basketball, and hang out with friends.

As the chapter treasurer, my duties consist of more than the basic, keeping track of funds and signing purchase orders. I must act as a leader and vital part of the officer team. We, as officers, must put our chapter first and help it to grow and prosper. There are many new students at EHS and we hope to show them the exciting benefits of being a member.

