



# ELKTON FFA NEWSLETTER

## Back-2-Back!!!

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### Upcoming events

- **Chapter Banquet**  
EHS Gym, *May 23rd*
- **Lamb Show**  
DC Fairgrounds, *June 2nd*
- **Summer Ag Teachers Conference**  
Bend, *June 19-22*
- **Douglas County Fair**  
DC Fairgrounds, *Aug 7-11*
- **National FFA Convention**  
Indianapolis, *October 24-27*

Elkton has done it again...yet another FFA State Forestry championship! But this one was different. Mr. Groth knew he had a good team, but with no seniors, he wondered just how well his young team could perform under pressure. Apparently pressure wasn't an issue. At the end of the day the team coasted to a first place finish, well ahead of second place. Everyone had high hopes and the determination to win, and that's just what they did.

The competition consisted of five different areas; Mapping/General Knowledge, Cruising, Compass and Pacing, TSI (Timber Stand Improvement), and Tree and Tool ID. Both the advanced and the beginning teams placed first.

The advanced team consisted of Stanley Dunas, Alauna O'Brien, Hunter Rose, Kaila Trout, and Erika Wolfe. The B-team included Nick Aviani, John Evoniuk, Justin Stubbs, and Amy Parker. Out of the top ten individuals in the com-



Left to Right: Amy Parker, Kaila Trout, Justin Stubbs, Stanley Dunas, Hunter Rose, John Evoniuk, Alauna O'Brien, Erika Wolfe, Nick Aviani

petition, Elkton claimed seven of the places. Stanley Dunas was high individual with a score of 600 and Nick Aviani was a close second with 592.

The Elkton FFA Chapter will once again be representing Oregon at the National FFA Forestry Competition in Indianapolis, Indiana in late October. If you would like to financially help the team you can make donations payable to Elkton FFA, PO Box 390, Elkton, OR, 97436.

-Justin Stubbs





## Elkton FFA

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### 2012-2013 Elkton FFA Chapter Officers

President-Hannah Whitley

VP-Justin Stubbs

Secretary-Amy Parker

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Reporter(s)-Lea Whitley

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## ***"What I did at State FFA Convention..."***

**"I went to every workshop  
that I possibly could."**

**-Brianna Wuergler**

**"I went bowling with FFA  
members from Crane."**

**-Justin Stubbs**

**"I was chairman of the Agri-  
culture Mechanics Proficiency  
Committee."**

**-Hunter Rose**

**"I placed 5th in the State Job  
Interview Career Develop-  
ment Event."**

**-Hannah Whitley**

**"I earned my State FFA  
Degree."**

**-Tyler Trout**

**"I served as a voting delegate  
for our chapter."**

**-Emily Wuergler**

**"I was able to see a differ-  
ent part of the state."**

**-Amy Parker**

## Officer Highlight

*This Month's Highlight: Mr. Braden Groth~ Chapter Advisor*

Growing up, I knew I wanted to be one of two things: a farmer or a country music star. Needless to say I never developed the voice of an American Idol contestant (maybe the early season-folk) but farming and agriculture was something that did, and still does, intrigue me to this day. I was fortunate enough to have an agriculture teacher and FFA advisor that sparked my interest in not only the production side of agriculture but the scientific side as well. After traveling the state as an FFA State Officer presenting workshops in over 40 high schools, I decided that teaching was my passion and that I could continue my dream of farming and agriculture through agricultural education. What I love about agricultural education and FFA is that it exposes

students to endless opportunities and teaches students life skills; everything from communication to holding the door for someone. I have been so fortunate to serve as the Elkton FFA Advisor over the last two years and look forward to many years to come.

