



ELKTON FFA



ELKTON CHARTER SCHOOL

3-PEAT FORESTERS!

On the 8th of May the Elkton FFA forestry team made their way down to Tiller for the district forestry competition. The beginning team was made up of Alyssa Smith, Deserae Maxwell, Tyler Sky, Remington Moore, Tristen Cox, and Camilla Hoejdvang. The advanced team consisted of John Evoniuk, Amy Parker and Jonathan Arnold. The beginning team continued Elkton's tradition and won the district competition. The advanced team took third.



Team Members L to R: Jonathan Arnold, Tyler Sky, John Evoniuk, Alyssa Smith, Amy Parker, Remington Moore, Deserae Maxwell

During, the next week and a half the forestry team crammed in as much knowledge as they could. Both teams' goals were to earn the top spot in State Forestry. The students competed in tool and tree ID, compass and pacing, cruising, mapping, general knowledge test, and timber stand improvement. As state rolled around the Elkton team felt confident even though they knew they were facing twelve other very

good teams.

At the state competition the B-team consisted of only Remington Moore and Jonathan Arnold. Even with these slim numbers the B-team scored very well and placed third in state, a tremendous accomplishment. The members of the A-team were John Evoniuk, Alyssa Smith, Amy Parker, Tyler Sky, and Deserae Maxwell. Elkton and Oakland were neck and neck throughout the competition, but in the last round Elkton overtook Oakland and won by a slim margin

of twenty points. Alyssa Smith was high individual and John Evoniuk was a close second finishing one point behind Smith. The championship team will now advance to the national forestry competition in Louisville, Kentucky this October! Anyone wishing to financially support the forestry team can send contributions to Elkton FFA, P.O. Box 390, Elkton, OR 97436.

Amy Parker & John Evoniuk

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UPCOMING EVENTS

- * **Summer Ag Teachers Conference**
June 19th-21st, Joseph
- * **Douglas County Fair**
August 7th-10th, DC Fairgrounds
- * **District Leadership Camp**
September 7th-9th, Little River Christian Camp
- * **Douglas County Leadership Conference**
September 25th & 26th
- * **National FFA Convention**
Oct 30th-Nov 2nd, Louisville, KY

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*Did you know
that each part of
the FFA emblem
symbolizes part
of the
organization?*

*Q: What does
the owl
represent?*



*A: Knowledge
and wisdom*

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FFA has been
up to???**

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FIRST TIME FLORISTS FINISH FORTH

On April 5th the Elkton FFA Chapter went to Oakland High School to compete in their first floriculture competition. The competing members were Nick Aviani, Kaila Trout, Briana Weurgler, Sierra Harrell, Katherine Nash, and Ira Nash. The team and the advisor had very little experience in floriculture competitions prior to that day. Members prepared for competing in the areas of plant ID, tool ID, floral arranging, pest ID, advertising layout, pinching, business problem, and general knowledge. After a week of practice, the team managed to place 2nd in the district competition. Nick Aviani placed 2nd at the competition, scoring highest individual from Elkton. With high hopes, they set their sights towards state floriculture. The Elkton FFA chapter also competed in their first nursery competition on April 26th at Phoenix High School. With very little nursery experience, the team still managed to place 4th in the state competition. Team members competed in plant ID, tool ID, pest ID, landscape drawing, general knowledge, and business math. Although they didn't do as well as they had hoped in nursery, they were still excited to move on to the state floriculture competition, which was in the same place on the 27th. They spent the night before the competition practicing plant ID at the Grange Co-Op and studying tests to prepare themselves for the next day. They floriculture team had done well in districts, but they were expecting more experienced teams at the state level. At the state level, team members competed in the same areas as districts, as well as plant propagation, product display, and a team activity. The young Elkton team was able to take 4th place at the competition out of 13 other teams. The team was hoping to take first and get the chance to go to nationals, but taking 4th their first year in the competition was a huge accomplishment! The team hopes to go back next year with more experience and hopes of bringing home a blue banner!



Kaila Trout & Nick Aviani

*Team Members LtoR: Nick Aviani, Kaila Trout,
Brianna Wuergler, Sierra Harrell, Kathryn
Nash and Ira Nash*

OFFICER HIGHLIGHT: KATHRYN NASH, REPORTER

My name is Kathryn Nash and I'm finishing up my junior year of high school in Elkton. This is my first year at Elkton so I'm fairly new to the FFA and am excited to be the new reporter.

When I was registering for school I learned that I had to take an agriculture class, and didn't know what to expect, but it has been a great experience: learning the FFA Creed, learning about livestock, working in the greenhouse,

and playing with soil. I attended State Convention in March, and competed in Floriculture and Nursery.

I have had a lot of fun and look forward to many new experiences in FFA.

