



ELKTON FFA



ELKTON CHARTER SCHOOL

ELKTON REPRESENTS IN LOUISVILLE

On October 27th, the Elkton FFA Forestry team and Mr. Groth loaded onto the mini bus at 1:00 a.m. and headed to Portland. After a long day of flying, the team landed in Indianapolis, Indiana and began practicing. The next two days were spent with an Indiana State Forester practicing in Selmeir State Forest. While practicing, the team learned to use Tree Sticks (pictured) and identified trees of the Midwest. After hard days of practice, the team headed down to Louisville, Kentucky. The competition took place in Bernheim Forest. Unfortunately, the weather didn't cooperate and the competition was cut short. The team competed in tool ID and



Elkton FFA National Forestry Team (L to R): Tyler Sky, Deserae Maxwell, Amy Parker, Alyssa Smith, Remington Moore

the forestry interview, as well as the team activity and knowledge test. Deserae, Tyler, Amy, and Alyssa ended up with a silver placing, and the team earned bronze. Remington was a great alternate

and helped everyone study for the competition.

Despite the competition being cut short, our team had plenty of fun. Aside from

all the great restaurants, we went to

Churchill Downs and Wagner's Pharmacy, a diner where they met a jockey who won numerous Kentucky Derbies. The team bonded and had a great time meeting members from other states. The team headed back on November 2nd, tired, but very happy.

Alyssa Smith, Team Member

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UPCOMING EVENTS

- * **District Job Interview, Creed, Proficiencies**
January 29, Days Creek
- * **Leadership Skills**
February 12, Sutherlin
- * **National FFA Week**
February 18-22
- * **Sectional Leadership Skills**
February 24, TBA
- * **State FFA Convention**
March 21-24, Bend

Congratulations

to



Maggie Briggs Elkton FFA Member of the Month

Grade: 9th

Favorite Class:

Agriculture

FFA Activities:

Leadership Camp,
Greenhand President,
Rituals, Tractor
Driving

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TRACTOR DRIVING

On November 8th the Intro to Agriculture class traveled to the Douglas County Fairgrounds for a tractor driving certification day and FFA competition. The class spent three weeks preparing for this event. During preparation the class learned about safe tractor operation and even got to drive a tractor in the high school parking lot. All of this knowledge was put to the test at the courses. The courses included the figure eight, trailer backing, and fork operation. Everyone did a good job and earned third overall and Cyrus Holcomb got first place in the competition. Maggie Briggs was second for Elkton and Austin Monroe earned third for the team.



Cyrus Holcomb maneuvers a pallet-box between cones during the fork operation practicum.

Dariyan Woodard, Greenhand Secretary

FIRST GREENHAND TEAM ELECTED

For the first time in Elkton, a Greenhand officer team has been elected. Greenhands, first year agriculture students and FFA members, were able to run for Greenhand offices, similar to those of the chapter officers. They filled out an application and were interviewed by the chapter officers before being confirmed. The president is Maggie Briggs, Vice President is Emery Beattie, Dariyan Woodard is the Secretary, the Treasurer is Cyrus Holcomb, Breanna McKamey is the reporter, and Jena Chandler is the Sentinel.

Greenhand officers help chapter officers with their responsibilities, similar to a job shadow. They will be in charge of conducting one meeting this year. Being a Greenhand officer gives students a taste of what being an officer will be like without overpressuring them. They have already competed in the district rituals competition. Being a Greenhand officer will help them be more prepared for the responsibilities of being a chapter officer in the future.

Kathryn Nash, Reporter

OFFICER HIGHLIGHT: EMBERLY HERNDON CHAPTER REPORTER

My name is Emberly Herndon and I am one of two Elkton FFA Chapter reporters. This is my second year in FFA and I have learned a lot and have had a great experience. In FFA I have competed in soils, district rituals and attended district leadership camp. I also raise pigs. One of my goals as chapter reporter is to maintain the Elkton FFA website and Facebook page. Aside from FFA I play volleyball and basketball. I am very excited to be a member of our chapter and look forward to a great year.

