



ELKTON FFA



ELKTON CHARTER SCHOOL

MEMBERS DEVELOP LEADERSHIP SKILLS THROUGH COMPETITION

Recently Elkton FFA members have competed in Job Interview, Parliamentary Procedure, and Public Speaking Career Development Events (CDE) with great success. For Job Interview, competitors wrote a cover letter, created a resume, filled out a job application and completed an interview, just as if they were applying for a real job. On the beginning team Darian



Woodard took third place, Maggie Briggs took second, and Cyrus Holcomb took first. On the advanced team Alyssa Smith took second place. For Parliamentary Procedure, teams of six conducted a meeting and discussed agricultural related topics. The beginning team, of which, Cyrus

Holcomb was the chairman, took first place. The advanced team, with John Evoniuk as the chairman, took third place. For advanced public speaking, Alyssa Smith presented a speech about salvage logging and took second place.

All of the teams mentioned, omitting Beginning Job Interview, qualified for sectionals.

Sectional leadership skills took

place in Sutherland on the 24th of February. Alyssa Smith took 2nd place in Job Interview and took 1st place in Prepared Public Speaking, which qualified her for state competition which will be held at State FFA Convention in Bend at the end of March.

Congratulations to all who competed!

Kathryn Nash, Reporter

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UPCOMING EVENTS

- * **State FFA Convention**
March 21-24, Bend
- * **District Floriculture**
April 4, Elkton
- * **State Nursery & Floriculture**
TBD, Dayton
- * **District Meats & Livestock Judging**
April 25, Oakland
- * **District Forestry**
May 8, Tiller

Chapter Member of the Month



Savannah O'Brien

Grade: 10th

Favorite Class: Language Arts

FFA Activities: Creed, Soils,
Parliamentary Procedure,
Forestry

School Activities: Basketball,
Volleyball

Congratulations!

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can now be
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**Learning To Do,
Doing To Learn,
Earning To Live,
Living To Serve.**

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REMEMBERING JOHN BRADLEY

Four years ago I made the decision to leave my teaching job in Condon and accept the agriculture teaching position at Elkton High School. At first I was hesitant about accepting the position. I had recently finished my first year teaching and was not sure if I was up for having another "first year" in a new school.

John Bradley was one of the first members of the Elkton community I met. I soon discovered not only was John a grape grower and wine maker; he was a beacon for youth in the community. He genuinely cared about kids, not for his own personal image or gain, but for the betterment of our youth. The time John devoted to kids is unmeasurable and the positive impact he had in the lives of our youth is undying. He was the most selfless man I ever met and would do anything for kids. You could see just how much he cared about kids by the way his eyes would swell when he talked about them.

John believed that kids learn best when exposed to hands-on, real-life learning situations. He supported the Elkton Agriculture Program, Elkton FFA Chapter and Elkton Wranglers 4-H Club because he knew that they provide students with opportunities that teach students responsibility and work ethic. I was very fortunate to have John serve on the advisory committee for the agriculture program. John was also one of the key players



behind starting the Elkton FFA Alumni, an organization that is growing exponentially and dedicated to benefitting our youth in countless ways.

John will be greatly missed. To many, he was the face of growing grapes, education and the Elkton community. Four years later I can say with confidence that coming to Elkton was the best professional and personal decision I've ever made. At the very least I can say I was fortunate enough to know John Bradley.

Braden Groth, Advisor

OFFICER HIGHLIGHT: SIERRA HARRELL SENTINEL

This year I am a senior at Elkton High School. Last year I moved to Elkton from Maui, Hawaii and was drawn to FFA as a fun and learning filled experience. I have competed in floriculture, lamb show, soils, and rituals, and have attended both district leadership camp and the Douglas County leadership conference. FFA has been very enjoyable and I hope to come out of my senior year with skills and experiences that I can use to benefit my friends, family and college experience.

