



# ELKTON FFA



## ELKTON CHARTER SCHOOL

### 75TH ANNUAL DOUGLAS COUNTY LAMB SHOW

On the 28<sup>th</sup> of March, five Elkton FFA members, Maggie Briggs, Dariyan Woodard, Bre Anna McKamey, Brooke Sweet, and Sierra Harrell got their lambs for the 2014 Douglas County Lamb Show. After three months of working with their lambs it was finally time for

students were very excited because most of them were freshman year doing a market show. All of the

things in the process and this was their first lamb. How to care for their lambs, brace them, properly walk their lambs, nutrition and health. Although the lambs were stubborn and did not cooperate, each student made a constant effort to build chemistry with their lamb and push them to do their best. The week leading up to show, the students washed and sheered their sheep, making them look neat and presentable.

On June 7<sup>th</sup>, high school bright and their sheep and members arrived at the fairgrounds, it was for the show. When they got to the time to check in. There were about 180 other kids with lambs, some in 4-H and some in FFA.

The first event of the day was conformation where members show their lamb and the judge evaluates the lamb for volume, finish and muscle. The second event of the day was Showmanship. Showmanship based on how you are able to handle your lamb, answer questions from the judge and maintaining eye contact with the judge

The Auction was the last event of the long and hot day. It was long evening and took till 10:00. The average price of FFA members' lambs was six dollars per pound. All the students did very well and it was a great first experience for each them.



FFA member Brooke Sweet braces her lamb as conformation judge Dave Martin feels for finish.

Maggie Briggs, Reporter

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#### UPCOMING EVENTS

##### Washington Leadership Conference

July 15<sup>th</sup>-19<sup>th</sup>, Washington D.C.

##### Douglas County Fair

August 6<sup>th</sup>-9<sup>th</sup>, DC Fairgrounds

##### Chapter Officer Retreat

August 16<sup>th</sup> & 17<sup>th</sup>, Loon Lake

##### District Leadership Camp

September 13<sup>th</sup>-15<sup>th</sup>, Little River Christian Camp

##### Elkton FFA Alumni Dinner & Auction

October 2<sup>nd</sup>, Elkton Grade School

## Chapter Member of the Month



**BreAnna McKamey**

**Grade:** 9th

**Favorite Class:** Intro to Ag

**FFA Activities:** Leadership Camp, Greenhand Reporter, Floriculture, Lamb Show

**School Activities:** Basketball, Track, Youth Group

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## HUGHES & KRUSE RECEIVE HONORARY MEMBERSHIP

Thursday, May 22nd, 130 people attended the Third Annual Elkton FFA Chapter Banquet. The night was filled with celebrating chapter member achievements and dedication to FFA as well as community members who have influenced our chapter. Cyrus Holcomb was awarded the Outstanding Greenhand Degree, Savannah O'Brien received the Outstanding Chapter Degree, Kaila Trout earned the DeKalb Award, Briana Wuergler was awarded Chapter Farmer, and Alyssa Smith was awarded the Leadership Award and Outstanding Chapter Member. All of these members have shown exceptional skill and hard work in FFA.

Community members were also recognized for their dedication to the chapter. Mr. Gary Groth and Mr. and Mrs. Gary Trout received the Distinguished Service award, and Mr. Mike Hughes and Mr. Brian Kruse received Honorary Membership. Thank you to these people for their involvement in the chapter!

Also during the evening everyone enjoyed a slideshow put together by reporter Kathryn Nash displaying events from the past year. They enjoyed pictures of kids at events such as tractor driving, soils, forestry, and floriculture, district leadership camp, alumni auction, and state convention.

As well as presenting awards, the 2014-2015 chapter officers were installed: Alyssa Smith took the role of president, Deserae Maxwell her vice president, Savannah O'Brien and Maggie Briggs as co-reporters, Brooke Feuerborn as sentinel, Dariyan Woodard as secretary, and Cyrus Holcomb became our treasurer.

Thank you to Mr. Gary Groth for the wonderful tri-tip dinner and Heather Monroe for a delicious desert and everyone who has supported Elkton FFA over the year!

*Savannah O'Brien, Reporter*

## OFFICER HIGHLIGHT: DESERAE MAXWELL VICE PRESIDENT

My name is Deserae Maxwell and this upcoming year I have the honor of serving as our chapter's vice president. I started FFA my freshmen year and since then I have participated in several events, including forestry, rituals, parliamentary procedures, and nursery. I have sat on committees and raised a hog for the Douglas County Fair. Last year I served as our chapter secretary. One of my favorite moments in FFA was winning the state forestry competition that sent me and my team to Louisville, Kentucky.

