



ELKTON FFA



ELKTON CHARTER SCHOOL

SUCCESS AT DISTRICT SOILS

Umpqua District FFA members traveled to Don Bailey’s Century Farm on October 7th, to compete for who knows soil best at the District Soils Career Development Event. Members got down into soil pits and using nothing but their hands, eyes, and a water bottle judged the qualities of soil. They judged four different pits on texture, color, structure, effective depth, and more. Every pit was different ranging from a floodplain with deep, sandy soils to a foot slope with shallow, clayey soils. The diversity of pits was an excellent learning opportunity and presented a challenge to even the most experienced soils judger. After all cards were judged and the scores were tallied up, the advanced team took third place, following Sutherlin and Oakland, and the beginning team took second, just behind Sutherlin. Junior Savanah O’Brien, high placing individual for the advanced team, took 9th place individually, followed by senior Alyssa Smith in 10th place. Cyrus Holcomb was high individual for the Elkton beginning team, followed by Maggie Briggs. After playing with soil in eighty-degree heat, the kids headed home with red and white banners.



Elkton FFA Beginning and Advanced Soils Teams at Doc Bailey’s Century Farm

Savanah O’Brien, Reporter

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UPCOMING EVENTS

- State FFA Scholarships Due**
January 30, State Office
- District Job Int., Creed, Proficiencies**
February 4, Days Creek
- District Leadership Skills**
February 11, Sutherlin
- National FFA Week**
February 15-21
- Sectional Leadership Skills**
March 2, Willamette Valley
- State FFA Convention**
March 20-23, Silverton

November Member of the Month



Coal Fulton

Grade: 9th

Favorite Class: Intro to Ag and Latin

FFA Activities: Greenhand Reporter, Rituals, Tractor Driving, Greenhand Conference

School Activities: Class secretary, basketball

December Member of the Month



Hannah Maxwell

Grade: 9th

Favorite Class: Intro to Ag & Language Arts

FFA Activities: Greenhand President, Rituals, Tractor Driving, Greenhand Conference, Leadership Camp

School Activities: Class president, volleyball, basketball

Congratulations!

FFA SCORES BIG WITH DECEMBER FUNDRAISER

On December 5th, the Elkton High School parking lot was piled high with Christmas trees of all shapes and sizes. Three tables displayed various metal art pieces and two full racks of ornaments crafted by EHS's Ag Welding program. From Friday to Sunday, dozens of people flocked to the first ever Elkton FFA Christmas Tree and Metal Art Sale, making it a huge success. The chapter sold more than 75 pieces of metal art, and 45 trees. We look forward to another sale next year.

Alyssa Smith, President

GREENHAND OFFICERS GET A TASTE OF COMPETITION

On November 5th, the Elkton FFA Senior and Greenhand Officer Teams boarded the activity bus and headed to Myrtle Point to compete in the Umpqua District Rituals Competition. Rituals is the opening and closing ceremonies that is conducted at official chapter meetings, banquets and conventions. After plenty of practice, both teams competed well against the seven other chapters present. The advanced and beginning teams earned second place. On the advanced team, Alyssa Smith was the 2nd place President, Cyrus Holcomb was the 2nd place Treasurer, and Brooke Feuerborn was the 3rd place sentinel. On the beginning team, Hannah Maxwell was the 1st place President, Shyanne Sky was the 1st place Treasurer, and Coal Fulton was the 1st place Reporter. All members did an excellent job!

Alyssa Smith, President

OFFICER HIGHLIGHT: MAGGIE BRIGGS, REPORTER

My name is Maggie Briggs and I am a sophomore at Elkton High School. My freshman year I was the Greenhand president. I have participated in tractor driving, rituals, job interview, parliamentary procedure, leadership camp and raised a lamb for Lamb Show. Aside from FFA I am on our basketball junior varsity and varsity teams. I enjoy FFA very much as it gives me a sense of leadership and responsibility and I plan on continuing this all four years of high school.

