

The Elkton FFA Bugle

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Building Leaders in September

Leader is defined simply as “one who leads” not what they lead or how they do it but to lead in general. Whether your leading a multimillion dollar company or you baby sit on the weekends you need leadership skills to keep the boat afloat.

September is a leadership packed month from the annual leadership camp to electing our 2019-2020 Greenhand officers our FFA Chapter has been preparing our members and whole school to be great leaders in the not so distant future.

To really kick off this new season of FFA Districts across the nation hold a weekend long camp to instill excitement about FFA and pass qualities of leadership down from our State and District Officers. This year our theme was “Umpqua District’s Got Talent”. How to find those qualities and talents that make us who we are and how that influences us as leaders.

14 members of the elkton chapter were engaged in

that team and leadership building days. As we broke into our officer groups we learned about the individual officer positions and how the lead in different ways than compared to others.

Coming back from the information packed weekend we were all exhausted but renewed in how to better lead ourselves and the association we represent.

On the 19th of September we involved the entire school in how to better lead by taking them to the biennial Leadership Conference. Motivational speaker and all around hoot Rhett Laubach helped us find our inner leaders and how to let them out and shine. By participating in games that involved us getting out of our comfort zones and

interacting with other students from the other FFA members in our district that went

we got to see how others lead as well as how we lead ourselves without a known friend to guide us along the way.

These and many others have excited us for the year of FFA ahead and how we can extend our newly learnt skills to lead our chapter through the highs and lows of



FFA members at District Leadership Camp

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Upcoming Events

State Soils CDE,
October 14th, Morrow County

Rituals Competition
November 4th, Roseburg HS

District Vet Science & Ag Sales CDEs
November 15th, Sutherlin

September
Member of the Month
Sadie Olson



Activities: Chapter President, District Vice President, Soils CDE, Floriculture CDE, Vet Science CDE, Forestry CDE, Public Speaking LDE

Degree: State Degree

SAE: Pig and goat production

2019 Elkton FFA Les Schwab Hunger Initiative

Here is how you can help:

- **Donate non-perishable food items in the barrels at the high school or grade school.**
- **Cash donation to the high school office. \$1 is equivalent to 3 pounds of food.**
- **Change wars! Put change (or bills) in the teacher jars at the grade school or high school office. The teacher with the most money gets to pucker up on October 31st and kiss a goat!**
- **Look for paper bags on your doorstep to donate and picked up at a later date.**

Together we can help put an end to hunger in Douglas County!!



Summer Doin's

At the beginning of July the Elkton FFA chapter officer team took an officer retreat to Dorena Lake and Cottage Grove. While there, chapter officers made goals for the year and developed a program of activities. Officers also used the time to bond over a dinner downtown, swimming at the lake and late-night board games.

Towards the end of the month, Clairity Terrell, Sadie Olson, and Mr. Groth traveled to Washington D.C. for the Washington Leadership Conference. 300 FFA members from across the country were a part of the weeklong event. The students developed their own living to serve plans, toured monuments and museums, visited the U.S. Capitol, and made friends from all around the country. The Elkton FFA Alumni and the Oregon FFA Foundation sponsored their trip. The chapter will be sending members back to the conference in summer 2021.

This year at the Douglas County Fair, Elkton FFA was represented by Tayla Swearingen, who showed her dairy heifer, Sadie Olson who showed a market hog, carcass hog and boer goats, and Clairity Terrell showed a market hog. There were also numerous static exhibits including metalworking and woodworking projects, landscape display and educational displays.



Sadie and Clairity at the Capital building



Tayla showing her dairy heifer.