

The Elkton FFA Bugle

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Elkton FFA Adapts to Covid-19

When the remainder of the school year was cancelled in March of 2020 due to the coronavirus pandemic, Elkton's FFA chapter had to think quickly to adapt to the circumstances. With lots of hard work and creativity, they were able to proceed with all the planned events in the remainder of the school year, but with a twist. All of the events would be held virtually! Chapter members pushed through the adversity, and scored well in both Floriculture and Forestry CDEs. In district Floriculture, Jasman Brar placed 2nd in the beginning competition, and Sadie Olson earned 1st place in the advanced competition. At the State level, the team earned 3rd place and Sadie Olson was the high individual for the second year in a row. At the State Forestry CDE, the team earned 2nd place, with Sadie Olson as the high individual for the day. The chapter was also able to virtually gather and have a chapter meeting, where they were able to discuss the proceedings of upcoming events, competitions, activities, and their end of the year banquet. The past officer team individually filmed their speaking parts, and Mr. Groth, with the help of Sadie Olson, compiled them together to form a seamless socially-distanced version of the banquet. Award recipients included, Camille Peters (Star Greenhand), Olivia Humphries (Star Chapter Degree), Sadie Olson (Outstanding Chapter Member), Sadie Olson (Leadership Award), Margaret Byle (Star Farmer), Sean Pakros (Star in Agriscience), Rebecca Melton (Honorary Chapter Degree), and DC Farmers Co-Op (Distinguished Service Award). The chapter looks forward to returning to some form of normalcy this fall, but until then, will engage members and staff in a virtual format.



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State Soils CDE.....	10/26
National FFA Convention.....	10/28-31

August
Member of the Month
Sophia Armstrong



Activities: Soils, Can Food Drive,
Lamb Show, Alumni Dinner
Degree: Chapter
SAE: Market Lamb, Vegetable
Production

Elkton Chapter Officer “Stay-Treat”

With the coronavirus pandemic still raging, the 2020-2021 Elkton FFA chapter officer team had to come up with a new way to get together and plan the upcoming school year, as opposed to the usual officer retreat. The solution? A stay-treat. On July 20th, the team converged at Elkton High School all while staying safe practicing social distancing and “masking-up”. During the stay-treat, the team looked back on what the chapter did well last year and what



Officers enjoying lunch at Arlene's.

areas had room for improvement. Afterwards, the officers set goals for the year and planned for how they would accomplish those goals. Mr. Groth will meet virtually with each officer in August to follow-up on officer duties.

Virtual Lamb Show & Premium Sale

With the onset of Covid-19 closures to schools and large gatherings, FFA and 4-H members were left wondering what would become of the 2020 Douglas County Lamb Show. The Douglas County Youth Market Auction Committee soon rallied together to develop a plan that would allow students to show their lambs through a virtual experience. Eight Elkton FFA members showed their lambs in the Virtual Lamb Show and Premium Sale which took place at the beginning of June. FFA members continued to raise their lambs just as they would any other year through feeding, exercise and record keeping. The last week of May, members prepared their lambs for the show by washing and clipping. Once the lambs were show-ready, each member recorded videos of themselves showing their lamb along with pictures that showed off the lambs confirmation. Results were announced on Facebook Live on June 6th and Elkton FFA members had a lot to be proud of! Members had their best showing ever, with one class winner and numerous lambs in the second and third place slots. Lambs were sold based on their class placings. Donations were made both by previous lamb buyers and new donors as well. The chapter sincerely thanks all those who sponsored the sale and wishes to thank all the advisors, leaders and parents who stepped up to make the show possible.



Kylie Ward's class-winning lamb.



Randol Gritton preparing his lamb for the virtual show.