



# Santiam FFA Chapter

## 2007-2008

### Santiam FFA ... A year of history in the making

The 2007-2008 school year marked the beginning of the Santiam FFA Chapter. As a first year program, the chapter worked hard to recruit members, establish traditions, and take advantage of all the FFA has to offer. Through out the year, Santiam FFA earned 9 district awards, 3 state awards including first place in the state Website Design CDE, and had over 46 students participate in FFA events. It has been a year of memories and milestones made possible by the many students of Santiam High School.



### Founding FFA Members

JP Carey  
 Steve Castro  
 Tracy Stevens  
 Krystle Follis  
 Israel Martinez  
 Jessica Sexton  
 Aleshia Lockard  
 Kourtney McKinley  
 Jake Wiley  
 Andrew Brown  
 Casey Cooper  
 Larne Urban  
 Crystal Flores  
 Marlin Miller  
 Alan Schumann  
 Chandel Lolkema  
 Jena Lane  
 Kaylee Warren  
 Bill Hays

Kary Tuers  
 Cassidy Hills  
 Tiffany Wells  
 Darin Puckett  
 Derek Willett  
 Georgia Downey  
 Brady Hills  
 Ashley Rairdon  
 Josh Cook  
 Stephen Shannon  
 Davin Buchanan  
 Ronny Minton  
 Jessica Stevenson  
 Jesse Rizzuto  
 Kyle Woodley  
 Elliot White  
 Alyssa Stadler  
 Brandon Jennings  
 Danyell Robinson

## Officer Team

- > President  
JP Carey
- > Vice President  
Steve Castro
- > 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President  
Tracy Stevens
- > Secretary  
Krystle Follis
- > Treasurer  
Israel Martinez
- > Reporter  
Jessica Sexton
- > Sentinel  
Aleshia Lockard
- > Historian  
Kourtney McKinley

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### **President - JP Carey**

**Year in School:** Junior

**Favorite Activities:** Living Life

**Other Group Involvement:** Baseball, Drama, ASB, Ford Family Foundation, International Club, and Cross Country

**Favorite FFA Competition:** Parliamentary Procedure

**SAE Project:** Raising a dairy bull

**Quote:** "Act before you think!"

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### **Vice President - Steve Castro**

**Year in School:** Senior

**Favorite Activities:** Skating, playing hacky sack, and hanging out with friends

**Other Group Involvement:** Young Life, North Santiam Watershed Monitoring, and Students Serving Our Community

**Favorite FFA Competition:** Soils

**SAE Project:** Is looking to work with a Hydrologist

**Quote:** "It's now or never!"

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### **2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President - Tracy Stevens**

**Year in School:** Freshmen

**Favorite Activities:** Sports, friends, and four wheeling

**Other Group Involvement:** Drama Club

**Favorite FFA Competition:** Parliamentary Procedure

**SAE Project:** Raising a market lamb

**Quote:** "Live life your way!"



### **Secretary - Krystle Follis**

**Year in School:** Senior

**Favorite Activities:** Hanging out with friends

**Other Group Involvement:** Students Serving Our Community and Softball

**Favorite FFA Competition:** Floriculture

**SAE Project:** Making corsages and boutonnieres for Prom

**Quote:** "Life is a journey, not a destination."



## Treasurer - Israel Martinez

**Year in School:** Senior

**Favorite Activities:** Riding four wheelers

**Other Group Involvement:** ASB, Drama, Ford Family Foundation, and Cross Country

**Favorite FFA Competition:** Ag Sales

**SAE Project:** Working for the US Forest Service

**Quote:** "Never turn your back on the things you will face!"



## Reporter - Jessica Sexton

**Year in School:** Junior

**Favorite Activities:** Reading and writing

**Other Group Involvement:** ASB, Volleyball, Basketball, Softball, and International Club

**Favorite FFA Competition:** Soils

**SAE Project:** Managing the high school's greenhouse

**Quote:** "Don't be afraid to get DIRTY!!!!"



## Sentinel - Aleshia Lockard

**Year in School:** Junior

**Favorite Activities:** Riding horses

**Other Group Involvement:** Softball

**Favorite FFA Competition:** Horse Judging

**SAE Project:** Raising a market lamb and horses

**Quote:** "You miss 100% of the shots you never take!"



## Historian - Kourtney McKinley

**Year in School:** Sophomore

**Favorite Activities:** Eating and making people laugh

**Other Group Involvement:** President of the Art Club

**Favorite FFA Competition:** Fairs

**SAE Project:** Raising a market goat

**Quote:** "Be as weird and crazy as you can because you never know what's going to happen the next day!"

# AWARDS

## **Leadership Camp**

Steve Castro  
Aleshia Lockard  
Ashley Rairdon  
Kourtney McKinley

## **District Soils - 1st Place**

Jessica Sexton - 2nd place  
Israel Martinez - 4th place  
Todd Lemke - 4th place  
Janessa Hartwell  
Bill Hays  
Brady Hills  
Steve Castro  
Jessica Stevenson  
Tiny Wells  
Derek Willett

## **District Advanced Ag Mechanics - 4th Place**

Casey Cooper - 5th place  
Bill Hays  
Darin Puckett  
Jake Wiley  
Zack Farrell  
Davin Buchanan  
Ronny Minton  
Stephen Shannon

## **District Sales - 4th Place**

Steve Castro - 7th place  
Israel Martinez  
JP Carey  
Jessica Sexton

## **District Floriculture - 5th Place**

Chandel Lolkema  
Kaylee Warren  
Bill Hays  
JP Carey  
Aleshia Lockard  
Krystle Follis  
Branden Jennings

## **District Parliamentary Procedure - 4th Place**

Elliot White  
JP Carey  
Aleshia Lockard  
Krystal Follis  
Amber Taylor  
Tracy Stevens

## **State Convention**

Davin Buchanan  
JP Carey  
Steve Castro  
Krystle Follis  
Todd Lemke  
Aleshia Lockard  
Chandel Lolkema  
Ronny Minton  
Tracy Stevens  
Elliot White

## **State Talent – 3<sup>rd</sup> Place**

Elliot White

## **State Website Design – 1<sup>st</sup> Place**

Jessica Sexton  
Aleshia Lockard

## **District Dairy Cattle – 3<sup>rd</sup> Place**

Georgia Downey  
Krystle Follis  
Allbrie Grimes  
Aleshia Lockard  
Rebecca Oechsner  
Darin Puckett

## **District Horse Judging – 5<sup>th</sup> Place**

Georgia Downey  
Krystle Follis  
Aleshia Lockard  
Rebecca Oechsner  
Danyell Robinson

## **District Tractor Driving – 6<sup>th</sup> Place**

Trent Foltz  
Todd Lemke  
Stephen Shannon  
Jessica Stevenson

## **District Poultry Judging – 4<sup>th</sup> Place**

Todd Lemke – 9<sup>th</sup> place  
Janessa Hartwell  
Justin Rusaw  
Alyssa Stadler  
Tiffany Wells

## **District Food Science – 3<sup>rd</sup> Place**

Rebecca Oechsner  
Stephen Shannon  
Kayla Simmons  
Jessica Stevenson

## **Oregon Envirothon – 4<sup>th</sup> place**

Mitchell Cole  
Jace McGregor  
Matt Paasch  
Jessica Sexton  
Jesse Benton  
Georgia Downey  
Bill Hays  
Trent Foltz  
Tanner Hills  
Todd Lemke  
Larne Urban  
Ashley Walczak

## **Linn County Fair**

Aleshia Lockard, *Sheep*  
Darin Puckett, *Sheep*  
Danyell Robinson, *Sheep*  
Stephen Shannon, *Goats*

# FFA DEGREES



## Greenhand Degrees

Aleshia Lockard	Darin Puckett	Jessica Sexton	Rebecca Oechsner
Allbrie Grimes	Davin Buchanan	Jessica Stevenson	Ronny Minton
Alyssa Stadler	Derek Willett	JP Carey	Stephen Shannon
Ashley Walczak	Elliot White	Justin Rusaw	Steve Castro
Bill Hays	Georgia Downey	Kayla Simmons	Tanner Hills
Brady Hills	Israel Martinez	Kaylee Warren	Tiffany Wells
Branden Jennings	Jace McGregor	Kourtney McKinley	Todd Lemke
Casey Cooper	Jake Wiley	Krystal Follis	Tracy Stevens
Chandel Lolkema	Janessa Hartwell	Larne Urban	Trent Foltz
Crystal Flores	Jena Lane	Matt Paasch	
Danyell Robinson	Jesse Benton	Mitchell Cole	



## Chapter Degrees and SAEs

- Aleshia Lockard** – Raising horses as well as a market lamb for fair
- Bill Hays** – Works on a ranch feeding livestock and cleans stalls
- Chandel Lolkema** – Worked as an outdoor school counselor
- Danyell Robinson** – Cares for horses and is raising a market lamb for fair
- Darin Puckett** – Works on a ranch feeding livestock and cleaning stalls
- Georgia Downey** – Cares for and shows horses
- Israel Martinez** – Worked for the US forest service
- Jessica Sexton** – Manages the school's greenhouse
- JP Carey** – Raising a market steer
- Larne Urban** – Works on a Christmas tree farm
- Rebecca Oechsner** – Cares for horses and cleans stalls
- Stephen Shannon** – Raising 7 pygmy goats and 1 market goat for fair
- Todd Lemke** – Worked at Norpac Cannery
- Tracy Stevens** – Participates in countless hours of community service

# SANTIAM FFA



Jessica Sexton  
SANTIAM SENTINEL  
GUEST JOURNALIST

The agriculture students at Santiam High School aren't afraid to get dirty!

On Wednesday, October 10, 2007, ten students from Santiam High School's agriculture classes competed in the FFA Soil Judging Contest in Scio, Oregon.

The soil judging competition tested the student's ability to recognize, compare, and evaluate soil characteristics as they apply to land use and management.

For the event, students evaluated three different soil pits by jumping into

a 48 inch hole and taking soil samples from the different layers. Students then evaluated the soil texture, or how much sand, silt, or clay was present, how the soil got there (by wind or water), if the pH was suitable for growing crops, the permeability and drainage ability of the soil, and other specifications.

At the end of the day, Santiam's FFA was awarded 1<sup>st</sup> place with individual awards going to Jessica Sexton (2<sup>nd</sup> place overall) as well as Israel Martinez and Todd Lemke who tied for 4<sup>th</sup> place.

The soil judging contest was Santiam FFA's first competition. After their outstanding performance last Wednesday, Santiam FFA members have proven to be tough competitors! Keep up

the good work!

For more information about the Santiam High School agriculture program and FFA chapter please visit [www.santiamast.org](http://www.santiamast.org).



*Santiam's FFA students display their first place placque.*

# Students compete in Upper Willamette FFA Soils Contest

On October 10, 2007 Linn Soil and Water Conservation District sponsored the Upper Willamette District FFA Soils Contest, west of Scio at Jason Whitehead's farm. Approximately 150 students from five southern and mid-Willamette Valley high schools competed this year. Weather conditions were not ideal; our four-year run of dry conditions had come to a halt. Most did not get too soaked, and the slip and slide into the soil pits added a new twist. The participation had increased from the attendance of last year. Interest has been growing every year, and I was happy to see so many kids competing this year. I feel the students had a good time and learning experience.

Winners of the contest were:

### Individuals

#### Advanced

1st place — Brad Burroughs, Lebanon

2nd place (Two-way Tie) — Jessica Sexton, Santiam; Lacy Brown, Lebanon

#### Novice

1st place — Krstyn Hayes, Scio

2nd place — Devan Arbogast, Creswell

3rd place (Three-way Tie) — Cassidy Tharp, Scio; Jessica Higdon, Creswell; Elle Coon, Santiam Christian.



Photo by Kevin Swart

Advanced winner Brad Burroughs of Lebanon.

I would like to thank Mathew Fillmore and Dave Johnson for their soil expertise in judging the pits. I also owe special thanks to David Neal of Ag-Drain for taking time to help dig the pits. Special thanks to Peter Jensen, our Vice-Chairman, for help giving out the plaques and helping at the pits.

Also, thanks to Jason Whitehead, who so graciously allowed the contest

to be held on his property. And thanks to Scio School for providing lunch for the kids and parents. I thank area farms for donation of supplies, and I also want to thank the Central Linn Booster for time and effort in making this a great event for the kids. Without all the volunteers, it would be hard to have a contest of this quality for the kids to experience.

Hopefully, next year will turn out as well and the weather will be more cooperative. I encourage area farmers and landowners to be involved; we are always looking for new sites and soil types to look at. Any people wanting to be involved are welcome — there is always room for volunteers.



# IN THE NEWS

## Santiam Students Build a New Greenhouse

Kyle Cape-Lindelin  
Santiam Sentinel

A new greenhouse is being built on the north side of the Santiam High School Campus.

As most know, all students attending Santiam have to participate in a Student Service-Learning Project (SOLV) every year. The SOLV Program is designed to give students a chance to help out and participate in a project that will help the school or community. One of these projects is the greenhouse.

Ms. Scholz, who is the Forestry, Mechanics, and Agriculture teacher this year, is now in the works on building a new greenhouse located behind the school. The students do all the work in building the greenhouse and growing plants. This gives all students in the Mechanics and Agriculture classes a chance to do their SOLV project.

Not only is the greenhouse a SOLV project, but it can and will be used for

projects around the school, for our community, and for fundraisers as well.

The Mechanics class and the Agriculture class is working together on the project. The mechanics class is building the greenhouse while the Agriculture class is providing and growing the plants. This gives students not only a way to do their SOLV project but also gives the students a chance to put what they learned in class to use.

The project will cost a total of \$2,500, but will be completely paid for because the Service-Learning fund had that much money remaining from last year's fund.

Ms. Scholz plans for the greenhouse to be done by Christmas break. The agriculture class is going to start growing the plants by January 2008, and the plants will probably go on sell by spring.





## SANTIAM FFA BRINGS HOME ANOTHER BANNER

By Jessica Sexton

Earlier in the year Santiam High School's FFA students brought home a 1st place blue banner from a soil competition and they weren't going to stop there!

On Wednesday, November 28, 2007 at the FFA Agricultural Sales Career Development Event, a 4th place green banner was brought home to add to their collection. Israel Martinez, Steve Castro, JP Carey, and Jessica Sexton combined their skills as a team to compete in four different events. The first event of the day was a thirty-five question multiple-choice test where students demonstrated their understanding of the professional sales process and the role that selling plays in the marketing of agricultural products. Each team member also competed in one of four practicums, or individual specialties including customer relations, advertising and promotion, prospecting, and telephone skills. For the practicum portion of the competition, contestants were given a real-world scenario, pertaining to their specialty, and then had to interact with judges, performing a sales task.

In addition, each team member sold a pre-selected agricultural product to a judge. For the contest, Israel sold a gourmet caramel sauce, J.P. sold TWP dipped cedar shingles, and Jessica and Steve sold gourmet chocolate and caramel dessert sauces. The final component of the contest was a team activity where all four members worked together to develop a business plan for a growing organization.

At the end of the day, the Santiam FFA sales team proved to be tough competitors. The team placed fourth overall and Steve Castro was recognized as placing 7th individually.

A special thanks goes to Dan Lemke, Aleshia Lockard, and Krystle Follis who assisted the sales team at the event. For more information about the Santiam High School's FFA Chapter and agriculture program visit their website at [www.santiamsat.org](http://www.santiamsat.org).

## Week focuses on agriculture

Activities at Santiam High School highlight the FFA program

BY SHELDON TRAVER, SPECIAL TO THE STAYTON MAIL  
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MILL CITY — While most school time is spent studying math, science and reading, last week, Santiam High School students focused on farming.

The school celebrated its first Future Farmers of America Week with an assembly that had students riding in wheelbarrows, tossing hay bales and trying to keep milk from coming out of their noses from laughter.

The themed week included a dress like an animal day and even a redneck day. Students in the FFA program held various events and sold jerky grams to raise funds to attend an FFA convention in Pendleton next month.

The final assembly on Friday included relay races with students tied together and drinking large glasses of milk. Students tossed hay bales, hammered nails and one popular teacher was even forced to kiss a 2-week old piglet named Wilber.

The FFA program is available at high schools across the country. Cascade High School has a program but Stayton High School does not.

The week was the culmination of efforts by students who are taking what they learn in school and putting those skills to practical use. Future Farmers of America chapter advisor and agriculture teacher Nichole Scholz said she incorporates math, reading, public speaking and science into the FFA program.

"We have competitions in the FFA that we call career development events," she said. "By participating in debate and sales and marketing teams they learn a lot of leadership skills that will help them be successful in college." cont.....





.....Scholz said the program also helps build self-esteem and confidence in students as it did for her in high school. or raising animals, White said the program has taught him the value of maintaining farms and farmland for the future.

"I learned that I had skills," she said. "I came into high school not knowing who I was or what I could do and it showed me what skills I had and let me build on them." She also said agriculture themed weeks are fun for all students. "

"I now know more about my animals and how to better take care of them," said junior Alisha Lockard, 17. "I now have a lamb to raise through a (supervised agriculture experience) project."

While it may have taken Santiam High school many years to get a program of its own, Scholz is glad to see so many kids participating in its first year. Some FFA members said it took a little persuasion to get them involved.

"In the beginning it was something I did because I was asked to," Lockard said. "Now I'm thinking about doing it later in life. I want to be a (veterinarian) when I get older." Senior Elliot White, 18, said he grew up on a farm and was hooked on FFA after his first group debate.

"I'm learning a lot about what FFA is," he said. "I used to think it was all about farming but it's so much more than that. We've learned how to raise cattle...and produce. We've also learned how to get it out there and build a small farmers market."

Although his long-term plans don't involve farming or raising animals, White said the program has taught him the value of maintaining farms and farmland for the future.

# MEMORABLE



# MOMENTS