

FFA

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might have 3 or 4 receiving it, so it's really cool to have 13 student receivers from one high school."

These students gave their required presentations at the Enterprise High School on Feb. 5 to a panel of six Oregon FFA state officers, their peers and three community members Mandy Decker, Kate Fent and Vixen Weeks.

Their presentations are a summation of their FFA student careers that have led them to their ultimate achievement, the State FFA degree and gold pin award.

To earn the Oregon FFA State degree, members must have met 10 requirements. They must have already earned the Chapter FFA degree and have been an active member for at least 2 years at the time of application. They must have taken two years of agriculture education, including a supervised agricultural experience (SAE) and invested \$1,500 for unpaid placement projects.

Also, they must have put in 500 hours in sales regardless of their project. They must also have demonstrated a high level of

leadership abilities, earned a cumulative 2.0 grade point average or higher and participated in planning chapter activities.

Lastly, they must have participated in thirty FFA activities with 5 above the district level and participated in ten school or community activities, completing at least 25 hours of community service in more than two activities.

The two Enterprise FFA Chapter's senior members, who will receive their State FFA degrees, have completed the following projects and requirements.

Riley Masters has had projects that included lawn care, pet and home sitting businesses, as well as marketing swine. He has grown his clientele over the past two years, turning enough profit to purchase his own zero turn lawn mower this year. He hopes to continue to grow his businesses. He has participated in agriculture sales, parliamentary procedure, soil judging and livestock evaluation.

Maddie McDowell has created projects involving breeding beef, working for Boatman Club Lambs and her own club lamb project. She has bred and shown her own club lambs successfully, earning high

honors at both the Wallowa County Fair and Eastern Oregon Livestock Show. She has aspirations of continuing her club lamb project to provide premier quality livestock to 4-H and FFA members. She has competed in parliamentary procedure, livestock evaluation and agriculture sales contests.

The junior FFA members at EHS (listed below), are also in line for State FFA degrees and have impressive membership achievements.

Kaylie Melville has served as the chapter secretary. Her projects include working for Cornerstone Farms Joint Venture where they produce a variety of crops. Her responsibilities include driving grain truck, working in the fields and operating combines. She also shows sheep at the Wallowa County Fair every August. She participates in parliamentary procedure and livestock evaluation.

Gracie Neizen had a project working at the Mad Mary's Ice Cream Shop, where she learned time and money management and important life skills. She hopes to continue this project in the summers until she graduates from high school. She has been active in planning recreational

events for the chapter and presenting awards at the end of the year banquet.

Jacob Falk currently serves as the chapter's vice-president. He has developed an interstate exchange between the Enterprise chapter and a sister chapter in Hope, Indiana. He also raises and sells hogs at EOLS and Wallowa County Fair. Jacob participates in public speaking, livestock evaluation, parliamentary procedure, agriculture sales and other various competitions.

Ella Anderson has a project raising swine for EOLS and county fair, babysitting and working at Video Buffs. She has learned responsibility and customer service skills through her projects. She is a member of numerous FFA committees and enjoys helping plan the spring banquet.

Cole Gomes has numerous FFA projects including market swine, breeding cattle, working at Stangel Buffalo Ranch as well as working in their machine and fabrication shop. He has learned how to work on a variety of machinery and being adaptable to handle any type of ranch work. He has competed in the agriculture mechanics contest, parliamentary procedure and creed speaking event.

Carsyn Miller has projects that include market swine and the Weenie Wagon hot dog cart. Her hot dog cart serves as her summer job and has taught her about customer service and time management. She is part of the recreation committee and sets up for the banquet and presents awards at the spring banquet. She enjoys competing in the agriculture sales competition.

Beth Anderson has a couple of projects, including raising market swine for the county fair and EOLS, and an equine project where she trains a colt. She has worked for Butterfield Farms and is currently a member of the Chief Joseph Days Rodeo Court. She has been active in planning for the spring banquet decorations as well as competing in agriculture sales, parliamentary procedure and agriculture mechanics.

Katie Olson has ongoing projects working at Trouhaven cleaning cabins as a summer job and animal sitting. She has built a steady clientele for her pet sitting business. She is also pursuing an internship at the vet clinic as part of her agriculture leadership class. She has competed in agriculture

sales, creed speaking and soil judging.

Sidney Stonebrink has current agriculture experiences working with her personal cattle herd, raising steers for the fair, working on her parent's farm during harvest and helping her family with management of their cattle herd. She enjoys competing in parliamentary procedure, livestock evaluation, agriculture sales and soil judging.

Sam Schaafsma has a multifaceted project on his home ranch, which includes working on his parent's cattle ranch, haying, cultivating garlic and raising steers for the Wallowa County Fair. He has participated in creed speaking, soil judging and livestock evaluation.

Natalie Goldsmith currently serves as the chapter junior advisor. Her projects are raising market swine for the county fair and working at Wallowa Lake Vacation Rentals. She has competed in soil judging and livestock evaluation.

"Congratulations to these 13 members in achieving the highest degree of Oregon FFA," said Schreiber. "They proudly represent the Enterprise FFA Chapter."

DEAL

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"Any deal would help alleviate some of the uncertainty," said Karyn Cavanaugh, senior markets strategist at Voya Investment Management. "The GDP hasn't been dinged that much from the trade tariffs, it's really been the uncertainty. It's spilling over into business plans and that's a hurdle for growth."

The S&P 500 index gained 34.93 points, or 1.3 percent, to 2,744.73. The Dow climbed 372.65 points, or 1.5 percent, to 25,425.76. The index was briefly up by 405 points.

The Nasdaq composite rose 106.71 points, or 1.5 percent, to 7,414.62. The Russell 2000 index of smaller-company stocks, which has been leading the other indexes this year, added 19.25 points, or 1.3 percent, to 1,538.23.

European markets finished higher:

Stocks got an early boost Tuesday after lawmakers in Washington reached a tentative deal to avoid another partial government shutdown. The agreement on border security involves far less money for a wall than the White House wanted, and it's not clear whether Trump will support the deal.

Still, the move alleviated some uncertainty for the market as the U.S. and China continue trade negotiations, which resumed Monday.

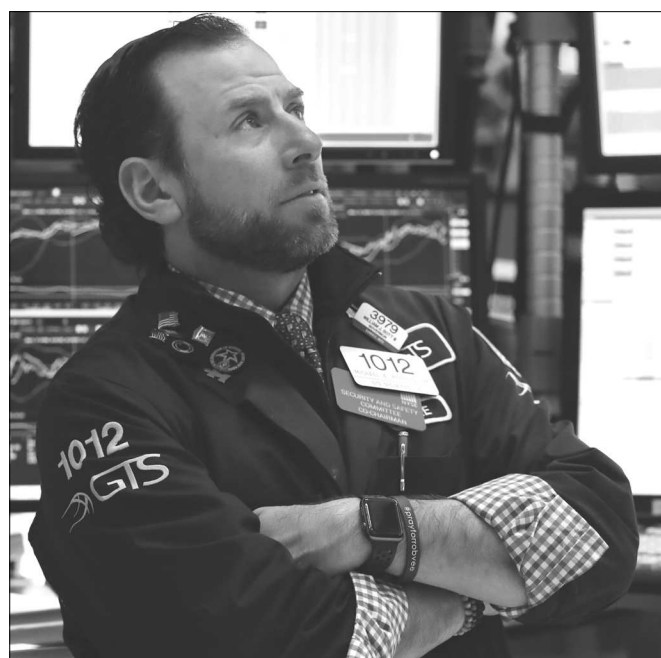
Fears of a global slowdown still linger. Europe and China have both reported slower growth. Those concerns have dimmed the outlook for corporate earnings growth this year.

The latest company earnings season has featured solid profit growth for the final three months of 2018, but caution about conditions going forward. Analysts predict profits will fall in the current quarter, according to FactSet

"Overall earnings are good, but we're looking for a bit of a slowdown in the first quarter because we have a high bar to hurdle over," Cavanaugh said.

Investors continued to size up the latest batch of corporate earnings Tuesday.

Under Armour climbed 6.9 percent after the maker of sportswear beat Wall Street forecasts. A surge in international sales offset a downturn in Under Armour's U.S. sales.



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Molson Coors plunged 9.4 percent as lower sales volume sunk revenue and profit during the fourth quarter. The brewer will also restate some past results. The maker of Molson and Coors beer said tax accounting errors in 2016 and 2017 prompted the restatements.

Traders bid up shares in Coty Inc., maker of CoverGirl, Max Factor and other cosmetic brands, after German conglomerate JAB Holdings offered to take a majority stake in the company. Coty's shares jumped 12.5 percent.

Technology stocks helped power the market's gains Tuesday. Micron Technology climbed 4.7 percent. Finan-

cial companies also notched big gains. Bighthouse Financial surged 13.9 percent.

U.S. benchmark crude rose 1.3 percent to settle at \$53.10 per barrel in New York. Brent crude, the standard for international oil prices, gained 1.5 percent to close at \$62.42 per barrel in London.

Bond prices fell. The yield on the 10-year Treasury rose to 2.68 percent from 2.66 percent late Monday.

The dollar rose to 110.52 yen from 110.40 yen on Monday. The euro strengthened to \$1.1331 from \$1.1276.

Gold added 0.2 percent to \$1,314 an ounce. Silver was little changed at \$15.69 an ounce. Copper dropped 0.6 percent to \$2.77 a pound.

BRIEFS

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Farmers and ranchers: share your family's story

SALEM — Applications are now being accepted for the 2019 award year for the Oregon Century Farm & Ranch Program. The application deadline is May 1. Families throughout Oregon who have continuously farmed portions of their family acreage for the past 100 or 150 years are invited to apply. To qualify for an award, interested families must follow a formal application process. The application and program guidelines are available at <http://www.centuryfarm.oregonfb.org>, or by contacting Andréa Kuenzi at 503-400-7884 or cfr@oregonfb.org. Successful

applicants will be honored during a special ceremony and reception at the Oregon State Fair on Aug. 24.

Every Oregon farm and ranch has a unique history and special family story. The Oregon Century Farm & Ranch Program encourages agriculture families to share these stories of century-long connections with

a broader audience. By promoting family stories, rich cultural heritage is passed down to future generations while educating Oregonians about the social and economic impact of Oregon agriculture. The Oregon Century Farm & Ranch Program is administered by the Oregon Farm Bureau Foundation for Education.

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Trinity Health

General Manager Food & Nutrition Services, Saint Alphonsus Health System - Ontario & Baker City, OR

This is a Trinity Health position based at Saint Alphonsus, a member of Trinity Health. Functions as the General Manager responsible for the oversight and coordination of the day-to-day operations of the Regional Health Ministry's (RHM) Food & Nutrition Services (FANS) Department in a community hospital or single site setting. The Manager of Food & Nutrition Services is responsible for successfully coordinating and directing all activities within the department in a single campus environment. Assists in development and management of preliminary program budgets in collaboration with THS Regional Managers and RHM stakeholders. Works with all levels of senior leadership and management teams at RHM's and within the region. Develops and implements effective cost reduction plans and implementation processes that support Trinity Health and RHM FANS goals, objectives, strategies, policies, and procedures. Ensures cost reduction targets and productivity improvement objectives are met, while cultivating service/product quality and customer satisfaction. Ensures the Regional Manager, THS and RHM stakeholders are kept abreast of issues or problems impacting program efficiencies and effectiveness. Attracts, develops and trains talent to ensure program quality, sustainability, long-term growth, and development. Leads by exemplifying the mission, vision and values of Trinity Health and the Regional Health Ministry.

Production Manager/Chef Food & Nutrition Services, Saint Alphonsus Health System - Baker City, OR

This is a Trinity Health position based at Saint Alphonsus, a member of Trinity Health. Functions as the Operations Manager responsible for the direct supervision of supervisors and/or staff and coordination of the day-to-day operations in assigned area of the Regional Health Ministry's (RHM) Food & Nutrition Services (FANS) Department. The Operations Manager is responsible for successfully coordinating and directing all activities within the assigned area of the department. Assigned area(s) may include Retail Services, Production and/or Business Manager. Assists in development and management of preliminary program budgets in collaboration with the FANS General Manager. Assists the General Manager with implementation of effective cost reduction plans and processes that support Trinity Health and RHM FANS goals, objectives, strategies, policies, and procedures. Ensures cost reduction targets and productivity improvement objectives are met, while cultivating service/product quality and customer satisfaction. Ensures the General Manager and staff are appropriately kept abreast of issues or problems impacting program efficiencies and effectiveness. Attracts, develops and trains talent to ensure program quality, sustainability, long-term growth, and development. Leads by exemplifying the mission, vision and values of Trinity Health and the Regional Health Ministry. Ensures THS standards, guidelines and approved technology are appropriately and effectively used to support the department operations

Applicant registration
Submit an application at <https://www.saintalphonsus.org/careers/current-openings>. If needed, assistance is available to help through the application process.