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FORT TOWSON — Fort Towson FFA members were recently recognized at the Oklahoma State FFA Convention for receiving third place in the state land judging contest and State Champions in the Homesite Evaluation Contest. Both teams won the right to represent Oklahoma in the National Land and Range Contest to be held May 4-6 in Oklahoma City. Members of the State Champion Homesite Evaluation team were Clint Testerman, Corey Martin, Eli Hudson and Reilly Cloud. Martin was also the second high individual overall and Testerman was the third high individual.

The third place land judging team consisted of Drake King, Eli Hudson, Jena Kellum and Ronan Cloud. King was also the second high individual overall. These students judged various characteristics of the soil, such as, texture, erosion, slope, permeability, runoff and depth of the soil to determine the best use of the land and what practices should be used if any to improve the land. Homesite evaluation uses the same principles except students are determing the most suitable land for the construction of homes, which include the best soils for sewage systems, landscaping and foundations. Fort Towson FFA members competed throughout the spring at numerous contests and accumulated several awards along the way. Listed below are some of the awards earned this spring.

First place team at the Choctaw County land judging contest as well as first, second and third high individuals.

First place team at the Connors State College FFA Interscholastics and first, second and third high individuals overall.

Second place team overall at the Murray State FFA Interscholastics.

First place team at the OSU-Okmulgee FFA Interscholastics.

Third place senior team and fourth place junior team at the Eastern Oklahoma State College FFA Interscholastics.

First place team at the Tulsa Community College FFA Interscholastics and first and second high individuals overall.