



BBQ Team Heading to State

November 18, 2024 – The newly formed Elgin High School barbecue team is headed to state.

In just its second year of competition, Wildcat BBQ on Saturday captured fifth place overall, among 26 teams, at the National High School BBQ Association regional qualifier in Athens, Texas. The team also took home top 10 finishes in Chicken Lollipops (second place), Grilled Cheese (fifth) and Ribs (seventh) contests.

The top 10 teams overall at the regional contest advanced to the state meet, taking place May 2-3 in Burnet.

The team consists of sophomore Bethanee Mackenzie and juniors James New, Paloma Ortiz and Faith Starks. They are led by EHS instructor Madeleine Musick.

The National High School BBQ Association seeks to further middle and high school Career and Technical Education programs across Texas. Its curriculum was written by barbecue pit masters, chefs and high school educators to meet state and national standards.

A student club at Elgin High, Wildcat BBQ is open to students in the Food Science Pathway. It's an extension of lessons taught in the classroom, which focus on real world skills. Students learn to cook items in five categories, which rotate each year. This year's categories are Ribs, Chili, Chicken Lollipops, Grilled Cheese and Ribeye.

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