

East Central FFA Booster Club Advisor Notes -January 2022

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Bexar County Show - Very successful year for our students. Numerous Champion and Reserve Champions both in the Market and in the Breeding Shows at Bexar County. Additionally, we had 3 students earn scholarships: Ashley Cartwright, Shelby Pieniazek and Mariah Robinson. We all had numerous Grand Champion Showman. We have tried to list all and we apologize for anyone left off. Buyer's lists to write thank you letters are NOT here and they have NOT been given to your children - we will hand them out as soon as they are available. You will be expected to bring each letter you are sending to us to check off - No exceptions.

Bexar County Jr. Livestock Show:

Alexandra Thomas Market Steer Grand Champion	Myra Vasbinder Res Breed Champion Market Swine
Dakota Pieniazek Broilers Grand Champion	Kylie Sparks Breed Champion Market Swine
Lawsen Taylor Market Swine Reserve Champion	Raul Guerrero Breed Champion Breeding Swine
Lawsen Taylor Breed Champion Breeding Swine	Kaley Hearn Market Swine Res Breed Champion
Lawsen Taylor Breeding Swine Champion Sr. Showman	Kaley Hern Breed Champion Breeding Swine
Joel Pooley Breeding Swine Champion Jr. Showman	Brody Fizer Market Steer Res Breed Champion
Kandence Bartlett Res Breeding Champion Breeding Swine	Brody Fizer Reserve Breed Champion Breeding Cattle
Shelby Pieniazek Broilers Reserve Champion	Brody Fizer Champion Jr. Showman Breeding Cattle
Isabella Hernandez Market Steer Breed Champion	Kassidy Dieckow Turkey Res Breed Champion
Josie Johnson Market Swine Breed Champion	Julianne Hart A&C Needlework Jr. Div Champion
Josie Johnson Grand Champion Breeding Swine	Luke Gonzalez - Res. Breed Champion Breeding Cattle
Desarrae Castro Res. Champion Breeding Swine	Sara Quinn - Reserve Grand Breeding Goat
Jaden Adams Market Swine Breed Champion	Sarah Quinn - Champion Goat Showman
Colton Tudhope Market Steer Breed Champion	Douglas Bryant - Ag Mech. Division Champion
Macey Vasbinder Market Swine Breed Champion	Christian Gonzales - Ag Mech. Division Champion
Macey Vasbinder Breed Champion Breeding Swine	Sterling Beale & Jaden Adams - Ag Mech. Res Best of Show
Troy Bettice Market Steer Res Breed Champion	

East Central FFA Livestock and Project Show Results

Grand Champion Steer: Izabella Hernandez Steer
Champion Showman: Izabella Hernandez
Res Grand Steer: Colton Tudhope
Grand Champion Heifer: Brody Fizer

Res Grand Heifer: Luke Gonzalez
Champion Heifer Showman: Luke Gonzalez
Grand Champion Market Rabbits: Kendall Landrum
Res.Champion Market Rabbits: Kendall Landrum

Champion Breeding Rabbits: Jamilyn Hart
Reserve Champion Rabbits: Abigail Rodriguez
Champion Rabbit Showman: Ashley Cartwright
Champion Broilers: Leah Latham
Res. Champion Broilers: Shelby Pieniazek
Champion Turkeys: Kassidy Dieckow
Res. Champion Turkeys: Kassidy Dieckow
Grand Champion Market Hog: Lawsen Taylor

Champion Market Swine Showman: Lawsen Taylor
Res. Grand Champion Market Hog: Lawsen Taylor
Grand Champion Breeding Swine: Lawsen Taylor
Res. Champion Breeding Swine: Lawsen Taylor
Champion Commercial Gilt: Lawsen Taylor
Res. Champion Commercial Gilt: Jaden Adams
Champion Breeding Showman: Annie Alonso
Champion Ag Mechanics:

Jaden Adams and Sterling Beale
Reserve Champion Ag Mechanics:
Douglas Bryant & Walker Beck
Fastest Torch: Douglas Bryant
Floral Design Winners: Josie Johnson & Kaley Hearn

Creative ARTS -BLUE RIBBON Winners:

Ashley Cartwright -Baking
Ryanna Witteman -Artwork
Audrey Traugott - Drawing
Julianne Hart - Horticulture
Jamilyn Hart - Food
Jamilyn Hart -Sewing
Lilly Childress - Food Other
Ashley Cartwright - Artwork.

Special thanks to all the judges, parents and students that worked the East Central Show and helped us out with the concession stand, trash pickup, contest and prize money & awards. Chapter Show was a success because of you!

San Antonio, Houston, Austin, San Angelo, Rio Grande Valley, Elite and Ft. Worth Livestock Show:

Make sure you check-off the days you want your children out and that they have a reason. A sibling or friend showing is not a reason for them to be out. Additionally, if you miss a day of school you are expected to be with your animals between the hours of 8:30 and 4:00 caring for them. Many of you will need to arrive much, much earlier and stay much, much later.

Swine & Cattle Clipping Dates - Please get with Mr. & Mrs. Kempen if you need help
Gilts--February 8th after school, Barrows Wave 1--Feb 18th, Wave 2, Feb 21st--both after school

- Remember - Arrive together and stall together.
- All Sheep, goats and hogs will plan on going in together. Teachers will pre-assign the hog pens.
- Gilts -we will load at school at 6:30 a.m. to depart and meet up on Gembler February 9th (tentative).
- Steers 1st wave will meet at Walmart at 5:00 am on Monday - Feb. 21 (Subject to change) (Maine, Hereford, Charolais, Simbrah, Gert, Brangus, Brahman, ABC)
- Steers wave 2 will meet at Walmart at Wed, Feb. 23rd - 5 am (Subject to change) (Angus, Red Angus, Shorthorn, Simmental, Limousin, Red Cross)

**Remember breeding animals need current health papers
- Commercial gilts must be bled. - Do it tomorrow!**

- **Market Lambs and Goats** - Mr. Hirsch Feb 15th (5 am to load)
- **Dark Barrows** - Mr. Kempen will haul the first round Feb. 18th - load around 9 p.m.
- **Light Barrows** - Mr. Kempen will haul on this round - load time to be determined-(Most likely February 21st midnight)
- **Poultry** - **Wednesday February 9th Ms. Hevner will meet you at unloading (7 am).**
Turkey selection will be **Sunday February 6th** and **Broiler selection will be February 8th.**
- **Ag Mechanics** - Mr. Hirsch Feb 25th (5:30 am leaving the school)

Keep in touch with the ag teachers on departure times! They are subject to change.

Houston Livestock Show: Houston Car Passes will be done at the March meeting. Car passes for Houston will be drawn at the March Meeting. If you have animals that go into Houston Prior March 3rd - we will get you your passes, if available.

Remember breeding animals need current health papers - Health papers are only good for 30 days. Attendance Notifications - Please list only the days you want your students to be out. If you wait till after 2nd period at the high school and approximately 10:30 am then those days will not count against your student's days

Grade Eligibility:

The report card that you received this week determines eligibility for the next 9 weeks (March). It is the 9 week grade not the semester grade. If your student passed all of his/her classes you will not be good through spring break, as we have been in the past. Additionally, check the students' credits on the report card. More than 800 students lost credit in 1 or more classes due to attendance issues. Market week at Houston for cattle and hogs is not during spring break so all students must be eligible. I will be checking at the end of week at other schools.

Senior Parents - I have been communicating with your senior through the senior class Google Classroom. State Fair, Tx FFA, Texas Farm Credit and others are open and due. Go Center also has many scholarship opportunities on their page.

FAFSA - Required by all students to graduate. Alamo Promise is due by Feb 28th
FAFSA Night in ECHS Cafe - Feb 21st (5 to 7 pm)

Texas FFA Scholarship (Also Local and Bexar County SALE):

I have also asked each of them for the email that they would like to use for their Texas FFA applications- some have responded, others have not. That one will be due to Mrs. Kempen for review by March 25th- no exceptions. I have to review and return them so they are ready by April 4th. The more time you give me the better I can review it.

CDE practices have begun (morning and afterschool). If your child is not making these practices, it will be difficult for your child to be prepared for the contests. These are competitive teams.

- *We have had students competing at several other shows and doing well. Additionally, the teams are hitting the road. A rebuilding year for many of these teams that had members that graduated or have't traveled due to Covid.*
- *The Ag Fair at the Ag Barn was canceled due to Covid and being out of school. Advocating for Agriculture continues to be an important function. Next year's date is being planned - Advocating for the future of Agriculture*
- *We need help for the Livestock Judging Contest. Please report by 1 pm if you are volunteering and starting your new work hours for next year. Feb. 26th (Show requirement)*
- *Fundraising Drawing tonight (2-\$25, 1-\$50, 1-\$100 Visa Cards) Champion Salesman for this year was: Emma Traugott. Cash Sales and Donations \$1819.30 Congratulations!*
- *Parents please remind your students feeding at the barn to lock the front gate properly. The gate being left open on the weekends is causing issues on campus because random people are locking it and it gets locked with the key.*
- *The Chapter Officer Process will begin in March with an application. In the process there will be a test, interview and popular vote.*
- *Call for talent for the FFA Talent competition. Students should see me for their golden ticket by March 15*
- *February 17th, at 6:00pm, we will have our East Central FFA Poultry Invitational. Check in is from 5:00-5:45 and group leaders are needed, so if you or child would like to help please let Ms.Hevner know and make sure you are there by 5:00 pm.*