

East Central FFA Booster Club Advisor Notes 3/1/22

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San Antonio Livestock Show Results (we apologize if we have missed your student)

Sterling Beale and Jaden Adams: Reserve Champion Yard and Garden Equipment Show AG Mech Show

Luke Gonzalez: 6th in junior show, 2nd in super bowl and 5th showmanship

Josie Johnson: Class Champion barrow duroc/ 6th duroc and 6th cross gilt

Lawsen Taylor: 1st berkshire and 1st cross gilts/ 4th spot breeding hog

Isabella Ayala: 3rd Place Berkshire

Kylie Sparks: 9th place Hampshire gilt

Kadence Bartlett: 10th place berkshire gilt

Kaley Hern: 4th overall chester breeding hog

Douglas Bryant: Class Champion Ag Mech Show

Kassidy Dieckow: 21st place Market Turkey Hen

Macey Franckowiak 31st Market Turkey Hen

Adrian Perez: 33rd Market Turkey Hen

And those who caught in the calf scramble: Nina Guastafierro, Emily

Owen, Brigette Bettice, Reese Royce, and Kassidy Dieckow

Macey Vasbinder: 4th place Landrace Gilt/ 9th place Landrace barrow

Anna Schultz: 8th place crossbred gilt

Addison Adams: 8th place Cross

Brody Fizer: 4th place Hereford Heifer

Jaden Adams: 6th place Cross Barrow

Houston Car Passes will be drawn at the end of the Meeting for Week 1, 2 and 3 for Houston. Work with others going at different times to share car passes and gate passes. Poultry exhibitors will not need car passes.

Steers Houston – Meet at Valero at 9:30 pm Sunday March 13th (Mrs. Kempen)
Steers Austin - Meet Mrs. Kempen at Valero at 5:00 am on March 21, 2022

Attendance Notifications – If you did not go on a day that we had you out. Please let us know and we will try and fix it. We are turning in attendance to your schools. We are verifying with the schools, yet they do not always get it right. We understand that there are several issues with San Antonio - Mr. Kempen is working on that.

Officer Elections – Applications have been posted to today (FFA Meeting) Due April 18th to Ms. Henvner. Interviews are scheduled the week April 18th of 4:15 pm in Ag Building (Time to be announced at April Meeting). Official Dress.

District and Area Officer Application

Do you have a student interested in serving as a district or area officer?. As a district officer you get to attend area leadership camp, put on a leadership lab, run the awards ceremony at district, and do many other activities that help our district to run smoothly. If you have someone interested in running for district office, and they are a sophomore or junior, please see Miss Hevner because elections will be this month. If you have a student wanting to run for Area office, you must be a current junior who is applying for their lonestar degree. You will be doing very similar things to district officers just at a higher level. Please see Ms. Hevner if you are interested. The deadline to notify Mrs. Hevner is March 15th, 2022 by noon.

Thank you to Parents - We want to thank the parents for the support of our two contests. We had more than 200 students at the Poultry Contest and More than 600 at the Livestock Contest.

State Fair of Texas validation for Sheep & Goats

Due to Supply chain issues - You must have your Sheep & Goat Validation Materials purchased by March 22nd. They are \$15.00 each. **Steer and Heifer Validation** is also due 4/5/22 for \$22.00 (Is what we are expecting). After due dates there will be a significant increase in cost.

Barn Feeders (Lamb, and Goats) - March 31 th 4:30 pm you students are required to be at the barn to clean pens out and powerwash If pens are cleaned out with Mr. Kempen and Mr. Hirsch on that day - deposits will be refunded.

Chapter Awards Presentation (5/17/22) will be in the PAC Center and ALL FFA members and their families are encouraged to attend.

Scholarships

Heyyy SENIORS!! It is time to start cracking down on filling out those scholarship applications. There are so many available to you, but if you don't fill them out you won't get the money. There are some very important due dates coming up first off the Texas FFA Scholarship Application is now open and will be due at the latest to Mrs. Kempen by March 25th so that she has time to review it, this is a very big and important application that you need to do (The more time the better she can review it). Some other important due dates that are coming up are Texas Farm Bureau is due March 1 that is TONIGHT, San Antonio Texas A&M Foundation is due March 11th, that is for anyone planning on attending A&M next year, and Bexar County Agricultural and Natural Resources is due March 15th, Women in Agriculture Scholarship is due March 31, 2022. Keep checking the Go Center for more scholarship opportunities. Interviews for the local scholarship will take place the week of April 18th.

Ambassador Applications

Applications for the 2022 Texas FFA Foundation Ambassador program are now open online through April 15th, 2022. The commitment for a Foundation Ambassador includes being a team player willing to commit 110% every day at state conventions while working with sponsors, dignitaries and special guests. For further information please visit mytexasffa.org or contact info@texasffafoundation.org with questions.

Texas FFA Chorus Applications Now Open!

Chorus applications are now open for the Texas FFA Convention. In order to apply, students must be active members, no younger than a Freshman in high school and no older than a Senior during the 2021-2022 year. Students are also required to have approval from their advisor. After applications close, Advisors of applicants will be emailed a form to indicate their approval and agree to charges being placed on the roster account. Students will not be accepted without advisor approval.

The deadline for the application is 11:59 P.M. on April 5, 2022.

Advisor Approval forms will be emailed directly to advisors no later than April 11th and must be completed by 4:00 P.M. on April 20, 2022. Those selected to be part of the Chorus will be notified, along with their advisors, by May 2nd.

For more information on cost, dates, and application process, please visit the Chorus Page.

American FFA Degree Deadline- April 1

NEW - American FFA Degree applications must be submitted through AET to the state by **April 1, 2022**. See Mr. Kempen ASAP.

Pictures are needed

I know many of you have been, or are going to many shows and different events, so please remember to share your pictures with Reese, Josie or MacKenzie. We want as many pictures as possible and want to include everyone in our Year end slide Show. Send your pictures via email. You can find our emails at the top of the meeting agenda. Now to Alex

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State FFA Convention

The State FFA Convention will be held the week of July 11th in Fort Worth, Tx. State convention is a great opportunity for members to participate in activities above the chapter level. There will be a community service project, voting for new state officers, State talent contest, and new state rules, and lots of fun activities.

In order to go to the state convention you must submit a \$100 deposit to the ag office by the may meeting. If you plan to run for chapter office, state convention is a requirement so please plan to attend.

Poultry Culling Dates

We will be selecting turkeys for Houston on Tuesday March 8th, and Thursday March 10th.... If you have any questions please reach out to Ms. Hevner.

Houston Poultry Show- We will be leaving from St. Hedwig City Hall at 1:am on Friday **Mar 11, 2022**

Austin Poultry Show- We will be leaving from St. Hedwig City Hall at 5am on Tuesday Mar 15, 2022

Turkey Projects

Raising Turkeys is a great project that allows you to go and compete at all the major livestock shows with 1 group of birds. If you are wanting to show turkeys you need to come talk to Ms. Hevner ASAP. She will be taking orders starting at the May meeting. They are \$4.25 a piece or \$106.25 for 25 birds. And she needs them ordered by May 25th.

Steer and Heifer Projects We are already purchasing cattle for next year. Cattle projects are supervised by Mrs. Kempen and she is already out trying to find calves for students. If you think you want to do this see her ASAP and get a plan together. Anyone who is showing steers or heifers Validation materials are expected to be \$22.00 dollars, and you'll be able to pay for them in the upcoming April meeting. Let's get moooving.

Talent Contest through FFA

Do you have a student that can sing, dance or have any other talents? We have the contest for you. The FFA Talent Contest. See Mrs. Kempen by this week and get your show approved. If Mrs. Kempen approves you then you will perform your talent at the April meeting and if the chapter approves you will perform it at the district banquet and could compete at area convention or state or even national.

CDE RESULTS

Meats: Fort Worth - 8th place, SALE- 11th, Hondo 4th with Shelby 2nd High and Brigette 6th High

Dairy Cattle: 16th place SALE

Livestock: 22nd at East Central, 5th Hondo, Braedon 2nd High, 24th SALE

Poultry: 7th Hondo

Goodluck to the rest of our teams at the Houston Invitational!

FYI

RIO Grande Valley Passes are in and available tonight.

We are still waiting on Austin Passes

We are still waiting on State Fair of Texas Checks

Our Covid Status has moved to moderate and Covid Requirements have relaxed

Grade that determine Eligibility will be uploaded directly after spring break