

# *Southside FFA* **NEWSLETTER**

**October 2024**

## **Updates**



### ***October Happenings***

October has seen FFA activity increase in a hurry! We are in the middle of LDE season and don't look now, but spring CDE practices are just around the corner. The Fall CDE season came to a close in early October and the LDE season picked up within 48 hours. Many hours, many meetings, and many successes have gotten the Southside FFA off to a fast start!

If you would like to add someone to our mailing list, please send it to [dustin.rogers@southsideisd.org](mailto:dustin.rogers@southsideisd.org).

## Fall Career Development Events!

The Range Plant ID team continued its unprecedented success with a 3rd Place finish at the Area VII Fall CDE's in Blanco, Texas! These students set an unbelievable pace taking 1st Place in many invitational contests and finished with Southside's highest Area ranking ever! Congratulations to the Range Plant ID team that consisted of: Melany Avila, Larissa Esparza, Celine Sandoval, Sam Ornelas, and Cole Matheny.



The Range team also set a team high score for the Area VII Contest. This team consisted of Senior, Izabella Kibiger, Freshmen Santiago Castro-Avila, Nikko Garcia, and 8th Grader Alan Ellison.

The Land Judging team showed continued improvement throughout the Fall season and included: Juniors, James Best, Oscar Hernandez, Joseph Jacobo, and Sophomores Steven Camacho and Jacob Best.



## LDE Season!

The Southside FFA attended their first Invitational Leadership Development Event Contest at Shiner High School on October 11. This is an extremely early contest at Southside showed out in several contests. Spanish Creedspeaker, Melany Avila captured 2nd Place as did Public Relations and Radio team #1. This is Southside's first year to compete in Public Relations, so placing in their first contest was huge! The PR team includes Izabella Kibiger, Cole Matheny, Melany Avila, and Denyelle Dominguez. The Radio Broadcasting Team #1 includes Izabella Kibiger, Cole Matheny, and Zach Ramos. Mia C Montelongo placed 5th out of 10 contestants as did Noah Kibiger.

The second contest of the season was the Hoggie Invitational at Texas A&M -Kingsville and our LDE teams continued their success. PR captured 1st Place as did Radio Team #1! Spanish Creedspeaker, Melany Avila won 2nd Place and Mia Montelongo placed 5th out of 12 contestants. Congratulations to all contestants!



## Stock Show season has started!

On Saturday, October 5 our sheep and goat exhibitors participated at the Judson FFA Alumni Prospect Show. Several exhibitors got their first taste of the show-ring and multiple exhibitors placed in their respective classes. Macie Goff did well with her commercial lambs and Alan Ellison placed with his Commercial Doe.





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## Upcoming Contest and Contest Practice Schedules

November 7 (3:00-9:00 PM) - Alamo District LDE's - Madison High School

### Practices

Ag Mech Shop Open - Tuesdays and Thursdays after school

Spring CDE practices will begin soon!!!

***Official Dress will be required for LDE's - Please assist your student in making sure they have the necessary garments.***

***Black Slacks - Males***

***Black Skirt - Females***

***Black Panty Hose - Females***

***Black Dress Shoes/Flats - Male/Female***

***White button-up Collar Shirt - Male/Female***

***FFA Tie/Scarf - purchased on National FFA Website only***

***FFA Jacket - purchased on National FFA Website only [National FFA Shop](#)***

## Updates for '24-25

Remaining balance for Bexar County Rabbits is now due.

**Rabbit Carriers** - If you did not order one from Mr. Stoddard, you need to purchase carriers for your rabbits!

**Pen Rentals** were due last Thursday. This money will go toward purchasing medicines and necessary supplies (sharpened blades, repairs, etc.).

**Exhibitor Handbooks** have been issued and are now past due. If your student has not gotten their signature page turned in, please have them do so ASAP.

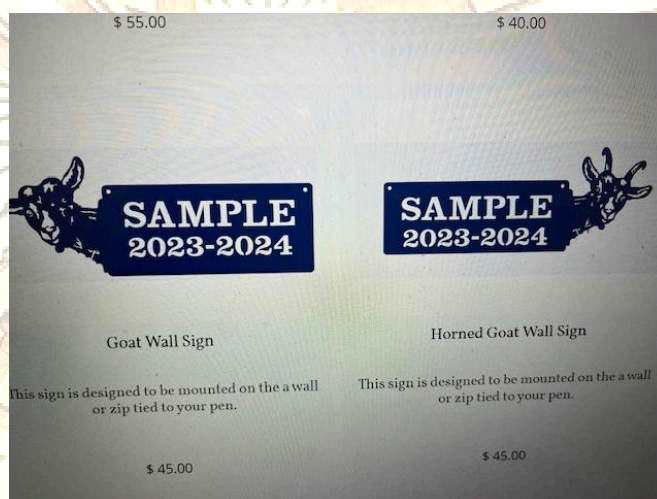
**Entries for major stockshows** will be due soon.

Many stockshows have updated their 2025 schedules, please reference those schedules.

**Quality Counts** is required for ALL exhibitors showing livestock projects. Junior - elementary students, Intermediate - Middle School students, and Senior - High School Students. If your student moved up in middle school or high school, this course needs to be completed, again. Quality Counts is a guide to ethical raising of livestock and is required by Major Stockshows. Here is the link to take the course:

<https://agrilielearn.tamu.edu/s/product/quality-counts/01t4x000008HBZdAAO>

If you're interested in buying a pen sign for your student's animal project, [Helotes Metal Works](#) can fix you up. Online orders only.



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## ***Important Updates and Reminders!***

**\*Progress Reports will come out this week. Please be diligent about grades and checking on grades as the end of the 9 weeks approaches!**

**\*Major Show entries will be due this month Please attend teacher meetings if you need assistance! Mr Iredale will hold the first meeting for hogs on November 12 at 6:00 pm.**

**\*Next regular chapter meeting will be on 11/14 due to Alamo District LDEs.**

**\*Chapter calendar can be found on the Southside FFA Website !**

**\* Animal exhibitors/CDE/LDE team members will need to join species SportsYou App for general info. Access codes can be found on the Southside FFA Website. Please join if you haven't, yet!**

**\*If your student will be showing rabbits this year, final payment is now due.**

**\*Please ensure your students are not missing classes outside of emergencies! Attendance is a priority! Let's start the year off strong!**

## ***Student/Parent/Exhibitor Expectations***



**\* Ag students should not miss school unless necessary. Attendance should be a priority!**

**\* Ag students should display RESPECT for all teachers, students, and school staff.**

**\* Keep the barn “culture” positive!**

**\* Pens should be cleaned daily. DO NOT leave manure in buckets in the barns!**

**\* Only immediate family members are allowed in the barns.**

**\* There should be no food brought into the barns, no exceptions! This attracts rodents.**

**\* Personal items in the barn should be locked away, safely.**

Monthly newsletters will normally be sent out at the end of the month. If you have something you feel needs to be included in September’s newsletter, please email [dustin.rogers@southsideisd.org](mailto:dustin.rogers@southsideisd.org) !

