

## East Central FFA Booster Club Advisor Notes –January 2023

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**Community Service Update:** Thank you to everyone who participated in the 2022-2023 elf louise toy drive. We successfully brought in over 50 toys to children in need. And a special thank you to NHS for their help with us and their contribution in bringing in toys

**Bexar County Junior Livestock Show** Another very successful year for our students. Numerous Champion and Reserve Champions both in the Market and in the Breeding Shows at Bexar County. Your hard work certainly paid off. Bexar County has hit a record of over \$600,000.00 for it's auction. Please closely review your buyers (when we get them) as there were some bobbles on buyers and exhibitors.

- Grand Champion Heifer was Brigette Bettice
- Market Steer - Grand champion steer was Alex Thomas
- Reserve grand champion steer was Braedon Wilford
- Senior Heifer showman was Braedon Wilford
- Junior Heifer showman was Brody Fizer
- Junior Steer showman Savannah Ristow
- Turkey- Grand champion turkey was Kassidy Dieckow
- Broilers- Grand champion broiler was Dakota Pieniazek
- Reserve grand champion was Linnea Muniz
- Goats- Grand champion was Sarah Quinn and she got senior breeding showmanship as well
- Pigs- Grand champion was Josie Johnson
- Reserve grand champion was Joel Pooley
- Junior showman champion was Kylie Sparks
- Showman overall was Lawsen Taylor
- Creative Arts- Jamilynn Hart Gardening & Horticulture Res Div Champion
- Scholarship Winners: Emma Traugott, Annaleise Schultz, Josie Johnson, and Nichole Pruski

### Thank you Letters for Bexar County:

If you placed in the market show and received a ribbon at the Bexar county junior livestock show and received money at the auction- you need to write your thank you letters to each person on your buyers order. It is important to write your thank you notes to thank the buyers for the money they have given you and the support of the show. You will not receive your full check if they are not turned in. Furthermore money must be collected from each of your buyers for them to pay you. Expect Checks in the middle of April. As soon as we get your list we will hand them out to you and we will instruct you what to do after that. If your letters are late Bexar County will take a percentage out of your check.

## East Central FFA Livestock and Project Show Results

Last month we held the East Central FFA chapter show. Congratulations to all who exhibited livestock or projects. We are certainly proud of all your work.

- Steers: Grand: Braedon Wilford / Reserve: Colton Tudhope
- Heifers: Grand: Brody Fizer - Res. Grand Brody Fizer
- Swine: Grand Champion Market Hog- Lawsen Taylor / Reserve- Josie Johnson
- Breeding swine- Grand- Desaras Castro Reserve- Lawsen Taylor
- Sheep: Grand- Kelsey Garza /Reserve- Kelsey Garza
- Breeding Goats- Grand Doe- Sarah Quinn/ Reserve: Sarah Quinn
- Market Goats- Grand- Braedon Wilford Reserve: Braedon Wilford
- Breeding Rabbits- Grand:Jamilyn Hart/ Reserve Jamilyn Hart
- Market Rabbits:- Grand- Kyndall Landrum/ Reserve: Cody Blackburn
- Turkeys- Grand Kassidy Dieckow/ Reserve: Brody Fizer
- Boilers- Grand: Linnea Muniz/ Reserve: Dakota Pieniazek
- Ag Mech- Grand Champion: Jaden and Josh/ Reserve Christian Gonzales
- Grand Champion Creative Arts: Kassidy Dieckow
- Reserve Champion Creative Arts: Lily Childress

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!

### Grandstand Results:

#### Turkeys

- Reserve Grand Champion was Kassidy Dieckow

#### Pigs-

- Grand Champion Breeding Gilt was Lawsen Taylor
- Anne Alonso- 4th and 8th
- Desirae Castro- 2nd , 3rd and 5th
- Emma Traugott - 11th
- Kylie Sparks- 2nd, 5th, 8th , and 9th

### Ft Worth Results:

Jaden Admas -Red Ribbon on Ag Mech

Delina Castenda 4th with Horned Hereford Heifer

Brigette Bettice 7th with LimFlex Heifer

Kelsey Garza 9th with Lightweight Dorper

Good Luck to Steers and Hogs headed to Ft. Worth

## Made for Excellence

On Monday, Jan. 23rd we sent 14 students to Texas A&M University for the Made for Excellence Conference. This is the 1st time we have offered this event and we plan to continue this for upcoming years. This event is not a competition, but rather works on personal leadership skills and opportunities for each grade level : Sophomore, Junior and Senior. Students applied in November to attend. We will keep this same process next year. Students that are officers do not get an advantage on attending.

### **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.*

**Lamb and Goat Clipping Dates:** Please contact Mr. Hirsch. He will be available Feb. 7th - 10th to clip after school.  
Houston: Available dates are March 1st - 3rd after school.

**Swine & Cattle Clipping Dates** – Please get with Mr. & Mrs. Kempen if you need help  
Gilts--February 6th 4:00 pm, Barrows Wave 1--Feb 16th, Wave 2, Feb 20th--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 8th (tentative).
- Steers 1st wave will meet at Walmart at 5:00 am on Monday - Feb. 20 (Subject to change)  
(Maine, Charolais, Simmental, Simbrah, Brahman,Sant Gertrudis, Brangus, ABC) - **Please let me know your plans**
- Steers wave 2 will meet at Walmart at Wed, Feb. 22nd - 5 am (Subject to change)  
(Angus, Shorthorn,Hereford Red Angus, Limousin, Red Cross, Black Cross and Other Cross) **Please let me know your plans**

***Remember breeding animals need current health papers  
– Commercial gilts must be bled. - Do it tomorrow(OR AS SOON AS POSSIBLE!***

- **Market Lambs and Goats** - Mr. Hirsch Feb 13th (5 am to load)
- **Dark Barrows** – Mr. Kempen will haul the first round Feb. 17th – load around 9 p.m.
- **Light Barrows** – Mr. Kempen can't haul on this round – load time to be determined-(Most likely February 20TH midnight)
- **Poultry - Wednesday February 8th Mrs. Osborne will meet you at unloading (7 am). SALE selection- Please Contact Mrs. Osborne if you need assistance selecting your birds**
- **Ag Mechanics** - Mr. Hirsch Feb 24th (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 7TH - 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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 LAST week determines eligibility for the next 9 weeks (March 10). 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. MANY 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. Houston exhibitor Scholarship, 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 27th

#### **FAFSA Night have been occurring :**

Feb 21st next night More Senior Information <https://www.ecisd.net/gocenter>

#### **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 10<sup>th</sup>- 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. **SENIORS SHOULD TRY LOGGING INTO THEIR TEXAS FFA ACCOUNT AND OPENING THE SCHOLARHIP> IF THEY HAVE ISSUES THEY SHOULD CONTACT MRS.KEMPEN by MONDAY.**

**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 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. 25th (Show requirement)*
- *Fundraising Drawing tonight (6-\$25, 1-\$50, Visa Cards) Champion Salesman for this year was: Brody Fizer. Cash Sales and Donations \$1914.00 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. Pickup Applications at March Meeting*
  - *Students interested in running for district or area officer you need to tell Mrs.Osborne by March 10th. You have to be at least a sophomore to run for district and an incoming senior this next year to run for area. You will need to prepare a speech which Mrs.Osborne can guide you through and she will also give you study materials. If you are looking to run for area Nicole could be a good help too. Keep in mind if you run for area or get a office position you will get the same amount of points for scholarships.*
- *Call for talent for the FFA Talent competition. Students should see me for their golden ticket by March 31st*
- *February 15th, at 5:15pm, we will have our East Central FFA Poultry Invitational. Check in is from 4:45-5:00 and group leaders are needed, so if you or child would like to help please let Mrs.Osborne know and make sure you are there by 5:00 pm.*