

Southside FFA **NEWSLETTER**

December 2024

Updates



December Happenings

And just like that, half of the year is gone! It seems like we say this for every month, but December is one of our busiest. Multiple fundraisers going on simultaneously, hair clipping, holiday barn feedings and Bexar County Junior Livestock show are just a few of the events that took place around the Ag Facility! BCJLS was a success for many Southside exhibitors as over 20 exhibitors were able to make it into the Auction of Champions.

Thank you to all of the parents and students who sold and delivered pretzel sticks, chocolate, and poinsettias. This has been a challenging year financially and we appreciate the wide participation in fundraising efforts. We would also like to thank all the parents who make sure their students get to school to feed, bathe, and clean pens over the Christmas Break!

The New Year will see the beginning of Competitive events, Major Stock Shows, and more! Here's hoping everyone has a fantastic 2025! Practices have begun for CDE's with contest season about to be in full swing, so please encourage your students to be working at home as much as possible.

If you would like to add someone to our mailing list, please send it to dustin.rogers@southsideisd.org

Bexar County Junior Livestock Show '24!

From December 27-30th, over 40 animal, ag mechanics or creative arts projects were entered into this year's Bexar County Show. The weather was unusually warm for the duration of the show, but our students dealt with the heat well and went on to place many projects. Each type of project requires significant time inputs and dedication to make it to the show, so congratulations to each and every student who was able to participate!

Day 1 Results - Commercial Breeding Heifers



Melany Avila - First in Class



Izabella L Kibiger - 3rd in Class

Naomi Brander - 4th in Class



Market Steers:

Selah Vela - 3rd in Class



Day 2 Results:

Market Lambs:

Macie Goff 3rd and 5th in Class



Izabella Kibiger - 7th in Class



Goats -

Noah Silva - 2nd and 8th in class



Marie Martinez - 7th in Class



Mileena Sanchez - 9th in Class



Lucia Garcia Mendoza - 10th in Class



Day 3 Results - Ag Mech & Rabbits

Ag Mechanics

Leo Staggs won his division with a shooting table



Samantha Clark with her bench



Cole Matheny took a custom Shop Table



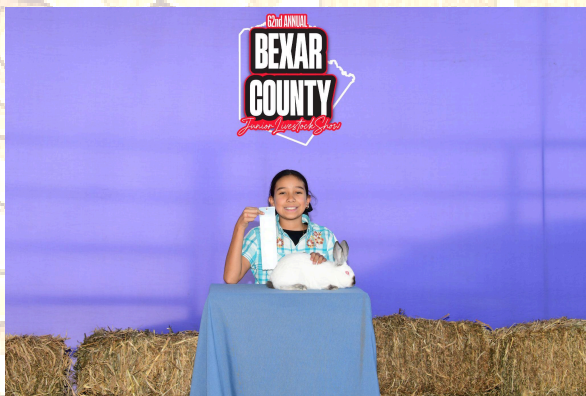
Wesley Horine fabricated a Hay Feeder



Rabbit Results

8 FFA and Junior FFA members placed with their meat pen rabbits including:

Alyah Franqui Lopez, Leonora Diaz, Catherine Lackey, Sabella Morales, Matthew Rivas, Jacob Wilkins, and Emily Pesina. Congratulations to these students!



Day 4 - Swine Results

The following students made the auction with their market swine or placed with their breeding gilts. Congratulations!



Jacob Best



James Best



Serenity Dominguez

Nikko Garcia *(Reserve Breed Champion!)*



Juan Perez



Younas Nawaz



Matthew Ruiz

Leandra West



Scholarship Announcement from the BCJLS Website:

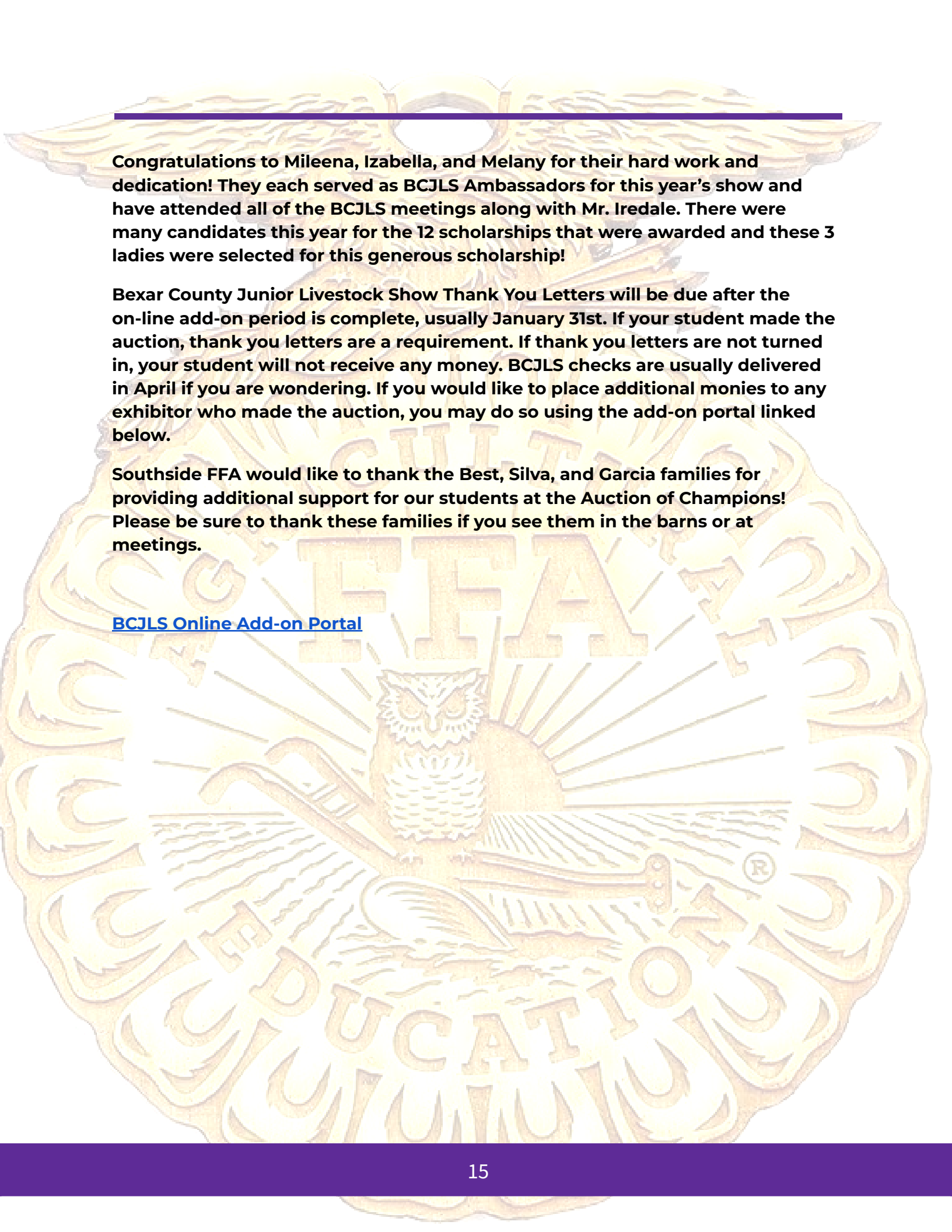
"Each year, the BCJLS awards several \$500 scholarships for students to attend colleges and trade schools. We ask scholarship applicants about the cost of their education and their anticipated return on investment. If you are interested in contributing to the scholarship fund, please contact BCJLS vice president Mark Haverkorn at MarkH@bcjls.com or speak to any of our directors. Thank you! This year, application numbers were up for the 12 scholarships we awarded. The recipients are hard workers with impressive resumes. Several are Ambassadors, an honor that required an in-person interview and an expectation that they would work many hour with the BCJLS this year. Way to go! "

Izabella Kibiger, Southside FFA (L to R)

Mileena Sanchez, Southside FFA

Melany Avila, Southside FFA





Congratulations to Mileena, Izabella, and Melany for their hard work and dedication! They each served as BCJLS Ambassadors for this year's show and have attended all of the BCJLS meetings along with Mr. Iredale. There were many candidates this year for the 12 scholarships that were awarded and these 3 ladies were selected for this generous scholarship!

Bexar County Junior Livestock Show Thank You Letters will be due after the on-line add-on period is complete, usually January 31st. If your student made the auction, thank you letters are a requirement. If thank you letters are not turned in, your student will not receive any money. BCJLS checks are usually delivered in April if you are wondering. If you would like to place additional monies to any exhibitor who made the auction, you may do so using the add-on portal linked below.

Southside FFA would like to thank the Best, Silva, and Garcia families for providing additional support for our students at the Auction of Champions! Please be sure to thank these families if you see them in the barns or at meetings.

[BCJLS Online Add-on Portal](#)



Spring CDE practices have started or will begin soon!!!

Contest Practice Schedules

Vet Science - Mondays and Wednesdays

Forage - Tuesdays and Thursdays

Wool - Wednesdays

Nursery/Landscape - Mondays and Thursdays

Wildlife - Mondays

Ag Engineering - Wednesdays

Forestry - Tuesdays

Ag Mech Shop Open - Tuesdays and Thursdays after school

Practice attendance factors into whether a student makes a team. CDE teams consist of 4 members, so please understand that signing up for a team does not automatically result in your student “making” the travel team. Area teams will consist of the highest-scoring members as well as those who attend practices.

Online contests need to be paid by each contestant this year! Usually \$10-15/contest

Early tentative CDE schedule:

1st In-person contest - January 23 - Klein FFA Alumni - Nursery, Vet, Wool, Wildlife

2nd In-person contest - January 31 - Hondo Invitational - Wildlife, Vet, Wool

3rd In-person contest - February 1 - James Madison Invitational - Nursery, Plant ID, Vet

Dress-code for CDEs - Jeans (no holes), collared shirt, close-toed shoes



Stock Show Links for Rules, etc.:

[SALE Premium List](#)

[San Angelo Premium List](#)

[Austin Premium List](#)

[Rio Grande Valley Premium List](#)

If you have a question about rules or dates, please check the premium books, first.

Important '25-26 class scheduling notes:

1. Floral Design **IS** recognized by TEA as a Fine Arts credit.
2. Sometimes that course maybe the only one available if their schedule is tight, but it does provide the extra benefit of being an art credit.
3. Advanced Animal Science and Advanced Plant and Soil Science do count as a Science credit, if that is desired.

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Important Updates and Reminders!

***Progress Reports will come out in 2 weeks. Please be diligent about grades and checking on grades as some students are needing to regain eligibility! If your student is not academically eligible they will not be able to participate at Major shows or compete in CDE's!**

***Next regular chapter meeting will be in April! No February or March meetings due to Stock Show season!**

***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! [SportsYou Codes](#)**

***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 February's newsletter, please email dustin.rogers@southsideisd.org !

