

Southside FFA **NEWSLETTER**

December 2023

Updates



November happenings

Bexar County Junior Livestock Show a huge success!

Many Southside FFA exhibitors participated at the Bexar County Junior Livestock Show in the Livestock and Creative Arts categories over the Christmas Break beginning on December 27 and running through December 30th. Selah Vela and Naomi Brander started the show off by placing their steer and heifer animals on the first day. Naomi won Grand Champion American Heifer and Sela was also able to place her market steer.

The second day saw 9 FFA lamb and goat exhibitors make the auction by placing in there respective classes. Those individuals making auction were: Izabella Kibiger, Ariel Hernandez, Lucia Mendoza, Mileena Sanchez, Alan Ellison, Noah Silva, Camila Ojeda, Olivia Benitez, and Macie Goff.

The Rabbit Show took place on Friday, December 29 and saw several exhibitors make the sale. Those exhibitors were Josiah Gonzalez, Gabriel Ramirez, Lyna Montelongo, Isaiah Cornejo, Annabelle Alvarado, Natalia Castro, and Matthew Rivas, who came in at 14th out of 66 rabbit pens!

The Creative Arts category experienced an flood of remarkable entries from Southside FFA! Congratulations to all of those who submitted photos, paintings, food entries, and horticulture designs. Many ribbons were earned by the following exhibitors: Skyler Payton, Naomi Brander, Macie Goff, Samantha Clark, Nikko Garcia, and Melany Avila. Melany was awarded with the Best In Show Reserve Champion for her horticulture potted succulent design! Congratulations to all who participated!

Swine were shown on the final day of BCJLS and also saw Southside FFA success! Students who placed included Skyler Payton, Beau Payton, James Best, Leandra West, Nikko Garcia, and Samantha Clark. Many students showed multiple pigs in the breeding and market show, which means a lot of work. Congratulations to all of our swine exhibitors.

All of these students will be gearing up for their respective major shows including the Hill District Grand Stand, San Antonio Livestock Show and Rodeo, Houston Stock Show and Rodeo, San Angelo Stock Show, and the Elite Show in Kerrville. Good luck to all exhibitors!









BBQ Success!

On Saturday, December 2, the BBQ teams competed at the St. Gregory's Regional BBQ Competition. Congratulations to the following students and their success with their results!

Macie Goff - Regional Champion Chicken

Mark Rangel - 4th place Chicken

Alan Ellison - 3rd place Chicken

Cardinal Cookers 5th place overall

Gabriel Ramirez - 5th place Ribs

Their next competition will be held at James Madison High School in a few weeks. Good luck to them as they head towards the state and national competitions!

December Chapter Meeting

On Thursday, November 7th, the 4th chapter meeting took place at the ag facility with games and a Christmas meal served shortly after. Parents provided delicious tamales, beans and rice! There were numerous members in attendance. Thanks to the Southside Culinary program for preparing the meal.



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Important Updates and Reminders!

***With cold weather approaching, please remember your student's animals still need to be fed and watered! Please plan accordingly for water pipes to be frozen this coming Monday!**

***Thank everyone for their help on delivering Poinsettias! Our next large fundraiser will be a plant sale to be held March 18-29. We will have veggies, annuals, perennials, and more!**

*** January Chapter meeting will be held on Thursday, Jan 11.**

***February Chapter meeting will be held on Thursday, Feb 1. This will be primarily for stock show exhibitors - passes, etc. will be handed out.**

***Please continue to monitor grades as the major stockshows approach!**

***Thank you letters for BCJLS will be due near the first of February.**

***Chapter calendar can be found on the Southside [FFA Website](#) !**

*** Animal exhibitors/CDE 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!**

***The first CDE contests will be held on February 2nd in Hondo, and February 3rd at James Madison High School.**



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 December’s newsletter, please email dustin.rogers@southsideisd.org !



