

Southside FFA **NEWSLETTER**

February 2024

Updates



February happenings

February Stock Shows!

The San Antonio Livestock Show has come and gone along with its barbecue contest and various CDE contests. It's been a long year, so congratulations to all the parents, students, and family friends who have helped exhibitors make it across the finish line. Market barrows, gilts, market wethers, commercial goats, market steers, and breeding heifers have completed the majority of their stock shows. Houston, Rio Grande Valley, and Austin are ongoing and will finish during Spring Break. Good luck to all those still showing!

March 1 - Houston Livestock Show Pigs

March 8-10 - Rio Grande Valley Commercial Goats

March 13 - Austin Stock Show Commercial Goats

March 15-17 - Houston Stock Show Ag Mechanics Show





Ag Mechanics!

Congratulations to our Ag mechanics kids who showed on the last weekend of SALE! Cole Matheny, Camila OjedaAnnabelle Alvarado, and Fidel Macias showed their Acetylene Storage Cabinet. Noah Kibiger completed and showed his custom Livestock Tack Storage and Steven Camacho showed his HotRod-themed BBQ Pit. These projects take many hours to complete and require the student(s) to present and explain their project for 8 hours on the day of the show. Students are also required to present a completed book with drawing plans, bill of materials, Safety Data Sheets, and photo documentation. Good job to all of these hard working students!



BBQ Success!

A few more pictures were passed along from the Cardinal Cooker BBQ team! We'd like to celebrate these kiddos one more time for placing at the SALE BBQ Cookoff.



Cardinal Cookers - Matthew Rivas, Gabriel Ramirez, Mark Rangel, and James Rodriguez



CDE SUCCESSES!

Congratulations to our CDE teams who have competed already. The Milk Quality Products, Nursery/Landscape, and Vet Science CDE teams competed at the end of January at the James Madison Invitational CDE's. All 3 teams represented well, especially considering it was the first CDE contest ever, for most participants.

The Nursery/Landscape team participated at the SALE Nursery/Landscape contest, finishing 15th out of 37. This team has earned a 2nd Place finish in the Cypress Creek and Tomball Invitational Nursery Landscape contests. Alan Patino was the 8th High Point Individual at James Madison and has since garnered three more top 10 Individual Awards!. Most recently he won the 1st High Point Individual in the Tomball Invitational. Congratulations to the Nursery Landscape team!





Alan Patino, Santiago Castro Avila, Raeden Davila, and Nikko Garcia (Nursery)



Melany Avila, Alyah Franqui Lopez, Izabella Kibiger, and Mileena Sanchez (Vet)



Skyler Payton, Jaylen Lailson, and Abigail De La Fuente(Milk Quality)



James Madison Invitational CDE's

Greenhand, Chapter, and Lonestar Degree Applications!

All of these will be due in early April. Please be diligent in keeping up with AET Recordbooks.

- SAE projects need to be completed and appropriate signatures received.



Lonestar Degree Recipients are required to attend the Texas FFA State Convention in July

Chapter Banquet - May

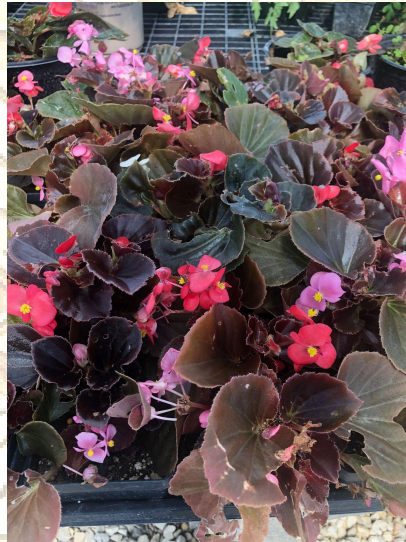
Info will be forthcoming for date of the Chapter Banquet, but it will be during the week this year as opposed to a Saturday

Officer applications are now open for '24-25 school year!

[Click here for link!](#)

Plant Sale - March 18-29!!!

Please come support the Southside FFA Spring Plant Sale! We will have plenty of tomatoes, cucumbers, herbs, nursery plants, and more!





Important Updates and Reminders!

- * The next regular Chapter meeting will be held on April 4**
- *Animal pens/lockers need to be cleaned and cleared out and signed out by an ag teacher. Failure to complete this process will result in denial of school pen use for '24-25 school year.**
- *Chapter Officer Applications are now open for the '24-25 school year. Access to the application can be found at [Officer Application](#)**
- *Please continue to monitor grades as the Area CDEs approach!**
- *Texas FFA/SALE/Bexar County Scholarship Applications will be due in early April. Please see the chapter website for information on this and other scholarship opportunities.**
- *Lonestar, Chapter, and Greenhand Applications will be due in early April. Please make sure your student is keeping up with their recordbook.**
- *BCJLS checks are USUALLY issued in late April/early May. We will relay info as we receive it.**
- *We will need help selling candy bars to help cover CDE expenses!**
- *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!**
- *Please ensure your students are not missing classes outside of emergencies! Attendance is a priority!**



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!**
- * Following major shows, pens and lockers need to be cleaned and checked out by an advisor.**
- * 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 March's newsletter, please email dustin.rogers@southsideisd.org !



