

East Central FFA Booster Club Advisor Notes -January 2020

Bexar County Show - Very successful year for our students. Numerous Champion and Reserve Champions both in Market and in the Breeding Shows. Additionally we had 3 students earn scholarships: Lane Friesenhahn, Candace Landrum and Cooper Rayl. We all had numerous Grand Champion Showman. Buyers list to write thank you letters are here or they have been given to your children - please pick them up. You will be expected to bring each letter you are sending to us to check off - No exceptions. You will have until February 3rd to get them to us.

Grand Champion Steer: Alexandra Thomas (Sr. Steer Champion Showman)

Res Grand Steer: Brigett Bettice

Jr. Steer Champion Showman: Isabella Hernandez

Grand Champion Heifer: Luke Gonzalez

Res Grand Heifer: Trace Bettice

Sr. Champion Heifer Showman: Lawsen Taylor

Grand Champion Market Rabbits: Ashley Cartwright

Res. Champion Market Rabbits: Abigail Rodriguez

Champion Broilers: Leah Latham

Res. Champion Broilers: Shelby Pieniazek

Champion Turkeys: Cassidy Dieckow

Res. Champion Turkeys: Brody Schmidt

Res. Grand Champion Market Hog: Colby Neil 4-H (Champion Market showman)

Grand Champion Breeding Swine: Josie Johnson

Jr. Market Swine Showman: Annie Alonso

Sr. Breeding Swine Champion Showman: Logan Taylor 4-H

Jr. Breeding Swine Champion showman: Lawsen Taylor (Overall Champion Swine Showman)

Special thanks to Pat Cantu and her Feed the Children Committee for keeping us fed and hydrated during the Bexar County Show!

Chapter Show was a success. A low turnout, but as always great kids. We will have a survey at next months meeting about things you would like to see at the chapter show and dates. We hope the calendar will go back to a favorable schedule for the county show. We do have a director on the Bexar County Board and community members: Margaret Jenschke

San Antonio

Clipping Date: All times by appointment (Sign-In Sheets)

Market Goats/Lambs - February 6th and 7th 4:30 -6:30 pm

Market Swine - Darks - February 14th 4:30 - 7 p.m.

Lights - February 17th 4:30 - 7 p.m.

Cattle - Please get with Mrs. Kempen if you need help

Turkey Raisers

San Antonio Selection- We can go on Monday 16th after lunch, if you need Mrs. Hevner's assistance Please keep in touch as there is a lot going on.

Broilers-

We will start culling next Friday, January 24th after school (No School). We will need everyone's help to make it work. Selection for San Antonio will be February 17th after lunch

San Antonio

Pick up your passes tonight. Verify your absences and mark your breeds for swine so we know which round you are going in on.

All animals will stage at the lot off of I35 near splashtown

Remember - Arrive together stall together.

All Sheep, goats and hogs will plan on going in together. We will preassign the hog pens.

Gilts -we will load at school at 6:30 a.m. to depart and meet up on Gembler February 5th (tentative).

Remember breeding animals need current health papers - no animals bled.

Market Lambs and Goats - Ms. Morales Feb 10th (10 pm to load)

Dark Barrows - Mr. Kempen will haul first round Feb. 14th - load around 9 p.m.

Light Barrows - Mr. Kempen will haul on this round - load time to be determined-(Most likely February 17th midnight)

Steers - Monday February 17th Walmart parking lot 6a.m.

Poultry - Ms. Hevner will meet you at unloading (7 am).

School Tour Dates Listed - Please check to know when your student is out.

Keep in touch with the ag teachers on departure times! They are subject to change.

Houston Livestock Show: Houston, Austin and 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 3rd - we will get you your passes.

Remember breeding animals need current health papers – no animals

bled. Attendance Notifications - Please list only the days you want your students to be out. If you wait till after 2nd period at the high school and approximately 9:30/10:00 am then those days will not count against your student's days

Grade Eligibility:

The report card that you received this past week determines eligibility for the next 9 weeks (3/6). 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, Market week at Houston 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 email. Their national FFA scholarships must be complete by January 27th and then I can approve so that they can get the signature page printed and signed.

Texas FFA Scholarship:

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 30th- no exceptions. I have to review and return them so they are ready by April 4th turn in at Area Contest.

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 have had students competing at several other shows and doing well. Additionally, the teams are hitting the road. A rebuilding year for many of these teams that we had members that graduated. Wildcard contest this Saturday was cancelled by the provided because wasn't enough entries.***
- ***Ag Fair at the Ag Barn this Friday for 2nd graders of Traditions and Sinclair Elementary - Advocating for the future of Agriculture.***
- ***Special Thank you for Johnston/Fizer Family for sponsoring our Chilli Dinner tonight!***
- ***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.***
- ***Fundraising Drawing at March Meeting***
- ***Parents please remind your students feeding at the barn to lock the front gate. The gate being left open on the weekends is causing issues on campus.***