FFA: The Bearkat Edition

Ag Mech Wraps up with last show

Last month, the program wrapped up this year's ag mechanics show with the Houston AG mech show. However, the dedicated students had already went to three shows prior.

The season started with the San Angelo show. There were several students that shined there. Waylyn Davis and Miles Halfmann placed 2nd in their class, Kyler Dieringer's shuffleboard table placed 2nd in its class, Caleb Stewart earned 2nd in his class, Ivy Braden finished in 3rd place, and Katie and tayum Braden earned 5th in their class.

Then, at the next show (San Antonio), Caleb Stewart finished 1st in his class, Miles Halfmann and Waylyn Davis placed 2nd in their class, Ivy Braden finished 4th in her class, and Helen Marshall got 6th in her class.

The next competition was at Autsin. Kyler Dieringer went looking for high placings in the competitive show. With this, she met her goal, placing 3rd in her class.

Finally, a group went to the Houston show. Caleb Stewart continued his streak, placing 2nd in his class. Miles Halfmann and Waylyn Davis finished 3rd in their class, Ivy Braden finished 5th in her class, Sterling Schwartz earned 6th, and the buildoff trailer (worked on by Caleb Stewart, Grady Ivins, Sterling Schwartz, and Kelton Fuchs) placed 5th in its class. At Houston, the program was also awarded the Dr. Billy Harrell Award of Excellence. This award composed of the high character of the students and the excellent award and high quality of their projects.

Overall, this year's ag mech season was a very successful one. Students showed their dedication and hard work through their projects.

Upcoming Events

- April 1 - Angelo State CDE Invitational
- April 8 - Tarleton Area CDE
- April 10 - AAE State CDE
- April 11 - Texas Tech CDE Invitational
- April 13 - Angelo State Area CDE
- April 14 - District SDE Contest
- April 15 - Area Scholarship Interviews
- April 17 - Texas Tech Area FBM
- April 18 - Texas Tech Area CDE
- April 23 - Tarleton State State CDE
- April 24 - Sam Houston State CDE
- April 25 - Texas A&M State CDE
- April 28 - District Banquet

Officer Spotlight: Helen Marshall

Helen has been a part of FFA for 4 years, starting in 8th grade. Her favorite part about FFA is meeting new people, and she loves CDE season. Her favorite FFA event is AG sales. This year, she also serves as the El Rancho District Vice President. She competed in AG mechanics this year, too.

Q: What's your favorite animal?
A: My favorite animal is a horse.
Q: What's your favorite hobby?
A: My favorite hobby is traveling.
Q: What's your favorite song?
A: My favorite song is Next to You by Ole 60.
Q: What job do you want to have in the future?
A: I want to be an AG lawyer.





CDE Season Insight

FFA CDE participants have been focusing on their contests over the past month. They've started working hard to memorize materials, get familiar with contests, and go tto competitions. So far, several teams have been to multiple contests, maximizing their experience and exposure to new materials. Additionally, new students have been getting involved in these contests, extending the FFA program and getting even more students involved. Several competitiors are putting in hard work for upcoming area contests, hoping to make it out of Area II and see the state contest.