FFA: The Bearkat Edition

Tractor Tech Team Competes at Area Contest

Caleb Stewart, Grady Ivins, and Sterling Schwartz competed at the area Tractor Tech contest last week through FFA. This contest was full of ups and downs and a lot of hard work, but these boys pushed through to finish in 7th place.

"Even before the contest started, we had to do a few things like pack up our stuff," Stewart said.

At the contest, they faced some tough challenges, too. Since they had to look at the different components of a tractor, diagnose a tractor, and take a written test, the day was full.

"My favorite part was probably diagnosing the tractor," Stewart said. "There's five things wrong with the tractor, and we had to work to find them."

For Stewart, the most challenging part was the written exam, as there wasn't a question bank to study ahead of time. Despite the challenges, the boys competed incredibly well and represented the school in a positive way.

Upcoming Events

- Feb. 5-7: San Angelo AG Mech Show
- Feb. 7: San Angelo Public Speaking Contest
- Feb. 14-21: National FFA Week
- Feb. 14: San Antonio Public Speaking Contest
- Feb. 23: Anson CDE Invitational
- Feb. 27: February FFA Meeting
- Feb. 27-March 1: San Antonio AG Mech Show

Students Develop Skills Through First Semester

Over the course of the first half of the school year, students have been in the shop learning all about different welding positions, wood-working techniques, and other shop skills. The semester started off with students working on welds and mastering their beads. Then, as the semester progressed, they began to split off into different projects.

For several students, they began working on projects for upcoming AG mech shows. Others worked on smaller projects for people in the school. For those working on show projects, they spent months developing plans, getting materials, and building their projects. Now, as the shows are closely approaching, students are putting on the final touches.

Officer Spotlight: Presley Jost

Presley has been a part of FFA for 5 years, starting in 8th grade. This year, he's serving as the chapter Historian.His favorite FFA season is LDE season, and his favorite event is FFA Quiz. His favorite part about FFA is Mr. Hauser and his role model is his sister, Avery.



Q: What college do you want to attend?
A: Texas A&M
Q: What do you want to do in the future?
A: Physical Therapist/Chiropractor
Q: What's your favorite animal?
A: A dog
Q: What's your favorite hobby?
A: Driving old cars
Q: What's your favorite movie?
A: How to Train Your Dragon (1, 2, and 3)
Q: What's your favorite food?
A: Rolls, bread, etc.

Project of the Month: Bronc Gass



Bronc has been spending the past few months in the shop working on his gliding swing. Since he made a metal project last year, this year was a conpletely new challenge. He learned different cutting, measuring, and squaring skills that he applied to the building of his project. He started by getting all of the materials and blueprints to get a plan. Then, he began to cut and put the swing together. Although he's faced some challenges, he's overcome them to make his project the best it can be.