



SMITHSON VALLEY FFA



OCTOBER 2011

October Meeting Announcements

The November Meeting is very important for those students that are showing animals. This meeting is where sign ups are done for all major livestock shows. Please make sure that you bring to the meeting the following items:

- Student's Social Security Number
- Number Assigned Student from Quality Counts, if attending a major show
- Checkbook

It is very important that you sign up for the shows at this meeting, as there are deadlines the school has to make in order to register your child for the major livestock shows. Even if they are not competing at the major level, they still need to attend to sign up for the Chapter Show and the CCJLSA Show.

The Fundraiser orders were collected at the October Meeting. The products will be in and available for pick up at the November meeting. Please make sure you are their to pick up your orders as there is no where for the Ag Teachers to store the products.

Quality Counts

If you plan on showing your animals at the major shows, please make sure that you have completed the Quality Counts by November 1st. The number that you are given at the end of the test is needed in order to register for the shows at the November 2nd meeting.

To take the test or to learn more about Quality Counts, go to www.qualitycounts.tamu.edu

Possible Casino Night at the Scholarship Dance

This year the Scholarship Dance Committee is looking at hosting a Casino Night this year in conjunction with the Scholarship Dance. This event will be for the entire family.

The scholarship dance is an annual fundraiser. The money raised is used for scholarships for the next year. So money raised from this year's event will be used for scholarships next year. This is why it is very important that this year's parents of juniors step up and help. There is still a lot of work that needs to be done to make this year's dance and casino night a success.

If you are interested in joining the committee or seeing how you can attend next month's meeting on November 8th at 6:30 pm at the Krause Construction Office.

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Comal County Jr. Livestock Show Association (CCJLSA) - Exactly Who Are They and What Do They Do

At the membership meeting in September, many new members asked who was CCJLSA, and why should their family join this association. Here is a little of the history of CCJLSA and why the CCJLSA Livestock Show is ran the way it is. This information is taken from their website, www.ccjlsa.com.

"Over thirty years ago, two weeks before the Youth Show, Jimmy Rheinlaender and C.A. "Tex" Ritter got together and decided to form a group to help supervise the sale of the market animals. Tex became the first chairman and Helen Steubing, the first treasurer. Also helping were FFA advisors Leroy Goodson and James Stolte; FFA teacher Tommy Zipp; and CEA Bill Schumann. This group became known as the Livestock Auction Committee.

This committee conceived and initiated a unique method of redistributing the proceeds from the sale, so each exhibitor receives an amount based on the quality of their animal, not the amount bid at the sale. This method, know as the "Point System", is still used today.

At the first sale, 57 exhibitors sold 92 animals. Thanks to the Livestock Auction Committee, whose name as since changed to the Comal County Jr. Livestock Show Association (CCJLSA), the 2011 show had 572 exhibitors with 1027 entries of breeding and market animals, rabbits and poultry, and Ag Mechanics. The exhibitors are members of Comal County 4-H Clubs, and FFA Chapters from Canyon, Canyon Lake, New Braunfels, and Smithson Valley High Schools. Each exhibitor is allowed to sell one market animal through the auction sale, provided the animal is of show quality.

These young people have invested a great deal of time and money in their projects. They appreciate the opportunity to show their animals, to compete for ribbons and trophies, to sell their animals, and to hopefully realize a profit from their efforts. The business and professional firms from the surrounding area, together with a number of concerned individuals, have generously supported this event in the past."

If you are interested in learning more about what is happening with the CCJLSA, you can attend their next monthly meeting.

Swine Validation



Swine Validation is taking place at the Smithson Valley Ag Barn on November 14th from 2 pm to 6 pm. If you can not make it to that validation, you can have your swine validated at the Comal County Extension Office on November 21st from 3 pm to 6 pm.

Volunteers are needed to help with the swine validation on November 14th. The validation is from 2 pm to 6 pm. The pigs at the barn will probably be validated earlier. If you can help with either validation, please let one of the Ag teachers know.



Minerals for Lambs and Goats

You should be giving minerals to your lambs and goats at every feeding, unless you are told otherwise by Mr. Cook. If you are needing minerals, please see Mr. Cook. He has them for sale for \$25 a bag. If you only have one or two animals, then see if you can find someone else at who you can split a bag with.

CCJLSA Gala Silent Auction Committee

This year Smithson Valley High School is responsible for helping with the CCJLSA Gala Silent Auction. The committee is responsible for contacting businesses and individuals for silent auction donations. The money raised at from the Silent Auction will be used at the Comal County Jr Livestock Show in February. The more money that is raised, the more money that will go back towards our kids.

If you are interested in helping or joining the committee, please contact Christi Pellerin at Smithson.valley.ffa@gmail.com.

For Sale

Courtney Carroll is selling her rabbits and her equipment. She has carriers, cages and the rabbits. Call or text her for information at 210-710-993

Do you or do you know someone who has livestock equipment that you are no longer needing and would like to sell. Email Smithson.valley.ffa@gmail.com to have it posted in the newsletter and online. These ads are done as a courtesy for our members. If you are interested in something that is listed, please contact the seller directly.



Bragging Rights

We would like to brag about the accomplishments of our teams and our livestock showers. If your child is on a team that does well at a competition, or if your child shows livestock and places at a major show, we want to hear about it.

Send a photo or two and a small write up to Smithson.valley.ffa@gmail.com. We will try to make sure that it ends up in the newsletter and on the website.

Smithson Valley FFA Website

Want to know more about what is happening with Smithson Valley FFA's program? Go to the FFA website at www.smithsonvalley.ffa.org. Please make sure that you register on the website, as almost all announcements are sent to those members who are registered on the website.



Congratulations to Smithson Valley's Ag Sales Team

Congratulations to our Ag Sales Team! The team took 1st Place in the State of Texas, which allowed them to compete at the 84th National FFA Convention in Indianapolis, Indiana.

The Ag Sales CDE allows students to apply classroom knowledge to real-life situations. The event includes actual sales presentations, a written exam, a team sales situation, an individual practical situation focusing on customer relations, customer service, or prospecting for customers. Each team competed at local and state levels for the privilege of representing their state at the National FFA Convention.



Not only did they make us proud by receiving the honor of representing Texas, they showed the other teams that Smithson Valley FFA is a force to be reckoned with. The team, headed by Mr. Cook, consists of Taylor Walker, Bridget O'Brien, Kristen Mauthe and Sara Cross, placed 2nd. Bridget O'Brien was the 1st place High Point Individual winner and Taylor Walker was the 4th place High Point Individual winner. Both girls received a \$1000 scholarship for their outstanding work.

Way to Go Girls and Mr. Cook!

Smithson Valley FFA T-Shirts

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The 2011-2012 t-shirts are now available. The shirts are black with the design on the left on it. Short sleeve shirts are \$10 and long sleeve shirts are \$15. You can pick your shirt up in the Ag office.

Last years shirts are available for \$6. Previous year shirts are also available \$3 to \$5. Carolyn Walker will have them at each meeting or you can contact her at carolynfch@gvvc.com. Pictures of these shirts are available on the website.



MARK YOUR CALENDAR

<i>Quality Counts Needs to be Completed to sign up for Major Shows</i>	Nov 1, 2011
<i>FFA Meeting Major Livestock Show Sign Up & Fundraiser Pick Up: SVHS Cafeteria</i>	Nov 2, 2011
<i>CCJLSA Meeting: SVHS Ag Building at 7 pm</i>	Nov 7, 2011
<i>Scholarship Dance Committee Meeting: Krause Construction Office at 6:30 pm</i>	Oct 26, 2011
<i>Swine Validation: SVHS Ag Building from 2 pm to 6 pm</i>	Nov 14, 2011
<i>Swine Validation: Comal County Extension Office from 3 pm to 6 pm</i>	Nov 21, 2011
<i>CCJLSA Meeting: Comal County Fairgrounds at 7 pm</i>	Dec 5, 2011
<i>FFA Meeting: SVHS Library at 7 pm</i>	Dec 12, 2011
<i>CCJLSA Meeting: Canyon Lake High School Ag Building at 7 pm</i>	Jan 9, 2012
<i>FFA Meeting: SVHS Library at 7 pm</i>	Jan 10, 2012
<i>FFA Chapter Show: Comal County Fairgrounds</i>	Jan 20 to 21, 2012
<i>Comal County Jr. Livestock Show Assoc Gala: New Braunfels</i>	Jan 28, 2012
<i>CCJLSA Meeting: Canyon High School Ag Building at 7 pm</i>	Feb 6, 2012
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<i>CCJLSA Meeting: TBD at 7 pm</i>	March 2012
<i>CCJLSA Meeting: SVHS Ag Building at 7 pm</i>	April 2, 2012
<i>FFA Meeting: SVHS Library at 7 pm</i>	April 10, 2012
<i>Smithson Valley FFA Booster Club Scholarship Dance: Anhalt Hall 6 pm to 12 am</i>	April 28, 2012
<i>CCJLSA Meeting: Comal County Fairgrounds at 7 pm</i>	May 7, 2012
<i>FFA Awards Banquet: SVHS Cafeteria</i>	May : Date TBD

MAJOR LIVESTOCK SHOW DATES

<i>Ft. Worth Livestock Show and Rodeo: www.fwssr.com</i>	Jan 13 to Feb 4, 2012
<i>Hill Country District Jr. Livestock Show (Kerrville): www.hcdjls.org</i>	Jan 19 to 21, 2012
<i>Smithson Valley FFA Chapter Show</i>	January 21, 2012
<i>San Antonio Livestock Show and Rodeo: www.sarodeo.com</i>	Feb 9 to 26, 2012
<i>San Angelo Stock Show and Rodeo: www.sanangelorodeo.com</i>	Feb 16 to 26, 2012
<i>Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo: www.hlsr.com</i>	Feb 28 to March 18, 2012
<i>Comal County Jr. Livestock Show: www.ccjls.org</i>	Feb 29 to March 3, 2012
<i>Star of Texas (Austin): www.rodeoatustin.com</i>	March 9 to 24, 2012

