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# Fairfield FFA Chapter Standing Out

## Area LDE

Congratulations to our teams that competed at Area LDE in November. Results:  
--Sr Skills - 7th: Rainy Bonds, Adan Espinoza, Trinity Glass  
--Jr Spanish creed - 4th: Mariela Espinoza  
--Sr quiz -8th: Blake Phillips, Rhett Ralstin, Lauren Scott, Avery Strait  
We appreciate all the hard work our students put in this semester. We will get geared up for CDE season now.



## Heifer Team in Cowtown

Heifer team was ready to be home after long 4 days in Cowtown last month. At least they were still smiling!!  
Ft Worth is an extremely tough show with large classes.  
Results are as follows:  
--Peyton Higdon - 2nd place Beefmasters  
--Peyton Johnson - 6th place Maine Anjou  
--Arden Strait - 2nd place Santa Gertrudis  
--Blake Phillips - 2nd place ORB  
--Kenna Eppes - 7th place Polled Hereford  
--Avery Strait - Santa Gertrudis  
--Elizabeth Pillans - Brangus  
--Rissa Eppes - Charolais  
Proud of this team for all their hard work.



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Proud of our “Blue Jacket” students!

Help us celebrate the Fairfield FFA Chapter during National FFA Week Feb. 17-24, 2024.



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# Teague FFA Chapter Moves to Head of Class

## Leadership Contests

Area 8 FFA Leadership Contests Results:  
Proud of our kids.  
They practice at all hours from 6:25 am to 6 pm around what feels like every activity known to man. We ask them to memorize lengthy scripts and to learn 104 parliamentary procedure questions verbatim. These leadership contests are not much based on natural talent or athleticism, it is based on hard work and dedication and the truth is, many kids won't do it and don't have it. These do!  
Didn't end as we hoped, we aren't State-qualifying but we were close and they did great!  
There are 10 teams in each contest at the Area level, (about 110 schools are in Area 8) top 2 advance from their district to compete at the Area level then top 2 placing teams from Area qualify for State.  
--Jr. Chapter Conducting - 4th place  
Holly Bahm, Kaden Brockman, Addie Black, Xiyah McGregor, Abbie Thomas, Hadley Vonda, Bryleigh Welch, and Macy Wood  
--Sr. Chapter Conducting - 5th



place  
Landon Evans, Grace Smith, Aspyn Perry, Ava Oakes, Kameryn Thompson, Tripp Egbert, Lucky Jones, Hadley Long and Carlita Barranda  
--Public Relations - 10th  
Karlie Paris, Kyle Shughart, Leynie Horton, Leynie Morrow

## 11th Annual Varmint Hunt

What a great evening! Teague FFA had a total of 20 entries in their 11th annual Varmint Hunt! Thank you to everyone that participated, sponsored, and donated. We couldn't have made this event possible without ya'll.

- 1st place team with 490 points: The Deltas
- 2nd place team with 455 points: Parvo
- Heaviest Hog: (291lbs) KZ Cattle
- Heaviest Bobcat: (20lbs) The Stragglers
- Heaviest Coyote: (45lbs) Parvo
- Heaviest Coon: (19lbs) Swamp Donkey's



## Youth Commercial Heifer Contest

Had a fun Youth Commercial Heifer contest in November at the Freestone County fairgrounds.  
Students turn in a record book, are interviewed, take a test and have a pen of two matched heifers they've raised that are judged.  
Congrats the to the winners:

- Rhett Hagan - Grand Champion
- Grace Smith - Reserve Champion
- Teague FFA had 5 members compete and we are proud of all of them! They include:  
--Kaedyn Ovalle
- Sophie Craig
- Ellie Mathison



TEAGUE WELDING BUILD OFF TEAM had a Great day in Northeast Texas at Hallsville High School in November.

*Therefore be patient, brethren,  
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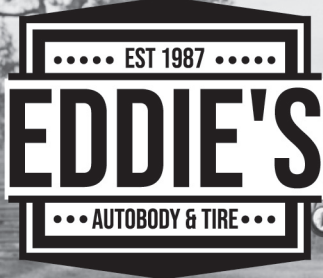
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## Youth Predator Hunt

March 1, 2 & 3, 2024

The 2nd Annual Youth Predator Hunt, sponsored by the Freestone County Game Management Association, will be held March 1, 2, & 3, 2024.

Teams must have 2 adults and 2 youth under 18 at the day of sign up.

NO drones or helicopters allowed.

Check in will be at the Freestone County Fairgrounds between 4:00-6:00 p.m. on Friday, March 1st.

Weigh-In will be on Sunday, March 3rd at 1:00 p.m.

All animals must come from Freestone County ONLY.

There will be a \$1,000 payout for 1st place!

Most animals killed wins \$1,000.

\$5 bounty on all hogs checked in.

First place will receive payout, vest and Coy Turner handmade trophy belt buckles.

Second and third places will receive payout and vests.

Entry fee is \$200 per team, 100% payback.

Night vision and thermal allowed.

Youth only optional contest.

\$200 added money per animal:

--Big Hog

--Big Coyote

--Big Bobcat

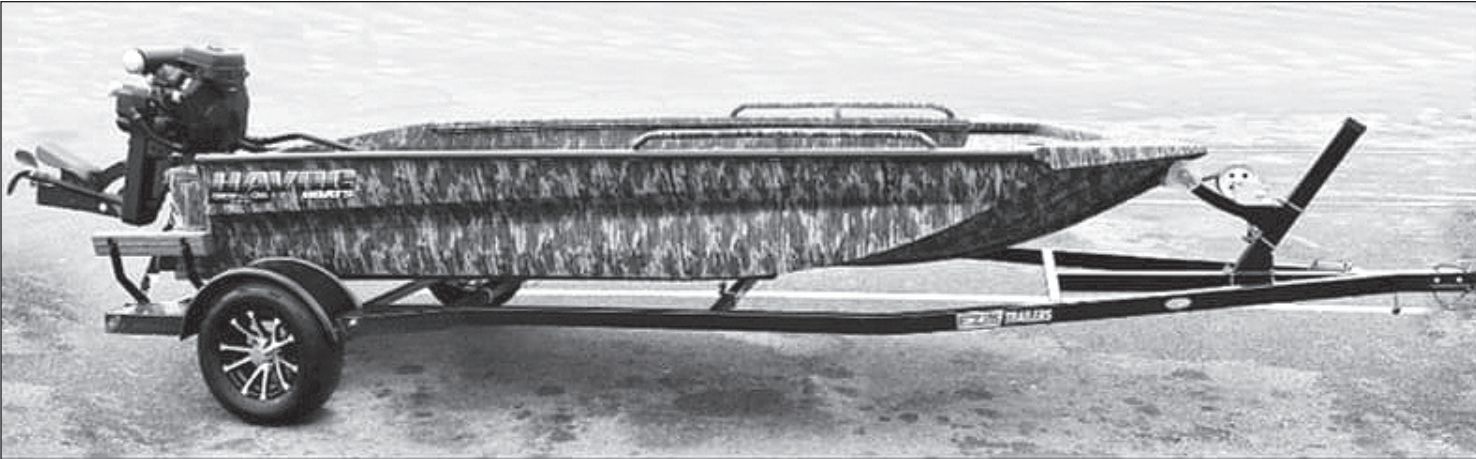
--Big Fox

--Big Coon

\$100 per team with 100% payback to winners.

One trophy buckle each animal.

For more information, contact Coy Turner at 903-388-9700, Clay Kimball at 903-879-0896, or Richard McGowan at 903-879-6138.



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FAIRFIELD ISD 8TH GRADE AG STUDENTS have been learning about sheep breeds. They made their own sheep in class.



A BIG THANK YOU TO Jonathan Hardin Chapter, NSDAR - Mexia, TX for their generous donation of about 100 wreaths to Fairfield ISD. Each class researched various designs and materials, then created their own unique wreath to take home!

## Beef Cattle Show in San Antonio

Congratulations to the Beef Cattle Show Team at San Antonio.

Results are as follows:

--Peyton Higdon - 9th out of 19

--Peyton Johnson - ARB. Over 25 in the class.

--Arden Strait - 2nd place Santa Gertrudis

--Avery Strait - 1st in class and Reserve Sr Division in Santa Gertrudis.

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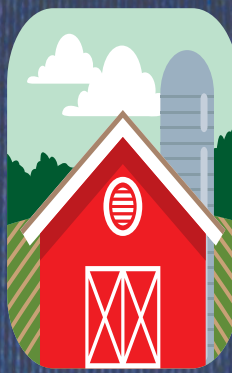
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## Texas FFA Convention 2023

We would like to thank all of those that made it possible for our students to attend the state convention this year!  
We wouldn't have been able to attend without the support shown to our Wortham HS Ag Booster Club!



## Buffalo Young Farmers Fall Classic

Congratulations, on the top honors at the Buffalo Young Farmers Fall Classic held in October!  
Anthony Fortoul earned Reserve Breed Champion steer and Reserve Champion Heifer - banner/buckle.  
Raymond Fortoul earned Reserve Breed Champion heifer.



LEXI CHAPMAN HAD A GRAND middle weight, a reserve heavyweight and reserve overall at Crawford FFA jackpot in October. Congratulations!



## Donations Collected for Wortham VFD

THANK YOU TO ALL WHO DONATED! Wortham FFA was able to bless the Wortham Fire Department with a few more cases of water and gatorade because of those donations!



RAYMOND FORTOUL EXHIBITED his Red Brahman heifer today at the 2024 Ft Worth Stock Show. He placed 8th in his class.

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Teague FFA Tractor Tech Team is State Bound!

THIS TEAM EARNED 2ND PLACE IN AREA and 1st place in District! Individuals placing: Zain - 4th, Grayson - 5th, Rhett - 6th, and Cole M. – Alternate.



THESE TEAGUE FFA HEIFER EXHIBITORS had a good trip to San Antonio for competition. Missing the boys Blaine and Rowdy, but a great, hardworking group.



TEAGUE FFA HAD A GOOD TIME at the San Antonio Crossbred and Purebred Gilt show last week. These kids work very hard, they did a great job, and we're so proud of them!

Floral Group Competition

In January, we took a group of Teague FFA Floral kids to the Rains Wildcat Floral Cup. There were 3 rounds to compete in and in order to go onto the next round your arrangement must have been selected by the judges. 3 of the 4 girls advanced onto round 2, but unfortunately we didn't get into the final round. The kids had a blast and learned a lot. So proud of these girls and all their accomplishments!

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