Good Morning Gator Nation!!!

My apologies for the newsletter not running last week. I attempted to send it, but had some technical problems while we were at Fort Worth. A BIG THANK YOU to all that participated, helped and exhibited in the Dickinson FFA Winter Showdown last weekend. We had a great experience. Here are our updates for the week:

* **New Cattle Barn Arena**
* **Swine Pasture Area**
* **Hoof Trimming**
* **Milk Quality Team Meeting**
* **Teacher Absences**
* **Alumni Chapter Interest Form**

**Activity Calendar**

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**FFA Meeting / Specie Clinic / Stock Show Calendar**

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**Weather**

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|  |  |  |  |  | **2/9**  64° / 75° | **2/10**  63° / 72° |
| **2/11**  46° / 74° | **2/12**  41° / 59° | **2/13**  47° / 61° | **2/14**  53° / 66° | **2/15**  53° / 68° | **2/16**  48° / 63° | **2/17**  48° / 60° |

**The beginning of next week is going to cool off some. Let’s focus on keeping the swine barn doors closed at all times after Saturday night.**

**New Cattle Barn Arena**

We were not briefed that construction / alterations were going to be going on that would impede the use of the arena in the new barn. We are in the process of finding out how long this will take and will be notifying everyone of its completion and return to normal operations. With that being said, the use of that arena was granted on the trust basis that everyone would be cleaning up behind themselves / their animals. This has not happened. Once we are given authorization to use the arena again, we will re-open it. If this lack of this facility care continues, we will close the arena. We do not have cameras in the new barn yet, nor the ability to supervise every exhibitor and animal to and from, and within the arena. Clean up after yourself. This is the only way we will be able to use the arena.

Under no circumstances should cattle be tied up on the outside of the arena in the new barn. Remember, you are responsible for your animals mess, in and out of your pen, to and from the arena, and within the arena.

**Lamb & Goat Pasture**

This area is off-limits to EVERYTHING except lambs and goats. This is to include swine. We are currently battling a few illnesses and we do not need to push any limits when it comes to transfer. Keep this pasture clear of all species but lambs & goats.

**Hoof Trimming**

Mr. Dunn has been booked solid and unable to get away from his bran to trim hooves. If anyone is in the need for trimming before San Antonio, you will need to haul to him. He is trying to carve out some time in about 2-2½ weeks to make a house call to our barn. We will let everyone know what dates he is available to do so once he clears his calendar.

**Milk Quality Team Meeting**

We need to get all members of the Milk Quality Team together to discuss some potential contest dates and to practice. Please carve out about 1 – 1½ Hours for us to go over a few things next Thursday, 2/15. We can meet in the barn office immediately after school.

**Alumni Chapter Interest Form**

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For those of you who missed it, Mrs. Sizemore & Mr. Edenfield held a brief meeting in conjunction with this Wednesday’s FFA Chapter meeting with a group of parents discussing the potential and benefits of starting a chartered Alumni Chapter. We need parents, relatives, and general community members to get this idea off of the ground. There is a great deal of potential in starting this organization, we highly encourage you to consider and tell other family/community members about this. Please see the interest form below.

<https://forms.gle/1jjkgzgdQ4WwG6xd9>

This is open to literally ANYONE. Prior FFA membership, or alumni status from DHS are NOT required. Businesses are welcome as well.

**Teacher Absences**

Show season is now in full swing, and on to San Antonio.

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As stated, Mr. Edenfield will be out over the course of the next few weeks. If you need any of us for anything, please reach out and let us know. Have a great weekend, and as always:

**GO GATORS!**

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