Good Morning Gator Nation!!!

The moving parts are multiplying! Here are our updates for the week:

* **Staff Development Day**
* **Keeping our Hands to Ourselves**
* **Hoof Trimming**
* **Texas Major Show Swine Early Ear Tag Order Deadline**
* **Fort Worth Stock Show & Rodeo Entries Now Open**
* **FFA Jacket Orders**
* **Fresh Country Fundraiser**
* **Homecoming Carnival – We Need Pork Butt Donations!!!**
* **Membership Dues**
* **Other Updates**

**Activity Calendar**

Lots of activity coming up. Please mark your calendars.

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

Take note of the important dates listed below for important meetings as well as mandatory clinics.

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**Staff Development Day**

Reminder that this coming Monday (25 September 2023) is a Staff Development Day. Being as such, this is one of those days where students are NOT allowed within the barn during regular school hours (7:05 am – 2:35 pm) as stated in the barn contract. Remember to be in compliance.

**Keeping our Hands to Ourselves**

It has been noticed, especially with the influx of new animals, that people are starting to hang around and sometimes pet, etc. new animals. We must remind everyone that this is not permissible. It may be innocent in nature and just expressing curiosity, but it could also lead to unfortunate illnesses and problems for animals. We currently have animals in the barn that are getting ready for exhibition at the Heart O’ Texas and Texas State Fair. It would be very unfortunate for any animal to miss its respective show, drop weight, or suffer from any other mishap that could have been prevented. Please keep your hands out of pens that are housing animals other than your own.

*Additionally…We need to be diligent with our animals when bringing them into the barn, under all circumstances. If it’s a brand new animal coming into the barn for the first time, an animal returning from a prospect or jackpot show, or coming home from the vet…do your due diligence and wash your animal(s) thoroughly with* ***antifungal /******antibacterial soap*** *for at least three days. We do not want an issue where we are having to deal with ringworm, or mites, or a host of any other issues that again can easily be avoided.*

**Hoof Trimming**

Everyone has been super anxious (and rightly so) to have Mr. Dunn come and trim hooves. This coming Monday (9/25) he will be at the barn sometime around 2:30-3:00 to get started. If he is unable to complete all of our cattle he will likely return the next day.

Going forward, mark your calendars for the last week of November / first week of December as our next likely hoof trimming.

**Texas Major Show Swine Early Ear Tag Order Deadline**

Just a reminder, if you are planning on showing at a Texas Major Show (Fort Worth, Houston, San Antonio, San Angelo, or Austin), next Thursday is the deadline to order your ear tags (early). This can be done by visiting: <https://galveston.agrilife.org/4h/major-show/>

**Fort Worth Stock Show & Rodeo Entries Now Open**

Anyone who is intending on showing Fort Worth, please see me at the barn on Thursdays so we can get your entries completed. Fort Worth runs their entries slightly different than the rest of the Texas Majors and they also have an earlier Entry Deadline. November 15th may seem a month and a half away, but in terms of paperwork clearing the business office, etc., its right around the corner. If you plan on showing Fort Worth, please send me an e-mail telling me of your intentions. We do not want to leave anything to chance and someone accidentally being left off of entries.

**FFA Jacket Orders**

We are nearing the time of year where students will need FFA Jackets for competitions, etc. In today’s modern age, parents and students themselves can order these online directly through the National FFA. Here is the process in doing so:

1. Visit the FFA Shop at: <https://shopffa.org/products>
2. Select “Official Jacket”
3. Select the appropriate gender
4. Select “Jackets”
5. Select whether you want a standard jacket, or a tailored jacket. The tailored jacket is going to require additional measurements and is a tedious process. Please be mindful, regardless of if you order a standard or tailored jacket, National FFA will not exchange or refund jackets that are mis-sized after they are sewn. Accuracy is important.
6. Click the dropdown menu, and enter your size. There are guides within the website to help you determine what your proper size is. If you want to take an extra precaution, call 1-800-366-6556 and have them walk you through the process just to be safe.
7. After you have entered the correct size, you will notice a Red Icon appear that says “Click here to Personalize.”

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1. Click the “Personalize” button, and another window will open:

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1. Click the “[Change]” button, and yet another window will open:

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1. In this window you will enter the chapter number of: **TX0968**, then click “Change”. Once you do, the previous form will auto-populate with Dickinson as the Chapter, and Texas as the State.

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1. From here, you just fill out the student information as you want it sewn on the jacket. For the majority this only means the first and last name. Only Chapter Officers, or Greenhand Officers need worrying about Office & Year lines.

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1. After you finish this portion, go on to complete your order. Please remember that all young men will also need a tie, and young ladies a scarf to complete their official dress. These can all be ordered through the FFA Store as well.

If you have any issues trying to order a jacket, please call the 1-800 number listed below, or feel free to let one of us know and we can walk you through it.

**Fresh Country Fundraiser**



Here are some updates on our fundraiser:

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**Homecoming Carnival**

As previously mentioned, we are in need of donations of pork butts for our pulled pork sandwich fundraiser that we will conduct during the Homecoming Carnival on October the 11th. If you are willing to donate, please do so any time up until October 6th. We will take donations after that as well, but they **MUST BE THAWED** at that point. Thank you for your support!

**Membership Dues**

The clock is ticking on when we have to finalize our roster. If you have not paid your $10 Active Member Fee, please do so ASAP. You will be unable to do this after October 4. Fees can be paid on:

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Or by paying $10 in cash to Mr. Menotti (only). He has a receipt book.

**Other Updates**

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As always, please let one of us know if you have any questions, issues or concerns. We have a short week coming up, but thigs are going to start getting really busy once October gets here. Thank you for reading, have a great weekend, and…

**GO GATORS!**

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Very Respectfully,

**Mitch Robinson**

**Ag Science Teacher / Barn Manager**

**Dickinson High School - Dickinson ISD**

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