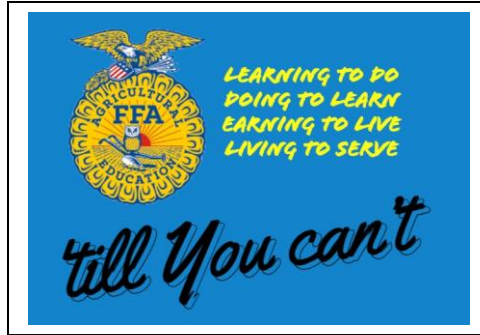




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2023-2024 Officers

# Springlake Earth FFA Newsletter

October, 2023



Reserve Supreme Champion Heifer – 2023 Tri State Fair



Champion Hereford Heifer



October 2<sup>nd</sup> Made for Excellence; Building Excellence, and Executing Excellence Conferences in Canyon



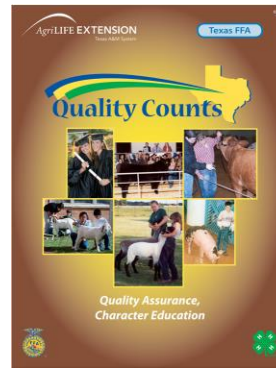
Warren Cat Amarillo. September 27



*lessons learned, man they sure run deep  
 They don't go away and they don't come cheap  
 Oh there's no way around it  
 Cause this world turns on lessons learned*



***Thanksgiving Fundraiser about to kickoff!  
Orders will be due October 18***



**New exhibitors, 3<sup>rd</sup> grade, 6<sup>th</sup> grade, and 9<sup>th</sup> grade must recertify for quality counts**

For information contact the ag department. This requirement must be completed prior to Nov 1, 2023



Lamb, Goat and Heifer Validation must be completed this month. Make sure you get your animals validated.

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Srs. --- Ag Texas Student of the Month Program will soon start. If interested, see Mr. Been for information. There could be a scholarship connected to this program



Goat – September 22 – 23  
Steers and Heifers Sept 28 – 30  
Lambs - - September 29 - 30



Livestock Judging – October 9  
Speaking October 12  
Beef Skillathon October 12 - 13  
Job Interview – October 16  
Vet Science – October 17



## Industry Based Certifications

2023-2024 and IBC for Juniors and Seniors will be required. More information coming

**Applied Agricultural Engineering**  
Statewide Program of Study

The Applied Agricultural Engineering program of study explores the occupations and educational opportunities associated with applying knowledge of engineering technology and biological science to agricultural problems concerned with power and machinery, electrification, structures, soil and water conservation, and processing agricultural products. This program of study may also include exploration into diagnosing, repairing, or overhauling farm machinery and vehicles, such as tractors, harvesters, dairy equipment, and irrigation systems.

**Secondary Courses for High School Credit**

**Level 1**

- Principles of Agriculture, Food, and Natural Resources

**Level 2**

- Agricultural Mechanics and Metal Technologies/Lab

**Level 3**

- Agricultural Structures Design and Fabrications/Lab
- Agricultural Power Systems/Lab
- Geographic Information Systems for Agriculture

**Level 4**

- Agricultural Equipment Design and Fabrication/Lab
- Practicum in Agriculture, Food, and Natural Resources
- Project-Based Research
- Scientific Research and Design

**Postsecondary Opportunities**

**Associates Degrees**

- Heavy Equipment Maintenance Technology/ Technician
- Agricultural Mechanization, General
- Small Engine Mechanics and Repair Technology/ Technician
- Welding Technology/ Welder

**Bachelor's Degrees**

- Agricultural Engineering
- Agricultural Mechanization, General

**Master's, Doctoral, and Professional Degrees**

- Agricultural Engineering
- Agricultural Mechanization, General

**Work-Based Learning and Expanded Learning Opportunities**

Exploration Activities	Work-Based Learning Activities
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Tour a farm products or machinery plant</li> <li>Participate in Texas FFA</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Earn a welding certification</li> <li>Intern at a farm products or machinery plant</li> <li>Participate in an FFA supervised agriculture experience</li> </ul>

**Industry-Based Certifications**

- Agriculture Mechanics
- API 1104 Welding Pipelines and Related Facilities AWS Certified Welder
- AWS Certified Welder
- AWS D1.1 Structural Steel
- AWS D9.1 Sheet Metal Welding
- AWS SENSE Level 1: Entry Welder
- Feedyard Technician in Machinery Operation, Repair and Maintenance
- Industrial Technology Maintenance (ITM) - Maintenance Welding
- Machining Measurement, Material, and Safety Level I
- NCCER Welding Level I
- NCCER Core
- General Welding - Job Ready
- OSHA General 30\*

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FOR ANIMALS. FOR HEALTH. FOR YOU.



Once again we say thanks to Zoetis and the Animal Health International Folks for their annual donation to our chapter. THANK YOU!!!

## Animal Science

### Statewide Program of Study

The Animal Science program of study focuses on the science, research, and business of animals and other living organisms. It teaches CTE learners how to apply biology and life science to real-world life processes of animals and wildlife, either in laboratories or in the field, which could include a veterinary office, a farm or ranch, or any outdoor area harboring animal life. Students may also research and analyze the growth and destruction of species and research or diagnose diseases and injuries of animals.

#### Secondary Courses for High School Credit

**Level 1**

- Principles of Agriculture, Food, and Natural Resources

**Level 2**

- Small Animal Management
- Equine Science

**Level 3**

- Livestock Production/Lab

**Level 4**

- Advanced Animal Science
- Veterinary Medical Applications/Lab
- Practicum in Agriculture, Food, and Natural Resources
- Project-Based Research
- Scientific Research and Design

#### Postsecondary Opportunities

**Associates Degrees**

- Food Science and Technology
- Veterinary Studies
- Biotechnology Laboratory Technician
- Biology Technician

**Bachelor's Degrees**

- Animal Sciences
- Agriculture
- Biology
- Zoology/ Animal Biology

**Master's, Doctoral, and Professional Degrees**

- Genetics
- Veterinary Medicine
- Biological and Physical Sciences
- Biological and Biomedical Sciences

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Participate in Texas FFA</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Complete in an Agri-Science Fair 4H</li> <li>Volunteer at a local farm or with a veterinarian</li> <li>Participate in an FFA supervised agriculture experience</li> </ul>

#### Industry-Based Certifications

- Agricultural Biotechnology
- Certified Veterinary Assistant, Level 1
- Elanco Fundamentals of Animal Science Certification
- Elanco Veterinary Medical Applications Certification
- Equine Management & Evaluation Certification
- Feedyard Technician in Cattle Care and Handling
- Licensed Veterinary Technician
- Production Agriculture - Job Ready
- Small Animal Science and Technology



If you are a junior, you need to have already taken the ACT! If you are a senior and have not taken the ACT, you are behind,

## TEST DATES

United States, US Territories, and Puerto Rico



2023|2024

Test Dates	Regular Registration Deadline	Late Registration Deadline	Photo Upload and Standby Deadline
September 9, 2023	August 4	August 18	September 1
October 28, 2023	September 22	October 6	October 20
December 9, 2023	November 3	November 17	December 1
February 10, 2024	January 5	January 19	February 2
April 13, 2024	March 8	March 22	April 5
June 8, 2024	May 3	May 17	May 31
July 13, 2024*	June 7	June 21	July 5

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Scholarships...Srs, ACT is a scorable part of the Texas FFA Scholarship Application. If you are planning on applying and have not taken the ACT, you are behind.

Jrs, now is the time to start working on the Texas FFA Scholarship Application and the ACT score is important. Now is the time to start taking the ACT. Don't wait.

Despite some dropping the ACT requirement for selection or admission, the Texas FFA did not. It is still required and is a scorable part of the application

 **remind** We continue to use the remind system to communicate through text messaging of things coming up and deadlines. All members AND parents are encouraged to subscribe to this service. **Text @9b748 to 81010**



Continue to update





# community Service

You need a minimum of 25 hours from at least two categories to qualify for lone star ffa degree

The Earth Roping Club and Arena is our primary community service project. With the upcoming rodeo, there is a lot of work to be done at the arena.



It's

what you make of it... What you do today becomes who you are, where you've been, and where you are going.



“ MIKE ROWE •

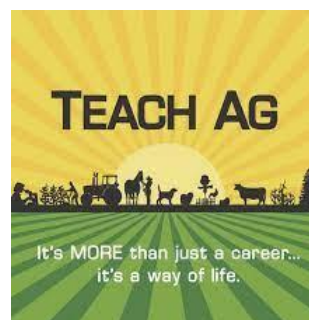
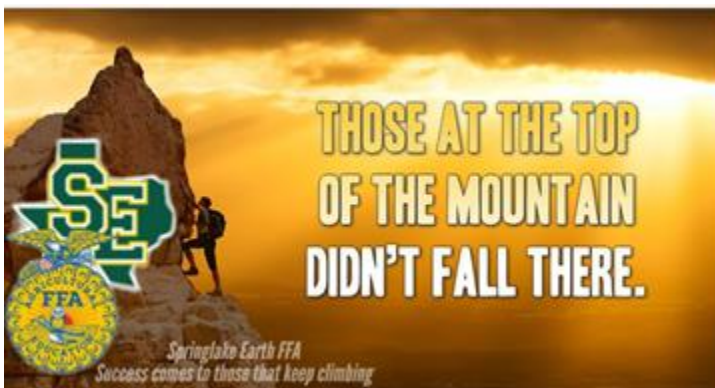
"Work ethic is important because, unlike intelligence, athleticism, charisma, or any other natural attribute, it's a choice."

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## Highlights

Already saving pictures for next year's poster. **JUST ONE** thing could land you there



KEEP YOUR THOUGHTS POSITIVE  
BECAUSE YOUR THOUGHTS BECOME  
**YOUR WORDS.**

KEEP YOUR WORDS POSITIVE  
BECAUSE YOUR WORDS BECOME  
**YOUR BEHAVIOR.**

KEEP YOUR BEHAVIOR POSITIVE  
BECAUSE YOUR BEHAVIOR BECOMES  
**YOUR HABITS.**

KEEP YOUR HABITS POSITIVE  
BECAUSE YOUR HABITS BECOME  
**YOUR VALUES.**

KEEP YOUR VALUES POSITIVE  
BECAUSE YOUR VALUES BECOME  
**YOUR DESTINY.**

The future depends  
on what you do today

What you do or what you don't do today  
has a profound affect on what happens  
tomorrow!!!



Supporter of Springlake Earth FFA



Its all about the choices you make...

*Hard Work is a choice*

**ATTITUDE is a choice**

*Discipline is a choice*

*Doing Extra is a choice*

*Excellence is a Choice*

