

# Area IX Times

**AREA OFFICER SPOTLIGHT:**

**Taylor Farrell, Sentinel**

**Chapter Officer**

**Position:** West Sabine FFA President

**Other Leadership**

**Roles:** National Honor Society Secretary & Class Secretary

**Hobbies & Interests:**

Horseback riding, showing lambs, & watching football

**Favorite Food:** Chicken and Dumplings

**Favorite TV Show:**

Big Bang Theory

**Favorite Movie:**

8 Seconds

**Favorite Sport:** Tennis

**Favorite Music:**

Pop, Rock, & Country

**Favorite Color:**

Lime Green

**If you could meet any famous person, who would it be?**

Ryan Sheckler

**Favorite Quote:** Why be anyone else when you can be yourself?

**Favorite CDE:**

Extemporaneous Speaking

**Favorite LDE:**

Job Interview

**Favorite SAE:**

Market Lambs

**Favorite FFA Memory:**

When Allison Grainger told me that the chapter hoodie I gave her was her first piece of camouflage clothing.

**A R E A I X L D E R E S U L T S**

Greenhand Chapter Conducting:

1st—Madisonville, 2nd—Warren, 3rd—Central Heights, 4th—Nacogdoches, 5th—Diboll, 6th—Dayton, 7th—Lovelady, 8th—Barbers Hill

Senior Chapter Conducting:

1st—Madisonville, 2nd—Dayton, 3rd—Warren, 4th—Coldspring, 5th—Newton, 6th—Central Heights, 7th—Nacogdoches, 8th—Tarkington

Greenhand Skills:

1st—Anahuac, 2nd—Warren, 3rd—Barbers Hill, 4th—Grapeland, 5th—Groveton, 6th—Newton, 7th—Nacogdoches, 8th—Wells

Chapter Skills:

1st—Warren, 2nd—Dayton, 3rd—Madisonville, 4th—Latexo, 5th—Central, 6th—Barbers Hill, 7th—Center, 8th—Kennard

Agricultural Issues Forum:

1st—Madisonville, 2nd—Livingston, 3rd—Barbers Hill, 4th—Central Heights, 5th—Rusk, 6th—Warren, 7th—Hamshire-Fannett

Public Relations:

1st—Dayton, 2nd—Onalaska, 3rd—Madisonville, 4th—Warren, 5th—Cleveland, 6th—Jacksonville, 7th—Central, 8th—Nacogdoches

Radio:

1st—Madisonville, 2nd—Garrison, 3rd—Apple Springs, 4th—Latexo, 5th—Diboll, 6th—Anahuac, 7th—Rusk, 8th—Hardin-Jefferson

Job Interview:

1st—East Chambers, 2nd—Woodville, 3rd—Joaquin, 4th—Rusk, 5th—Diboll, 6th—Livingston, 7th—Madisonville, 8th—Barbers Hill

Greenhand Creed Speaking:

1st—Anahuac, 2nd—Buna, 3rd—Madisonville, 4th—Central, 5th—Cleveland, 6th—Garrison, 7th—New Waverly, 8th—Alto

Senior Creed Speaking:

1st—Joaquin, 2nd—Dayton, 3rd—Anahuac, 4th—Onalaska, 5th—Warren, 6th—Madisonville, 7th—Colmesneil, 8th—Central Heights

Greenhand Quiz:

1st—Diboll, 2nd—Dayton, 3rd—Grapeland, 4th—West Sabine, 5th—Madisonville, 6th—Barbers Hill, 7th—Jacksonville, 8th—Lufkin

Senior Quiz:

1st—Rusk, 2nd—Madisonville, 3rd—Jacksonville, 4th—East Chambers, 5th—Tarkington, 6th—Livingston, 7th—Colmesneil, 8th—Huntington

**Area Leadership Development Events 2010**

Area IX LDEs were held on Wednesday, November 10, 2010 at Stephen F. Austin State University. Teams that placed 1st or 2nd in one of the 4 Area IX district contests advanced to the area competition. Teams placing 1st or 2nd at the area competition will compete on the state level at Sam Houston State University on December 3-4, 2010. Madisonville FFA won the area sweepstakes award, with Dayton FFA and Warren FFA tying for second. Congratulations to teams that competed on the area level, and good luck to state advancing teams!

**C H A T T I N G W I T H C O L T**

Howdy, hello, aloha, and hola! These are just a few of the diverse greetings that I received while I was attending the 83rd National FFA Convention in Indianapolis, Indiana with my state officer team and forty-five Texas FFA voting delegates, including five members from your area officer team! I hope you took advantage of watching the convention on RFD-TV, where you might have seen me carrying the Texas state flag, watched the Texas delegation teach other states how to 2-step, caught Randa Braune's retiring address, or seen the "Evolution of Dance" guy! It was indeed a great and valuable experience for all. However, once we arrived home, I did not "rest up." Instead, I seized the opportunity to travel Area IX for a week with the state travel team! That was undoubtedly an experience in itself, being able to sleep in different members' houses and just having the chance to hang with some super cool, awesome chapter officers. I just want to say thank you to all of the chapters that we visited for your hospitality and gratitude. After that, I pitched in and helped put on a workshop at the Reliant Center in Houston for three chapters who have been recently chartered with the association. At this time, I would like to say congratulations to all of those Area IX members who are advancing to state in their respective LDE contest. Your hard work has paid off, but don't let up. Put everything you have into everything you do. Once again, thank you guys for the opportunity of a lifetime, and my challenge for you this month is give 110% in everything that you do. You've already come this far, so go ahead! Give that extra percentage so you can achieve something greater than expected. Remember to ask yourself this when you feel like you've accomplished everything: Why is the sky the limit if there are footprints on the moon? Thanks again everyone, and be sure to check out the new Texas FFA commercials on YouTube, as well as the online news publication at news.texasffa.org. Thanks and God Bless!

**SCHEDULE: December**

- 1—Major show entry deadline: HLSR online only
- 1—HLSR calf scramble apps. due
- 1—Jr. FFA dues waivers must be postmarked by today
- 3-4—State LDEs at SHSU in Huntsville
- 7—Deadline for all swine validation materials to Austin
- 10—San Antonio Spurs FFA Night
- 30—Deadline for all swine ear notch corrections to Austin