

# AXTELL FFA NEWS



December Edition: 2022

## How do animals adapt to the winter weather?

**Migration:** Migration is the movement of animals from one location to another. Migration can take up hours to days to weeks for animals or insects to complete the move.

**Hibernation-**Hibernation is long-term dormancy or inactivity. The animal will generally curl up into a tight ball to help keep warm, body temperature drops, and respiration and heart rate slow down. These actions reduce the amount of energy the animal must expend to stay alive so it's able to live off of fat reserves it has developed instead of constantly having to seek out food.

**Resistance-**Animals that live in cold climates tend to be larger so their body mass-to-surface ratio is higher.

For example, cold weather bears like polar bears are larger than bears found in tropical areas like sun bears. Birds will fluff out their feathers to keep a layer of air around their bodies, huddle together to keep warm or roost in tree cavities.

## Editor's Quote of the Month:

"Success is no accident. It is hard work, perseverance, learning, and most of all, love of what you're doing or learning to do." -Unknown

## Axtell FFA LDE's:

**State Contest - 12/2 - 12/3**

**CDE Season is starting!**

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## Axtell FFA Livestock:

Colder weather means that you need to keep your warm and eating.

Water is the most valuable part of a successful animal project.

Check the McLennan County Extension newsletter for upcoming jackpot shows.



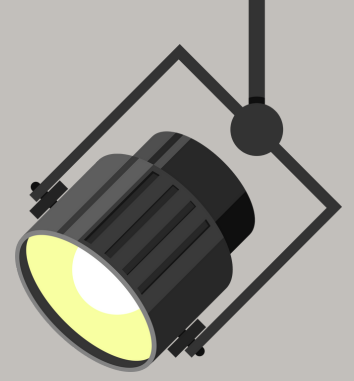
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# Member Spotlight!

## LEVI TULL



Levi Tull is a Junior in High School. He has been part of the FFA program for 3 years and has participated in Chapter Conducting, Range, sheep shows, and calf scramble. Levi has grown in leadership and learned lots of useful information and skills in classes such as Ag Mechanics, Floral Design, Wildlife, and Small Animal Management. He enjoys the teachers he has had and the friendships he has made during his time in FFA.



# OFFICER INTRODUCTION!!

## Secretary - Savannah Porter



Favorite FFA Memory: Going to Texas FFA State Convention and meeting FFA members from all over the state.

LDE/ CDE: Chapter Conducting, Radio Broadcasting and Land Management.

Favorite FFA Activity: Favorite activity is working the boat races in the summer.

Favorite Christmas Song: "Last Christmas" by Taylor Swift

# UPCOMING EVENTS

12/2-3: LDE State Competitions

12/5: Alumni Meeting

12/12: Chapter Meeting

12/17: Christmas Break Begins

12/24: Christmas Eve

12/25: Christmas Day

12/31: New Years Eve

1/1: New Years





# Leadership Development Events



**District:**

**Greenhand Teams  
Chapter Conducting**

2nd Place

**Creed Speaking**

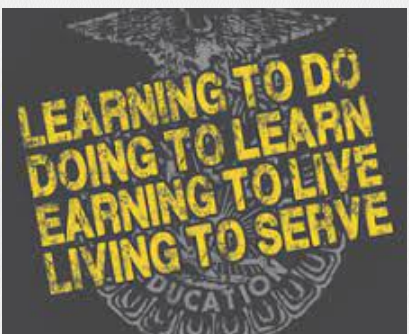
7th Place

**Skills Demonstration**

2nd Place

**Quiz**

3rd Place





**Ag Advocacy**  
 3rd Place  
**Chapter Conducting**  
 1st Place  
**Creed Speaking**  
 10th Place  
**Job Interview**  
 9th Place  
**Radio Broadcasting**  
 1st Place  
**Skills Demonstration**  
 6th Place  
**Quiz**  
 2nd Place



# State Bound!

## Area VIII Results

### 1st - Senior Chapter Conducting: (Advancing)

Kennedi Gordon, Savannah Porter, Tatum Graham, Sarah Gilchrest, Cooper Pembleton, Levi Tull, Derrick Gillham, David Dees, and Kaden Allen.

### 1st - Radio Broadcasting: (Advancing)

Savannah Porter, Ethan Porter, and Mabry Lucien.

### 3rd - Senior Quiz:

Rebekah Hornsby, Kennedi Gordon, Aaron Perrin and Karis Dieterich

### 6th - Greenhand Chapter Conducting:

Luke Holy, Kallie Gordon, Natalie Tanase, Payton Roberts, Brilye Dunlap, Chanci Graham, Kendall Northcutt, Kaleigha Gayton, Hannah Rowe and Riley Roller.

### 9th - Greenhand Skills:

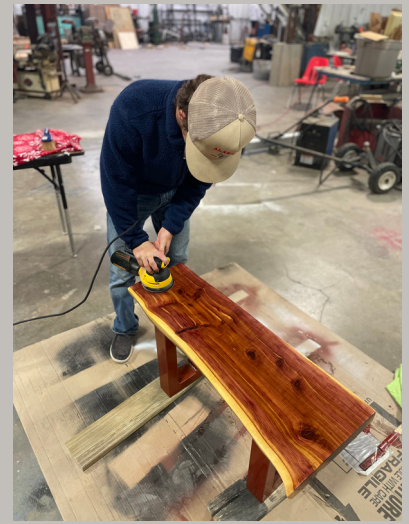
Brenner Breton, Connor Browning and Grady Reinke.



# CLASSROOM SPOTLIGHT

*Featuring: Mr. Snyder's shop class*

In this shop class they have been making items for the Benefit for Jackson Manning. This class has been working on this for a while, and it is a very hands-on project. In the first picture you will see Cy Williams, he is sanding the bench they made for the benefit. In the second picture you will see Justin Manning spray-painting the bottom of the bench. This class has been working hard on these projects. The students are using their safety knowledge as well as their knowledge of power tools, wood working and welding to complete this project. In the last picture you will see the completed bench and the students that worked on it.





# How FFA Has Impacted Our Community

FFA has been impactful to many different people in our community. It has encouraged people to become more of a leader and gain skills in everything that they do in their school, life, and careers.



## Here are some of the ways that FFA has impacted people in our community:

" FFA has impacted me by helping me obtain financial assistance with college, it gave me life skills that I still use today, and it even led me to my future career."~Mrs. Snyder

" FFA has given me the majority of the leadership skills and interpersonal skills that I still use in my everyday life."~Lacy Hollingsworth

FFA has been my home since I walked into my first agricultural class my freshman year. It gave me a place where I felt like I belonged, where I could be myself and not have to worry about being judged. It taught me how to set goals, hard work, work ethic, time management, communication skills, and teamwork. FFA has not only taught me what it's like to be a leader but what it's like to be a better person. I have learned so much more from FFA than just agriculture related topics and I will forever thank this organization for shaping me into the person that I am today.~Kennedi Gordon

# Christmas Trees

- Live Christmas trees have been sold commercially in the United States since about 1850.
- The first Christmas tree retail lot in the United States was started by Mark Carr in New York, in 1851.
- In 2012, 35% of real Christmas trees sold were from chain stores or garden centers/nursery, 24% from cut and harvest farms, 15% from retail tree lots, and 15% from non-profit groups.
- In 2012, 85% of the Christmas trees purchased were pre-cut, and 14% were cut-your-own.
- The most popular Christmas trees are: Scotch pine, Douglas fir, noble fir, Fraser fir, balsam fir, Virginia pine and white pine.
- Christmas trees are baled to protect the branches from damage during shipping.
- Helicopters help to lift harvested Christmas trees from farms.
- In the United States, there are more than 15,000 Christmas tree farms.
- There are approximately 350 million Christmas trees growing on U.S. farms.
- Approximately 100,000 people are employed full or part-time in the Christmas tree industry.
- 24.5 million farm-grown Christmas trees were purchased in the United States in 2012, with a real market value of \$1.01 billion.
- The mean average purchase price of a live tree in 2012 was \$41.30.
- Oregon, North Carolina, Michigan, Pennsylvania, Wisconsin, Washington, New York, and Virginia are the top Christmas tree producing states.
- 350,000 acres of land in the United States are in production for growing Christmas trees.
- Christmas trees are grown and harvested in all 50 states.



# CDE : Career Development Events

Career Development Events build on what is learned in agricultural classes and encourage members to put their knowledge into practice. These events are designed to help a member prepare for a career in agriculture by testing and challenging the student's technical, leadership, interpersonal and teamwork skills as well as their knowledge of the subject matter. CDEs answer the question, "When will I use this knowledge in the real world?"

## Axtell FFA Teams:

Agronomy  
Dairy Cattle  
Entomology  
Floriculture  
Horse

Livestock  
Milk Quality  
Nursery & Landscape  
Poultry  
Vet Med  
Wildlife

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