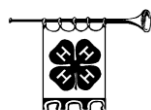


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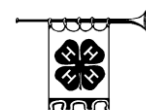
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4-H News



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Learn More About 4-H

<http://texas4-h.tamu.edu/>

Use this link to learn

All about state 4-H programs find publications
(project guides, record keeping information, etc.)

<http://d74-h@tamu.edu>

Use this link to learn about District 7 4-H happenings
(district contests, etc.)

<http://texas4h-ctr.tamu.edu/>

County Council Report!

We would also like to remind the entire county about some upcoming events!

- We are still selling tickets for the pig raffle. If you have already checked out tickets remember to have your money in to the County office by January 3rd. If you have not checked out some tickets please stop by the county office and do so.
- Our next open County Council Meeting is January 6th at 5:30 so please come out and be a part of any decisions that are going to be made for the new year.

Lampasas County Council President,
Elizabeth Allen



Sheep and Goat Shear Day

For any of you that need help shearing/fitting your sheep and goats for the county stock show, we will have do that on Saturday, January 4 beginning at 10 am at the show barn in Lampasas. I will have trim stands and clippers available and will help you get them done. Please note: I will not be able to help you shear any animals the week of the county show! I have too many other responsibilities that week preparing for the show. Please give me a call if you have any questions.

Successful Christmas Party

Almost 50 people enjoyed the Christmas party held at the Old Middle School in Lampasas on December 16. Fun and food was enjoyed by all. Thanks to everyone that helped make it a success. Pecan Creek residents received community service bags delivered which was full of fruit, warm footies, ornaments and lots more.



Treats!



Games!



Gift bags for the elderly.

Pig Raffle Fundraiser

All tickets and money need to be turned into the Extension office by the end of the business day January 3.



Carol of Lights Volunteers



Photography Project Meeting

There will be a 4-H photography meeting on Tuesday Jan. 14 from 5:30-6:30pm at the county annex conference room. There will be an opportunity to take pictures for this year's theme – "What is your why?" Think about why you are a 4-Her and take a photo. This project is open to any registered 4-Her. Invite your friends to join and participate, too. For more about the project link to:

<http://texas4-h.tamu.edu/photography-contest>

County/ District guidelines are different from the State guidelines. Be taking pictures now. County contest will be mid-March. Date for contest to be

New Photography Invitational Contest

The Texas 4-H and Youth Development Program is excited to announce a new opportunity for 4-H members and youth involved, or interested, in the photography project. Starting in 2014, Texas 4-H will host an Invitational Photography Judging Contest at Texas 4-H Roundup. This contest, similar to livestock, consumer decision making, or horse judging will challenge the 4-H members to ability to evaluate and select the correct order for four photographs in a class. In addition to the placing of photographs, contest participants will also participate in problems classes testing their knowledge about cameras, camera settings, photography effects, and more.

The 2014 contest will be held as an invitational contest on Tuesday, June 10, 2013 during Texas 4-H Roundup. Counties can enter as many teams and individuals as they wish and participants must be either intermediate or senior age 4-H members. Registration will be conducted on the Texas 4-H Roundup registration event through 4-H CONNECT.

In an effort to educate our 4-H members, volunteers, parents, and county Extension Agents on the photography judging contest, a website has been created which contains multiple types of resources to help instruct on the contest. The website is **texas4-h.tamu.edu/photographyjudging**.

Resources on the website are:

- Photography Judging Contest Rules
- Photography Judging Contest Basics (powerpoint). This power point, developed by Bell County 4-H Volunteer, Elizabeth Coffman, provides an outstanding overview and teaching outline for the photography judging contest.
- Information on how to organize and host a photography judging contest.
- Resource for volunteers and coaches to use on explaining judging contest cuts.
- Thirty-four (34) classes of practice photos, and six (6) classes of problems classes.

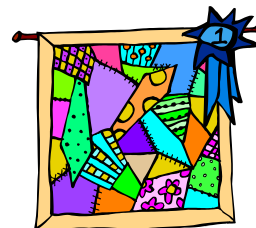


Recipe Rally

In the 4-H Recipe Rally, intermediate and senior 4-H members are challenged with selecting, creating, and/or altering a recipe and submitting a video, via YouTube. The video should highlight the 4-H member demonstrating the preparation of the recipe while also highlighting nutrients; food safety practices, serving size and cost analysis, as well as their inspiration for selection or creation of the recipe. The theme for the 2014 contest is "Breakfast" Information such as guidelines, online entry form and training video can be found at

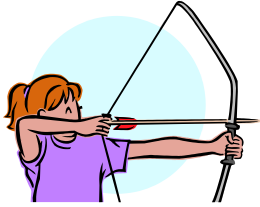
http://texas4-h.tamu.edu/healthy_lifestyles.

The due date is March 1st.



2014 4-H Quilt Challenge Contest and Community Service Project

Contact Karen if you are interested in participating. See December newsletter for details.



TEXAS 4-H ARCHERY CAMP

**Texas 4-H Conference Center, Brownwood, Texas
January 24-26, 2014**

**Registration on 4-H Connect December 5, 2013-
January 9, 2014**

\$175/Youth or Adult Participant

Texas 4-H Archery Camp is open to any youth 4-H member wanting to improve their shooting knowledge and skills in recurve and compound archery. The camp is also open to certified 4-H archery coaches desiring to learn more about coaching archery, archery equipment, archery games, and improving shooting skills. Youth participants should have beginning or intermediate experience in shooting archery and understand the basic archery safety, range rules, and whistle commands.

See attached document for more details. This information will be available via our blog and website as well.

To receive 4-H Archery Camp event information, updates, and reminders via text message, text @4harchcamp to (469) 804-3344.

Leaders 4 Life

It is important for youth to have an understanding of proper parliamentary procedure and leadership techniques. A structure to make fair decisions, keeping a meeting to a timely schedule, allowing each voice to be heard, and a basis of fun are all important factors that are made possible through this program. With Leaders 4 Life teams compete with other county 4-H teams. Anyone interested in this project contact Heath or Karen. A detailed description can be found at:

http://texas4h-tamu-edu.wpengine.netdna-cdn.com/files/2012/10/12-13_ProgPriorities_Leaders4Life.pdf

The goals of the Leaders 4 Life Program are to:

- Increase the leadership skills of youth to equip them for future leadership opportunities in adulthood.
- Providing counties with a toolbox of resources to effectively train youth in leadership, parliamentary procedure and service learning.
- Recruit and train volunteers as leadership project leaders.
- Provide a contest opportunity to youth which allows them to develop and/or showcase their skills related to leadership and associated areas.

New Team Project – Consumer Decision Making

Good consumer skills can help you get more for your money. Consumer Decision Making gives youth the opportunity to make wise decisions when shopping. Consumer Decision Making is a judging contest designed to teach kids to observe, compare and make consumer based decisions based on facts. 4-Hers use their consumer knowledge to rank similarly based products to fit a given scenario. Kids learn to organize their thoughts and to defend their decisions in oral reasons. Consumer Decision Making is a great way to learn how to shop better! Make sure and come and learn all about the project and what it has to offer. We will be discussing the new classes for this year and preparing for the project! There are 3-5 members per team. Weekly practices will be scheduled tentatively on Thursdays at 4p.m. on Jan. 16 or as scheduled.

Friday January 31 is County Deadline for Consumer Decision Making Teams to register.

Friday February 28 is the District Consumer Contest– at the San Angelo Stock Show. There is a possible large cash award for the senior division.

Guidelines can be found at:

http://texas4-h.tamu.edu/project_consumer/cdm

Lampasas County 4-H is readily available on the internet

Below are links to many sites you may find useful.

<http://lampasas.agrilife.org/> Lampasas County Extension website.

<http://texas4-h.tamu.edu/> Texas 4-H website.

<https://texas.4honline.com/> State 4-H registration page, 4-H Connect.

<http://4-h.org/> National 4-H site including the 4-H mall.

<http://www.national4-hheadquarters.gov/> National 4-H site.

Clothing & Textiles Packet (will be updated for 2012)

<http://fcs.tamu.edu/clothing/4h/packet/index.php>

Share the Fun Information

http://texas4-h.tamu.edu/library/files/youth_roundup_resources_share.pdf

District 7 4-H Events

<http://d74-h.tamu.edu/>

4-H Record Books

<http://www.4hreports.com>

4-H Shooting Sports

<http://texas4-h.tamu.edu/shootingsports/index>

4-H Round-Up

<http://texas4-h.tamu.edu/youth/roundup/index.php>

Leaders 4 Life

http://texas4-h.tamu.edu/project_leadership/leaders

Better Living for Texans

<https://www.facebook.com/BetterLivingForTexansLampasasCounty>



FACEBOOK Check out Lampasas 4-H on Facebook. Become a friend!

<http://www.facebook.com/groups/199928750048104>

4-H Club Meetings*

OAKALLA/KEMPNER 4-H

The next meeting is scheduled for January 13, at 6pm in the community building.

Leaders: Trisha Pratt at 254-247-6573 & Lisa Kepner at 512-489-2275.

SULPHUR CREEK 4-H

Sulphur Creek will have their January meeting on Tuesday, January 21st at 5:30 p.m. at the County Annex conference room. Contact: Becca Dishman becs@sbcglobal.net or 512-556-3763 or Mandy Gautier 713-504-5223 for additional information.

Lampasas 4-H Club

This month's meeting will be Monday January 20, at 5:00pm in the Old Middle School cafeteria. Club Managers: Karen DeZarn and Karen Longoria at 512-556-8271.

Swine Club

Swine Club will not meet during stock show season unless otherwise notified. If you have questions contact the 2013-14 club managers Bobby Gene Carroll 512-525-1540 or Chad Hopson 512-734-2122.

Have a Safe New
Year!



Heath Lusty
CEA – AG/NR



Karen DeZarn
CEA – FCS