

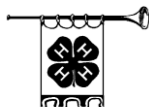


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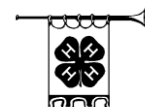
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4-H News



DECEMBER 2012

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/>



Lometa Stock Show

Will be held December 15 at the Lometa ISD ag barn. For more info call Lometa AST Brad Barnett at 512-734-3587.



County Wide 4-H Christmas Party

All Lampasas 4-H members are invited to the 2012 4-H Christmas Party on Dec 11 from 5:30-7:30 at the Lampasas Old Middle School Cafeteria located at Main and Ave. A in Lampasas. (Next to the Boys and Girls Club.)

There will be games and community service and PIZZA!! Watch the 4-H Facebook page for "let's Make a Deal Clues. Please bring a warm pair of socks and fruit to put in the gift bags. Forty bags will be filled and delivered following the meeting/party to the elderly residents at Pecan Creek Apartments. We would like a few snacks or desserts. Let the office know if you can help out with this.

Big Thanks!

A big thanks to Matt and Luke Kepner, Casey Gautier, Sydney Dishman, Elizabeth Allen, Matt Fischer, Erin Eicher, Angela Beisel and parents Robin Allen, Lisa Kepner, and Mandy Gauiter for helping sell glow sticks, necklaces, and bracelets at the Carol of Lights on the Square. \$214 was made in profit.



Photography Project Meeting

There will be a 4-H photography meeting on Tuesday Dec. 18 from 5-6 pm at the county annex conference room. There will be an opportunity to take pictures for this year's theme – "Holiday Season in Texas" and to learn how to crop pictures. 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://texas4h-tamu-edu.wpengine.netdna-cdn.com/files/2012/09/12-13_Photo_Rules.pdf



Livestock Judging

Practices and contests will start soon so if you're interested in learning how to evaluate livestock, let Heath know ASAP! The district contest will be in San Angelo on December 7 but we will go to as many contests this fall as possible.



Lampasas County Food Show Results

Clover Kids:

Participation – Megan Longoria - Fruits & Vegetables category

Juniors:

Champion - Dairy category - Ellen Cleaton
 Reserve Champion - Fruits & Vegetables category – Jasmine Woodward

Intermediates:

Champion – Grains – Emma Cleaton
 Reserve Champion - Dairy – Brandon Longoria

Seniors:

Champion – Protein – Chris Longoria

All participants advanced to the District 7 Food Show in Abilene on November 17. Lampasas participants were Emma & Ellen Cleaton, andt Jasmine Woodward.

Food Challenge Contest Results

Two teams competed at the District 7 4-H Food Challenge event in Coleman on November 29th. It was a great learning experience and lots of fun. We hope to see this contest grow at the county level. The results were as follows.



Intermediate Fruits and Vegetables placing 2nd
Team Name: Lampasas Foodies
 Sydney Dishman
 Matthew Kepner
 Marc Bunyard
 Koby Jones

Thank you to Eileen Portie, grandmother of Jasmine Woodward for judging at the district Food Challenge Event



2013 4-H Quilt Challenge Contest and Community Service Project



Intermediate Main Dish placing 4th
Team Name: Boot Scoot Boogie
 Casey Gautier
 Erin Eicher
 Taylor Loeffler
 Mia Martell
 Jasmine Woodward

The 4-H Quilt Challenge has a new look! It is now the 4-H Quilt Challenge Contest and Community Service Project. We are proud to announce the changes to the statewide program that will allow more youth to be involved. The Quilt Challenge contest will be focusing on creation of quilts for two specific organizations, Project Linus and Quilts of Valor. The Community Service portion of the Quilt Challenge will focus on the creation and donation of blankets, afghans, and quilts to either Project Linus or a local charity selected by the individual or group. Karen will have a an informational meeting for all interested on Thursday Dec. 13th at 4:30 at the Extension Office. 4-H members will have the opportunity to participate at various levels:

- Individuals or groups can create fleece blankets, knitted or crocheted afghans, or quilts to be donated to a charity determined by the individual or group. These blankets, afghans, and quilts **will not be judged**. Individuals and groups should report their

donations to the Community Service on-line tracking site.

- Individuals or groups can create fleece blankets and knitted or crocheted afghans to be donated to a local Project Linus (<http://www.projectlinus.org/volunteer/>). Check with your local Project Linus for their specific needs and requirements. These blankets, afghans, and quilts (infant and toddler sized) will **not be judged**. Individuals and groups should report their donations to the Community Service on-line tracking site.
- Individuals or groups can create a children's or teen quilt to be donated to Project Linus. Approximate sizes of quilts can be the following: Child (45" x 54") Teen (45" x 65")
- Individuals or groups can create a quilt for the Quilts of Valor program. Quilts of Valor is a nationwide program that provides a tangible token of appreciation to our warriors and wounded soldiers here and abroad. The approximate quilt top size is a width of 55" to 72" by a length of 65" to 90" with the backing 3 to 4 inches larger on all four sides. Review the attached handout with the detailed requirements for Quilts of Valor.

Child Protection Training

Many of us have seen the news of unfortunate situations in which young people have been taken advantage of. In Texas, the last legislative session resulted in Senate Bill 1414 being passed and signed into law, requiring adults who work with youth in camp or over-night program settings to be trained on how to identify and properly report such incidents. As the largest youth development program in Texas, 4-H is committed to ensuring the proper training of our volunteers so we can continue a safe and healthy environment for our youth members. In the coming months, County Extension Agents will be working with adult volunteers in assessing their need to be trained through the Child Protection Program. The training can be completed on-line through 4-H CONNECT and takes approximately 30 to 45 minutes to complete.

District 7 4-H Community Service Project

The 2012-2013 Community Service Project for our 4-H district will be to collect funds to provide gift baskets for families who have a child with pediatric cancer and are staying at Trent's Retreat. Be thinking of a way to raise the funds. Each county in the district is being asked to raise money which will purchase as many of the \$50 gift baskets as possible. Funds are due to the District 7 office by Spring of 2013.

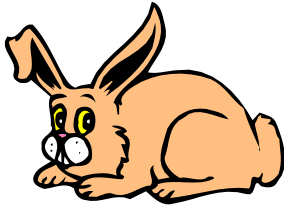


Recipe Rally

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 2013 contest is "Dairy?" 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 February 1st.

New Team Project – Consumer Decision Making

Karen has reserved/paid for one Jr. and one Intermediate team with 4 to a team in hopes of getting 2 teams to compete at the district level. The project's workshops will be held **Thursdays** at 4pm, at the Extension Office Meeting Room! Practice dates will be all Thursdays in Jan & Feb until the contest. If anyone is interested and needs to meet on a different day of the week contact Karen. 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! The deadlines are as follows:
Thursday Feb. 4 - County Deadline for Consumer Decision Making Teams
Thursday Feb. 22 - District Consumer Contest– at the San Angelo Stock Show
Guidelines can be found at:
http://texas4-h.tamu.edu/project_consumer/cdm



Changes to the Rabbit division for the 2013 County Show

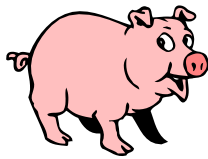
I'm happy to announce that big changes were approved by the board for the 2013 rabbit division at the County Stock Show! Please review the attached rules and contact me or Rod Freeman if you have any questions.

Highlights are:

- *Format changed to 4-class/6-class system. This should be a familiar format to those of you that show rabbits anywhere else.*
- *Breeds greatly expanded! You now have the option to choose from over 40 different breeds instead of the 3 we had in the past.*
- *Added sale slots! All first place rabbits will qualify for the premium sale for a total of 12. In addition, showmanship winners will sell!*

Be sure to thank your Board of Directors for approving these changes. I sincerely believe they will make the rabbit project and show more fun and interesting but most importantly be more appealing to kids who don't show, which will help the rabbit project grow! *SEE RULES AT END OF NEWSLETTER.*

If you are interested in participating in the Rabbit Project for the upcoming year, contact Rod Freeman at 254-535-9583.



Attention Swine Exhibitors

The 2012 Texas fair and rodeo season is right around the corner. The Texas Pork Producers Association, the Texas Animal Health Commission and the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service would like to share important information to help ensure that show hogs remain healthy.

Influenza or "flu" occasionally can be transmitted from people to pigs and pigs to people. Texas has not had any cases of the H3N2v (variant). Remember: Pork is safe. You can't get flu from eating or handling pork and pork products.

Here are some simple recommendations to help keep you and your animals healthy:

- *If anyone in your family has flu-like symptoms, please do not attend fairs/exhibitions for 7 days after symptoms*

begin or until you have been fever-free for 24 hours without the use of fever-reducing medications, whichever is longer.

- *If any of your pigs show signs of flu-like illness on the farm, check with your veterinarian before bringing your pigs to the fair/exhibition.*

While at the show, follow these simple precautions to protect yourself and others:

- *Wash your hands often with soap or use an alcohol-based hand cleaner, especially after you cough or sneeze or have contact with animals.*
- *Cover your nose and mouth with a tissue when you cough or sneeze. If a tissue is not readily available, use your elbow joint to minimize hand contact.*
- *Avoid touching your eyes, nose or mouth.*
- *Do not eat or drink near animals or animal pens.*
- *During the fair/exhibition, monitor your pigs for any signs of illness and report any illness to the veterinarian on-call.*
- *When you come home from a fair/exhibition, be sure to quarantine your hogs, disinfect your trailer and equipment (show boxes, feed pans, etc.), and watch for any illness in your pigs.*

For more information, refer to the *Biosecurity and your Pig Project Guide*

<http://www.pork.org/filelibrary/NPB%20A%20Champions%20Guide%20to%20Youth%20Swine%20Exhibition.pdf>

Useful information can also be found on the *Good Habits that Keep You and Your Pigs Healthy Information Sheet*

<http://www.pork.org/filelibrary/ExhibitionPosterExhibitorCopy2012%2008.09.12.pdf>

Other Useful and Helpful Information for Swine Exhibitors

- **Swine Exhibitor Fact Sheet**
- **Understanding Influenza**
- **Exhibition Poster Visitor**
- **Exhibition Poster Exhibitor**

4-H on the Internet

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.
<http://d74-h.tamu.edu/> District 7 website contains information on District events.
<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/projects/leaders4life/index.php>



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

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

County 4-H Membership Guide

<http://lampasas-agrilife-org.wpengine.netdna-cdn.com/files/2011/04/Lampasas-4-H-New-Members-Guide-12-132.pdf>

4-H Club Meetings*

OAKALLA/KEMPNER 4-H

The next meeting will be on Monday, December 10 at 7:00 p.m. at the Oakalla Community Center. Christmas party will follow meeting with a speaker from Salvation Army. Leaders: Robin Allen at 713-530-6545 & Lisa Kepner at 512-489-2275.

SULPHUR CREEK 4-H

CHANGE TO NORMAL meeting date will be Tuesday, December 11 at 5:30 – 7:30 p.m. at the Old Middle School Cafeteria.
Contact: Becca Dishman becs@sbcglobal.net or 512-556-3763 or Mandy Gautier 713-504-5223 for additional information.

Lampasas 4-H Club

CHANGE TO NORMAL meeting date will be Tuesday, December 11 at 5:00- 7:30 p.m. at the Old Middle School Cafeteria. Leaders: Karen DeZarn and Karen Longoria at 512-556-8271.

(NEW) Swine Club

Meeting will be Tuesday, December 4 at 5:30 p.m. in the Lampasas County Youth Livestock Association (LCYLA) Showbarn. Leaders: Judy Kennedy 512-734-0180 and Heath Lusty 817-584-6628.

**HAPPY HOLIDAYS
TO ALL!!**

Heath Lusty
CEA – AG/NR

Karen DeZarn
CEA – FCS

2013 Entry Form- Farm Mechanics Project Show

Entries Due by December 10th

Show- Projects set up Wednesday pm- January 9, 2013 by 7pm
Sponsored by Lampasas County Young Farmers and LCYLA
YF Coordinator-Terri Young- Ag Mech Supt.-Mitch Ramon

Name _____ Address _____

Parents Name _____ Phone Number _____

Social Security Number _____

Category Entered (check one)

1 card per entry

Farm Machinery _____ Livestock Equipment _____

Farm , Home, and Outdoor Convenience _____

Farm Electrical projects _____

Trailers _____

Gates(wood or metal) _____

Woodwork projects _____

Entry Fees- \$10.00/ project

One time Lampasas County Show Association Dues - \$20.00

Prize monies and Prizes compliments : **Texas Land Bank,**
Herff Jones, Bill Henderson **Jim Alexander**

Grand and Reserve Champion Buckles and
Mr. and Mrs. Burke Brown "Showmanship" Buckle awarded

TOP 2 Ag Mech Projects sell!!!

Prize money at \$30, \$20, \$10 for 1st thru 3rd place finish per competition category!

JUDGES: R. Heartfield- P. Grimm

**76th Annual
Lampasas County Youth Livestock Association
Youth Livestock Show
January 10th, 11th & 12th, 2013**

**Sponsored By:
Lampasas County Youth Livestock Association**

Monday, January 7

5:00 p.m. Show barn clean-up

Wednesday, January 9

Ag Mechanics move in; projects must in place by 7:00 p.m.

Thursday, January 10

3:00-6:00 pm – Market Hogs Unload to scales. No hog allowed in the barn prior to 3:00pm.

5:00 p.m. – Broiler check in begins.

6:00 p.m. – Broiler and Market Hog check in closed.

6:00 p.m. - Exhibitor meeting to be held in the showing

6:45 p.m. – Broiler Show Begins

7:00 p.m. – Market Lambs begin to weigh and classify followed by meat goats.

6:30 p.m. - Steers begin to weigh and classify. Heifer registration paper checked following the steers.

7:00p.m. – All animals must be in place

Friday, January 11

Judging will be continuous as announced!

8:00 a.m. – Ag mechanics show begins

Hogs in breed order (Hampshire, Yorkshire, Duroc, Dark OPB, Light OPB, & Crossbreed)

- Gilt Show
- Barrow Show
- Prospect Show
- Swine Showmanship - Junior then Senior
- Lee Vann Sportsmanship Award
- Pee Wee Showmanship

Pictures of Sale Animals – following immediately after exhibitor shows in their last class, and sale animal is confirmed

Lamb show will begin as soon as swine show is complete and the ring is made ready. Goat show will follow.

- Market lambs in breed order - Southdown, Finewool, Finewool Cross, Medium Wool, Hair Sheep
- Lightweight show first.
- Market lamb showmanship - Junior then Senior
- T.R. Carson award presented
- Breeding Goat show followed by
- Meat goats, followed by Meat Goat showmanship.
- Goat Sportsmanship
- Pee Wee Showmanship – Sheep & Goats

2:00-2:45 p.m. - Check in for Food Fair

3:00-5:00 p.m. - Judging Food Fair - list of champions posted following judging

5:00 p.m. - Interviews of champions for Best of Show for Food Fair - Awards for Food Fair to follow

5:00 p.m. - Rabbit Check-in – will be held in the back of the barn by the photographer's area

7:00 p.m. - Rabbit show begins after goat show completion

Pictures of Sale Animals – following immediately after exhibitor shows in their last class, and sale animal is confirmed

Saturday, January 12

9:00am

- Heifers – show begins in breed order. American, British, Exotic (Calves then yearlings)
- Followed by Steers – shown in the above breed order - lightweight shows first
- Beef Cattle Showmanship - Junior then Senior
- Cattlewomen's First Year Showman Award
- Marvin Vann Sportsmanship Award
- Buddy Perry Award

Pictures of Sale Animals – following immediately after exhibitor shows in their last class, and sale animal is confirmed

5:00 p.m. - Buyers Appreciation Dinner

6:30pm - Premium Sale

All exhibitors are asked to show up at 4:30 in a white shirt to help serve at the buyers dinner.

Sunday, January 13

8:00 a.m. - All animals and projects must be out of the barn

9:00 a.m. - Clean up of show barn. All exhibitors must sign in with their advisors.

Swine Division

Market Hogs- Special Rules

1. Weight

Only market hogs weighing from 180 to 270 lbs. will be allowed to show and sell. There will be no reweigh. A ten pound tolerance on the top end shall be allowed.

2. Divisions

Market hogs will be classified into divisions of the following breeds – Hampshire, Yorkshire, Duroc Light OPB, Dark OPB or Crossbreeds.

Breeding Gilts – Special Rules

1. Registration Papers

Registration paper will be required to be in the exhibitors name. If the gilt has no papers it will show in the commercial gilt class.

2. Classes-

Gilts will be divided into classes according to breed and then birthdate. Commercial gilt classes will be divided by weight.

3. Weight and Age Limits

There is no minimum and no maximum weight for gilt entries. All entries must still be gilts, no offspring.

Prospect Class – Special Rules

Barrows weighing less than 180 pounds will show in the prospect class. The prospect division will consist of one class regardless of breed and weight. All entries will show together. The top two pigs in the prospect show will qualify for the premium sale. There is no bump rule in the prospect show.

No exhibitor will be eligible to enter more than three barrows, three gilts, and one prospect in the entire swine show for a total of no more than 7 swine entries.