

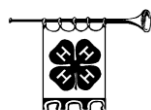


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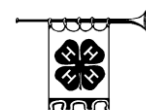
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## 4-H News



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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/>

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 70 people enjoyed the Christmas party held at the Old Middle School in Lampasas on December 11. Fun and food was enjoyed by all. Thanks to everyone that helped make it a success. See attached a thank you from a Pecan Creek resident that received one of the 40 community service bags delivered which was full of fruit, warm footies, ornaments and lots more. Click on the link to see a short video of the Boone & Crockett winners.

### A Christmas Thank-you

12-13-12  
Dear Mrs DEZARN  
We want to thank you & the  
4-H's who gave us the very nice  
Christmas sack full of goodies--  
so many nice & useful things.  
What a nice Christmas  
gift it was. Good to see  
the young folks out doing a  
good deed. I know most people  
appreciate the gift and we wish  
to say thank you from the ones  
who forgot to say thanks.  
I hope the young folks will  
continue to remember us old  
folks as they mature & grow  
and go out in the world.  
You all did a good job.  
Thankfully,  
Gail & Alvin Shlee  
Apt 18  
605 River View Dr  
Lampasas, TX 76550



### 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 5 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

**See attachment for  
County Stockshow information.**



### **Photography**

Anyone interested in the 4-H Photography project be snapping those photos. The theme category this year is Holiday Season in Texas. For Senior category members the guidelines are at <http://texas4h-tamu-edu.wpengine.netdna-cdn.com/files/2012/09/12-13 Photo Rules.pdf> . For the Jr. and Intermediate divisions check out the District 7 site at <http://d74-h.tamu.edu/district-events/photography-contest> . Tours are being planned in the near future. The county contest will be at the end of March – Date TBD.

Consumer Decision Making – See notes on Dec. newsletter

### **4-H Fashion Show/Clothing project**

Senior level 4-Hers interested in the 4-H Fashion Show project which includes buying, sewing/construction and fashion storyboard need to begin working on this project. The deadline for the county will be the beginning of April with the district deadline April 15<sup>th</sup>. For the Jr. and Intermediate levels the county deadline will be in early July with the district deadline July 16. Call Karen to schedule one on one or group lessons.



### **2013 4-H Quilt Challenge Contest and Community Service Project**

*Contact Karen if you are interested in participating.*

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.

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.

### **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](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.



### **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](http://texas4-h.tamu.edu/healthy_lifestyles).

The due date is February 1<sup>st</sup>.

### **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.

### **New Team Project – Consumer Decision Making**

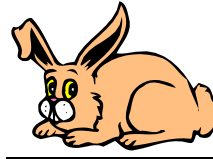
Karen has reserved/paid for one Intermediate team with 3 - 4 to a team to compete at the district level. The project's workshops will be held **Thursdays** at 4pm, at the Extension Office Meeting Room beginning January 10. Practice dates will be Thursdays in Jan & Feb until the contest. If anyone is 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](http://texas4-h.tamu.edu/project_consumer/cdm)



### **Changes to the Rabbit division for the 2013 County Show**

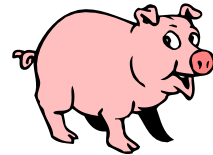
I'm happy to announce that big changes were approved by the board for the 2013 rabbit division at the County Stock Show! Please review the attached rules and contact me or Rod Freeman if you have any questions.

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](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>

Extension programs serve people of all ages regardless of socioeconomic level, race, color, sex, religion, disability or national origin.  
The Texas A&M University System, U.S. Department of Agriculture, and the County Commissioners Courts of Texas Cooperating.

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>

**Update your 4-H New Membersguide by downloading it from the Lampasas Extension website.**

### **4-H Club Meetings\***

#### **OAKALLA/KEMPNER 4-H**

The next meeting will be on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday ( January 14) of the month at 7:00 p.m. at the Oakalla Community Center. Leaders: Robin Allen at 713-530-6545 & Lisa Kepner at 512-489-2275.

#### **SULPHUR CREEK 4-H**

Meetings are held the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday (January 15) of every month at 5:30 – 6:30 p.m. at the County Annex conference room.

Contact: Becca Dishman [becs@sbcglobal.net](mailto:becs@sbcglobal.net) or 512-556-3763 or Mandy Gautier 713-504-5223 for additional information.

#### **Lampasas 4-H Club**

Starting in 2012 the meetings will be held the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of every month (January 8) at 5:00 at the Lampasas Boy & Girls Club. Leaders: Karen DeZarn and Karen Longoria at 512-556-8271.

#### **Swine Club**

Meeting will be Tuesday, January 29 at 5:30 p.m. in the Lampasas County Youth Livestock Association (LCYLA) Show barn. Leaders: Judy Kennedy 512-734-0180 and Heath Lusty 817-584-6628.

Sincerely,

Heath Lusty  
CEA – AG/NR

Karen DeZarn  
CEA – FCS

**76th Annual  
Lampasas County Youth Livestock Association  
Youth Livestock Show  
January 10<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup> & 12<sup>th</sup>, 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.