

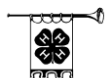


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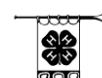
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4-H News



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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/>

Parent/Leader Meeting

Please attend an important parent/leader meeting is
scheduled for *SEPTEMBER 27* at 6:00 PM in the
county annex building conference room.

2012 4-H Registration

To maintain the level of programming and opportunities in the Texas 4-H and Youth Development Program, an annual participant fee is necessary for each 4-H member starting with the 2011-2012 4-H year on September 1, 2011. This participant fee of \$25, or \$20 if enrolled from September 1st to **deadline of October 31st**, will hopefully ensure that the Texas AgriLife Extension Service can continue to deliver the highest quality 4-H program in the world. For your convenience you may come by to register your child and pay by personal check **no later than September 19**.

All 4-Hers must re-enroll to verify membership for livestock shows, contests, and for the 4-H mailing list. EVERYONE – Leaders and 4-Hers will need to re-enroll on 4-H Connect at

<https://www.4honline.com/Login>

It is mandatory that all 4-H leaders & youth annually enroll to be eligible to participate in 4-H.

****4-H Awards & Ice Cream Social****

The 4-H Awards & Ice Cream Social is scheduled for **Sunday, September 11 from 3-5pm at the Farm Bureau. All 4-Hers, Leaders, Parents and Family Members are invited to the 4-H Awards Banquet.**

The following is a brief description of award requirements: 4-H year Pin - completed a 4-H Project during the past year. 4-H Achievement Pin - competed in and out of county event - competition event like roundup, camp, fashion, food shows, etc. Ice cream and toppings and drinks will be provided. Please bring snacks or finger foods to share.

RSVP NO LATER THAN
SEPTEMBER 8

Robin Allen Receives Silver Clover Award

Texas AgriLife Extension Service District 7's annual Silver Clover Recognition Banquet celebrated its 44th year Aug. 11 at the Zentner's Daughter Steak House in San Angelo. The banquet is sponsored by the rural electric cooperatives serving the 23 counties in AgriLife Extension's District 7 in West Central Texas.

Each county selects nominees who are then chosen by a committee comprised of area electric cooperative personnel and AgriLife Extension officials. Robin Allen, the Kempner Oakalla 4-H club leader was Lampasas County's recipient. Robin, her husband Art, Russ and Karen DeZarn attended the banquet. Robin was recognized and received a silver clover necklace.

This year's event recognized 28 individuals who are instrumental to the success of AgriLife Extension's West Central District 4-H youth program. Top volunteers are the backbone of all successful 4-H programs. They put in countless hours of work helping 4-H members become successful.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

*Tuesday, October 4 at the Lampasas County Show Barn will be the Annual 4-H KICK-OFF. The public is invited to come learn more about 4-H and the specific projects they can participate in.

Great Representation at the Fall District 4-H Meeting

The District 7 Fall 4-H Meeting was held August 20 in San Angelo. Those attending to receive project & recent updates were: Robin & Elizabeth Allen, Liam Pratt, Heath & Megan Lusty, Debbie, Theresa, & Travis Tschoerner, Mandy & Casey Gautier, Angela Beisel, and Karen DeZarn. It was a fun and informative day.

The 4-H youth program offers a variety of projects, activities and events tailored specifically to support and enhance volunteer participation and involvement in kids' lives. This event shows the volunteers the appreciation they deserve. Congratulations, Robin!

District Photography on Display

The winners of the District 7 4-H Photography Contest were on display at the Fall District 4-H Meeting in San Angelo Saturday, August 20. What a beautiful display! The district winners along with the county photos are now on display in the county extension office. Come check them out and be sure you get your county and district ribbons.

Paper Clover Fundraiser - 9/21-10/2

During this fundraiser, Tractor Supply asks customers to donate \$1 to support 4-H. 70% of the funds support the local and state 4-H programs were they were raised. Lampasas County 4-H received \$117.59 from the spring paper clover drive. This fall we want to drastically increase that amount so we need 4-H members to volunteer to spend a few hours on either Saturday 9/24 or 10/1 to help ask TSC customers to donate a \$1. Call the Extension office or let your club manager know when you can be there. The more of a presence that we have there, the better we will do!

4-H Officer Training

There will be an officer training on *Saturday September 24 at 1pm* following the Paper Clover Fundraiser at Tractor Supply for all club managers, officers, and council delegates. It is extremely important that you attend so that you will know what your duties and responsibilities are for the year!

New 4-H Record Book System!

Recordkeeping is a very valuable skill taught to members of the Texas 4-H program. Members are encouraged to keep project records and have these records reviewed annually by submitting a Texas 4-H *Record Book*. In an effort to update the current *Record Book* system, a committee of 4-H faculty has

polled 4-H members, 4-H parents, and Extension faculty to request suggestions to improve the process. It has been highly recommended and requested by many members, parents, and Extension staff that the Texas 4-H recordkeeping system (*Record Books*) be available as an online, data entry system that easily allows for updates, editing, and printing.

So, State 4-H announced.

Important Details:

- There will be three (3) levels of *Record Books* based on 4-H age (junior, intermediate, and senior). Information requested for each level will progressively add on to each other. The junior & intermediate books will be significantly simplified from the current *Record Book*. The senior level book will be similar to the current *Record Book* with some minor edits.
- Parts of the report form will be standardized to allow for ease of completion and judging.
- Much of the data from previous *Record Books* that a member may have saved on their home computer may be 'cut and pasted' into the new forms.
- All 4-H members (juniors, intermediates, and seniors) will begin using the new online forms or new paper forms that will be available for download from the Texas 4-H website beginning with the 2011-2011 4-H Year.
- *Record Books* will still be printed and turned in (in hardcopy form) to be judged by the deadline set by your local County Extension Office.

LOCATION & RESOURCES:

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

(AVAILABLE FOR USE STARTING OCTOBER 15)

District 7 4-H Community Service Project

The 2011-2012 Community Service Project for our 4-H district will be to collect funds to purchase premie car seats for the Children's Miracle Network. Be thinking of a way to raise the funds. Each county in the district is being asked to raise \$100 which will purchase one car seat for the Network. Funds are due to the District 6 office by May 1st.

2011 National 4-H Week

National 4-H Week will be October 2nd through the 8th, 2011. The Texas 4-H and Youth Development Program developed this National 4-H Week Kit to help County Extension Offices, 4-H members, and volunteers design a National 4-H Week plan that works for them. Check out ideas for your club at: <http://texas4-h.tamu.edu/news/national4Hweek/index.php>

Livestock Projects

If you need help finding a lamb, goat, or pig let Heath know ASAP! Heath will be going to sales starting in early September and also has a lot of contacts with folks that raise show animals across the State.



October 8, 2011 will be another great day for the Texas 4-H and Youth Development Program, as that it is the date for the 2nd Annual one day 4-H event throughout our state.

one day 4-H is one day for all the 4-H members, parents, leaders, and volunteers to step out into their communities and county and say "thank you" by giving back for them more than 103 years of support to 4-H in Texas. This day of community service is whatever each 4-H members, club, or county 4-H Program wants it to be. It could be as simple as picking up trash and mowing the lawn for senior citizens to elaborate as hosting a 5K Walk/Run and raising money for a cause.

In 2010, more than 11,000 youth and adults participated in this great event, and in 2011 we know we can have 15,000! Do you accept the challenge? The challenge not just to be part of a great project and be with your friends, but the challenge to make a difference in your county and community!

Help plan for a great county wide project. Be sure to check with your club officers and managers and share your ideas

Food Fun Day

A Food Fun Day will be held Sunday, September 18, in the Conference room of the annex building at 409 S. Pecan Street from 2:00- 5:00 p.m.. Fee: \$2.00 per person. Topics covered will be: food cookery principles, nutrition, and food safety. Information will be presented on all fall food projects including: Food Show (individual event), Food Challenge (team event), and Nutrition Quiz bowl (team event.) Food Challenge and quiz bowl practices will be every Monday at 4:00 starting Oct 17

Food Show

Saturday, October 29 in the Lampasas County Conference Room from 2-5pm. Awards will be given in junior, intermediate, and senior levels. District food show will follow on November 19 in Abilene with county entries due to District by November 8.

2011 Rabbit Project

If you are interested in participating in the Rabbit Project for the upcoming year, contact Rod Freeman at 254-535-9583. **Getting Started in a Rabbit Project** program will be conducted by Rod Freeman at the Lampasas Show barn on Sept. 13 at 6:30pm.

Quality Counts Verification **MUST PASS TEST BY NOV 1**

Juniors are required to pass the test as a junior and again as a senior.
Seniors are only required to pass it once.

Quality Counts Verification is now active and ready to be used! Moving forward into the 2011-2012 Major Show Season, Quality Counts Verification will be a part of the process for entry in all major shows.

This means youth exhibitors will need to demonstrate their knowledge of the Six Pillars of Character and the Eight Core Concepts presented in the Quality Counts Curriculum. **To do this, they will need to pass an online test on the website (<http://qualitycounts.tamu.edu/>) and acquire a Quality Counts Verification number. Do not lose this number!** You will need it when entering majors. If you lose it then you will have to take the test again and get a new number. You will not be allowed to enter without it.

Things you need to know about Verification:

- 2011 - State Fair of Texas will implement Quality Counts Verification on a voluntary basis.
- 2012 - All Major Livestock Shows in Texas will require Quality Counts Verification at the time of entry - This means youth will need to be verified prior to entry in the fall of 2011.
- A Verification number is obtained by answering 80% of the questions correctly on an online test.

The Quality Counts website (<http://qualitycounts.tamu.edu/>) will serve as your portal to the online test. The website should also answer any questions you have concerning Quality Counts Verification. If you have any other questions please give me a call.

Quality Counts training will be offered this fall, however, you are more than welcome to do the online training version and go ahead and take the test and get verified.

Heath will host trainings for the test on Tuesday, September 20 at 6:30 at the Lampasas County Farm Bureau. This will follow the Sulphur Creek monthly meeting. The other training will be held Monday, October 10th at 6:00pm at the Okalla Community Center.

2011-2012 4-H FUNDRAISER **(MEAT SALES)**

Order forms for the fundraiser will be available for pickup from the Extension office on October 7 and will be due back into the Extension office no later than October 24. Approximate delivery date will be November 17. This is the major fundraiser for the Lampasas County 4-H Club, so all 4-H members are encouraged to participate.

County Stock Show Updates

There are major changes coming to the 2012 Lampasas County Youth Livestock Show! This will be the 75th annual show and to commemorate it the Ladies Auxiliary is putting together a cookbook. If you would like to have a favorite recipe or two in it, contact Jill Carroll at the Lampasas Chamber of Commerce.

Also, we will be emailing out a summary of all the changes in a few days so be sure to watch your inbox. We will also have copies available to pick up in the office. Read through them carefully and call Heath if you have questions. Pay particular attention to these divisions: Breeding goats, broilers, and rabbits as their formats have changed. Please also note validation times and dates!

Ideal Hatchery will again supply our County Broilers. The cost per bird SR hatch, on November 9th will be \$1.55 each. This will include vaccination, de beaking, and wing banding. All validation forms, family memberships, & entries due by October 10th along with payment for the chicks. A new order form has been developed and is available at the Extension office or on the county website. You must use this form to place your order! **If you don't order AND pay for your chicks by October 10, you will not be allowed to show broilers at county!!!** Order forms and payments need to be turned in at the Extension office.

State 4-H Roundup

The 2012 State 4-H Roundup will be in a new location this year. It will be June 11-14 in Lubbock. You must enter 4-H project competitions and win at the county and district levels to advance to State 4-H Roundup. Begin now planning your project entries.

Shooting Sports Project

Just some information about Shooting Sports this year -- Shooting Sports will become a 4-H Project starting September 1, 2011. This will not be a significant change for most of you that participated last year. The main difference is that there will not be specific Club meetings for Shooting Sports Participants. We will have shooting activities for returning members in the Fall, probably starting in October. This will consist of one or two shoots for folks that participated last year and intend to participate this year. The Shooting Sports Project will open up to new participants in January 2012 and project completion requirements will be determined soon. All of this has been decided by the Lampasas County Extension Agents and the Lampasas County 4-H Adult Leaders during meetings last spring and this past summer.

You must be a member of 4-H to participate and this year that process has changed. Please see the County Extension web site or August Newsletter for details. Mainly it means you have to pay \$20 to join 4-H. As

we get closer to January, more information about the Shooting Sports Project will be made available and the different Club meetings in the County. You should join early; I think there is a late fee if you wait till late in the year to join.

For members that wish to attend meetings and receive the development that comes with full participation, you have a couple of choices; the Oakalla/Kempner 4-H Club, Sulphur Creek 4-H Club, or Taylor Creek 4-H Club. Again see the newsletter for more information. The meeting dates, times and locations are listed. For your information, Ryan will be joining the Oakalla/Kempner 4-H Club. Their next meeting is Monday September 12. I do not have information on the next meeting for Sulphur Creek. If you can't decide, then attend a meeting of each to decide which one is a good fit for you and your family. Both of the Club Contacts are cc'd above on this email. Please contact them for more information. If you have any questions, please contact me at your convenience. Listed below are the Project and Club Contact names.

Shooting Sports Project Adult Leader-Rick Baxter
Shooting Sports Project Adult Volunteer-David Gholson,
Oakalla/Kempner 4-H-Robin Allen,
Sulphur Creek 4-H-Jill Carroll
Taylor Creek 4-H – Alisha Menard

For more information contact Rick Baxter, Lampasas 4-H Shooting Sports Adult Project Leader at 512-525-4086 or email diamondbax@wildblue.net or the County Extension office at 512-556-8271 ext. 140.

Texas 4-H Golf Challenge



The Texas 4-H and Youth Development Program is pleased to announce the Texas 4-H Golf Challenge. The Texas 4-H Golf Challenge was developed by county Extension agents, 4-H Specialists, and others to provide youth the opportunity to compete in an outdoor sporting event. While competing, youth also have the opportunity to gain invaluable knowledge in the areas of sports nutrition, golf course and turf grass management, and the rules and etiquette of golf. The Texas 4-H Golf Challenge was developed after a number of important statistics were identified.

- Twenty-three UIL sanctioned events give more than one million student-athletes the opportunity to compete.
- 16.3% of youth ages 2-19 are obese (2003-2006, CDC).
- The United States is losing two acres of mostly prime farmland every minute to development (2002, American Farmland Trust).

Why are all three of these statistics important? Youth love to compete in athletic events, Texas and the U.S. is experiencing a serious obesity problem in youth, and people must become more aware of how urban sprawl is affecting the land around us and the opportunities that are present as a result of this sprawl. Incorporating an event like the Texas 4-H Golf Challenge will give youth the opportunity to compete in an athletic event while understanding, sports nutrition, the rules and etiquette of golf, learn about the opportunities present in golf course and turf grass management. Check this website for the complete 4-H Golf Challenge Manual and other resources:

Photography Rules (soon to be updated)
<http://d74-h.tamu.edu/district-events/photography-contest>
District 7 4-H Events
<http://d74-h.tamu.edu/>
4-H Record Books
http://texas4-h.tamu.edu/youth/recordbooks/index_youth_recordbooks.php
4-H Shooting Sports
http://texas4-h.tamu.edu/youth/shooting_sports/index.php
4-H Round-Up
<http://texas4-h.tamu.edu/youth/roundup/index.php>
4-H Connect
<http://texas.4honline.com>
Leaders 4 Life
<http://texas4-h.tamu.edu/projects/leaders4life/index.php>

4-H Club Meetings*

Powering the Future

4-H National Youth Science Day is the premier national rallying event for year-round 4-H Science programming, bringing together youth, volunteers and educators from the nation's 111 land-grant colleges and universities and the Cooperative Extension System to simultaneously complete the National Science Experiment. Check out this website to view video demonstrations, to register an event, and to order an inexpensive NYSD Kit with this year's experiment *Wired for Wind*.

<http://www.4-h-national-youth-science-day/nsdhome.aspx>

District 4-H Trip Planned for July 2012

to Scotland and Ireland

Parents and 4-Hers can travel to Scotland and Ireland with 4-H. Start planning now to visit Edinburgh, Glencoe, Loch Ness, Glasgow, Belfast and Dublin. The travel size will be 25. If you plan now you can have 20 monthly payments of \$151 after an initial payment of \$275. A 4-H group recently returned from London, Paris, and Rome. They shared great pictures and stories of their trip. Check out the flyer at the county office.

FACEBOOK

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

http://www.facebook.com/home.php?sk=group_199928750048104

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-tx.tamu.edu/> 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.
www.orientaltrading.com We also just found out that you can purchase 4-H novelty items from Oriental Trading.
Clothing & Textiles Packet (will be updated for 2012)
<http://fcs.tamu.edu/clothing/4h/packet/index.php>
Houston Livestock Show Calf Scramble
<http://www.hlsr.com/access/calf-scramble/participate.aspx>
Share the Fun Information
http://texas4-h.tamu.edu/library/files/youth_roundup_resources_share.pdf

OAKALLA/KEMPNER 4-H

Next meeting: September 12th at 7:00

Oakalla/Kempner 4-H Club's next Business Meeting will be on September 12, at 7:00pm, at the home of Art and Robin Allen, 8136 FM 2657 Kempner, TX. 78608

Contact Robin Allen for more info 713-530-6545 or robredeemed@gmail.com

OR

Contact Debbie Tschoerner for more info 512-489-2657 or dtschoerner@yahoo.com

TAYLOR CREEK 4-H CLUB

Club meeting date: Sept. 6, 4:30 in the Taylor Creek Elementary Cafeteria.

Contact: Alicia Menard at

lampasasinfo@sbcglobal.net or 254-449-2007

SULPHUR CREEK 4-H

Club meeting date: Tuesday September 20 at 5:30 pm in the Farm Bureau meeting room Hwy 281 N.

Contact: Jill Carroll at

lampasaschamber@sbcglobal.net or 512-556-7435

Sincerely,



Heath Lusty
CEA – AG/NR



Karen DeZarn
CEA – FCS