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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/

4-H Club Meetings*

OAKALLA/KEMPNER 4-H

The next meeting is Monday Sept. 8 at 7p.m. in the Taylor Creek Elementary School cafeteria.

For more information contact the club manager Lisa Jorstad at 254-432-6088 or charity9900@yahoo.com if you have any questions.

SULPHUR CREEK CLUB

The Sulphur Creek 4-H Club will be meeting on Sept. 16 at 5:30p.m. in the Lampasas County Annex conference room.

For more information contact club managers Becca Dishman <u>becs@sbcglobal.net</u> or 512-556-3763 or Mandy Gautier 713-504-5223.

LAMPASAS 4-H Food, Fun, & Fashion

The next meeting will be September 30th at 5:30pm in the County Annex conference room.

For more information contact club manager Karen DeZarn 512-556-8271 ext. 140

Horse Club

Lampasas 4-H Horse Club will meeting on Sept. 15 at 6:00 p.m. in the Farm Bureau conference room. For more information contact Shelley Kozma at 817-845-5041 or Kim Pearce at 512-556-3183.

Archery Club

Due to hunting season the Archery club will not begin meetings and shoots until January, so stay tuned for future information. For more information contact Jaimie Smart at

Swine Club

Alright the new 4-H Swine Club year is here. We will have our first Swine Club meeting on September 2nd at 6:00 at the County Show Barn. Please invite anyone that's interested in showing pigs or just learning more about it. If you have any meeting presentation ideas please call me and we will work on it. Looking forward to seeing everyone again. Don't forget, supper will be provided!

Thanks, Bobby Gene. For more information contact club managers Bobby Gene Carroll 512-525-1540 or Chad Hopson 512-734-2122.

Welcome to the 2014-15 Texas 4-H Year!

It is that time of year for your 4-H enrollment to go inactive and to start re-enrolling for the 2014-15 Texas 4-H year. The 2013-14 year has come to an end and special thanks goes out to all the 4-H members, volunteers, parents, county Extension Agents, and county support staff that helped make it a great year. Go to https://texas.4honline.com to enroll today. See attached flyer for enrollment instructions.

When accessing the registration link, use a browser other than MS-EXPLORER, such as FireFox.

Will You Be a 4-H Member in Good Standing?

- Select one or more projects for in-depth study
- Record what you learn (record book)
- Attends meetings regularly and is an active participant
- Completes a community service project (or becomes involved in a group community service project)
- Participates in some form of public presentation
- If you are elected as a club officer completes duties expected of that office

Parents please support your children to complete these expectations and volunteer to help at club and/or project meetings with such things as supplying drinks, snacks and/or activities. Volunteers are needed for project management and new club management. Contact Heath or Karen if interested.

County Council & Parent Meetings

– will be held on Monday, September 29 at 6 pm in the annex conference room. We will be discussing & planning the new 4-H year.

Some of the County 4-H Council roles and responsibilities that we will work towards this year are:

- 1. Identify training needs and provide training for youth
- 2. Provide leadership opportunities for youth
- 3. Plan County wide community service project or support "one day 4-H"
- 4. Support National 4-H Week
- 5. Assist in planning, promoting and implementing of programs and services for youth.
- 6. Plan and participate in community service activities
- 7. Study problems, activities and concerns of youth, especially issues.

A parent meeting will be conducted at the same time.

<u>CONGRATULATIONS</u> to Philip Allen for winning the 2014 Silver Clover Award and to Andrew Allen for winning the 2014 Rookie Award.



2014 Lampasas County Awards Program

Front row: A.J. Nadow
2nd row: Breighton Loeffler, Brandon Longoria, Megan Longoria, Dillon Brister, Dean Brister
3rd row: County Agent – Heath Lusty, Elizabeth Allen, Hayden Lusty, Taylor Loeffler, Ruger Miserlian, and County Agent – Karen DeZarn

2014 National 4-H Week

National 4-H Week will be October 5th through the 11th, 2014. The Texas 4-H and Youth Development Program will be releasing the 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 will be ready for distribution soon. For National 4-H information, go to

 $\underline{www.4-h.org/resource-library/promotional-toolkits}.$

Stock Show Orientation

Ag Agent Heath Lusty will hold a stock show orientation meeting on Tuesday, September 23 at 6:30 pm in the annex conference room. Everyone showing livestock is encouraged to attend. We will review the rules and updates for the County Stock Show as well as all majors. This will be an excellent opportunity to get any question you have answered before validations.

Livestock Judging

Practices will begin on Wednesday, September 3, 4:30 pm at the Extension office.

Heart of Texas Fair

Entries are due in the Extension office 9/11. Call Heath if you have questions.

Outstanding District 7 4-H Volunteers Recognized

SAN ANGELO - Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service's annual District 7 4-H Silver Clover Recognition Banquet honored 27 adult leaders and a regional bank Aug. 14 at Zentner's Daughter Steak House in San Angelo.

The event, now in its 47th year, recognized the individuals and Mills County State Bank for being instrumental to the success of AgriLife Extension's West Central District 4-H youth program, said Kathy Aycock, AgriLife Extension agent in Tom Green County and the banquet's coordinator.

"Top volunteers are instrumental to the continued success of our entire 4-H program," Aycock said. "Their selfless long hours of work and effort are what enable 4-H members to become successful.

"The 4-H youth program offers many projects, activities and events specifically meant to support and enhance volunteer participation and adult involvement in young peoples' lives. This banquet is our unique way for us as AgriLife Extension agents, to show them the appreciation they so justly deserve."

Honorees are nominated from counties in the district, Aycock said. Finalists are then chosen by a committee comprised of area electric cooperative personnel and AgriLife Extension officials.

Since it began, the banquet has been sponsored by the rural electric cooperatives serving the 23 counties in AgriLife Extension's District 7 in West Central Texas.

Attending from Lampasas County was Jamie Smart and his wife, Tiffany and *Russ and Karen DeZarn*.

Sponsors are Central Texas Electric Cooperative, Coleman County Electric Cooperative, Concho Valley Electric Cooperative, Hamilton County Electric Cooperative, Big Country Electric Cooperative, Southwest Texas Electric Cooperative and Taylor Electric Cooperative.



Honoree from Lampasas County was Jamie Smart.

2015 Major show Swine Validation Tags

Orders are due to Heath by 9/26. Anyone planning to show barrows at any major or a gilt at the Texas Stars Gilt Show in San Angelo must pre-order the number of tags you think you will need. If you are only showing at county then this does not apply to you.

4-H Hunter Safety Camp

The 4-H Hunter Safety Camp registration has opened up. Please share this with any 4-Hers that are interested in participating. Registration will be open to Only District 7 4-Hers until September 8th, so that they have the first opportunity. After the 8th we will open the camp state wide.

Registration ends: September 30th To Register: Contact Nick Gonzales Cost: \$25 (Includes dorm and meals) We only have 35 spots available. See attached flyer.



Fall Meeting

Pictured above are Taylor Loeffler & Brandon Longoria who attended the District 7 Fall meeting in San Angelo. Taylor was elected Vice-Chair of the Swine Committee and Brandon was elected Secretary of the Clothing Committee. Congratulations to them both.

QUALITY COUNTS

Quality Counts Verification will be a part of the process for entry in all 2014-2015 major & county shows. This year at the Heart O' Texas Livestock Show, we will be following along with other Major Livestock Shows across Texas and supporting the Quality Counts Program. Along with the State Fair of Texas, this fall we will be requiring the Quality Counts Verification Number to be included on the entry forms in order for the exhibitors to show at any of our Junior, Jackpot and Scramble 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. A Verification number is obtained by answering 80% of the questions correctly on an online test. 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.

4-H FOOD SHOW & FOOD CHALLENGE

Project information meeting will be Tuesday September 9th, 5:30p.m. at the county annex conference room.

Practices are every Wednesday or Thursday (choose one) from 4-5:30pm in October & November until contest. Karen DeZarn will pick up from Lampasas schools if requested. Please RSVP. Classes usually held in County Annex conference room or where individuals arrange i.e. class rooms at Lometa or Kempner.

What is the Food & Nutrition project? The food and nutrition project helps participants learn to make healthy food choices, improve energy and alertness, reduce disease and illness risks, and gain knowledge of nutrients. Major learning experiences are centered on nutrition, menu planning, food buying, preparation and food safety, careers, and cultural influences.

A Food & Nutrition project helper(s) is needed.

Recipes submitted should reflect this year's theme, BRINGING TEXAS TO THE TABLE.

During the scheduled interview time, participants will provide a three-minute oral presentation which is followed by a five-minute interview, leaving one-minute to serve judges the food. Reviewing the recommended resources will enhance interview scores.

The four Food Show food categories align with MyPlate: protein, fruits and vegetables, grains and dairy.

This year's County Food Show will be **Saturday**, **November 1st** in the Lampasas County Conference Room from 2-4 p.m. The District food show will follow on November 15 in Abilene with county entries due to district by November 7th.

Lampasas 4-H is looking for members to be a part of 4-H - **Food Challenge** which is similar to TV's Iron Chef. The 4-H Food Challenge is a contest that allows 4-H members to demonstrate their culinary knowledge and skills. From a set of predetermined ingredients provided, teams of 3 to 5 4-H members must develop a recipe and prepare the dish within 40 minutes. Teams then make a presentation to a judging panel, explaining the preparation steps, serving size, food safety concerns, nutrition value and cost of the

dish. The district Food Challenge contest is November 25 in Abilene.

We're also hoping to begin Food and Nutrition Teams of 3-4 to compete in the District **Nutrition Quiz Bowl.** A Quiz Bowl helps 4-H members enhance and demonstrate their knowledge and skills in a competitive setting. Two teams compete against each other at one time, answering questions related to the subject matter with the use of an electronic buzzer system. hyouth.php The District Quiz Bowl is November 4 in Coleman.

<u>Lampasas County 4-H is readily available</u> 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

 $\underline{http://texas4\text{-}h.tamu.edu/library/files/youth_roundup_resources_share.pdf}$

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

<u>FACEBOOK</u>Check out Lampasas 4-H on Facebook. Become a friend!

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

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Sincerely,

Heath Lusty CEA – AG/NR Karen DeZarn CEA – FCS

Welcome to Texas 4-H!

Welcome to the largest youth organization in Texas! Texas has more than 550,000 youth who are involved in 4-H experiences each year and we are pleased that you have decided to join 4-H for the 2014-2015 year! If you are new to 4-H, here is some information about our enrollment process and how we need your partnership in getting your membership entered and active!

Each year on August 15th all membership in Texas 4-H goes to inactive and all youth members and adult volunteers must re-enroll. Youth members are required to pay a \$20.00 participation fee if enrolled by October 31st, and a \$25.00 fee from November 1st to the completion of the 4-H year. Adults pay a \$5.00 volunter applicant fee starting in the 2014-2015 4-H year. Adults and youth will need to enroll on 4HConnect and be active to be considered an official member of Texas 4-H. An active enrollment is required in order to register and participate in all 4-H activities and events.

Enrollment payment methods, procedures and additional fees may vary in each county, so check with your local county Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service office for more information. (counties.agrilife.org) When you are enrolling in 4-H and you arrive at the invoice/payment screen, you will be able to add your credit card information into the system or select the club/county (no personal checks allowed) check payment option. If the club/county check option is visible, please make sure you are allowed to use it. Some counties require all enrollment to be paid by credit card. If you are allowed to use the club/county check option you are responsible for writing a check to your club/county 4-H Program which in return will send a club/county check to the Texas 4-H Youth Development Foundation. Once a payment method has been selected and enrollment submitted the payment type cannot be changed.

4HCONNECT is...

- The official Texas 4-H Youth Development Program database for enrolled 4-H members and volunteers.
- A secured database that is in compliance with the PCI Security Standards Council. The Texas 4-H Youth Development Program and the 4HOnline company work closely to monitor and ensure the highest level of protection for information stored on the system. Texas 4-H, nor 4HOnline, does not share or sell any personal information to third party vendors without your knowledge or permission.
- Based on "zero-based enrollment." This means that each year at the start of the enrollment cycle membership in Texas 4-H goes to zero and everyone must re-enroll. This process is based on federal accounting policies.
- A partnership between the 4-H family and the county Extension Office. We encourage all 4-H families to become familiar with 4-H CONNECT in order to prevent "meltdowns" at crucial times of enrollment, animal validation or registration! Please work with the county Extension Office for any questions or problems you maybe experiencing with the system.
- NOT a database for counties/clubs/families to enter family members (i.e. siblings, grandparents, etc) that are not directly involved as a 4-H member or volunteer.



- Most questions can be answered by calling your county extension office. (counties.agrilife.org/)
- You are not a member or a volunteer of Texas 4-H until you have an ACTIVE status listed on your profile in 4-H CONNECT.
- 4-H members CANNOT register for an event/contest until the member profile is ACTIVE. If the county requires paper enrollment forms, that office has to enter enrollment information into the 4-H CONNECT system as well.
- Adult Volunteers are required to be screened through the Texas 4-H Youth Protection Standards program every three years.
- The Texas 4-H Foundation does not accept any personal checks for participation fees, animal validations or event registrations.
- A youth that is 8 years old and going into the 3rd grade must wait until September 1st to enroll for proper fees to be accessed in the system.

To help ensure your first time enrollment, or your re-enrollment, is as easy as possible, this document has been developed to lead you through the process. Please read and contact your county Extension Office if you have any questions prior to you beginning the enrollment process. (counties.agrilife.org/)





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Instructions !

1. Access the 4-H CONNECT on-line system at: https://texas.4honline.com/

2. *New Members:* Select [I need to set up a profile].

Returning Members: Select [I have a profile] or [I forgot my password].

Contact County Extension Office for resetting assistance.

3. New Members: Select Adult or Youth from the drop down menu and click [Add Member].

Returning Members: Click [Edit] to the right of the inactive member's profile.

4. Once all profile information is current and correct under the Personal Information, Additional Information, Health Form, and Participation areas of enrollment continue to the Invoice page.

5. Review your invoice to ensure that the participation fee has been charged and it is correct. If you have been awarded an award certificate or a scholarship to cover your participation fee, enter the award code in the award code box. Once information has been reviewed, click continue to the Payment screen.

6. New Members: If you are new to 4-H, you can add your credit card payment information to 4-H CONNECT and it

will be securely stored. Click the orange [Add New Credit Card] link if paying with credit card or

select the county club check option.

Returning Members: If the credit card on file has been updated you will need to remove it and add the credit card again

using the new information.

- 7. Select the appropriate method of payment by clicking on the correct button, then click [Select Payment Method.]
- 8. On the "Confirm page" each person will be required to click the [Pay By Computer Terms and Conditions]. Click [Submit Enrollment]
- 9. Once an enrollment (new member) or re-enrollment (returning member) has been submitted, it is sent to the county office for review and approval. Once approved and paid for, an email confirmation will be sent to the family email address. Payment by 4-H Check can take up to 2 weeks to process. An active membership status **WILL NOT** be granted until participation fees have been received and marked as paid.

4HConnect Instruction pages can be found online at http://texas4-h.tamu.edu/connect

NEW MEMBERS

- Set up only one (1) FAMILY profile household on 4-H CONNECT.
- Write down and place in a secure location the email address and password for the account. Contact the local County Extension Office for assistance in resetting the account.
- Add individual youth and adult profiles (members) in your family profile. Adult/Youth and family profiles must be entered for an enrollment to be reviewed and accepted.

RETURNING MEMBERS

- **DO NOT** establish another family or member profile on 4-H CONNECT if you already have one in the system.
 - Contact the local County Extension Office for assistance with the email or password if forgotten.
 - When you access your profile to reenroll REVIEW YOUR PROFILE VERY CAREFULLY. Incorrect information can create problems for you, your family, and the Extension Office when trying to communicate, accessing appropriate fees, acquiring school absences, etc.



District 7 4-H T-Shirt Order Form

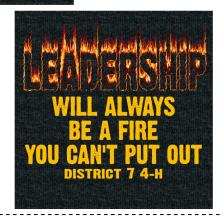


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MAIL THIS FORM AND PAYMENT TO:

Texas AgriLife Extension Service
Attn: District 7 4-H
7887 US Hwy 87 N
San Angelo TX 76901

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Orders must be turned in to District Office by October 31, 2014

County: _____

Size	Qty	Price	Size	Qty	Price	
Youth Sizes			Adult Sizes			
YXS			AS			
YS			AM			
YM			AL			
YL			AXL			
			A2XL			
			A3XL			
TOTAL			TOTAL			





SUNDAY	MONDAY 1	TUESDAY 2	WEDNESDAY 3	THURSDAY 4	FRIDAY 5	SATURDAY 6		
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September		show barn.	@ 4:30pm in the county extension					
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	*Oakalla/Kempner club meeting	*4-H Food Show and Food	1	*Heart of Texas entries due today.				
	7pm Taylor Creek Elementary	Challenge planning meeting @						
	*Hunter Safety Camp registration	5:30pm in the county annex						
	closes today.	conference room.						
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	*Lampasas 4-H Horse club meeting	*Sulphur Creek club meeting						
	6pm @ the Farm Bureau Bldg.	5:30pm in the county annex						
		conference room.						
21	22	23	24	25	26	27		
		*Stockshow orientation meeting @		-	*Major show swine validation tags			
		6:30 in the county annex			due today.			
		conference room.						
28	29	30						
	*4-H County Council & Parent	*Lampasas 4-H Food, Fun, &						
	meeting @ 6pm in the county annex	Fashion Club meeting @ 5:30pm in						
	conference room.	the county annex conference room.						
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