



**SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:**

- LCFA Validation
- LJ Practice
- Rabbit/Horse Validations—LCFA
- FCS Updates
- Texas 4-H Scholarships Due 2/6

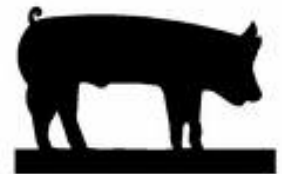
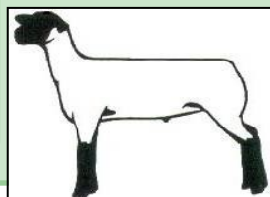
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### Limestone County Animal Projects

Remember to stay on your health programs with your livestock projects. Here is a list of items to remember to do...

- Feed animals in a routine and get them eating 2 times a day at a certain time every day to increase appetites and consistency. Also, clean your feeders out regularly and at a minimum once per week. Keep fresh and clean water out and check your water sources daily (if you're feeding pigs and have the automatic water nipples, hit them and make sure water is flowing appropriately) and clean your water bucket, pans, and automatic devices regularly, and at a minimum once per week.
- De-worm your goats, lambs and pigs every 30-45 days for these confined livestock.
- De-worm steers and heifers every 60-75 days.
- Clean your pens daily and at a minimum weekly. Animals tend to defecate in the same spot generally so keep those areas clean to avoid messes to keep haircoats fresh and clean.
- Speaking of hair, you need to wear out a brush on your animals especially your pigs. Rinsing and conditioning the hair will enhance the appearance of your project and go a long way in keeping that animal fresh and shinier when the show comes around.
- If you have hogs on concrete, put down a 2 inch layer of shavings in areas they lay in to keep their feet soft and comfortable. Clean these shavings regularly. If you have hogs on dirt, keep your pens as clean as possible to keep hair healthy and keep the pens as level as possible to help prevent injury to your hogs.



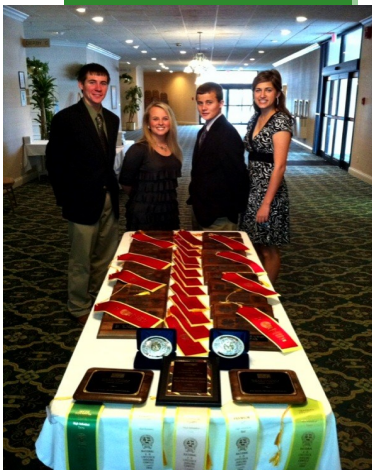
# Livestock Judging Practice

If you are interested in livestock judging, we will have our spring orientation meeting to get everyone started and go over practice and contest schedules.

Participating in these judging teams teaches self confidence, decision making skills, how to choose a position and defend your decision, public speaking skills, how to look someone in the eye, all about the current livestock industries and trends, how to perform under pressure, how to properly communicate with others, how to work as a team, and the best principle of all this project area teaches is how to go through a job interview and impress employers.

We will meet at the Extension Office Meeting room (G-13) in the Courthouse at **6 p.m. on Monday February 11, 2013**. Bring a notebook, pen or pencil, and come ready to learn and have some fun! We will be getting ready for the San Antonio contest and going over the contest schedule.

If you have any questions prior to the meeting, give David a call or email. See you then!!



## Limestone County 4-H Ag Project Coalition

David is creating this committee to more effectively plan livestock trainings, animal clinics, showmanship demonstrations, validation committees, and to better organize our 4-H clipping days prior to our county show. If you are interested in serving on this committee that will help to provide input to David to increase opportunities and learning experiences for our livestock exhibitors, please contact David at the office or email him at [dwgroschke@ag.tamu.edu](mailto:dwgroschke@ag.tamu.edu)

He will be calling and asking several adults and older youth to serve on this committee but would like to open it to all new and energetic parents out there!

## Add'l County Show Validation Information

Additional Validation dates for the 2013 Limestone County Fair and Youth Livestock Show are as follows:

3/23/2013	8:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.	Market/Breeding Rabbits/Horses/Ag. Mechanics (Show Barn)
3/29/2013		Declaration of Projects to Extension Office

**Remember LCFA rules say "members must be in good standing by attending at least four (4) meetings or sanctioned events in their enrolled chapter, prior to the 2013 Fair."**



## Fashion Storyboard Workshop

Vanessa is hosting a fashion storyboard workshop in the county extension office on Monday, February 25, at 6 p.m.



This workshop will be a lot of fun for any 4-Her who enjoys fashion design or wants to learn more about it. What is a fashion storyboard? It's an industry-inspired method of displaying original designs. The storyboard "tells the story" of the designer's ideas.

Workshop limited to **eight** 4-H members and will be cancelled if fewer than two sign up.

Call the county extension office today to register! 729-5314



Note to parents: Have any spare copies of fashion magazines lying around the house? If you would be willing to donate them to us for use in the 4-H program, please bring them by the office.

### Upcoming 4-H FCS Contests:

- Nutrition Quiz Bowl
- Consumer Decision Making
- Fashion Show
- Fashion Storyboard
- Educational Presentations

### Summer Day Camps

Are you looking for something fun to do this summer? Depending on the interest, skills, and strengths of volunteers, we could offer programs in many of our 4-H project areas.

Also, this would be a great opportunity for our older 4-Hers to get some leadership experience by helping younger campers and teaching workshops—show off a hobby skill or project experience!

### Volunteer training for Clothing & Textiles

Any adults who would like to become clothing volunteers for our 4-Hers can attend an upcoming training on how to *teach* sewing, basic fashion design, and basic patternmaking. This training can also build your sewing skills. Give Vanessa a call to & she will keep you updated on training dates!

Want to help 2nd and 3rd grade students learn about water conservation, stream erosion, & promote 4-H at the same time?

We need older 4-Hers to serve as group leaders on May 22nd from 10 am to 2 pm at the Limestone County Fairgrounds Show Barn for our big water day. Contact Vanessa or David with questions or for more information!





## State Fair of Texas Scholarship Opportunity

Attention all 2013 graduating seniors! The deadline to apply for the State Fair of Texas scholarship is March 1, 2013. The State Fair of Texas awards a \$5000 scholarship to selected applicants who have participated in specific Youth Livestock competitive events held at Fair Park in Dallas. This Scholarship is paid over four years, \$625 a semester.

Scholarships are given to applicants who are enrolling in an agricultural-related curriculum or agricultural-benefiting natural science curriculum at a college or university in Texas. Questions? Email [scholarships@bigtex.com](mailto:scholarships@bigtex.com)

Find the application link here:  
<http://bit.ly/XQjOl8>

### *Navarro County Youth Expo Judging Contests*

Contests take place on Friday, March 22, 2013. Registration by March 18—\$20 per team, \$10 individual; Late registration (on-site)—\$25 per team, \$15 per individual.

Open to any youth in Texas, except for the Food Challenge contest.

Registration link and flyer with more information: <http://bit.ly/12wqRqk>

If you would like to view a copy of the 2013 LCFA Rule Book, it may be located online at the following website:

[limestone-tx.tamu.edu](http://limestone-tx.tamu.edu)

Click on the Publications Tab.

### February

- 1/24 - 2/8 —Fort Worth Livestock Show
- 2/6—County deadline for scholarship applications
- 2/8—D8 deadline for scholarship applications
- 2/11 —Livestock Judging Practice @ Extension Office 6 pm
- 2/12 - 2/24 —San Antonio Livestock Show
- 2/14 - 2/26 —San Angelo Livestock Show
- 2/27—Chickens arrive!

### March

- 3/1 - 3/17— Houston Livestock Show
- 3/2—D8 Consumer Decision Making & Nutrition Quiz Bowl contests (Waco)
- 3/11 - 3/24 — Star of Texas (Austin)
- 3/15—County deadline for Fashion Show & Storyboard contest
- 3/23 - LCFA County Validation—Rabbits, Horses, Ag Mech.
- 3/29 —LCFA County Declaration of Projects Due to Ext. Office

### April

- 4/2—LCFA-FCS Entry Deadline
- 4/6—D8 Horse Judging Contest (TAMU)
- 4/8—Quilt Challenge deadline
- 4/11-4/15 Limestone County Fair & Youth Livestock Show
- 4/12—D8 Fashion Show & Storyboard (Stephenville)
- 4/13—D8 Roundup
- 4/20—D8 Livestock Judging Contest (TAMU)
- 4/26—Deadline to Validate 4-H Horse Projects for District Horse Show

*Look for Limestone County 4-H on Facebook (LimestoneCounty4H) & Twitter (@LimeCo4H)*

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