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Highlight: Animal Health

County Show Animal Preparation!

Remember to stay on your health program 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. You may want to rotate de-wormers to increase efficiency.
- 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 hair coats 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. You don't have to wash with soap every time, just rinse and brush. Excessive soaping of animals will dry out skin. Vinegar is a good source to heal dry and scaly skin along with multiple conditioner treatments.
- 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. Keeping your pens level and free of mud will greatly reduce injury and leg problems along with better skin and hair quality.

Fort Worth Stock Show

Congratulations to the 4-Hers who competed at Fort Worth Stock Show Heifer Show! **Zane Kantor was 1st place** in his class of Brangus heifers with his November heifer! There were 15 head in his very competitive class. Way to go Zane! **Colton Shields placed 13th** in his tough class of Shorthorns and he did great job of showing his heifer! **Kaitlyn Pettigrew also exhibited a 1st place** Beefmaster Heifer in her tough class! **Raelynn Swinnea showed a Brangus heifer and placed 6th** in her class.

Steers are going to Fort Worth starting on Tuesday, Feb. 4th, and we have **Kylee Allen, Maggie Devrow, Emily Rader, and Hannah Yeldell** competing with their steers. Best of luck to you all!!

Project Highlight: Photography

Two emerging expressive arts projects for 4-H youth is the photography and movie making projects. These two projects allow youth living from rural to urban areas to express themselves through the display of either photographs or videos. Through a young person's participation in the projects they develop skills in communication, critical thinking, decision making, problem solving, and marketable skills.

Both projects allow youth to explore career experiences and opportunities as well as participating in educational experiences which teach various topics in photography and movie making. Educational experiences which youth should be exposed to include: identify the various types of equipment and what equipment is best needed for the 4-H members skill set and project goals, how to properly use and care for equipment, techniques in planning, shooting, developing and editing movies and photographs. Regardless of the age of the project participant, service learning should be an integral part of the project experience as to how the youth can serve others.

4-H PROJECT OPPORTUNITIES

National Level

National 4-H Film Fest in Missouri

Other various photography contests

State & District Level

Texas 4-H Photography Workshop (hosted by Bell County and co-sponsored by Texas 4-H)

Texas 4-H Photography Contest (currently for senior 4-H members only)

District 4-H Photography Contests (these range from junior to senior participation)

Project Highlight: Photography, Continued

State & District Level, continued

Photography Judging Contest (starting in 2014)

Texas State Preservation Board Agriculture Photography Contest

State Fair of Texas Agriculture Photography Contest

Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo Agricultural Video Contest

Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo Photography Contest

County Level

County 4-H Photography Contest

Posting project & 4-H photos on Facebook

Making 4-H promo videos for the county 4-H program



IDEAS FOR COMMUNITY SERVICE

- Volunteering with an animal shelter to take photos of pets up for adoption, or pets found and taken to the shelter.
- Go to a nursing home, women's shelter, children's home and take portraits of residence for Christmas presents for family members.
- Volunteer with local agencies/organizations such as United Way for special events.
- Take photos of your club, or county's, one day 4-H service project for submission to the paper, or state 4-H office.
- Conduct a photographic survey of the community to focus on the strong and weak areas. Use the photos and/or slides for publicity, exhibits, and presentations for their enjoyment and appreciation and for support and necessary action to improve certain areas.
- Take pictures of 4-H projects, events, and activities for use in 4-H member record books, newspaper articles, exhibits, promotion, and recognition.
- Document citizenship and community service activities from the initial stages to completion.
- Develop a slide set in cooperation with the County Extension staff to give an overview of 4-H with emphasis on your county 4-H and youth program. This slide set could be shown by agents, adult leaders, and/or 4-Hers to the county 4-H and youth committee and other county 4-H organizations, civic clubs, schools, church groups, other organizations, and the general public.
- Provide photographic services to individuals and groups for special occasions.
- Initiate a Facebook page, blog, or column and use photos taken by 4-Hers with appropriate captions and/or story.
- Give educational presentation on different aspects of photography to young and old.
- Coordinate picture-taking in the county with county and city officials, manager of the Chamber of Commerce, school officials, officers of organizations, etc.
- Prepare photo exhibits for different occasions during the year.

Limestone County Fair Schedule, 2014

Saturday, March 22, 2014

8:00am-10:00 am Check-In Horse Show
10:00 am Horse Show

Tuesday, March 25, 2014

6:00pm Commercial Heifer Check-In/Commercial Heifer Record Book Check-in

Wednesday, March 26, 2014

8:00am-11:00 am Youth Projects/Ag Mechanic Projects move in.
1:00pm Pen of 2 Exam/Interview
3:00pm Market Broiler Show followed y Market Turkey Show
5:00pm Breeding Rabbit show followed by Market Rabbit

Thursday, March 27, 2014

8:00am Breeding Swine Show
12:30pm Ag Mechanics Judging Begins
1:00pm Breeding Sheep Show followed by Market Lamb and Lamb Showmanship.
2:30pm Breeding Goat followed by Markey Goat and Goat Showmanship.
6:00pm Pet Show
7:00pm Ag Mechanic Awards

Friday, March 28, 2013

7:00am-8:00am Home Economics entries in
8:00am Market Swine Show Followed by Jr. and Sr. Showmanship.
9:00am Home Economics Judging
12:00pm-2:00pm Home Economics Open to Public.
12:00pm BBQ Cook Of Check-in
11:00am-1:00pm Limestone County Young Farmers Scholarship Lunch
2:00pm Breeding Heifer show
6:00pm Market Steer Show followed by Jr. Sr. Cattle Showmanship
Youth Only Dance to follow Cattle Show.

Saturday, March 29, 2013

7:00am - 9:00am *Release of non-sale Animals*
9:00am BBQ Judging Begins
1:00pm BBQ Awards
12:30pm-2:30pm Buyer's Dinner
3:00pm Opening Ceremonies and Raffle Drawing

District 8 TAE4-HA Scholarship Application Available

Are you a high-school senior getting ready to graduate and head-off to college? If so, I bet you're looking for some scholarships to help you afford it! The District 8 Association of Extension 4-H Agents Association is offering a scholarship! Check out the guidelines and application. It's available in both [MS Word](#) and [pdf](#). Or find it on the D8 4-H website on the Scholarships page: <http://agrillife.org/d84h/scholarships/>. Applications are due by May 1, 2014.

Questions? Contact: Jon Gersbach, County Extension Agent – Ag & Natural Resources, Milam County, JMgersbach@ag.tamu.edu, 100 E. 1st, Cameron, TX 76520, 254-697-7045

Good luck!

Shooting Sports Coaches—Training Opportunity!

Upcoming Shooting Sports Coaches Training for Archery, Rifle, Pistol, and Shotgun in Stephenville on **March 8th – 9th, 2014**.. This training is open to potential coaches across the state.

Registration will be done through 4-H Connect: Opens today and **Closes on February 24, 2014**. Please pay close attention to the deadline! Cost is \$120

Participants **MUST** have completed and passed the Background Check for 4-H as an Adult Volunteer **PRIOR** to registering for the event.

Location:

Texas A&M AgriLife Research and Extension Center – District 8
1229 N US Hwy 281
Stephenville, TX 76401

Talk to Wanda in the Extension office about registration. Registration will cover meals and course materials. Lodging will not be provided for registrants.

Event will begin at 8AM on Saturday, March 8th and “tentatively” end at Noon on Sunday, March 9th. Detailed information will be sent to those that register.





2014

Livestock Judging Practice

Tuesday, 2/11 @ 6 p.m. in the Extension office. We will be going over spring schedule and figuring out who is going to what contests.

Don't miss it if you want to be involved in this project!!



February

- 2/1 Practice show for LCFA—see Monday Memo for details
- 2/6-23 San Antonio Livestock Show
- 2/11 Livestock Judging practice @ 6pm
- 2/14-3/2 San Angelo Stock Show & Rodeo

March

- TBA 4-H Clipping Days for Animal Projects
- 3/1 D8 Consumer Decision Making Contest, Waco
- 3/1 D8 Nutrition Quiz Bowl, Waco
- 3/1-16 Star of Texas, Austin
- 3/4-23 Houston Livestock Show & Rodeo
- 3/7 County Show Declaration of Projects
- 3/8 County Show Validation—Horses, Rabbits, Pen of 2
- 3/18 FCS Division @ County Show Entry Deadline
- 3/22 County Horse Show
- 3/26-29 Limestone County Fair & Youth Livestock Show & Rodeo
- 3/27 D8 Entomology Contest, Meridian
- 3/28 FCS Entries @ County Show Due (between 7:00 and 8:00 am)

April

- 4/4 D8 Fashion Show & Fashion Storyboard contests, Granbury
- 4/5 D8 Horse Judging
- 4/12 D8 Roundup, Meridian
- 4/26 Multi-District Contests

If you are interested in some of the upcoming opportunities for District 8 contests—Consumer Decision Making, Nutrition Quiz Bowl, Entomology, Fashion Show, and Fashion Storyboard, etc.—contact the Extension office and talk to Vanessa or David. The county deadlines are in February and March.

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2014 Limestone County 4-H Motto: Projects are Opportunities for Growth (Colton Rich)