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### Highlight: Invitational Contests

Did you know there are contests at Texas 4-H Roundup that don't require you to compete at county & district first? There are more opportunities now for intermediate 4-H members than ever before. Roundup gives you an opportunity to meet 4-Hers from all over the state and learn about a lot of different project areas. All contests below are for intermediates and seniors, unless otherwise indicated.

**4-H Has Talent** – *video entry deadline* is **April 1, 2014**. Individual or team (max 7 members, can mix ages). Showcase your talent! If your video is selected, you will perform at Roundup.

**4-H Recipe Rally** – theme this year is Breakfast and the *video entry deadline* is **March 1, 2014**. Individual or up to 3 member team (must be same age category). Six finalists will be selected from each age division and asked to demonstrate their recipe at Roundup on Tuesday. Youth are challenged with creating a recipe and submit a video demonstrating the preparation of that recipe.

**Photography Judging contest** – Individual or 4 member teams (can mix ages). Can you spot a great photo? Then participate in this contest to demonstrate skills in judging photographs. Similar to Consumer Decision Making or Livestock Judging.

**Ag Products ID contest** – Individual or teams of 3-4 members (can mix ages but must enter into age category that matches oldest 4-H member). Evaluate Ag products grown in Texas—some of our county 4-Hers saw this contest underway at the district level in December and were excited about it—it's more fun than it sounds :-). **NOTE:** There is also an Ag Product ID contest happening at San Angelo: [http://www.sanangelorodeo.com/events\\_detail.aspx?id=175](http://www.sanangelorodeo.com/events_detail.aspx?id=175) **Deadline is Jan 15, 2014 (postmark), and contest is on Saturday, March 1, 2014.**

**Swine Quiz Bowl** – Teams of 3 or 4 members. A game-like atmosphere where youth show their knowledge about the swine industry.

**Discover Scientific Method** – Science, Engineering, and Technology Poster Competition – allows youth to apply the scientific method to their 4-H projects. Individual or up to 2 member team.

**Healthy Lifestyles Invitational** – two part contest with judging and presentation (similar to Consumer Decision Making). Individual or teams of 3-4 members.

**Wildlife Challenge** – covers several project areas within Natural Resources. Individual or 3 to 4 person teams (must be same age category). Includes identification, decision making, and knowledge and skills assessment.

There are other contests—Vet Science Skill-a-Thon, Swine Skill-a-Thon, and more. For complete Roundup info: <http://texas4-h.tamu.edu/roundup>

# District 8 4-H Food Challenge and Food Show

Four teams represented Limestone County 4-H at the District 8 4-H Food Challenge contest in December. Two of our teams were brand-new to the contest and another team had two new members! In spite of being new, our 4-H members performed very well in the contest.

## Senior Teams

The Peppers: Tiffany Lane, Abigail Bristow, Rebecca Fisher, Jacob Fisher, and Alan Gonzalez

Kitchen Divas: Chelsea Carter, Brandie Colley, and Haleigh Hardin

## Junior / Intermediate Teams

The Veggie Tales: Jaci Forrest, Abigail Johnson, and Colton Agnew

New Chefs: Katelyn McKeand, Amanda Burkeen, and Sabrina Gonzalez

The Peppers placed 2nd in the Senior Breads & Cereals category and the Kitchen Divas received the Team Spirit award in their Senior category.

There were also three 4-H members competing in the District 8 4-H Food Show. Rebecca Fisher placed first in Senior Dairy and will advance to Texas 4-H Roundup in June. Alan Gonzalez placed 4th in Senior Protein.

No matter if they placed or not, we are very proud of all the 4-Hers who tried the contest!



L-R: Tiffany Lane, Abigail Bristow, Rebecca Fisher, Jacob Fisher, and Alan Gonzalez (behind Jacob)



L-R: Chelsea Carter, Brandie Colley, and Haleigh Hardin

# District 8 4-H Food Challenge and Food Show, continued

*Food Challenge gives youth the chance to demonstrate culinary skills, nutrition knowledge, public speaking and teamwork.*



L-R: Abigail Johnson, Jaci Forrest, and Colton Agnew



L-R: Katelyn McKeand, Amanda Burkeen, and Sabrina Gonzalez



Rebecca Fisher (on right) for Food Show



Alan Gonzalez (on right) for Food Show



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## Project Validation 1/18/14

If you are going to be showing a pig, lamb, goat, or heifer in the 2014 Limestone County Junior Livestock Show, you will need to validate those animals on Saturday, January 18, 2014, from 8-11 AM at the Show Barn in the parking lot.

You do not have to bring your heifers to the grounds, just their registration papers. However, you must bring your pigs, lambs, and goats to be tagged.

## Major Shows Approaching

We will have many youth competing in the major shows in the coming weeks and months. We would like to wish all of the youth and families good luck and safe travels. We will be coordinating some hauling possibly together and other things and don't forget to come and pick up your passes. Fort Worth passes are in and other shows should be sending their passes to us soon. Look for updates in our 4-H Monday Memos!

### January

- 1/1 New Year's Holiday—office closed
- 1/17-2/8 Fort Worth Livestock Show
- 1/18 County Show Validation, 8—11 AM Show Barn
- 1/20 County Holiday—office closed
- 1/29 Pickup County Show Broilers & Validate

### February

- 2/6-23 San Antonio Livestock Show
- 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
- 3/26-29 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)

Don't forget that you have to make four meetings or sanctioned events before the county show. If you haven't attended anything yet, you are running out of time and opportunities!

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