



“The Talk”

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Major Stock Show Season

Fort Worth is over and here's who went - Limestone County 4-H was represented by 9 youth showing steers. Mandy Smith, Tyler Rader, Wyatt Price, Maggie Devrow, Carter Devrow, Ashleigh Fleming, Austin Fleming, Hannah Yeldell, and Paige Yeldell all showed in very difficult classes that had 72-78 steers each in them. The kids showed well and represented us very respectfully.

San Antonio—we had Asa O’Hair, Hadley O’Hair, Colton Agnew, and Abigail Johnson representing Limestone County.

Six 4-Hers participated in livestock judging at San Antonio—Chelsea Carter, Wyatt Price, Hadley O’Hair, Colton Rich, and Bonnie Swinnea.

Hadley O’Hair participated in the Swine Skillathon in San Antonio and received 6th overall and participated in the Beef Skillathon and placed 3rd. He represented us very well. Way to go Hadley!!

In San Angelo, Colton Rich received 2nd in class and 3rd overall with his heifer—Great work, Colton!

Coming up we have the Houston Livestock Show and later this month the Star of Texas will take place. Good luck to all exhibitors going to the shows!



SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- Leadership Live by Texas 4-H will take place on May 13th—the theme is “Women in Leadership” You can still watch the last episode by clicking on the streaming video link on the site <http://texas4-h.tamu.edu/leadershiplive>
- Healthy Lifestyles Invitational! If you like to show off your skills in healthy living, then this invitational will suit you! It will be conducted at the Texas 4-H Round-up on Thursday, June 13. It’s open to intermediate and senior age division 4-Hers. You don’t have to qualify to participate. Check out all the details on the Healthy Lifestyles page—scroll down past “Educational Opportunities” to “Healthy Lifestyles Invitational.” http://texas4-h.tamu.edu/healthy_lifestyles

Scholarship and Financial Aid Questions?

We have had a few scholarship announcements cross our desks here at the county office. A few resources:

<http://www.everychanceeverytexan.org/>

<http://www.aie.org/>

<http://www.collegeforalltexans.com/>

<http://www.generationtx.org/>

<http://www.tgslc.org/tfaic/>

Planning ahead helps! Start looking at scholarships, financial aid, and possible universities based on affordability earlier in high school, if possible.

New Contest—We need a 4-H Slogan for 2013-2014!

Put on your thinking caps and enter our slogan contest! It’s time to think about what 4-H means to you. Slogans will be used throughout the year in 4-H Newsletters, the annual 4-H Calendar, and at the 4-H Kick-off Event.

The winner of the Limestone County 4-H Slogan Contest will be announced at our Limestone County 4-H Awards Banquet and will receive a \$15 prize.

Deadline is **May 10, 2013**

Submit slogans on paper to the county extension office (don’t forget to put your name on it!) or email them to limestone-tx@tamu.edu

It is your responsibility to ensure that the slogan entries have been received by the county office by the deadline.

Multiple slogans can be entered!

Examples of Milam County’s recent slogans:

- Milam County...4-H for America’s Future
- Milam County 4-H...Green and Growing



District 8 4-H Shirts

Do you want to order a t-shirt for Roundup to show your 4-H spirit?

View the flyer or go directly to the online order form:

<http://tinyurl.com/2013D84-HShirtsOrder3>

Also posted on our D8 4-H website:

<http://agrillife.org/d84h/district-8-4-h-t-shirts/>

This is the third and final order date. The order deadline is 2 ½ weeks away...on **Monday, March 25**. They will be delivered to County Extension Agents for delivery on Saturday, April 13, 2013 at the District 8 4-H Roundup in Meridian.

You can purchase:

Youth Shirts!

Adult Shirts!

Long Sleeve Shirts!

Hoodies!

Proceeds from the shirts will benefit District 8 4-H programs!

LCFA FCS Division Reminders

It's time to start thinking about your Family & Consumer Sciences division entries for the county show. Things to remember:

- For food items (class 1-15), a copy of the recipe must be turned in with the entry form.
- Another copy of the recipe must also be attached to the food item upon check-in.
- Entry fees—Class 1-15 is \$3.00 per item; Class 16-33 is \$1.00 per item.
- If you have not validated any animal projects, then the yearly family membership fee of \$10.00 (or lifetime \$100.00 membership) must be paid to the Limestone County Fair & Youth Livestock Show.
- A special note for canned items in classes 10-15: the items must be **properly canned & sealed** according to current canning guidelines. We have some resources on canning here in the county extension office and you can view information online at <http://nchfp.uga.edu/>. You can also find the USDA Complete Guide to Home Canning on their site, http://nchfp.uga.edu/publications/publications_usda.html

In addition to all the food classes, there are also classes that encompass paintings, drawings, needlework, woodwork, home décor, and more. Check out the 2013 rulebook for more information.

SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- Texas 4-H Golf Challenge Camp—registration very limited—first 30 youth. texas4-h.tamu.edu/golf
- 4-H Shooting Sports Extravaganza is going to be held at the Texas 4-H Center on April 20 and registration is open until March 18th. Fee is \$20. Late registration from March 19-25 with a fee of \$40.
- Check out <http://tx4hnaturalresources.blogspot.com/> if you are interested in Natural Resources, which includes shooting sports. Good info on the above shooting sports extravaganza, as well as camps and other upcoming activities.
- Johnson County 4-H Spring Fling 3D Archery Shoot in Alvarado on April 13th. Cost is \$20 per bow, open to the first 100 shooters—registration deadline is March 31. <http://d84-h.tamu.edu/2013/02/28/calling-all-4-h-archers-johnson-county-3d-archery-shoot/>

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)

3/28/2013

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."

District 8 Texas Association of Extension 4-H Agents Scholarship Opportunity

Attention all 2013 graduating seniors! The deadline to apply for the D8 TEA4-HA scholarship is May 1st.

- Applications are due May 1, 2013 to Jon Gersbach in the Milam County Extension Office.
- The application is open to 4-H members in District 8 that will be graduating high school this 4-H year.
- Recipients will be selected after the announcement of the Texas 4-H Opportunity Scholarship recipients.
- 4-H members that do not receive the Texas 4-H Opportunity Scholarship will be considered for selection.

The application is posted on the D8 4-H website on the Scholarships page.

<http://d84-h.tamu.edu/scholarships/>



Do you receive the 4-H Monday Memo? Call & give us a current email address to receive weekly 4-H updates.

Find us on Facebook! www.facebook.com/LimestoneCounty4H

We are also on Twitter www.twitter.com/LimeCo4H

And our own website limestone.agrilife.org

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March

3/1 - 3/17— Houston Livestock Show

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.

3/28 —LCFA County Declaration of Projects Due to Ext. Office

3/28—Deadline to enter 2013 District 8 4-H Roundup

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

4/15—Deadline to validate 4-H horse projects for District Horse Show @ \$10 per horse

4/16—Deadline to order State Fair lamb & goat tags

4/20—D8 Livestock Judging Contest (TAMU)

4/26—Deadline to Validate 4-H Horse Projects for District Horse Show @ \$20 per horse

May

5/1—D8 TEA4-HA scholarship applications due in the Milam County Extension Office.

5/10—4-H Slogan contest entries due in county office

5/22—Water Zone! For 2nd and 3rd graders—we need volunteers of all ages for this huge event. Contact the office for more information and volunteer forms.

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

Click on the Publications Tab.

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