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We have a new QR code for our 4-H webpage. Try it out! Great for sharing with new or prospective members.

Major Show Results

We've been travelling the state to multiple shows and have tried to update on Facebook and weekly memos the best we can but here is all of our youth's success listed here...we are really proud of ALL of youth and their participation at the major show level and their representation of our program:

Fort Worth and San Antonio:

Tyler Rader
 Maggie Devrow
 Carter Devrow
 Emily Rader
 Kylee Allen
 Kylie Rand
 Bryce Rand
 Jordan Rader
 Colton Shields
 Hannah Yeldell

These youth all showed steers at these shows and we have been so, so close to branding several of them including Kylee Allen getting 4th place in her Red Angus class of steers but being 1 hole out of the livestock auction!

Next up is the Houston Livestock Show and the Limestone County Fair all in the month of March!! We hope to continue to get better at each and every major show. Good luck to all of our youth!!!

District Livestock Judging and Beef Quiz Bowl

We are looking for youth that want to participate in one or both of these contests. Livestock judging is a very fun project and we have had as many as 11 youth in the past. We want to get that going again!! Let me know if you are interested.

The Beef Quiz Bowl is a question and answer contest on beef cattle knowledge. It's a fun contest as well and we received 2nd last year in the Senior division at District and went to State and we want some youth to go again this year. We need 3 or 4 members from each age division to make a team!! Call me and let me know you want to do this so we can set up practice time ASAP!

Important information for Horse project & validation for district

REMINDERS:

These documents and others can be found by clicking on the **State 4-H Horse Show link** on the website:
<http://horse.tamu.edu> .

2015 Horse Validation on 4-H Connect – Open **March 1st** – **May 1st**

2015 Horse Show Rules and Regulations – **New and Important changes are in RED text**

2015 State 4-H Horse Show Schedule – **REVIEW CAREFULLY** – **Major changes** from past years

2015 State 4-H Horse Show Entries on 4-H Connect – Open **June 1st** – **July 1st**

Three (3) new classes ADDED – Hunt Seat Versatility, Stock Horse Horsemanship, and Cow Boxing

HORSE VALIDATION PERIOD IS:

March 1, 2015 to April 15, 2015 \$10.00 per horse

April 16, 2015 to May 1, 2015 \$20.00 per horse

Validation and payment is required of ALL horses regardless if they were entered this year or last!

FOR THOSE ENTERING A NEW HORSE INTO 4-H CONNECT, BEFORE YOU BEGIN YOUR VALIDATION PROCESS, YOU MUST:

Have a family and youth member profile established on 4-H CONNECT

Be an active/paid youth member of Texas 4-H for the 2014-2015 year.

For any horse which was NOT validated in 4-H CONNECT last year, have digital photos of your horse(s) from the front, left side, and right side. These photos must be accessible for upload during the validation process.

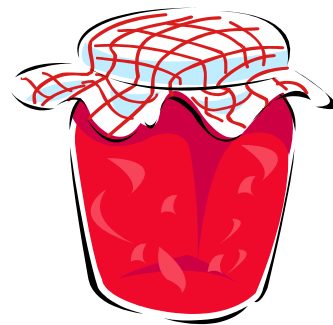
For any registered horse that was NOT validated last year you will need to have a pdf copy of your horse(s) registration papers for upload.

LCEFA FCS Division Reminders

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

- This year we are sticking to rule #11—food entries may only be on a disposable board or paper plate and covered in clear plastic wrap. This year we will NOT be accepting any entries in decorated baskets, covered cake sets, or similar. Entries will only be accepted if brought in on disposable goods. Please ask BEFORE check-in if you are not sure!
- For food items (class 1-15), a copy of the recipe must be turned in with the entry form.
- Another copy of the recipe (without your name) must also be attached to the food item upon check-in.
- Entry fees—Class 1-15 is \$3.00 per item; Class 16-34 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.

In addition to all the food classes, there are also classes that encompass paintings, photographs, drawings, needlework, woodwork, home décor, potted plants, and more. Check out the 2015 rulebook for more information.



Limestone County Fair Schedule, 2015

Sunday, March 22, 2015

8:30am-9:45 am Check-In Horse Show
10:00 am Horse Show

Tuesday, March 24, 2015

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

Wednesday, March 25, 2015

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 by Market Turkey Show
5:00pm Breeding Rabbit show followed by Market Rabbit

Thursday, March 26, 2015

8:00am Breeding Swine Show
1:00pm Breeding Sheep Show followed by Market Lamb and Lamb Showmanship
2:30pm Breeding Goat followed by Market Goat and Goat Showmanship
6:00pm Pet Show

Friday, March 27, 2015

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 Off Check-in
12:00pm-2:00pm Pen of 2 judging
4:00pm Ag Mechanics Judging Begins
4:00pm Breeding Heifer show
6:00pm Market Steer Show followed by Jr. Sr. Cattle Showmanship
Youth Only Dance to follow Cattle Show.

Saturday, March 28, 2015

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/Youth Livestock Sale

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4-H Clipping Days for 2015 Limestone County Fair

There will be 2 opportunities to sign up and reserve your time to get your animals clipped.

The 2 options are:

Monday, March 23, 2015 from 8 am-5 pm
Tuesday, March 24, 2014 from 8 am-5 pm

We need additional volunteers to help this year as our schedules are all very busy with major show season.

Call Wanda and set up your time slot as soon as you can. Also, be sure and wash and clean ALL animals prior to bringing them to be clipped. *This is MANDATORY!!!*

State Fair of Texas Lamb and Goat Tag Orders due to the office by Friday, April 10th. Tags will be \$11 each and orders must be to David by then. This will allow those animals to be shown in Dallas.

Major Show Steer Tag Orders due:

If you are planning on showing steers at the State Fair, Fort Worth, San Antonio, San Angelo, Houston, or Austin in the 2015 fall or 2016 spring, then you must order tags by Wednesday, April 15th to the Extension Office. Tags will be \$11 each and they will have you eligible to enter to participate in the shows.

Remember, you must still fill out entries in November.

March

- 3/5 FCS Division @ County Show Entry Deadline
- 3/3-22 Houston Livestock Show & Rodeo
- 3/6 County Show Declaration of Projects due
- 3/7 County Show Validation—Horses & Rabbits
- 3/9 D-8 Photography entries due to office
- 3/22 County Horse Show
- 3/23-24, 4-H Clipping Days for Animal Projects
- 3/25-28 Limestone County Fair & Youth Livestock Show & Rodeo
- 3/14-29 Star of Texas, Austin
- 3/27 FCS projects in between 7:00 and 8:00 am at the fairgrounds
- 3/27 LCFA Calf Scramble Entries due to Robert Rader
- 3/31 District Livestock Judging entries due office
- 3/31 District Beef Quiz Bowl entries due

April

- 4/2 District 8 4-H Roundup entries due to office
- 4/10 State Fair Lamb and Goat Tag orders due
- 4/11 D8 Horse Judging
- 4/15 Major Show Steer Tag Orders due
- 4/18 D8 Roundup, Meridian
- 4/25 Multi-District Contests @ TAMU
- 4/30 District and State Horse Validation entries due

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2015 Limestone County 4-H Motto: 4-H...country when country wasn't cool (Bonnie Swinnea)