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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.

District 8 Leadership Lab

Do you want to build your leadership skills and share what you learn with others in the county? Leadership Lab is enjoyable & fun but there's also work and learning involved. There are workshops on lots of topics. Team building activities are also included.

Who can participate? 4-Hers from 13 to 19 years of age are eligible for Leadership Lab.

When: June 24—June 27, 2014

Location: T Bar M Resort, New Braunfels

Registration opens on May 1st—don't delay in registering for Leadership Lab because there will be a waitlist for this one! They are only taking the first 150 youth who register and pay.

Cost: \$275 per participant. This includes insurance, lodging, Schlitterbahn ticket, meals, and snacks beginning with supper on Tuesday and ending with breakfast on Friday, except for lunch, snacks, and incidentals at Schlitterbahn on Wednesday. Participants need to bring cash to purchase food, drink, and souvenirs at Schlitterbahn.

Great news—for the first five (5) 4-Hers to sign up & pay for Leadership Lab, we will subsidize \$100 of his or her fee.

Last year, we had two 4-H members go to Leadership Lab: Rebecca Fisher and Roy Ward.



Star of Texas Results

Exhibitors with Steers:

- ⇒ Maggie Devrow
- ⇒ Carter Devrow
- ⇒ Tyler Rader—4th place class 4 Black AOB steer!!
- ⇒ Jordan Rader

Congrats to all of you on your hard work!

Houston Livestock Show Results

Exhibitors with Steers:

- ⇒ Tyler Rader
- ⇒ Emily Rader
- ⇒ Jordan Rader—4th place light weight Angus steer!!
- ⇒ Halle Kate Jones
- ⇒ Kurstyn Adams—3rd place class 3 AOB steer!!
- ⇒ Maggie Devrow
- ⇒ Jackson Tacker
- ⇒ Cody Wilson
- ⇒ Kylee Allen
- ⇒ Hannah Yeldell

Exhibitors with Heifers:

- ⇒ Colton Shields—13th in his class of 20 with Shorthorn heifer!!
- ⇒ Zane Kantor—1st in his class with Brangus heifer!!

Exhibitor with Market Lamb:

- ⇒ Colby McWhorter

Great job, 4-Hers!!!

Shooting Sports

The Limestone 4-H Shooting Sports club has been busy this year!

Ellis County 3-D Tournament

Hunter Owens	1st	Junior recurve unaided
Roy Owens	4th	Intermediate compound aided
Jimmy Owens	4th	Senior compound aided
Big Jimmy Owens	2nd	Adult recurve unaided

Ellis County 4-H Indoor Archery Tournament

Steven "Trey" Hicks III	5th	Intermediate compound aided
Beau Pagel	12th	Intermediate compound aided
Bonnie Swinnea	7th	Intermediate compound aided ladies
Dusty Roberts	2nd	Intermediate recurve unaided
Marshall Melasky	5th	Junior compound aided
Aidan Roark	3rd	Junior compound unaided
Kayla Menzel	1st	Junior compound unaided ladies
Mary Mullinnix	5th	Junior compound unaided ladies
Cierra Morris	1st	Senior compound aided ladies
Brendan Roark	3rd	Senior compound aided

Bosque County 4-H Invitational Archery Tournament

Dusty Roberts	1st	Kayla Menzel	1st
Beau Pagel	6th	Jimmy Owens	1st
Marshall Melasky	3rd	Aidan Roark	1st
Roy Owens	1st	Brendan Roark	2nd
Cierra Morris	1st		

Be sure to check out the club's awesome Facebook page for photos and more information on the club: <https://www.facebook.com/pages/Limestone-County-4H-Shooting-Sports/199787186744808>

A fantastic 4-H club isn't possible without an amazing 4-H Club Manager, Adult Volunteer Leaders, and supportive parents. To find out how you can get involved in the Limestone 4-H Shooting Sports club, call Coach Owens at (254) 625-2505.

See more photos for this club on the next two pages.



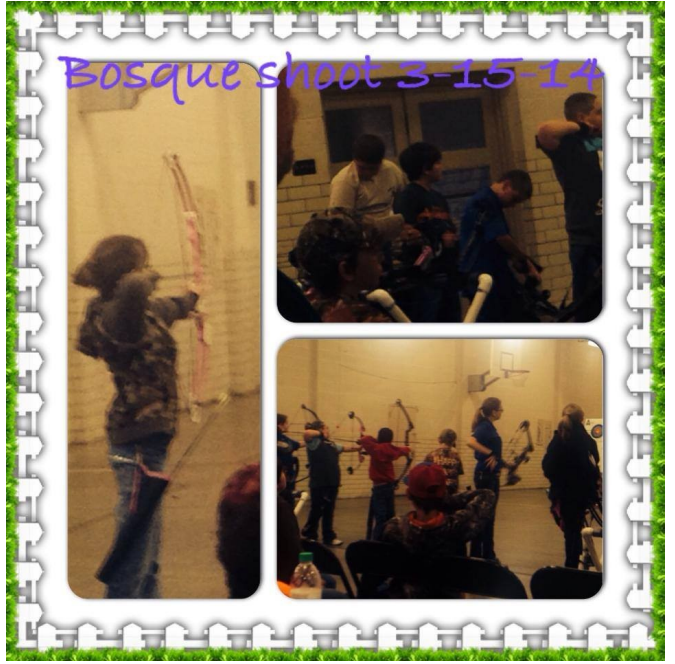
Young County Archery Shoot

Limestone 4-H Shooting Sports Club Photos



1st Limestone
County Archery
Tournament was
held in
October 2013





Bosque County Archery Shoot



It's time for Camp!

See back page for
details.



2013 County Camp

Mexia 4-H Club

Mexia 4-H Club has had an awesome 2013-2014 year. In addition to our monthly meetings, we have had many activities and guest speakers. In September, we made a field trip to 2-L Goat Dairy in Richland where the kids learned how to milk dairy goats. We even got to sample the milk!!

In October, Joyce Gonzales with Equine Pet Therapy brought "Snickers" to visit. Snickers visits nursing homes and children's hospitals.

In November, we braved the cold and rain to volunteer at the "Food for Families" food drive. We also hosted a Halloween Costume Dance Party at the old Thornton High School.

December was extremely busy. We started out the month with the Mexia Parade of Lights. Our float won first place and our picture was in the Mexia paper. A couple of days later, we had a bake sale at the Merry Market.

We also had a "Toys for Tots" toy fundraiser and a Christmas Party. Our entry to the party was an unwrapped toy that was donated to "Toys for Tots". Later in the month, we volunteered at the "Toys for Tots" toy handout. 4-H members led the parents around to get the toys they needed for their children.

In January, "Ten Point Taxidermy" was at our meeting to talk with us about tanning hides and mounts. He also brought skins for us to touch and feel. The favorite was the snake skin!!

In February, we made valentine cards which we delivered to the residents at Mexia LTC Nursing Home. March had many discussions about the County Show. We are looking forward to another great year!!!

Mexia 4-H Club Photos



2-L Goat Dairy



Halloween Dance



Equine Pet Therapy



Halloween Dance

Mexia 4-H Club Photos



Mexia Parade of Lights Float



Toys for Tots



Ten Point Taxidermy



Ten Point Taxidermy

On **Wednesday, May 21st**, we'll hold a Youth Ag & NR Expo for 2nd and 3rd grade students at McBay Elementary in Mexia. We will be teaching about 300 kiddos!

To host an event this large, **we need volunteers**, ages 13 and up. Yes, this includes adults! The event takes place from 7:30 to 10:30 am.

Teen volunteers—we need you in place **no later than 8:30 am**.

Contest—We need a 4-H Slogan for 2014-2015!

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.

Last year's winner was Colton Rich, with the slogan "Projects are Opportunities for Growth."

The winner of the Limestone County 4-H Slogan Contest will receive a \$15 prize!

Deadline is **May 20, 2014**

Don't forget about the **awesome, fun summer day camps** we offer in Limestone County!

This year, by request, we are adding a Photography camp and a Crochet & Knit camp!

A wonderful blogger and quilt book author, Faith Jones, sent us a donation of some high-quality quilting fabrics to use in this summer's Sewing camp.

Check out her blog: <http://www.freshlemonsquilts.com/>

This summer's camp dates:

June 19-20 Food Challenge Boot Camp (cooking day camp)

June 30-July 1 Photography day camp

July 17-18 Crochet & Knit day camp

July 24-25 Sewing day camp

Call the Extension office to register!



2014



4-H Summer Camp

July 11 – 13, **County Camp**, Palestine, for campers aged 8-18. Campers who are 13-18 will be teen leaders and plan the camp. Tons of fun!!!

Camp costs \$115 for campers and teen leaders. Includes meals, lodging, snacks, and t-shirt.

Please note: Teen leaders need to be at camp early on Friday, so they won't be travelling up to camp with the aged 8-12 campers.

Teen leaders will be required to attend a training and planning session on June 4 in Waco. \$55 scholarship for the first ten (10) campers who register and pay their share of the fee.

May

- 5/1 Deadline for D8-TAE4-HA Scholarship, Milam Co.
- 5/4 LCFA General Meeting
- 5/5-6 Texas 4-H Volunteer Conference, online
https://texas4-h.tamu.edu/volunteer_conference
- 5/6 Volunteer paperwork due for any parents that want to serve as chaperones for ANY camp
- 5/14 Registration deadline for Teen Leaders at County Camp
- 5/19 Volunteer training for Youth Ag/NR Expo, 6 pm, county Extension office
- 5/20 Slogan contest entries due to office
- 5/21 Youth Ag & NR Expo, McBay Elementary
- 5/28 Registration deadline for County Camp!

June

- 6/4 Teen leader training for County 4-H Camp, Waco
- 6/16-17 D8 4-H Horse Show, Bell Co. Expo Center
- 6/17 Recordbook deadline
- 6/19-20 Food Challenge 4-H cooking day camp
- 6/24-27 District 8 Leadership Lab, New Braunfels
- 6/30-7/1 Photography 4-H day camp

July

- 7/4 County Holiday—office closed
- 7/11-13 County 4-H Camp, Palestine
- 7/15 4-H & Youth Development Advisory Board meeting—contact the Extension office if interested in serving on the board.
- 7/17-18 Crochet & Knit 4-H day camp
- 7/24-25 Sewing 4-H day camp
- 7/31-8/1 Texas 4-H Volunteer Conference, online
https://texas4-h.tamu.edu/volunteer_conference

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