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New 4-H Year

Are you ready for another great 4-H year? Limestone County 4-H is! It's time to start enrolling for the 2013-2014 4-H year. Be sure to fill out your green enrollment form and turn it in to your club manager or to Wanda in the Extension office. Remember that the participation fee is only \$20 before November 1. October 30th is the county deadline to have your green form & payment in to the Extension office for one step in the LCFA show eligibility. Note—Clover Kids do not pay a participation fee—the fee only applies to bonafide 4-H members who are at least 8 years old and in the 3rd grade.

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Meeting Schedule for September

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| Groesbeck 4-H | Monday, Sept. 9, 6 pm, H.O. Whitehurst |
| Mexia 4-H | Tuesday, Sept. 3, 6:30 pm, Gibbs Library |
| Kosse 4-H | Monday, Sept. 2, 6:30, Kosse Community Center (officers meet at 6 pm) |
| Shooting Sports | Mondays, 6:00 pm, Show Barn |
| Limestone Leaders | Sept. 9, 1 pm, Faith Lutheran Fellowship Hall |



A special thanks to the wonderful 4-H Club Managers (and spouses!) who helped to make the Limestone County 4-H Awards Ceremony & Dance a big success. It would not have happened without your help!

Thank you, too, to the parents who attended and brought or sent food. We had plenty of delicious snacks, desserts, and drinks for everyone!

Learning Opportunities



This summer, Vanessa taught three summer camps: Food Challenge Boot Camp, Fashion Camp, and Learn to Sew (with assistance from Debbe Hall). They were popular and a lot of fun! Keep your eye out for upcoming announcements of other opportunities for Family & Consumer Sciences workshops.

4-H Healthy Lifestyles Advisory Board Applications Now Being Accepted

Great opportunity for any 4-Her or leader with a strong interest in Healthy Lifestyles (including the Foods & Nutrition project). The 4-H Healthy Lifestyles Advisory Board is accepting applications for new members! 4-H members and volunteers are invited to submit an application to serve on the board, which provides youth and adults an opportunity to help guide and expand the 4-H healthy lifestyles program.

Applications will be accepted until **October 1, 2013** and must be accompanied by a letter of support. The application and more information is available at: http://texas4-h.tamu.edu/healthy_lifestyles.



District 8 4-H Photography Contest

Limestone County junior, intermediate, and senior 4-H members who want to enter the District 8 4-H Photography Contest must enter their photos digitally to the county Extension office **by 5 pm on Monday, September 16, 2013**. They will be judged at the county level and the winners will move on to the district contest.

Photos that go to the district contest are displayed after judging at the Creative Arts Building at the Heart O' Texas Fair.

Entry fee for the District contest is \$5 per photo. Please be aware that this is not a qualifying contest for the State 4-H Photo Contest, for senior 4-H members only, that will be held spring 2014.

Call Wanda for a copy of the rules and categories. Email your entries to limestone-tx@tamu.edu.



NEW OPPORTUNITY

Are you interested in being a guest editor for Limestone County 4-H's Facebook page? If so, contact Vanessa at the Extension office to apply.

We are looking for mature and responsible 4-Hers with a Facebook account who want to talk about what they are learning & discovering in 4-H. Each 4-H editor will be responsible for a month during the 4-H year. During your assigned month, you will need to post a few times per week on something happening in 4-H. Photo-rich posts preferred.

At the Limestone County 4-H Awards Ceremony, we announced the winners of two new county contests, the slogan contest and the art contest.

Winning first place in the art contest was Alyssa McDonald. Keep a look out for her art work to be featured on the cover of the Limestone County 4-H Resource Guide & Calendar.

As for the slogan contest, we had eight entries—way to go! Here are the slogans:

1st place award:

Colton Rich – “Projects are Opportunities for Growth”

2nd place award:

Sarah Hall – “4-H Fantastic”

3rd place award:

Isaac Hall – “4-H...Making the Best Even Better”

Honorable mention:

Colton Rich – “Oh!!! The Possibilities.”

Hannah Hall – “4-H Forever”

Colton Rich – “B Grn Like Me :-)”

Hannah Hall – “4-H Fanatic”

Colton Rich – “R U Grn?”



Congratulations to all who entered. The judges enjoyed reading all of the slogans and were impressed by your creativity. We hope to see even more participation in next year's contest!

District Recordbook Winners

Limestone County 4-H sent two recordbooks on to District 8 Recordbook judging in July. **Jacob Fisher** received 2nd place in Gardening and Horticulture. **Rebecca Fisher** competed in the Foods & Nutrition category and placed 2nd.

We are very proud of these youth! By completing recordbooks, 4-H members become eligible for county 4-H star awards that are recognized yearly at our 4-H Awards Ceremony. Recordbooks also serve as a record of all you do over your 4-H career. It's so easy to forget all the wonderful things that you do in 4-H. Keeping a recordbook is **super-helpful** once you start applying for scholarships and college. Make sure YOU fill out a recordbook to be eligible for these awards next year!!

http://texas4-h.tamu.edu/youth_recordbooks



HOT Fair Entries due 9/9

The Heart O' Texas Fair is right around the corner in Waco and the livestock entry deadline is **September 9, 2013** at the Extension office.

Don't miss out on this show and it's excellent scholarship program. Come see David or Wanda and sign up soon. They also have a calf scramble program—think about participating if you want some extra \$\$\$ for animal projects.

Shooting Sports News

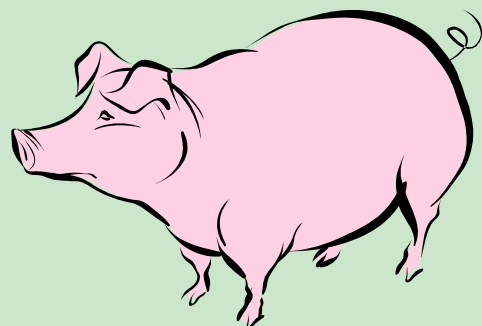
Limestone County 4-H Open Invitational Archery Tournament—on October 12, 2013 at the Limestone County Fairgrounds, with a check-in time of 8 am and start time of 9 am. Registration deadline is **September 30, 2013**. Fee is \$20 for 4-H members & \$30 for non-4-H members. Spaces are limited so contact jimmy Owens, 254-625-2505, or Cathy Owens, 254-723-1232 for more information.

2014 4-H Shooting Sports Postal League dates—mark these on your calendar! **Match dates: Nov. 4, 2013 & April 14, 2014.** **Registration** open **Oct. 1-27, 2013**, \$10 per event; Late Registration Oct. 28-Nov. 3, 2013, \$12 per event; scores due April 30, 2014.

Major Show Swine Tag Orders Due

If you are interested in showing a market hog at any of the Texas Major Shows, then you must put in an order for a tag to the Extension office.

Tags cost \$10 each and are due by **Friday, September 13, 2013.**



"Raising and showing a champion pig requires dedication, hard work and a little luck."

4-H Swine Project Guide, Texas 4-H



Quality Counts Test Taking

If you are going to show at the major shows this year including the Heart O' Texas Fair, then you must take the online Quality Counts test and obtain a number. We must have that number when you come to fill out entries. Some of you already took test last year and you do NOT have to re-take test UNLESS you have moved from the junior division to the senior division. I have included those here...

The students that have numbers expiring this summer are:

- Hannah Yeldell
- Brendan Roark

- Haylee Suttle
- Wyatt Price
- Chandler Boyd
- Hannah Tyus
- Colton Shields

These students can re-take their exams at anytime by visiting <http://qualitycounts.tamu.edu>

If you are entering these shows for the first time, then you will need to visit the site listed above and take the test to receive your number. You can take the test as many times as needed to get the 80% passing grade needed.

Livestock Judging Practice

We will hold our first practice of the year on **Monday, September 16th at 6 pm** at the Extension office.

We will go over our schedule for the fall. If you are interested in this project, come to the meeting and join the fun!





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Your Name Here!

Would you like to see your article in print? You could be featured in the next Limestone County 4-H "The Talk" newsletter. We want this newsletter to be about YOU!

Please submit your articles, preferably with photographs, to the Extension office. If you want to discuss a story idea, talk to David or Vanessa. The stories need to be about 4-H—a project experience, a club meeting, camp, community service, etc.

Deadline is the 24th of each month. Articles will be published at the editors' discretion.

Don't forget to pick up your Limestone County Fair thank you lists, plaques, or checks at the Extension office!

NOTE: Checks expire in October!

Hopefully you are enjoying your copy of "The Talk." Please share it with friends and family who would like to know more about the Limestone County 4-H program.

Be sure to check with Wanda if you are not receiving your email copy of the newsletter—we want to send it to the correct address.

September

- 9/1—New 4-H year begins!
- 9/9—HOT Fair entries due to the Extension office
- 9/16 4-H Photography contest entries due
- 9/27-10/20 State Fair of Texas, Dallas
- 9/30 Registration deadline for open invitational archery tournament (see pg. 4)

October

- 9/27-10/20 State Fair of Texas, Dallas
- 10/1-10/27 Registration open for Postal League
- 10/3-12—Heart O' Texas Fair & Rodeo, Waco
- 10/6-12 National 4-H Week
- 10/12 One Day 4-H
- 10/12 Limestone County 4-H Open Invitational Archery Tournament, LC Fairgrounds
- 10/15 Last day to submit photos online for 2013 Texas State Preservation Board photo contest
- 10/19 Market Steer Validation for County Show
- 10/30—4-H green enrollment form and participation fee due by **NOON** to the county office for county show eligibility

TBA County Food Challenge / Food Show

November

- 11/4 Major show sign-ups night
- 11/9 Holiday Classic, Belton
- 11/11 Veteran's Day Holiday—office closed
- 11/28-29 Thanksgiving Holiday—office closed

December

- 12/11 D8 Food Challenge & Food Show in Belton
- 12/24-25 Christmas Holiday—office closed

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