

Donley County 4-H Family Newsletter APRIL 2014

NEXT 4-H Meeting: April 1st at 6:30 PM, DCAC

We will be having officer nominations

\$\$\$\$\$\$ Geranium Fund Raiser **\$\$\$\$**

Order Forms are **Due** at April 1^{st} 4-H Meeting. Total up all your sales and money and make sure your "total sold" matches your "money collected" that way we don't have to call you for more money! Geraniums will be arriving in May.



Clover kids will meet on April 9th from 4-5 at the DCAC

Upcoming Dates:

Wednesday, April 23rd – County Fashion Show Friday, April 11th – District Horse Judging at WTAMU Thursday, April 17th – District Livestock Judging at WTAMU Saturday, May 3rd – District Fashion Show – Amarillo





Attention Potential Steer Exhibitors

It is already time to purchase new steer projects! Validation tags must be ordered by **April 15th**. If your family is interested you need to let Leonard know so tags can be ordered. Also, if you need assistance in purchasing a steer project let Leonard know because he is looking now for projects. Steers must be on feed & validated by June 30th.

Potential Tri State & State Fair of Texas Swine Exhibitors

Exhibitors that are interested in showing market swine projects at the Tri State Fair and/or State Fair of Texas...validation tags will be ordered the last of April. Contact Leonard at 874-2141 or 806-282-7680 for assistance in selecting swine projects. All swine must be on feed & validated by June 30th.



4-H Fashion Show

The District Fashion Show and Craft Show will be held on May 3rd in Amarillo. Contact Leonard, Laura Hommel or Lindy Craft for more information.



Horse Validations

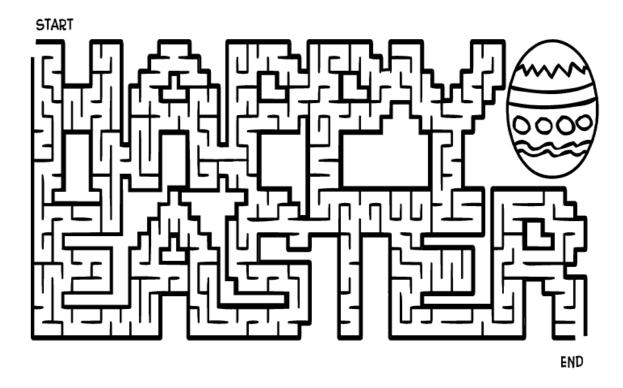
This year's validation requires photos of <u>ALL</u> horses and must be submitted electronically. Do not wait until the last minute to do validations as this will take time!!! If you are planning on entering the District or State horse show your horses must be validated. A \$10.00 per horse fee will also have to be paid. The fee will go up to \$20 after April 15 and the FINAL DEADLINE will be May 1st. Contact Leonard NOW if you have horses to validate!!!



CONGRATS TO EVERYONE THAT SHOWED AT THE MAJORS THIS YEAR! WE ARE PROUD OF YOUR HARD WORK!



Clothing & Textiles participants have been hard at work and have been having lots of fun, too! Laura and Lindy have been busy teaching 4-H'ers to make fleece blankets, which were donated to area children, bandana pillows, beaded bracelets and paper flowers that will be used to decorate for the banquet. A big "thanks" to the moms that have helped with these projects!



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2014 Junior Fed Beef Career & Leadership Program

June 23-25, 2014 ♦ Canyon, TX

Overview

TCFA, in conjunction with the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service and West Texas A&M University, will host the 2014 Junior Fed Beef Career and Leadership Program. The program is open to any incoming high school juniors or seniors who have an interest in pursuing a career in the fed beef industry.

Participants will receive hands-on instruction about feedyard operations, as well as career opportunities in the fed beef industry. Students will participate in operation problem solving and leadership activities.

Activities will include tours of commercial cattle feeding operations, a tour of a beef processing facility, the opportunity to learn the anatomy of a beef carcass and fabricate a beef half, and participate in a consumer beef taste panel. Students will also spend a day learning day-to-day operations of a feedyard and have the opportunity to participate in a job shadow program at a local feedyard following the conclusion of the program.

Program Outline

Monday, June 23

- · Arrive at WTAMU by 11:00 a.m.
- · Check in Dorm Rooms
- Lunch
- · Meet & Greet and Orientation
- · Leadership Activities & Beef Literacy
- Feedyard Tour
- Supper with TCFA Staff
- · Communications/Media Training

Tuesday, June 24

- Feedyard Operations at WTAMU
 Research Feedyard
- · Lunch at WTAMU Nance Ranch
- · Marketing Yourself in the Job Market
- Retail Meats Counter Tour
- · Tour of Packing Plant
- Supper and Panel Discussion with Feedyard Professionals
- · Campus Tours & Activities

Wednesday, June 25

- Carcass Anatomy and Fabrication
- Beef Palatability 101 Beef Taste Test
- Wrap Up & Program Evaluation

(Program is subject to change.)

Lodging

All participants will be housed on the campus of West Texas A&M University.

Application Process

Interested students should obtain an application from TCFA, their County Extension Agent, Ag Science Teacher or School Counselor.

All completed applications must be supported by two recommendation forms.

Applications should be returned to the TCFA office no later than May 1.

Twenty applicants will be chosen for the program; however, the selection committee reserves the right to determine the number of students selected.

For more information and to obtain an application, contact Kayla Lanford at (806) 358-3681 or kayla@tcfa.org, or visit www.tcfa.org.



If you have any questions about camps, projects or activities or need information please call the EXTENSION OFFICE at 806-874-2141.

Leonard Haynes, CEA-AG/NR

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