



Donley County 4-H FAMILY Newsletter August 2015

Enrollment Policy for 2015-16

Enrollment policy as per the Texas 4-H and Youth Development Program Rules and Guidelines

- Each young person wishing to be part of a 4-H Club will be required to pay a participation fee before being granted membership status. Participation fees are set at \$20 per member for each member for those enrolling between September 1, 2015 to October 31, 2015. Beginning on November 1, 2015 for the continuation of the 4-H year, the participation fee will be \$25

Enrollment Swimming Party

It's already time to get enrolled for the new 4-H year! We will have a swimming party and hot dog feed at the Clarendon Country Club on Wednesday August 19th from 5:00-7:00 PM. Bring friends, parents and 4-H participation fee of \$20.00 per member and have a great time with new and old 4-H friends!! ***The first meeting will be held on September 1st at 6:30 in the DCAC.***



2015-2016 Donley County Club Officers:

President- Blaine Ellis

1st Vice President-Alyse Simpson

2nd Vice President- Clint Franks

3rd Vice President- Jencie Hernandez

New officer training will be scheduled by Leonard to discuss the duties of each office held and their responsibility and duties to the 4-H club. Leonard will inform each officer with a phone call on the time and date of this training.

Secretary- Chardy Craft/Brandalyn Ellis (tie to be broken at officer meeting)

Parliamentarian- Caton Grahm

Reporter- Izzy Craft

"To make the best better"



Greeters- Brenna Ellis & Levi Gates

Congratulations to the incoming officers of the Donley County 4-H. The club members, parents and community look forward to your leadership and guidance throughout the upcoming year!

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## **Tri State Fair Amarillo**

### **Livestock Exhibitor Deadlines**



**Livestock exhibitors who plan to exhibit Steer, Swine, Lamb and Goat projects at the Tri State Fair will need to come by the office and fill out an entry form and pay by August 11<sup>th</sup>, 2015!!**

**Livestock show schedule of events is available on their website at [www.tristatefair.com](http://www.tristatefair.com) or come by the office for a complete schedule.**

### **Tri State Fair Contests Available**



**Many more Tri State Fair contests are available. A few that may be of interest are Photography, Dessert Competition, Clothing and Textiles, Food and Nutrition, Arts and Crafts along with many others. Come by and talk to Leonard if you are interested in participating. All entries will be due in our office by noon Sept. 15<sup>th</sup>. For more details about the contests, go to the Tri State fair website [www.tristatefair.com](http://www.tristatefair.com).**



## Texas State Fair in Dallas

Livestock exhibitors who plan to exhibit Steer and Swine projects at the State Fair in Dallas will need to come by the office and fill out an entry form and pay entry fees by **August 21, 2015!!**

For a copy of the rules and a complete schedule of events you can go to their web site at [www.bigtex.com](http://www.bigtex.com)



## Lamb, Goat and Swine Tag Validation Orders

If you plan to exhibit any of the following species at a major show (Fort Worth, San Antonio, San Angelo or Houston) you will need to purchase a State Validation Tag. The cost of the tags is \$10 each.

**Lamb & Goat Tag orders are Due August 25th**

**Swine Tag orders are due in September**

If you only plan to show at the County Livestock Show you do not need to order a tag. We will use a county tag. All county and major lambs, goats and heifers will need to be purchased and validated by October 31<sup>st</sup>. All swine projects will need to be purchased by November 30<sup>th</sup>. Scheduled validation times will be announced at a later date.



### Record Book Results



Congratulations to all 4-H members who completed a Record Book! **Izzy Craft** won **1<sup>st</sup> Place** with her Intermediate Photography Book! **Jodee Pigg** received **2<sup>nd</sup> Place** with his entry in Junior Beef while **Chardy Craft** won **2<sup>nd</sup> Place** in Intermediate Food & Nutrition. **Koyt Tucek** placed **3<sup>rd</sup>** with his Junior Swine entry. Super job to you all!!

### 4-H Banquet

All 4-H members will be recognized with a year pin & project participation certificate when they attend the Donley County 4-H Banquet. In addition, eligible 4-H members can apply for the Gold (seniors), Silver (intermediates) or Bronze (juniors) Star Awards. These awards are open to anyone wishing to apply, but members who completed a record book will take precedence over others. 4-H members will also be eligible for the I Dare You Award (13 years or older), Rookie Male & Female of the Year, and Outstanding Young 4-H Member Award (10-13 years of age). Applications for these awards are available in the office and must be completed and returned to the office by September 2<sup>nd</sup>. **The Banquet date will be in September Newsletter.** This event recognizes each 4-H member for their participation along with adult leaders and volunteers for their support and involvement with 4-H. This is a special event that all 4-H members and their families are encouraged to attend. For more information contact Leonard Haynes at 874-2141.



## **Thanks 4-H Members and Parents!!**

The 4<sup>th</sup> of July was once again a successful event for our 4-H Club! The Cherry Limeade Booth brought in a record \$589. We also rented out 31 booth spaces at the Arts & Crafts Fair. The 4-H Club will receive \$500 from the Clarendon Outdoor Entertainment Association for cleaning up the rodeo grounds after each performance of the rodeo. All these funds generated will go towards offsetting the costs of contest fees, the awards banquet, training material costs, etc. Leonard would like to thank all the parents and 4-H members who helped make this event so successful!!

## **D1 Horse Show Results**

Brenna and Brandalyn competed in the District 1 Horse Show held in Amarillo this year. Brandalyn placed 5<sup>th</sup> in the Stock Horse Western Pleasure Class, 6<sup>th</sup> in Horsemanship and 8<sup>th</sup> in Horse Trail...great job! Brenna and Brandalyn also competed in the State Horse Show in Abilene.

## **State Roundup Results**

Kati, Blaine, Clint and Joseph competed in the Beef Quiz Bowl held at College Station in June. The team, coached by Guy Ellis, placed 5<sup>th</sup> in the event. Way to go!!

## **County Camp Fun at Caprock Canyons**

Lots of fun was had hiking, fishing, kayaking, making bubble snakes and learning about nature during the annual County Camp! Those attending were Jencie, Darcie H., Izzy, Madison, Presley, Grant, Parker and Jodee.

## **Fishin N Fun**



Nineteen club members and four leaders traveled to Mesa Vista Ranch this year to compete in the overnight Fishin N Fun Camp but fell just short of winning the fishing tournament. Those attending were Brenna & Brandalyn Ellis, Madison Smith, Hannah Hommel, Levi & Laney Gates, Grant Haynes, Tristen & Tyler Harper, Payton & Calder Havens, Clint Franks, Jodee Pigg, Clay Koetting, Kade Hunsaker and Nathan & Nick Shadle. Leaders were Guy Ellis, Bret Franks, Aaron Harper and Leonard Haynes.

# **Get your Texas Hunter Education Certificate in 3 steps.**

## **1. Study the Online Course Material by going to [www.hunter-ed.com/texas/](http://www.hunter-ed.com/texas/)**

Study the free online course material to provide you with the knowledge and skills you need to learn to be a safe and responsible hunter in Texas. You'll pay a \$24.50 course fee after successfully completing the course.

For hunters ages 17 and up, there is an additional \$5.00 charge for the Hunter Education Certificate, collected on behalf of Texas Parks and Wildlife Department.

Important: You must be at least 9 years old to take the online course.

## **2. Complete Age-Dependent Certification Requirements**

**If you are 17 years of age or older**, once you've completed all the units in the course, you'll take the Hunter Education Certification Exam. Passing the Hunter Education Certification Exam will complete your Texas Parks and Wildlife Department hunter education requirement.

**If you are 9 to 16 years of age**, to complete the Texas hunter education requirements, you must pass both the online and Field Day portions of the hunter education course.

## **3. Receive Your Texas Hunter Education Certificate**

**If you are 17 years of age or older**, after passing the final exam, you'll immediately print out your Temporary Hunter Education Certificate (valid for 90 days). Your permanent Hunter Education Certificate will be mailed to you in 3–4 weeks by the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department.

**If you are 9 to 16 years of age**, after passing the unit quizzes, you'll immediately print out your Field Day Voucher. After successful completion of the required Field Day, which includes safe firearm techniques and participation in a live-fire exercise, you will receive a "Temporary Student Card" issued by the instructor. Your permanent Hunter Education Certificate will be mailed to you in 3–4 weeks by the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department.



**If you have any questions about activities, projects or need information call the Extension Office at 806-874-2141 or 806-282-7680.**

**Leonard Haynes, CEA-AG**

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