



Donley County Family Newsletter

September 2013

4-H Meeting September 3rd , 6:30 PM @ DCAC

2013-2014 Donley County Club Officers:

President- Jake Owens

1st Vice President- Tres Hommel

2nd Vice President- Blaine Ellis

3rd Vice President- Hannah Hommel

Secretary- Kati Adams

Parliamentarian- Tristan Harper

Reporter- Chardy Craft

Greeter-Izzy Craft

"To make the best better"

Come meet your new 4-H officers



YOU MUST BE ENROLLED TO PARTICIPATE IN ANY ACTIVITIES!!

Enrollment forms are available at the office, come by and enroll your 4-H'er for fun activities!

Ag Farm Cleanup Day- August 31st

There will be a cleanup day at the Clarendon Ag Farm at 1:00 on Saturday, August 31st. All 4-H members and parents that utilize these facilities are expected to attend. This includes those that use the farm only for preparing their animals for the show!

4-H Livestock Exhibitors and Potential Exhibitors

Anyone who plans to raise and show a livestock project this year is encouraged to let Leonard know so that he can assist you with your needs. If you are not sure what project you would like to show he is willing to set up a time with you to visit about specific projects. Please do not hesitate to give him a call if you have any questions or need assistance in selecting a project.

Livestock Projects must be purchased & validated by the State and County Ownership Deadlines:

Market Lambs & Goats- October 31, 2013

Commercial Heifer- October 31, 2013

Market Swine- November 30, 2013



Official Validation times will be announced closer to the ownership deadlines.

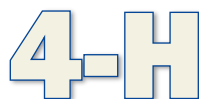
Jr. Commercial Steer Feeding & Management Project for County, *San Antonio, & *Houston



The Jr. Commercial Steer project encourages 4-H and FFA members to participate in a practical beef production program to learn more about the feedlot phase of production. 4-H and FFA members actually put a pen of 3 steers on feed and are required to keep monthly records and receipts as well as staying current with markets and industry related topics. Overall results of the students' project at the show based on a scoring system that includes a Quiz, Oral Interview, Record book, Steer Grade, Cost/lbs gain, Average Daily Gain, and Feed Conversion.

***The deadline to have Steers on feed along with an official beginning weight slip is fast approaching. Families that plan to participate in the project must contact Leonard now so he can work with you to meet the required paperwork and deadlines that go along with the project.**

Leonard - 806-874-2141 or 806-282-7680.



Tri State Fair- Amarillo

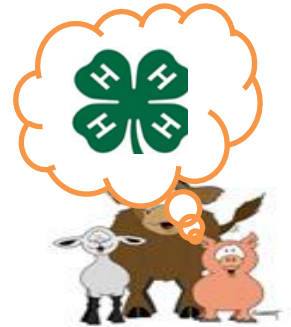
We are encouraging members to enter photographs, cooking, canned goods, baked goods, clothing & textiles, quilts etc.. Contests you can enter: Karo Corn Syrup Cookie Contest, Spam Contest, Arrowhead Mills Dessert Contest, Abuelos Homemade Salsa. This is just an example of the contests that are available to 4-Her's to enter at the Tri State Fair so come join the fun! Copies of the Fair Book pages pertaining to these contests are available in the office. This will give entry information and rules or you may call Leonard at 874-2141 or 806-282-7680.

Your entries MUST be in the office for these events by NOON September 11th.

Livestock Info:

For a complete schedule of Livestock show & schedules events visit their web site at www.tristatefair.com

- Market Lambs check in September 13th
- Lamb Show Sept. 14th at 4:00
- Barrows arrival Sept. 14th at 10:00, in place by 3:00
- Barrow Show Sept. 15th at 2:00
- Goat arrival Sept. 15th from 8 AM-1 PM
- Goat Show Sept. 16th at 4:30PM
- Steer Arrival September 19th at 10:00, in place by 1 PM the 20th
- Steer Show September 21st 8:00 AM



Tri-State Fair & Rodeo Calf Scramble

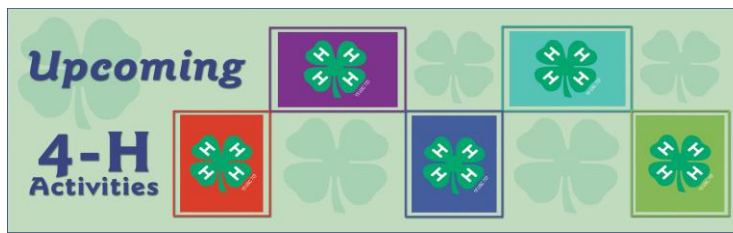
The Tri-State Fair & Rodeo will be conducting a Calf Scramble Scholarship program during the rodeo performances on Sept. 19th, 20th and 21st for 4-H and FFA members who are at least 15 years old. Winners will receive a **\$250** scholarship after completion of 12 college hours. Deadline to enter is September 10th. Entry forms and more info can be picked up at the office.



Texas State Fair in Dallas

- Swine arrive on September 30th , weight cards due 1st , show October 2nd & 3rd
- Market Goats arrive September 30th , show October 2nd
- Steers arrive on October 1st , weight and class cards due October 2nd and show on 3rd
- All Sales on October 5th

For a copy of the rules and a complete schedule of events go to their web site at www.bigtex.com



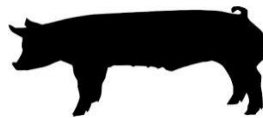
District 1 4-H Roundup

4-H members that are ready to jump off into 4-H may want to check out some of the following contests that will be held at District 1 4-H Roundup November 2nd in Borger.



There will be 2 Quiz Bowl Contests for Junior, Intermediate, and Senior level 4-H members that are specific in the subject matter of Horse and Beef Sciences. Quiz Bowl contests are team activities that allow 4-H members to broaden their knowledge in subject matter and then practice their expertise in a Jeopardy style game contest. 4-H'ers must choose only one subject to compete in as the contests will all be going on at the same time. There will be sign up sheets at the September 3rd meeting.

Swine Skillathon



The Swine Skillathon allows a 4-H member to broaden their knowledge in subject matter related to the swine industry and apply what they have learned in a quiz bowl setting, written and identification test.

Educational Presentation

Educational Presentation allows a 4-H member or a team of 4-H'ers to choose a topic they are interested in or already an expert on and present a method demonstration or illustrated talk in one of the presentation categories. The presentation must be at least 6 minutes long and no longer than 12 minutes. **YOU CAN DO IT!!!**



SHARE THE FUN



Share the Fun allows 4-H members to exhibit their talents in musical, vocal, choreographies, or drama one act plays. Grab a team and Share the FUN!!

4-H members that are interested in participating in these contests will need to sign up for the contest they want to participate in at the first 4-H meeting. Also, parent leaders that are willing to assist with these projects are needed and we will get the ball rolling to prepare Donley County 4-H members for District Round up. If there are further questions please do not hesitate to call Leonard at the office 806-874-2141.



*******Donley County 4-H Banquet*******

Our 4-H Banquet is set for September 24th at 7 PM in the Donley County Activity Center. 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. A pot luck meal of brisket and beans will be provided and families are asked to bring a side dish. Dessert will be provided by your Food and Nutrition Project students! This event will be a rewarding experience!!

**** A decoration committee will meet on the evening of the 23rd . Sign-up sheets for this committee will be available at the 4-H meeting.**

Please RSVP By September 20th to 806-874-2141

Food and Nutrition News

The Food and Nutrition project will begin this month. This includes Food Show, Food Challenge and Nutrition Quiz Bowl. **All meetings will be held at 4:30 in Laura Hommel's classroom at the school.** You will receive information on quickly approaching contest dates and we will decide what everyone wants to accomplish this fall. All that participate must be current 4-H members, meaning you must have completed your enrollment form and paid your \$10.00 enrollment fee. If you haven't enrolled yet, you can do so before the meeting.

September meeting schedule:

Tuesdays September 10th, September 17th, and September 24th

Other dates to remember:

*Tri-State Fair is September 13-21 (food entries must be at 4-H office Sept. 11)

*District 4-H Food Challenge is Wednesday, October 9th

Welcome back to school!



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/NR

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