



Donley County Family Newsletter

September 2015

4-H Meeting September 1st at 6:30 PM @
DCAC

2015-2016 Donley County Club Officers:

President- Blaine Ellis

1st Vice President- Alysse Simpson

2nd Vice President- Clint Franks

3rd Vice President- Jenci Hernandez

Secretary- Chardy Craft/Brandalyn Ellis

Parliamentarian- Caton Grahm

Reporter- Izzy Craft

Greeter-Brenna Ellis & Levi Gates

"To make the best better"

Come out and 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!



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.

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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, 2015

Commercial Heifer- October 31, 2015

Market Swine- November 30, 2015



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

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 our office for these events by NOON September 15th.

Livestock Info:

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

- Market Lambs check in September 18th
- Lamb Show Sept. 19th at 2:00
- Barrows arrival Sept. 19th at 7:00 AM, in place by 3:00
- Barrow Show Sept. 20th at 2:00
- Goat arrival Sept. 20th by 1:00
- Goat Show Sept. 21st at 4:30
- Steer Arrival September 25th at 10:00, in place by 1:00 the 25th
- Steer Show September 26th at 8:00 AM



Tri-State Fair & Rodeo Calf Scramble

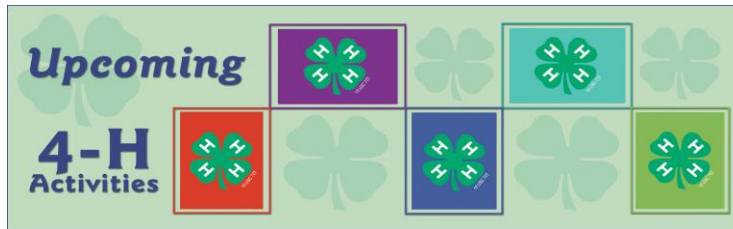
The Tri-State Fair & Rodeo will be conducting a Calf Scramble Scholarship program during the rodeo performances on Sept. 24, 25 and 26 for 4-H and FFA members who are at least 15 years old. Winners will receive a **\$250** scholarship after completion of 12 college hours. Deadline to enter is September 11th. Entry forms and more info can be picked up at the Extension office.



Texas State Fair in Dallas

- Swine arrive on September 28th ; show September 30th & October 1st
- Market Goats arrive September 28th ; show September 30th
- Steers arrive on September 28th ; weight and class cards due September 29th and show on Oct. 1st
- All Sales on October 2nd

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 get active in 4-H may want to check out some of the following contests that will be held at District 1 4-H Roundup on November 6th-7th at West Texas A&M.



There will be three Quiz Bowl Contests and Swine or Livestock Skillathon for Junior, Intermediate, and Senior level 4-H members that are specific in the subject matter of Horse, Beef and Swine 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 also be Food Challenge and Food Show Contests along with others! There will be sign-up sheets at the September 1st meeting.



Donley County 4-H Banquet

Our 4-H Banquet is set for September 22nd at 7 PM in the Donley County Activity Center. This event recognizes each 4-H and Clover Kid member for their participation along with adult leaders and volunteers for their support and involvement with 4-H during this past year. 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 21st. Sign-up sheets for this committee will be available at the 4-H meeting.**

Please RSVP By September 18th to 806-874-2141

Awards Applications

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 can be picked up at the office or emailed at your request and must be completed and returned by September 5th.

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 at the Donley County Activity Center.** You will receive information on 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 \$20.00 enrollment fee. If you haven't enrolled yet, you can do so before or at the meeting.

September meeting schedule: Tuesdays: September 8th at 4:00; September 15th, 22nd (making dessert for banquet) and September 29th at 4:30.

Other dates to remember: *Tri-State Fair is September 18-26 (food & craft entries must be at 4-H office Sept. 15) *Sept. 25th is Junior Cook-off in conjunction with the Charles Goodnight Chuckwagon Cook-off



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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