

Randall County 4-H Newsletter

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Here's how to find us!

First - Log onto your own Facebook and search "Texas AgriLife Extension, Randall County 4-H".

Next - Once you are on our page, click on the "Like" button right below the title of the page. This will put 4-H updates on your Facebook News Feed!

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Here's How!

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Randall County 4-H Fun Fest

August 20th- New Member Recruitment Drive at Wal-Mart

9 a.m.-3 p.m. Come talk to current 4-H members and parents at the Canyon Wal-Mart and find out all about 4-H. They will help you get enrolled online. Laptops will be available and current members can walk new members through the process. Look for the 4-H table right outside Wal-Mart's front door. **Every current 4-H member who brings a friend and enrolls them in 4-H will receive a voucher for a FREE popcorn at Canyon's movie theater. Our goal for Fun Fest is to recruit 100 brand new never signed up before Randall County 4-H Members.**

**Club Manager & Project
Leader Training**
6:30 p.m. Tuesday, August 16th
Save the date!!



Adult Leaders Meeting
6:30 p.m. Tuesday,
September 27th
Save the date!

4-H Stars!



District Record Books (Good Job to You All!!)

Juniors

Emily Boschen	4th-Clothing & Textiles
Katelyn Brownd	6th-Clothing & Textiles
Craig Odom	1st-Consumer Education
Ryan Smith	1st-Plant & Soil Science

Intermediates

Blakelee Brownd	5th-Horse
Lauren Moore	4th-Horse
Abby McCarty	2nd-Horse
Clay Burkham	1st-Science & Technology
Brynn Owen	1st-Sheep
Hayden Moore	1st-Shooting Sports
Ashleigh Smith	1st-Veterinary Science
Bretton Strickland	2nd-Veterinary Science

Seniors

(1st place senior record books will be going to state)

Sheridan Artho	1st-Horse
Kellie Baxter	1st-Swine
Sarah McCarty	1st-Citizenship & Civic Ed
Brady Sayers	2nd-Shooting Sports
Mackenzie Odom	5th-Food & Nutrition
Quay Owen	1st-Family Life
Jordan Vogel	1st-Public Speaking

Corrected State Roundup Results

- Horse Education Team of Sparklynn Rust and Sheridan Artho placed 1st
- Horse Education Individual Logan Pluhar, placed 2nd.

Congratulations to all of you!!

Shooting Sports

Deaf Smith Co. 4-H Trap Shoot

Junior

Blair Thompson	2nd
Kaden Spellman	3rd

Jr 2-Man Team

Blair Thompson/Kaden Spellman	1st
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Intermediate

Matthew Webb	3rd
Jonathon Ramero	4th
Hayden Moore	5th

Int. 2-Man Team

Jonathon Romero/Hayden Moore	2nd
Macauley Webb/Matthew Webb	4th

Senior 1

John Brenner	3rd
Coleman Curry	4th
Ethan Robinson	6th

Sr 2-Man Team

Coleman Curry/Zach Hahmann	2nd
John Brenner/Ethan Robinson	4th

Senior II

Thomas Heymer	5th
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Senior 2-Man Team

Thomas Haymer	2nd
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TEXAS 4-H COUNCIL

CONGRATULATIONS TO JORDAN VOGEL WHO WILL BE CO-CHAIRMAN OF THE STATE COMMUNITY SERVICE COMMITTEE WHILE SERVING ON STATE COUNCIL.

District 1 Trap and Skeet Shoot

Intermediate Skeet

Macauley Webb	1st
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Senior Skeet

John Brenner	3rd
Coleman Curry	4th

Intermediate Trap

Matthew Webb	1st
Macauley Webb	3rd
Hayden Moore	4th
Jonathon Romero	6th

Senior Trap

Coleman Curry	1st
John Brenner	4th

Others Participating

Blair Thompson, Colton Meyer, Cameron Bigelow and Dalton Wagner

Texas State 4-H Shoot

Senior II Modified Trap

Jessica Mayes High Lady

Others Participating

John Brenner, Ethan Robinson, Blair Thompson and Kasey Williams

We apologize if we've failed to recognize any of your 4-H accomplishments. Contact the Extension Office, and we'll be glad to mention them in next month's newsletter.



Awards Banquet

When: 6:30 p.m. Friday, August 12th

Where: First Baptist Church Ministry Center

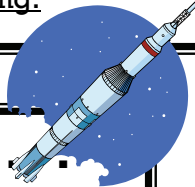
Banquet tickets are still available at the Extension Office until August 5th. The 2011 4-H Awards Banquet Invite & Ticket Order form is on the Randall County Website at <http://randall.agrilife.org/> website under Newsletters, 4-H Youth Development then Forms. Their cost is \$8.50 each.

If you have any pictures of your 4-H members and their projects during the year, please e-mail them to the Extension Office (randall-tx@tamu.edu) so Sarah McCarty can add them to the Awards Banquet picture presentation.

Attention Council and Decorating Committee...

All council members and Decorating Committee members are asked to meet at 10 a.m. Friday, August 12th at the First Baptist Church Ministry Center to decorate for the Awards Banquet. Script practice for the banquet program will follow decorating.

Countdown . . . 2 . . . 1 . . .



The Randall County 4-H Newsletter will be mailed to all 4-H families for two more months. This month is the next to the last full mailing we will be making. From now on, the newsletter will be emailed to you unless you don't have easy access to a computer to review it. You can also find the newsletter on the Randall County Website. If you wish us to continue mailing your newsletter, please complete the 2011-2012 Randall 4-H Newsletter Mailing Request Form at the <http://randall.agrilife.org/> website under Newsletters, 4-H Youth Development then Forms and return it to the Extension Office or email to randall-tx.@tamu.edu.

One Day 4-H

When: October 8th

Before your club wraps up for the summer, make some plans on how you can make a difference on this 4-H community service day.

County Fair

County Fair is on hold until we have enough volunteers to plan and conduct it. These decisions are made by the Adult Leaders Association at their quarterly meetings.

4-H Enrollment

It's time to reenroll in 4-H on 4-H Connect. Enrollment this year will cost you \$20 until October 31st and \$25 after that (see page 4 of this newsletter for cost recovery explanation). Remember to check all information when you reenroll especially which school you will be attending during the 2011-2012 school year and your emails so we can blast you important information during the year.

Food Challenge

Christi Ramos is interested in coaching the Food Challenge teams. Contact her at 676-8469 and let her know you want to compete. The district contest is in November.

Attention Food Project Participants

There are many changes to the District Food Show and all new junior and intermediate categories. Watch the District website for information. The tentative food show and food challenge district contests date is November 19th. Watch for the 4-H Food Fight at the Tri State Fair.

Jr/Int Photography Display

Photos Due to Extension: August 8th

Rules and guidelines are available at <http://d14-h.tamu.edu/events/photography-project/> then open the D1 Photography Display (Intermediates and Juniors) link.



We can begin enrolling online through 4-Connect on August 1st for the 2011-2012 4-H year.



Dear Texas 4-H Families:

Thank you for being an integral part of the largest youth development program in Texas, and the largest 4-H Program in the world. Texas is proud to boast the largest 4-H membership enrollment, total 4-H participation, and the largest 4-H volunteer base in the United States.

In saying that, we are also compelled to tell you that this is indeed a challenging economic time for everyone. The Texas AgriLife Extension Service and 4-H is no different; however, we remain committed to ensuring a strong 4-H and Youth Development Program for our families.

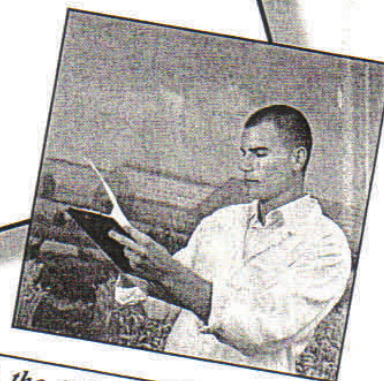
To maintain the level of programming and opportunities in the Texas 4-H and Youth Development Program, an annual participant fee is necessary for each 4-H member starting with the 2011-2012 4-H year on September 1, 2011. This participant fee of \$25, or \$20 if enrolled from September 1st to October 31st, will hopefully ensure that the Texas AgriLife Extension Service can continue to deliver the highest quality 4-H program in the world. A recent national research study shows:

- Members reporting better grades, higher level of academic competence, and an elevated engagement at school.
- Two times as many members likely to plan to go to college than non-members.
- Members that reveal significantly lower drug, alcohol and cigarette use than their peers.
- Members that are three times more likely to actively contribute to their communities when compared with youth that do not participate in 4-H.

Quite simply, we are convinced that this participation fee is an investment in the youth of Texas. The Texas AgriLife Extension Service is committed to the youth of Texas and it is critically important that each 4-H family knows we are dedicated to continuing to provide the best program worldwide. As we all go through a transition period, we ask each of you to partner with us in creating a positive environment for all our 4-H members.

Thanks for all you do and thanks for **MAKING THE BEST BETTER!**

The Texas AgriLife Extension Service and the Texas 4-H and Youth Development Program



4-H equipped me with the tools needed to build a successful future. It taught me how to be personable, work efficiently in teams, and how to be a kind leader. Most importantly the relationships that were built during my time in 4-H are priceless and I will treasure every memory made.
 Former 4-H Member & Current Texas A&M University Student



**We teach life skills
 We instill values
 We build leaders
 WE ARE TEXAS 4-H!**

4-H IT (Informational Training)

When: Saturday, August 20th

Where: Claude High School

District 4-H Council will meet from 11 a.m.- Noon. Cost is \$15 and registration must be done via 4-H Connect by August 12th. For more information, go to the D1 Website <http://d14-h.tamu.edu/2011/07/07/2011-4-h-it/>. All 4-H enrolled youth and adults are invited to attend



Texas 4-H is Looking for a New Theme Song

Entry Deadline: September 15, 2011

Entries are now being accepted by any active Texas 4-H member for a theme song that highlights what Texas 4-H is all about. The song and singers must be 4-H members, but can use adults as band members. Entries will need to be submitted via email (t-Lepley@tamu.edu) or by mail on a CD/flash drive to the Texas 4-H Office c/o Toby Lepley.

National 4-H Week Doodle Art Contest



4-H members can either hand draw or computer draw a doodle featuring 4-H in either a general manner or a program/project. Top doodles will be placed on the Texas 4-H Website the first of September with a link to a judging site to vote on your favorite. The winning doodle will be featured on the Texas 4-H Website during National 4-H Week, October 2-8 and receive a \$100 gift card. For an entry form go to http://library.constantcontact.com/download/get/file/1102776233283-139/Nat_4H_Week_Doodle_Contest.pdf.

Texas Woman's University Camps

Go to the web site <http://www.twu.edu/fashion/fashion-camp.asp> for information on Summer Fashion Design and Merchandising camps offered by this college.

Texas 4-H Beekeeping Essay Contest

Entry Deadline: January 13, 2012

The topic for this year's essay is "The Results of Honey Bee Pollination in My Community". Note: For 2012, only essays submitted electronically will be accepted. For more information, go to the state 4-H website.



Texas 4-H Technology Team

Applications are now available on the State 4-H website http://texas4-h.tamu.edu/youth/leadershipops/techteam/index_techteam.php and are due by September 11th.

2012 Texas 4-H Opportunity Scholarship

Scholarship applications will not be released until around November 15, 2011. If you're a graduating senior and you're interested in applying for this scholarship, here are some things you can be working on in the meantime to prepare for the application.

- Ensure you have taken the SAT or ACT. Minimum requirements on scores are 1350 on SAT and 19 on ACT.
- Begin working on your Free Application for Federal Aid (FAFSA). This is a free application and can be found at fafsa.gov.

You can achieve only that which you will do.
[George Halas](#)

The Livestock Lowdown



Fair Entries

Just a reminder to all those who are planning to enter livestock at any of the upcoming fairs, **entries are due at the County Extension Office by 5 p.m. on August 4th.** Please come by and complete all your necessary entry requirements.

Lamb & Goat Stock Show

Validation Tag Order Deadlines

August 29th-\$9 PER TAG

After August 29th-\$29 per tag

2012 Spring Lamb and Goat Validation Tag Order forms are available at <http://randall.agrilife.org/> website under Newsletters, 4-H Youth Development then Forms

New Livestock Show Requirements Meetings

When: 6:30 Thursday August 25th or

6:30 Monday, August 29th

Where: Kuhlman Extension Center

Anyone exhibiting livestock in the Randall County and/or any major livestock show is strongly encouraged to attend one meeting to get information on these new requirements:

1. Mandatory Quality Counts online test
2. Steak-Out Incentive & ticket distribution
3. Randall County Youth Livestock Show Rule Changes

Livestock Project Form-If you plan on showing at one of the stock shows, please fill out the **2012 Stock Shows Livestock Project Form on the Randall County website, <http://randall.agrilife.org/> website under Newsletters, 4-H Youth Development then Forms** and return it to the Extension Office.

“Quality Counts” Training/Testing

A new requirement for all 2012 County as well as all major stock show participants is the Quality Counts Training and Testing. This is an online training that basically covers livestock feeding and medication as well as ethic topics. It takes about 20 minutes to complete the training and test. There is a junior level as well as a senior level test. Juniors must pass their test only once at which time you will be issued a certificate of completion number. When they become a senior they must take and pass a senior test at which time you will be issued another completion number. **THESE NUMBERS ARE VERY IMPORTANT** as it will be a requirement to be recorded on all major show entry forms. **BE SURE TO KEEP UP WITH IT.**

To access the Quality Counts Training and Testing, simply go to the following website, log in, provide your name, address, etc. and start the training. Once the training is reviewed, then take the test. You may take it as many times as needed. To learn more about verification process, go to <http://qualitycounts.tamu.edu>. **AFTER YOU PASS THE TEST, PRINT OUT THE CERTIFICATE AND KEEP UP WITH IT. MEMBERS WILL HAVE TO HAVE THAT CERTIFICATE NUMBER TO ENTER STOCK SHOWS IN NOVEMBER.** Call J.D. if you have any questions. Here's the login instructions-

- **Juniors** 9-13 years of age by September 1st of current year.

Go to the Quality Counts web page at <http://qualitycounts.tamu.edu>. On the top bar click on Texas Trail, then click on the picture of the Texas Trail logo to get started watching the presentation. Then on the top bar again, click on Verification then follow Junior/Senior directions below.

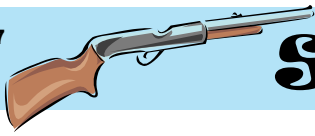
- **Seniors** 14-19 by September 1st of current year

Go to the Quality Counts web page at <http://qualitycounts.tamu.edu>. On the top bar click on Curricula then click on the Quality Counts Book and CD (this has information and examples of what will be on the test). Study the information. Then on the top bar again, click on Verification and follow Junior/Senior directions below.

Junior and Seniors

- ENTER THE EXACT NAME YOU USE FOR MAJOR SHOW ENTRIES
- CHOOSE 4-H AND FFA IF YOU ARE UNSURE WHICH YOU WILL SHOW UNDER

Click on Take the test and become verified. You must make a score of 80 or better to pass. Take the test as many times as necessary.



Shooting Sports

Amarillo Rifle & Pistol Club

Prone Fun Match

When: Saturday, August 6th

Where: Amarillo Rifle & Pistol Club

If interested, contact Doug Wall, (806) 670-8962 or 22shooter@suddenlink.net

Invitational Shoots

For a complete list of invitational shoots go to <http://texas4-h.tamu.edu/youth/shootingsports/index.php#bmevents>

Childress Buckle Series

When: Aug. 21st

For more information call 940-585-1324 or 940-674-5554.

Horse Quiz Bowl

Practices will begin in August. Contact Mary Beth Sayers, 655-1260, if you are interested.

Horse Happenings



Doma Vaquera Play Day

When: August 26-27

Where: Franktown, CO

If you would like to ride, it would be best to call (303) 396-2556 or (303) 688-4007 to make sure there is an opening.

Horse Judging

No Judging in August

When: 4:30 p.m. each Tuesday starting in September

Where: Pluhars' (unless told differently)
Call Darwin, 679-3540, for information.

Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo

Quarter Horse Youth Show

When: March 2012

For details, visit the stock show website at <http://www.hlsr.com/>.

VERY IMPORTANT!!

(We can't stress this enough)

Watch Your Family's E-mail Address

We will be communicating important 4-H information to your family's e-mail address with "**Randall 4-H**" in the subject line in place of sending you a letter. Many of these will come from Sue because organizational policy does not allow us to use the Randall County box for outgoing mail. **You don't want to miss out on contest registrations or other deadlines.**

Hippology Contest and

4-H Horse Leader Workshop

When: Saturday, August 27th

Where: Scurry Rosser High School

Contact Carrie Sharp, (972) 932-9069 for more information or entry forms.



Club News



T Anchor 4-H Club

When: No August meeting

Watch your e-mail for information. Have a wonderful summer.

Leader: Sheri Artho, 353-0056 or 220-9557, or

Palo Duro 4-H Club

When: No August meeting

Leaders: Laura & Bryan Smith at 655-5420 or bryanlaurasmith@aol.com for information.

Cowboy 4-H Club

Contact Leta Smith, 764-3338, or letasmith@msn.com for information.

Sundown 4-H Club

When: No August meeting

Leaders: Gary & LeAnne Vogel at 655-7645 or gltjv9011gltjv@aol.com for information.

Livestock Project Club

When: No August meeting

Contact Richard Dillehay, 433-2087, rdillehay@yahoo.com for information.

Bushland 4-H Club

Contact Norissa Aguirre, 206-1494, or fgaguir@aol.com for information.



Project & Clover Kid News



Rifle Project

Leaders: Scott (351-2385) or Kathryn (382-6105) Karcher or boergoatlady@gmail.com.

T-Anchor Pony Express Clover Kids

See T-Anchor club meeting plans.
Leader: Melisa Compos, 488-2326

Shotgun Project

Leader: Greg Curry, 655-0561

Rabbit Project

Leaders: Lynne McCright, 282-3627, or lynne@famcampserv.com & Kathryn Karcher, 382-6105

Archery Project

Leader: John Kelly, 656-0433

AUGUST 2011

2011-2012 4-H
Year enrollment
Open on 4-H
Connect

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30	31			

Amarillo Rifle & Pistol Club Prose Fun Match 

Deadline to purchase Awards Banquet tickets

Randall County 2 4-H Awards Banquet; 6:30 p.m.; (Decorating Committee meets at 10 a.m.)

New Member Recruitment Drive at Canyon Wal Mart 9 a.m.-3 p.m.

4-H 4-H

Deadline for Fair Entries

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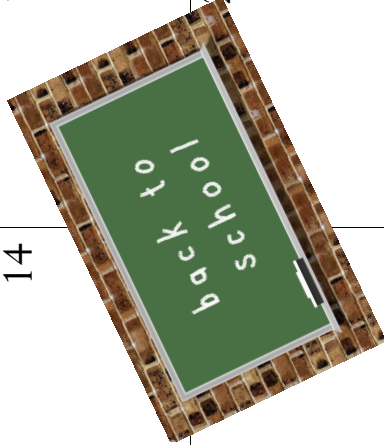
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4-H 4-H

New Livestock Show Requirements Meeting, 6:30 p.m.

Jr/Int Photography Entries Due to Extension

Club Manager & Project Leader Training, 6:30 p.m.



New Livestock Show Requirements Meeting, 6:30 p.m.; Early Lamb/Goat Validation Tag Orders

Due

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Awards Banquet August 12th

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