

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!

Make sure to "Subscribe via SMS" to get updates from our Facebook Page via Text Message right to your phone!

Here's How!

From our Facebook Page, click on the "Subscribe via SMS" link in the lower left hand corner. Then simply click confirm when the window pops up!



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Blast Off. . .



This month is the last time the Randall County 4-H Newsletter will be mailed to all 4-H families. From now on, the newsletter will be emailed to only families who have reenrolled in 4-H for the 2011-2012 year. If you don't have easy access to a computer to review it, and you wish us to continue mailing your newsletter, please complete the enclosed 2011-2012 Randall 4-H Newsletter Mailing Request Form and return it to the Extension Office.

VERY IMPORTANT!!

(We can't stress this enough)

Watch Your Family's E-mail Address

We will be emailing the 4-H newsletter and 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 receiving your newsletter, information on contest registrations or deadline reminders.**

4-H Stars!



County Awards Banquet

Bronze Star

Katie Rust & Emily Boschen

Silver Star

Bretton Strickland & Casey Rust

Gold Star

Kellie Baxter, Mackenzie Odom,
Brady Sayers & Sarah McCarty

“I Dare You” Award

Jordan Vogel & Rachel Smith

Record Book Awards

Best Rookie—Hannah Hawkins
Best Junior Book—Craig Odom
Best Intermediate Record—Abby McCarty
Best Senior Record—Jordan Vogel

Friends of 4-H

Individual—Sue Walker
Business—Tractor Supply Co

Outstanding Adult Leader

Tricia Odom

State Horse Show

Logan Pluhar

1st Western Horsemanship
2nd Showmanship
Reserve Grand Champion
5th Western Pleasure
9th Registered Geldings 5 & Over

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1st Yearling Geldings, Judge 1
1st Yearling Geldings, Judge 2
1st Yearling Geldings, Final Placings
2nd Yearling Geldings, Judge 3
4th Registered Geldings 5 & Over

Sparklynn Rust

7th Hunter Hack
8th Equitation Over Fences

Chaylee Gilmore

4th Equitation Over Fences
5th Open Jumping
7th Working Hunter

Andi Mitchell



Kaitlyn McCarley

Casey Rust &
Sparklynn Rust

1st Working Hunter
2nd Open Jumping
2nd Champion Fences Rider
3rd Equitation Over Fences
5th Hunter Hack
6th Registered Mares 5 & Over
9th Team Penning



Junior/Intermediate Photography

Junior

Claire Sitz

Blue Animals-Domestic
Blue Nature & Landscapes
Blue Plant/Floral

Intermediates

Abby McCarty

Blue Animals-Wildlife
Blue Digital Darkroom
Blue Nature & Landscapes
Red People
Blue Theme
Judges Choice Theme

Chase Isbell

Red Animals-Wildlife
Blue Marine/Aquatic

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.

State Record Books



| | | |
|----------------|------|--------------------------|
| Sarah McCarty | 1st | Citizenship & Civic Edu. |
| Quay Owen | 7th | Family Life |
| Sheridan Artho | 10th | Horse |
| Jordan Vogel | 1st | Public Speaking |
| Kellie Baxter | 6th | Swine |

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 5 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.

Adult Leaders Meeting

**When: 6:30 p.m. Tuesday,
September 20th**

Where: Kuhlman Extension Center

County Council Meeting

**When: 6:30 p.m. Monday,
September 26th**

Where: Kuhlman Extension Center



WT Homecoming Parade

When: Saturday, October 8th

If your club wants to enter a float in the parade, now is the time to get started. Contact WTAMU if you want to participate.

County Roundup

Tentatively scheduled for **4-7 p.m. Thursday, November 3rd**. Watch your email for entry deadline.

2012 Texas 4-H Roundup Theme & Logo Contest

Submissions must be received no later than October 3rd. For more information go to http://texas4-h.tamu.edu/library/files/youth_roundup_resources_logo.pdf

One Day 4-H

When: October 8th

Make plans on how your group can make a difference on this 4-H community service day.



Scholarships (For graduating seniors)

2012 Randall County Junior Livestock Association Scholarships

Applications due: December 15th.

Scholarship applications are available at the Extension Office or on our web site Randall-tx.tamu.edu under forms. **Completed applications are due back to the Extension Office by December 15th.**

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.

Attention Food Project Participants

There are many changes to the District Food Show and all new junior and intermediate categories.

The County Food Show is tentatively scheduled for 4-7 p.m. Thursday, October 27th. Watch your email for the County entry deadline. 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.

Food Challenge

Christi Ramos is coaching the Food Challenge teams. Contact her at 676-8469 or ramos.christi@gmail.com and let her know you want to compete. They will be practicing:

| | |
|----------------|----------|
| September 24th | 2-3 p.m. |
| October 1st | 3-4 p.m. |
| October 22nd | 2-3 p.m. |
| November 12th | 2-3 p.m. |

The district contest is in November.



Tractor Supply Fall Paper Clover Campaign

**When: Wednesday, September 21st-
Sunday, October 2nd**

A portion of the proceeds will go to Randall 4-H. If your club wants to sell Paper Clovers in the store during this period, Contact Jana Barrett at 979-845-1213 or jcbarrett@ag.tamu.edu for more information.

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.

Sand Hills Stock Show Sporting Clays Event

When: Friday, September 23rd

Where: Midland, TX

Phone 432-570-0290 or email Nicole@jakesclays.com for more information.



New 2011-2012 4-H Recordkeeping System

Centras: October 19th & 26th

November 2nd & 9th

- Parts of the report form will be standardized to allow for ease of completion and judging.
- Much of the data from previous record books that a member may have saved on their home computers may be "cut and pasted" into the new forms
- All 4-H members will use the new online forms or new paper forms that will be available for download from the Texas 4-H website beginning in the 2011-2012 4-H Year.
- Record books will still be printed and turned in (in hardcopy form)

If you have any questions, please contact Derrick Bruton at d-bruton@tamu.edu or Jodi McManus at j-mcmanus@tamu.edu.

Photography



Contact Cathy McCarty, 282-8176, or jimorcathy@suddenlink.net if you're interested in joining the photography project. **There will be a Fall Photography Series in College Station.** Contact Amy Dromgoole at 979-458-4227 or amy.dromgoole@tamu.edu for more information.

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.



Horse Happenings



Horse Quiz Bowl Practice

When: 6 p.m. Tuesday, September 13th

Where: 16301 Country Road, Canyon

This is for any age 4-H member who would enjoy learning about the horse (physical, usage, contests, language and more about question/answer contests). Contact Mary Beth Sayers at 655-1260, or ersmb@suddenlink.net if you would like to attend or you need directions to her home.



Horse Judging

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/>.

**4-H enrollment must be done online through
4-H Connect 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!**

2011-2012 Randall 4-H Newsletter Mailing Request Form

I have re-enrolled my family's 4-H members and adult leaders on 4-H Connect at [Texas 4-H.tamu.edu](http://Texas4-H.tamu.edu) using the [4-H Enrollment/Event Registration](#) link. I understand that the 4-H Newsletter will be emailed to every 4-H family each month, however, I am requesting a land mail copy of the 4-H Newsletter be sent to the following address:

Family Name: _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Return this form to:
Randall County Extension
200 N Brown Rd.
Canyon, TX 79015
Fax: 468-5547

Signature: _____

The Livestock Lowdown



“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.

The Livestock Lowdown

Livestock Judging

If you're interested in judging livestock at the Tri State Fair, contact Norissa Aguirre at 206-1494 or fgaguir@aol.com.

County Stock Show

Entry deadline - December 15th

Lamb & Goat Stock Show

Validation Tag Order Deadlines

After August 29th-\$21 per tag + postage
until September 30th

2012 Spring Lamb and Goat Validation Tag Order forms are available at <http://randall.agrilife.org/> website under forms.

Swine Validation

Tag Order Deadlines

(For County & Major Shows)

Until September 30th-\$9 per tag
After September 30th-\$12 per tag
until October 31st

After October 31st-\$12 per tag + \$20/family
per order Until November 9th

Please note that this information is somewhat different from dates and prices in Important Dates handout given at August New Livestock Show Requirements Meetings. The 2012 Swine Validation Tag Order Form is available at <http://randall.agrilife.org/> website under forms.



Livestock Boosters Steakout

Dance & Reverse Drawing

When: 7 p.m. Saturday, October 15th

Where: Country Home Weddings
24900 S Soncy, Canyon

Cost: \$100 couple

Contact Michele Robinson, 231-0406, for more information or if you want tickets to sell.



Validation for County

And Major Stock Shows

Sheep & Goats @ Digger Howard 4-H Livestock Barn:

October 11th 3 p.m.-7 p.m.

October 13th 3 p.m.-7 p.m.

Swine @ Digger Howard 4-H Livestock Barn:

November 19th 9:30 a.m.-4 p.m.

@ Canyon FFA School Farm

November 20th 12:30 p.m.-6:30 p.m.

Rabbits @ TBA November 12th

Major Stock Show Entry Days in November

7th (8 a.m.-Noon & 1 p.m.-7 p.m.)

8th-10th (8 a.m.-Noon & 1 p.m.-5 p.m.)

Livestock Project Blue Form-If you plan on showing at one of the 2012 stock shows, please fill out the 2012 Stock Shows Livestock Project Form available at the Extension Office or on our web site randall-tx.tamu.edu under Forms. As soon as you know your intentions, let's get one filled out.

Fairs



Tri State

Sept. 16-24

South Plains Fair

Sept. 23-Oct. 1

State Fair of Texas

Sept. 30-Oct. 23

Tri State Fair Passes

If you entered Livestock in the Tri State Fair through Randall County Extension, your passes are ready to be picked up at the Extension Office. They will not be mailed this year unless you call and ask us to mail them.



Club News



T Anchor 4-H Club

When: 6 :30 p.m. Monday, September 12th
(officers need to be there at 6 p.m.)

Where: Kuhlman Extension Office

Meal: Hamburgers (please bring sides)

We will discuss this year's business. Community Service and the Program will be announced via email. Remember to rejoin 4-H on 4-H Connect.

There will be a laptop at the meeting for those who wish to sign up then. Don't forget that it now costs \$20 to join 4-H so be sure to bring a credit or debit card.

Leader: Sheri Artho, 353-0056 or 220-9557, or slartho@hotmail.com

Cowboy 4-H Club

Contact Tricia Odom, 764-3560, or triciaodom@sbcglobal.net for information.

Livestock Project Club

When: 3 p.m. Sunday, September 11th

Where: Kuhlman Extension Center

Program: Quay Owen Tri State Fair Jr Board of Directors PowerPoint presentation.

Officer Elections-Please be thinking of a position you would like to hold.

Don't forget to re-enroll in 4-H on 4-H Connect. We'll also make plans for October 8th One Day 4-H.

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

Palo Duro 4-H Club

When: 6:30 p.m. Thursday, September 8th

Where: Hinders Conference Room of Kuhlman Extension Center

Program: Cupcake Challenge

Bring a dozen decorated cupcakes with "Celebrate 4-H" theme

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

Sundown 4-H Club

When: 6 :30 p.m. Thursday, September 8th

Where: Dillehay Room of Kuhlman Extension Center

We will be electing officers, discussing the program year and playing "a Minute to Win It".

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

South Amarillo 4-H Club

When: 6:30 Monday, September 12th

Where: Digger Howard Livestock Building

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.

Shotgun Project

Leader: Greg Curry, 655-0561, or gdcurry@amaonline.com

Photography

Leader: Cathy McCarty, 282-8176, or jimorcathy@suddenlink.net

Horse Quiz Bowl

Mary Beth Sayers, 655-1260, or sayersmb@suddenlink.net

T-Anchor Pony Express Clover Kids

See T-Anchor club meeting plans.

Leader: Melisa Compos, 488-2326

Rabbit Project

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

Food Challenge

Leader: Christi Ramos, 676-8469, or Ramos.christi@gmail.com

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

September 2011



| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Fri | Sat |
|-----|---|---|--------------------------|-----|---|
| | | | | 9 | 3 |
| 4 | 5 -Holiday- County Offices Closed | 6 Horse Judging, 4:30pm | | | 10 |
| 11 | 12 | 13 Horse Judging, 4:30pm; Horse Quiz Bowl Practice 6 p.m. | 14 | 16 | 17 |
| 18 | 19 | 20 Horse Judging, 4:30pm; Adult Leaders Meeting 6:30 p.m. | 21 | 22 | 24 Tri State Fair Food Challenge Practice 2 p.m. |
| | | | | | South Plains Fair |
| | | | Tri State Fair | | |
| 25 | 26 County Council Meeting 6:30 p.m. | 27 Horse Judging, 4:30pm; | 28 | 29 | 30 Lamb & Goat Validation Tag Order Deadline; Swine Validation Tag Early Order Deadline |
| | | | South Plains Fair | | |

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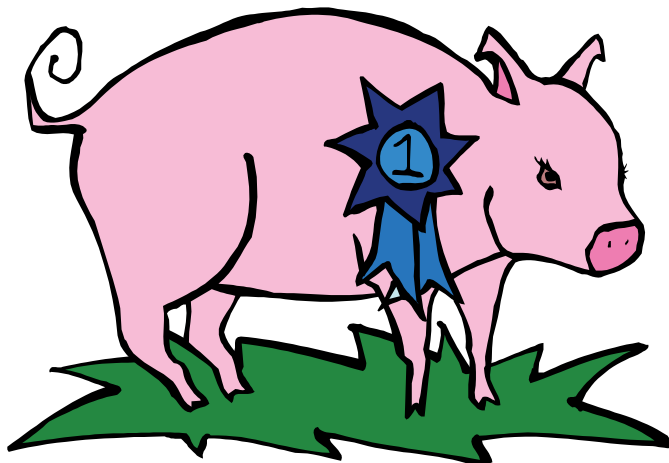
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Tri State Fair September 16-24

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