

Atascosa 4-H Newsletter

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February 2012

Atascosa 4-H Clubs

**Atascosa Club of Equine Enthusiasts
(A.C.E.E.) 4th Monday of the Month, 7pm**
Karen Harris - (830) 570-9222
Peggy George - (830) 570-1342
First United Methodist Church, Pleasanton

**Atascosa 4-H Homeschoolers Club
1st Monday of the Month, 3:15 pm**
Martha Ojeda - (830) 570-7624
Kathleen Lange - (210) 508-0772
Pleasanton Church of Christi, Pleasanton, Tx

**Black Hill 4-H
2nd Sunday of the Month, 6:30pm**
Kim Lutz - (830) 570-3320
Xenia Katcsmorak - (210) 288-3308
Black Hill Comm. Bldg., Black Hill, Tx

**Chaparral 4-H
2nd Sunday of the Month, 6 pm**
Stephanie Peterson - (830) 399-0683
Maggie Stobbs - (830) 570-1026
Verdi Community Center, Verdi, Tx

**Charlotte 4-H
1st Monday of the Month, 7:15pm**
Rachel & Jeffery Schmidt - (830) 277-1529
1st Baptist Church, Charlotte, Tx

**Fashing 4-H
1st Tuesday of the Month, 7:30 pm**
Sharon & John Krueger - (830) 780-3217
Melissa & Glenn Weigang - (830) 570-7756
Fashing Civic Center, Fashing Tx

**Jourdanton 4-H
2nd Tuesday of the Month, 7pm**
Liesl & Peter Hons - (210) 215-5871
Debbie Grimshaw - (830) 570-9280
St. John Lutheran Church, Jourdanton, Tx

**Leming/Verdi 4-H
2nd Monday of the Month 6:30pm**
Sharon Caraway - (830) 570-1793
Jennifer Cagle - (210) 865-4802
Verdi Community Center, Verdi, Tx

**Little Atascosa Homeschoolers
Clover Kids
1st Monday of the Month; 3:15pm**
Elizabeth George - (830) 570 - 3990
Pleasanton Church of Christi, Pleasanton, Tx

**Lytle 4-H
2nd Monday of the Month, 6:30pm**
Rosemary Bonner - (830) 709-4938
Lytle Middle School Cafeteria, Lytle, Tx

**Mesquite 4-H
2nd Monday of the Month, 7pm**
Sue Ann Smith - (830) 281-3982
Debbie Ward - (830) 281-4159
First Baptist Church, Pleasanton, Tx

**Poteet 4-H
1st Tuesday of the Month, 7pm**
Kathy Wagner - (830) 267-0889
Larry Wagner - (830) 480-4114
Leonard Sanchez - (210) 415-7316
Poteet High School Cafeteria, Poteet, Tx

Youth are eligible to participate in 4-H; if they are 8 years old **and** in the 3rd Grade or 9 years old by August 31, 2011 and have not reached their 19th birthday on or before August 31, 2011. Texas 4-H Age Categories:

- **Junior Age:** 8-10 years old
- **Intermediate Age:** 11-13 years old
- **Senior Age:** 14-18 years old
- **Enrollment Fee** \$25.00

All 4-H enrollment; plus district or state contest registration will be done online at:

<http://texas.4honline.com>

Ambassador & Council News

- **March 2012** – St. Patrick’s Day Decoration Theme @ Extension Office – Paige Smith & Kendra Krueger.

Fashion Show News

- If you love to sew, model, shop or design, then County Fashion Show and Fashion Design is your chance to show off your creativity.
- **What is the Fashion Show Contest?**
The Fashion Show Contest consist of:
 - a. Constructing or Buying a garment
 - b. Participating in an interview
 - c. Recording project experiences
 - d. Project Activities
 - e. Leadership
 - f. Community Service
 - g. Project Goals
- **February 21, 2012** is the deadline to register for Fashion Show and Fashion Design Contest with your club leader or with the extension office; a form is located in the back of this newsletter.
- Fashion Show Record Forms with a 4x6 photo of outfit and Fashion Design Forms must be submitted to the extension office **March 19, 2012.**
- 4-Hers can only enter in One Division and in One Category.

- Entry Divisions are: Buying or Construction.
- Categories are: Casual, Specialty, Dressy or Formal.
- Only **Senior** 4-Hers can enter in the Fashion Design Contest with 3 categories to choose: Textile, Apparel, and Accessory.
- County Fashion Show Contest is scheduled for Saturday, **March 24th**, 10am, St. John Lutheran Church, Jourdanton, Tx (tentatively).

Livestock

Reminder - No Pass, No Play for County and Major Stock Shows

If an exhibitor is academically ineligible according to school guidelines, then they are ineligible to exhibit their livestock project(s) and their livestock project(s) are ineligible to be shown at the county and all major stock shows. Check with your school on how they determine eligibility.

Attn: Stock Show Exhibitors

- Car, Gate and Exhibitor Passes are available at the Extension Office for San Antonio, Houston, Fort Worth and San Angelo.
- County Stock Show Placing Photos are available at the Extension office; you must submit a copy of your “Thank You” Letter before you can pick up your photos.
- Buyers List from the County Stock Show are available at the Extension Office and/or with your club manager

Shooting Sports

SHOOTING SPORTS SEASON IS UPON US!!!

Both the Smallbore Rifle and Shotgun shooting programs are starting up for the spring and summer.

SMALLBORE RIFLE PROGRAM:

- The rifle program focuses on smallbore rifles of 22 caliber and BB guns.
- The BB gun program is designed to teach beginning shooters the fundamentals of gun safety prior to introduction of the 22 caliber firearms.

- The Basic Rifle program will instruct youngsters in the basics of safe and proper firearm handling and silhouette target shooting.
- As students advance they can move into the competition phase of the program for District 12 Competition and the State Shooting Sports Games.
- The Rifle program has training rifles available for use by the students. You are welcome to use your own firearms if they meet instructor approval.
- The cost of the program will be covered at the first meet on February 12. The fees will cover the cost of ammunition and targets used during the program.
- The program will be administered by Jimmy Meyer and Fritz Seiffert.
- The training will take place at Jimmy Meyer's Gun and Machine Shop 3 miles west of Jourdanton on Bluntzer Road.
- Small Bore Rifle Shoot dates for February are: Sunday Feb 12 @ 2:00 pm and Sunday Feb 26 @ 2:00pm.

SHOTGUN PRORAGM:

- The Shotgun Program focuses on the games of Trap, Skeet, Sporting Clays and 4H Whizbang.
- Beginning shotgun shooters will be instructed in the safe handling of shotguns, the rules of the different games and proper etiquette while on the shooting range.
- Advanced and returning shooters will build on basic skills to prepare for the Regional competitions throughout the spring and the Shooting Sports State Games in July.
- Shotgun participants will need to supply all their own ammunition. Only shot sizes of 7 ½, 8 and 9 are allowed on the range.
- Participants will be charged for their targets used during each practice session.
- The program has 1 youth 20 gauge gun for use by participants. Participants are encouraged to bring their own shotgun for this program. NO 410 GAUGE SHOTGUNS!!!!
- This program will be administered by Boyd Grimshaw, Fritz Seiffert, Ed Krueger and Chuck Ertel.

- The Shotgun program will meet at the Grimshaw Family Range 2 miles south of Jourdanton.
- Shotgun Shooting Dates are as follows: Feb 4 @ 9:00 am – workday, Feb 12 @ 2:00 pm Beginning Shotgun – 4:00 pm Advanced Shotgun, Feb 26 @ 2:00 pm Beginning Shotgun – 4:00 pm Advanced Shotgun.
- Future Dates for your calendar are March 30-31 S. Texas Shootout (4H Whizbang and Sporting Clays) Pearsall.
- April 28-29 District 12 Shooting Sports Competition – Benavides.
- May 12 District 12 Shotgun Competition – Laredo.
- July 17-21 State 4H Shooting Sports Games – San Antonio.
- All participants in the Atascosa 4H Shooting Sports program MUST attend a safety briefing prior to participating in the program. Due to the number of new participants in our area, NEW PARTICIPANTS who have not attended our safety orientation program should contact your respective Administrator to set up a safety orientation prior attending one of our shoots.
- We apologize that the dates are the same for both programs, but due to instructor schedules, we can't schedule around it this month. Please attend one or the other if you are interested!!!
- Adults that are interested in becoming a Certified Shooting Sports Instructor should contact Joe Taylor at the Extension Office or one of our Shooting Sports Instructors.

ARCHERY PROGRAM:

- Archery will start up in March – more details in upcoming newsletters.

For directions to the ranges, please e-mail Boyd Grimshaw.

- **Boyd Grimshaw 830-570-0110 e-mail boydgrimshaw@hotmail.com**
- **Jimmy Meyer 830-570-7071 e-mail jimmygunshop@hotmail.com**

Photography News

- Rules, descriptions and more information can be found at <http://d124-h.tamu.edu/events/photography/>. Photos must be taken by Junior and Intermediate 4-Hers between the dates of January 1, 2011 and March 2012; and Senior 4-Hers between January 1, 2011 and April 2012.
- **Junior & Intermediate** Photos due to the extension office: **March 6, 2012.**
- **Seniors** – all submissions for State contest will be done electronically by email and will not require printing, mounting or mailing photos for the contest and are due to the extension office **April 2, 2012.**
- For County and District Contest - arrangements have not been made on submission of photos for all 4-Hers. More details will be in upcoming newsletters.
- Photos may be submitted only one time and in only one category.
- The 2011-2012 Categories are:

PEOPLE	ANIMALS – WILDLIFE
ANIMALS – DOMESTIC	MARINE/AQUATIC
ELEMENTS OF DESIGN	NATURE & LANDSCAPE
PLANT/FLORA	DETAILS & MACRO
DIGITAL DARKROOM	THEME
NIGHT PHOTOGRAPHY	FOOD
DOMINANT COLOR	CATCH-ALL
STORY BOARD	
- View more information about descriptions and rules at http://texas4-h.tamu.edu/youth/photography/index_youth_photography.php.

Scholarship News

- **Texas 4-H** is offering different scholarships for 2012 senior graduates:
 - ✓ Texas 4-H and Youth Development Opportunity Scholarship.
 - ✓ Texas A&M University Soil & Crop Sciences Scholarship Opportunity.

- ✓ Texas Extension Education Association Scholarship.
- ✓ San Antonio Livestock Expedition Rural Youth Awards.
- ✓ College Resources.
- Applications and rules are available at http://texas4-h.tamu.edu/youth/scholarships/index_youth_scholarships.php#teeas as well as many many other 4-H Scholarships.
- All Applications are to the extension office by **February 1, 2012.**
- **Atascosa 4-H Merit Scholarship** – Letter of Intent must be made by **February 29, 2012** and can be submitted by email, mail or in person to the extension office **by 5pm, NO POSTMARK DATE WILL BE ACCEPTED!**
- Failure to submit Letter of Intent on time will result in a member's ineligibility to apply for the scholarship.
- More local scholarships available in upcoming newsletters.

Little Atascosa Homeschoolers Clover Kids 4-H – Fund Raiser

May 5th, 2012

The Horseman's Recreational Park

BBQ Cook-Off (IBCA Sanctioned)

Kid's Cook

Kid's Fish 'n Tournament

Flyer with more info. available in the next 4-H Newsletter or go to:

horsemansbar.com or

“LIKE” at Facebook: LittleAtascosa-HomeschoolersCloverKids or

Contact Elizabeth George at

830-570-3990

February 2012

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat
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- 1 Texas 4-H Scholarship Due
- 11 Youth Day @ SA Rodeo
- 14 Valentine's Day
- 20 Holiday – Extension Office closed
- 21 Fashion Show Registration deadline
- 22 Ash Wednesday
- 29 Letter of Intent – Atascosa 4-H Scholarship

March 2012

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- 6 Jr. & Interm. – photos due
- 11 Daylight Savings Time begins
- 12-16 Spring Break
- 17 St. Patrick's Day
- 19 Entry Forms for Fashion Show Due
- 20 1st day of Spring
- 24 County Fashion Show Contest

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4-H Websites:

- Texas 4-H – <http://texas4-h.tamu.edu>
- District 12 4-H – <http://d124-h.tamu.edu>
- Atascosa 4-H – <http://atascosa.agrilife.org>

Fashion Show & Design Registration Form
Due February 21, 2012

Name: _____ 4-H Club: _____

Age as of 9/1/2011: _____ Junior (8-10) _____ Intermediate (11-13) _____ Senior (14 and up)

Fashion Show Entry Division: _____ Buying *or* _____ Construction

Fashion Show Entry Category: _____ Casual _____ Specialty _____ Dressy _____ Formal

Fashion Design Category: _____ Textile _____ Apparel _____ Accessory.

Livestock Project Book Contest Results

Junior Division - Poultry

Madison Lutz Blackhill 4-H 1st Place

Intermediate Division - Swine

Travis Bonner Lytle 4-H 1st Place

Intermediate Division - Lamb

Hannah Manning Jourdanton 4-H 1st Place

Senior Division - Swine

Dilan Weigang Fashing 4-H 1st Place

Senior Division - Rabbit

Jaelyn Bonner Lytle 4-H 1st Place

Senior Division - Beef

Kendra Krueger Fashing 4-H 1st Place





Susan Combs Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts

Get Ready, Texas!

Agriculture and timber producers: Secure your sales tax exemption by getting your registration number from the Comptroller's office.

Under a new state law passed by the Texas Legislature in 2011, commercial agriculture or timber producers will need an Ag/Timber Number issued by the Comptroller's office to make eligible sales tax-exempt purchases for their business beginning Jan. 1, 2012.

Who this affects: If you produce agricultural or timber products for sale in the regular course of business, the new law will require you to have an Ag/Timber Number for eligible sales tax-exempt purchases.

Resources to Get Ready Now

If you are affected by this law, follow these simple steps to be ready in plenty of time for any eligible sales tax-exempt purchases you plan to make on or after Jan. 1, 2012:

1. Register online or on paper for an Ag/Timber Number for your exemption.

The short application should take less than 10 minutes to complete. It requires some basic information about your operation, such as business name, description and address.

Online application: If you have Internet access, visit www.GetReadyTexas.org anytime after Oct. 3, 2011, to submit an application online, instantly generating an Ag/Timber Number for your exemption upon completion.

Paper application: You can download and print a paper application at www.GetReadyTexas.org and mail or fax it to the Texas Comptroller's office. Please note, paper applications may take three to four weeks to process. You can also get an application via our Fax on Demand service (1-800-531-1441) or by mail (1-800-252-5555). Many retailers will provide copies of the application as well.

2. Keep your number handy.

You may be asked to verify your Ag/Timber Number for eligible tax-exempt purchases beginning Jan. 1, 2012, so please retain it in your records. You can print Ag/Timber Number convenience cards if you complete the online application, or the Comptroller's office will mail the cards if you opt for the paper application.

We're at Your Service!

Details on the state's new requirement for an Ag/Timber Number for eligible sales tax exemptions are available at your convenience on the Comptroller's website 24 hours a day, seven days per week at www.GetReadyTexas.org.

You also can sign up for email updates on this topic. If needed, you can also call our office at **1-800-252-5555**. (Please note that during tax-filing peaks, call volumes may be high.)



www.GetReadyTexas.org

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Get Ready, 4-H and FFA Members!



4-H and FFA Youth and Families will have to get a number for supplies (other than feed) to be tax exempt.

- **You can apply for Tax Exemption Registration Number online at www.GetReadyTexas.org**
- **Or come by the Extension Office for an Application.**

“Under Agricultural Frequent and Asked Questions”:

32. I'm a student and participate in FFA and 4-H. Can I purchase water bottles, feed bowls and cage materials for my chickens and rabbits that will be shown and sold at the fair?

Yes. Students and teachers participating in FFA, 4-H or a vocational agriculture course of study may claim an exemption from tax on items used exclusively on a farm or ranch (including a school “farm”) to raise livestock, poultry and rabbits that will be shown and sold.