

# Atascosa 4-H Newsletter

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## January 2012

### Atascosa 4-H Clubs

**Atascosa Club of Equine Enthusiasts  
(A.C.E.E.) 4<sup>th</sup> 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  
1<sup>st</sup> 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  
2<sup>nd</sup> 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  
2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of the Month, 6 pm**  
Stephanie Peterson - (830) 399-0683  
Maggie Stobbs - (830) 570-1026  
Verdi Community Center, Verdi, Tx

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

**Fashing 4-H  
1<sup>st</sup> 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  
2<sup>nd</sup> 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  
2<sup>nd</sup> 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  
1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday of the Month; 3:15pm**  
Elizabeth George - (830) 570 - 3990  
Pleasanton Church of Christi, Pleasanton, Tx

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

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

**Poteet 4-H  
1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday of the Month, 7pm**  
Kathy Wagner - (830) 267-0889  
Larry Wagner - (830) 480-4114  
Poteet High School Cafeteria, Poteet, Tx

## Fashion Show News

Youth are eligible to participate in 4-H; if they are 8 years old **and** in the 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade or 9 years old by August 31, 2011 and have not reached their 19<sup>th</sup> 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

- **January 2012** - Stock Show Decoration Theme @ Extension Office - Gabi Lopez & Jaclyn Bonner.
- **January 17-21, 2012** - ACJLS Show - Council & Ambassadors will do opening ceremonies. Ambassadors should wear green jackets, white shirt, khaki pants and council should wear their green shirts.
- **January 26, 2012** - Thursday, Ambassador Officer meeting at 6pm, Coastal Bend College, Pleasanton, Tx.
- **January 26, 2012**- Thursday, Council Officer meeting at 7pm, Coastal Bend College, Pleasanton, Tx.
- Ambassador Officers need to submit to the extension office their "Promotion Activity Form" for the month of November.
- **March 2012** - St. Patrick's Day Decoration Theme @ Extension Office - Paige Smith & Kendra Krueger.

## Food & Nutrition News

### District Food Show Contest

- Atascosa 4-H had Six Food Show Participants compete at District Food Show in December. Results are posted in the back of this newsletter.

- **Clothing Task Force Meeting - January 26, 2012**, 5:30pm, Coastal Bend College, Pleasanton, Tx.
- Everyone interested in the Clothing Project (youth and adults) is encouraged to attend on January 26<sup>th</sup>; we will discuss plans, activities, educational tours and much more.
- 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
- **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 24<sup>th</sup>** - time and Location **TBA**. More information in upcoming newsletters.

## Livestock

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

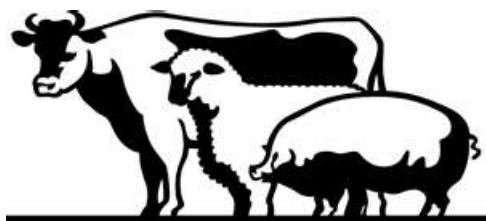
If an exhibitor is academically ineligible according to school guidelines, then they are ineligible to exhibit their livestock project(s) and their livestock project(s) are ineligible to be shown at the county and all major stock shows. Check with your school on how they determine eligibility.

### 4-H Clean Up Day at the Show Barn

**January 7, 2012** is 4-H Clean Up Day of the show barn. Please come out and volunteer your time to clean up and make the show barn look great for your Junior Livestock Show. Starts at 9am, hope to be finished by Noon; see you there.

### Atascosa County Livestock Project Record Form Contest (MAP)

- Livestock Project Record Forms (Member Achievement Plan) due **January 13, 2012** at the Extension Office.
- Livestock Project Record Forms (MAP) are used by 4-H members to keep track of livestock project growth and development.
- 4-H members completing (MAPs) will compete with other 4-Hers in their livestock category.
- Winners will be announced and awarded medals during the Atascosa County Jr. Livestock Auction Saturday, January 21, 2012.
- Forms are available at the extension office or at <http://atascosa-agrilife.org>; under the publication tab.
- 4-Hers needing help clipping lambs & goats – we will assist you fit your animal project on January 7<sup>th</sup> beginning at 1pm.



### Beef, Swine & Sheep Skillathon

- Beef, Swine & Sheep Skillathon will be held on Wednesday January 18<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 p.m. during the Atascosa County Livestock Show.
- Belt buckles will be awarded in each category and division.
- No fees; three age categories – Juniors, Intermediates and Seniors.
- Sign Up for Skillathons day of Livestock Show.

### Livestock Judging

The Atascosa County Livestock Show Livestock Judging contest will be held on Friday, January 20<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 p.m.

## Shooting Sports

- For more information on the Atascosa 4H Shooting Sports Program, please contact the Extension Office, Boyd Grimshaw 830-570-0110 [boydgrimshaw@hotmail.com](mailto:boydgrimshaw@hotmail.com) or Jimmy Meyer 830-570-7071.
- District and State Shooting Sports events, newsletters and calendar of events visit: [http://texas4-h.tamu.edu/youth/shooting\\_sports/index.php](http://texas4-h.tamu.edu/youth/shooting_sports/index.php)

## Youth Day @ San Antonio Stock Show & Rodeo

- **What is Youth day?** – 4-H members gather at the San Antonio Stock show to showcase their talents, activities, & project work by setting up an exhibit, hands-on activity booths for visitors, Additional activities include photography contest and wagon & wheelbarrow parade.
- You are responsible for submitting Entry Forms by email, mail or fax to the San Antonio Stock Show by or before **January 20, 2012**.
- Youth Day set for Saturday, **February 11, 2012**, 10am – 4pm.
- All Entry forms, rules and more information can be found at [www.sarodeo.com](http://www.sarodeo.com) “Annual Events” - Youth Day.

## Photography News

- Major Changes in the categories; rules and more information can be found at <http://texas4-h.tamu.edu>.
- 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.
- Senior Photos due **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](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#teas](http://texas4-h.tamu.edu/youth/scholarships/index_youth_scholarships.php#teas) 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.

## Conservation Contest

The Atascosa County Soil & Water Conservation District will have a Poster Contest on "Soil to Spoon" and Essay Contest on "Why Soil and Water Conservation is Important to My Future"; both are due Wednesday, **January 18, 2012** to the Atascosa County SWCD office, 107 Wyoming Blvd, Pleasanton, Tx.

- Poster Contest is open to grades 1<sup>st</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup>; 12 years and younger.
- Essay Contest is open to youth ages 13 years and under (maximum of 300 words); Ages 14 to 18 (maximum of 500 words).
- Rules and more information can be found at <http://www.nacdnet.org/stewardship&education.com> or contact Sherry Orsak at 569-2232, ext. 3.

## January 2012

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat
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29	30	31				

- 1 New Year's Day
- 2 Holiday – Extension Office closed
- 7 4-H Clean Up Day – Show barn
- 10 San Antonio/Austin Broilers arrive
- 13 M.A.P. Livestock Books due
- 14 Volunteer Workshop
- 16 Holiday – Extension Office closed
- 17-21 Atascosa Co. Jr. Livestock show
- 26 Clothing Task Force Meeting; 5:30pm  
Ambassador Officer mtg; 6pm  
Council Officer mtg; 7pm

## 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 – 4-H Scholarship

### 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>

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# 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.

# District Food Show Contest Results



**Main Dish**

Hannah West	Junior	Mesquite 4-H	Teriyaki Chicken Bowls	Top Chef Award – 1 <sup>st</sup> Place
Luke Robertson	Interm.	Charlotte 4- H	Mini Sweet & Spicy Meat Loaves	Blue Ribbon
Jaclyn Bonner	Senior	Lytle 4-H	Chicken Cranberry Almond Salad	Top Chef Award – 1 <sup>st</sup> Place

**Fruit & Vegetable**

Kendall Hagen	Junior	Mesquite 4-H	Refrigerator Dill Cucumbers	Blue Ribbon
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**Breads & Cereal**

Autumn Hagen	Junior	Mesquite 4-H	Whole Wheat Seed Bread	Blue Ribbon
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**Nutritious Snacks**

Allyson Bautista	Junior	Jourdanton 4-H	Teddy Fruit Toss	Blue Ribbon
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SOUTH DISTRICT 12 4-H AND YOUTH DEVELOPMENT

# VOLUNTEER WORKSHOP

**FREER, TEXAS ~ JANUARY 14, 2012**

**ST. MARY'S CATHOLIC CHURCH PARISH HALL**

**REGISTER ON 4-H CONNECT**

**REGISTRATION FEE: \$13 PER PERSON**

**REGISTRATION: NOVEMBER 15, 2011—JANUARY 2, 2012**

**LUNCH ON YOUR OWN—AVAILABLE ON-SITE**



**WE HAVE AN APP FOR THAT!**



## **WORKSHOPS OFFERED:**

**EFFECTIVE CLUB MEETINGS  
ONLINE RECORDBOOK SYSTEM  
SHOOTING SPORTS—SHOTGUN  
SHOOTING SPORTS—ARCHERY/RIFLE  
SHEEP & GOATS**

**DOG PROJECT DEVELOPMENT  
FASHION STORYBOARDS  
2013 STEER CLASSIFICATION CHANGES  
4-H SCHOLARSHIPS**

**CONCURRENT—REPEAT—60 MIN & 120 MIN SESSIONS—9 SESSIONS**

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