

#### **June 2015**

#### Atascosa 4-H Newsletter



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Members must be enrolled with one of our area clubs and meet the 50% attendance requirement prior to any 4-H sponsored contests. Participation in any competition or shooting sports event is only permitted while meeting eligibility criteria under Texas Education Code 33.081 "No Pass No Play".

## **Steer Validation Dates Set**

Steer validation will be held on June 17 from 4pm to 6pm and June 20 from 8am to 10am at the Atascosa County Show Barn. Steers and exhibitors must be present!



#### 2015 District 12 Horse Show

This years show will be held on June 19, 2015 in Robstown. Registration opens on May 15 and **closes on June 9.** More information will be available on the District 12 web site: http://agrillife.org/d124h/events/horse-show/

# Save the Date!

Officer and Manager Training will be held on **July 30, 2015** at 6p.m. Location to be announced. The Awards Banquet will be **August 1, 2015** at the Poteet High School Cafeteria.



#### **County Camp**

Atascosa will be attending County Camp 2 this year from July 6 to the 8th. The cost is \$180 for youth and \$85 for adults. Early Registration for County Camp begins March 1 and ends June 14. June 15-23

costs are 5% more. Attendance is first come, first served so register early! More information can be found at http://texas4hcenter.tamu.edu/files/2015/01/County-Camp-one-page.pdf.

#### **NEW OPPORTUNITY!**

The Atascosa County Ambassadors have added a new opportunity to their program—*Junior Ambassador!* If you are an intermediate age 4-H member (will be at least 11 by August 31, 2015 to 13) you may apply to be a Junior Ambassador. You will promote 4-H along side of an Ambassador. You must also attend the interview on July 2, turn in a record book, attend four meetings a year and Ambassador Training and be a bona fide 4-H member. For more information speak with your manager or the Extension Office. If you would like to spread the word about 4-H, apply now! Applications are available from Michelle Pfeil in the Extension office and are due **June 19, 2015**.





Because that's when Recordbooks, Ambassador applications and Star Award applications are due. So circle this date in red and get those Recordbooks and applications into our office by 5:00 pm June 19!

#### Recordbooks

I hope everyone that could, took advantage of the workshop on April 28. If you could not attend this workshop, you may find step by step information at http://4hreports.com/index.aspx. This includes instructional videos and FAQs as well as the materials to fill out online. Recordbook covers are required and can be purchased at our office for \$3.50. You are welcome to come by the Extension office and we can help you.

The recordbook categories are:

- Beef
- Citizenship and Civic Education
- Clothing & Textiles
- Communication & expressive Arts
- Companion Animal
- Consumer Education
- Dairy
- Entomology
- Family Life
- Food & Nutrition
- Gardening & Horticulture
- Goat
- Health
- Horse
- Housing & Home Environment
- Leadership
- Natural Resources
- Personal Development
- Photography
- Plant & Soil Science
- Poultry
- Public Speaking
- Rabbit
- Recreation
- Safety
- Science, Engineering & Technology
- Sheep
- Shooting Sports
- Swine
- Veterinary Science
- Wildlife and Fisheries

# GOLD STAR award

#### **Gold Star Award**

The member must be at least 15 at the time of application and must have completed at least 3 years in 4-H, including the current year.

The 4-H member must submit an awards program recordbook in the year he or she is to be considered for the award.

The 4-H member must have completed projects in three different project areas, have submitted appropriate record forms, and have participated in one or more activities in at least three of the following areas: Educational Presentations, Citizenship activities, Projects, Project exhibits, Camps, Leadership labs, Public relations (speeches, poster displays, radio, TV, newspapers), Other (includes exchange programs, fundraising, State and National Congress, etc.)

#### **Silver Star Award**

Must be 12 at the time of application but not have reached their 15th birthday as of September 1st of the current year

#### **Bronze Star Award**

Must be 9 or in the third grade but not have reached their 12th birthday by September 1st of the current year.

Selection procedure for both the Bronze and Silver will be based on the following criteria:

- Applicant must be a bona fide 4-H member
- Complete projects in three different project areas and submit a complete record book in the year he/she is to be considered
- Participate in Star Awards interviews July 2.

# Ambassador Officers are looking for new members - The main requirements are:

An Application with your record book due by **June 19th** to the extension office. Applications can be downloaded from our website at <a href="http://atascosa-co.tamu.edu">http://atascosa-co.tamu.edu</a>.

Member must be a bona fide 4-H member.

Member must have reached or will have reached their 14<sup>th</sup> birthday by August 31<sup>st</sup>.

Attend an Interview on July 2th, at the extension office.

Members remain Ambassadors as long as they are in Atascosa County and in good standing.

Attendance is required at all Ambassador meetings and

New member must attend a mandatory Ambassador workshop.



# CHECK WITH MANAGERS FOR SUMMER MEETINGS!

#### Atascosa Club of Equine Enthusiasts

#### (A.C.E.E.) 4th Monday of the Month, 7pm

Karen Harris - (830) 570-9222

First United Methodist Church, Pleasanton, TX

#### Black Hill 4-H

#### 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of the Month, 6:00pm

Kim Lutz - (830) 570 - 3320

Black Hill Comm. Bldg., Black Hill, TX

#### LaParita 4-H

#### 2nd Tuesday of the month 6:30 pm

Tasha Meyer—612-799-2134

95 South CR 321, Jourdanton (by the Meyer Shooting Range)

#### Leming/Verdi 4-H

#### 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of the Month 6:30pm

Jennifer Cagle - (210) 865-4802

Verdi Community Center, Verdi, TX

#### Little Atascosa Homeschooler's Clover Kids

#### 2nd Tuesday of the month, 2pm

Elizabeth George (830)570-3990

The Church of Jesus Christ of the Latter Day Saints, Pleasanton, TX

#### Lytle 4-H

#### 2nd Monday of the Month, 6:30pm

Rosemary Bonner - (830) 709-4938

Lytle Primary 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

Stephanie Scharmann - 210-365-9632



# **Shooting Contests**

#### 19th Annual Houston County 4-H Invitational

June 19th and 20, 2015

Contact G.P Shearer (GPSHEARER@icloud.com) for more information.



# **Glenn Weigang Memorial Leadership** Scholarship

The deadline for submission is July 1, 2015. This application will be awarded to a graduating senior with a record of leadership in 4-H as well as participation in extracurricular school activities and in non-school activities within the community. Information can be found at http://atascosa.agrilife.org/scholarships/

#### **Outgoing Officers**

Outgoing officers please return your officer binders to the Extension office on or before July 16th. Thank you.



Please welcome the new Atascosa County Officers for 2015-2016

President Hannah Ward First Vice-President **Travis Bonner** Second Vice-President Mason Vick Third Vice-President Ethan Ayala Parliamentarian Caitlyn Nieschwitz Sargent at Arms Holden Hagen Recording Secretary Stayton Hagen Corresponding Secretary Kendall Hagen Treasurer Autumn Hagen Reporter **Emily Chessher** Historian Max Chessher Delegates **Christian Cumpian** Derek Scharmann **Adult Advisors** 

## County and District Recordbook Judging

The Extension office will need adult volunteers to judge Recordbooks. You can come in, at your convenience, June 22, 23,24, and 25th. We need to get them judged in time for members to make corrections and resubmit for the District 12 judging which will be held in Pleasanton July 9th. Deadline for District entries is July 2. We will also need volunteers to judge at the District contest. Please call the Extension office if you are interested.

> 2015 Leadership Lab June 23 to 26

# Divergent

District 12 4-H Leadership Lab is an overnight camping experience for youth ages 12-19. The focus of the event is to provide 4-H members the opportunity to learn valuable leadership and life skills by participating in a variety of educational activities, team-building exercises, and learning sessions.

It will be held at Southwest Junior College in Uvalde. The cost is \$185.00 per person and covers room, meals and program costs. Youth will be staying in the new dorms on campus. Registration is open on 4-H Connect and will close June 4, 2015. 4-Her's must be 12 years of age by June 4, 2015 in order to attend. For more information contact the Extension office or go online to http://agrilife.org/d124h/events/leadership-lab/



•Quality Counts verification will be required for all youth exhibiting livestock (market and/or breeding) at major livestock shows in Texas (including the Ft. Worth Livestock Show, San Antonio Stock Show & Rodeo, Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo, Star of Texas Fair in Austin, San Angelo Livestock Show, Sandhills Stock

Show in Odessa, State Fair of Texas in Dallas, and Heart O' Texas Fair in Waco).

- The verification process will require 4-H exhibitors to pass an online test that measures their knowledge on quality assurance and character education content items.
- All 4-Hers must take this test
- Quality Counts test and more information available at http://quality counts.tamu.edu

Joanna Hagen

Sean Chessher

Rosemary Bonner

4-Hers that were intermediates last year and will be in the senior division this year must retake the test.

# IT'S PROSPECT SHOW TIME!

#### June 13-14

TCCA-Heifer-Steer
Mid-Coast Heifer Shoot-Out Series
A, B, C, & D
Refugio Co. Fairgrounds, Refugio

Contact: Refugio County 4-H Booster Club

107 E. Roca, Refugio, TX 78377

361-543-7047

#### June 20

TCCA-TCMGA-Heifer-Goat
Shorts and Sandals A & B
Grimes County Fairgrounds, Navasota
Contact: Area III Young Farmers
P O Box 194, Schulenburg, TX 78956
979-561-6272

#### June 20

TCCA-Steer

New Braunfels River Round Up A & B Comal Co. Fairgrounds, New Braunfels Contact: New Braunfels FFA Booster Club 2551 Loop 337 N., New Braunfels 78130 830-708-4796



#### **Heifer Exhibitors**

If you plan to show at the **State Fair** please notify the Extension office to discuss validation of your heifer.



**How much does it cost?** 4-H has a participation costs of \$20 (before November 1st of each year) to \$25 (November 1st and after) to join. Some projects might cost something to get started—like, if you want to do rab-

bits, you must provide the equipment, feed and purchase the rabbits.

**How old do you have to be?** 4-H is for kids of almost any age. If you're in kindergarten, first grade, or second grade, you can be in Clover Kids. From third grade to age 19, you can be in 4-H.

What is 4-HConnect? 4HConnect is a web-based system used to enroll youth and accept applications for adults in the Texas 4-H Youth Development Program.

If you need more information, contact the Extension office at 830-769-3066! We are always glad to help!

Remember—the 4-H enrollment year begins August 15! If you are not registered now but want to join, wait until August 15!

## **Farm Service Agency Loans for Youth**



FSA makes loans to individual youths to establish and operate income-producing projects of modest size in connection with their participation in 4-H clubs, FFA and similar organizations. Each project must be part of an organized and supervised program of work designed to provide practical business and educational experience. The project must be planned and operated with the help of the organization adviser and produce sufficient income to repay the loan.

A Youth loan is available to young persons between the ages 10 and 20 years.

The maximum loan amount is \$5,000.

Loan funds may be used to:

Buy livestock, seed, equipment and supplies

Buy, rent or repair needed tools and equipment

Pay operating expenses for the project

For more information you can go online to http://www.fsa.usda.gov/Internet/FSA\_File/loanyouth.pdf or you can contact our local FSA office at 830-569-3845.

# Project Group/News



For more information regarding the Atascosa 4-H Shooting Sports Program please contact:

**SHOTGUN:** Jess Kemp (830-570-5844; jkemp@wellsbuilds.com) for Shotguns,. You may also visit www.atascosaclaypoppers.shutterfly.com for District and State Shooting Sports newsletters, calendar of events, contest information.

**RIFLE:** Tasha Meyer (612-799-2134), meyermomma42@gmail.com or Jimmy Meyer (830-570-7071, jimmygunshop@hotmail.com).

**ARCHERY:** Paul Macmanus (830-569-3481; paulandtera@att.net ). For more tournament information go to http://www.iclays.com/cgi-bin/public\_tournament\_list.cgi or http://www.tpwd.state.tx.us/outdoor-learning/hunter-education/shooting-sports-opportunities/sporting-clays-schedule and http://agrilife.org/d124h/events/.shooting-sports.



Junior Master Gardner will meet during the summer on June 11, July 16, and August 6 at 6:00. at the Extension Office. Contact Michelle Pfeil at the Extension Office for more information!



# Dog Project "Dog to the Bone"

We are meeting at the Rotary Building at the Strawberry Festival Grounds at 6pm. We will continue to meet during the summer. Meeting dates will be June 9 and 23,

July 14 and 28 and August 11 and 25th. Please contact Michelle Pfeil at the Extension Office for more information, if you have questions about the project or would like to be added to the email list. You do not need to own a dog to attend.



#### **Sewing Project**

The next meeting of the Beginner Sewing Project is **June 20** at St. John's Lu-

theran Church from 9 to noon. We have 3 machines in the office so if you do not own one at this time, you may borrow one of ours. Dru Benavides is the Agent and Paula White is the Project Leader. Please call the office for more information. You must R.S.V.P. the prior week for the meetings!





### Plant ID



Consumer

Decision Making



**Livestock Judging** 



and

**Horse Judging** 

Will begin again in the Fall!

The Best of Luck to all of our members who are participating in the State Roundup, Indoor Rifle Match, State Games and District Horse Show.

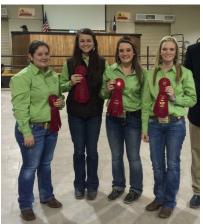
We have had a wonderful year and are sending a Livestock Judging team, a Consumer Decision Making Team and a Plant I.D. team to State. Our Senior Horse Judging Team qualified but were unable to attend. Our members have worked hard and it shows!











# **District Photography Results**

Animals Domestic

Kenley Everett – red

Weston Eisenhauer – red

Animal – Wildlife Taylor Fojtik – red

Catch-all

Bennack Conroy - white

Details & Macro

Greanlee Nichols – red Best of Class

Travis Bonner – white

Digital Darkroom Rori Roberts - white Dominant Color Greanlee Nichols – red Elements of design Greanlee Nichols – White

Food

Taylor Fojtik – blue Hannah Ward – Blue

Marine/Aquaqtic

Taylor Fojtik – blue Best of Class

Nature & Landscape
Taylor Fojtik – red
Weston Eisenhauer – red

People

Kenely Everett - red

Plant & Flora

Greanlee Nichols – white Hannah Ward – red

Story Board Rori Roberts – red



## BRONZE STAR AWARD BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH FORM

Name:		County:	
Nickname, if any:		Phone #	
Mailing Address:			
(City)	(State)		(Zip)
Parents or Guardian Names:			
Name of School you attend:			
Age, as of August 31st:		Birth date:	
Name of 4-H Club:		Number of year in 4-	-H:
My record book this year was er	itered in the	A	wards Program.
List 4-H projects you completed  What do you consider your most			
List the activities in which you he camps, leadership labs, state and	nave participated (suc	th as method demonstra	itions, judging contest,
List your most outstanding leade	ership experiences (cl	lub, county, district, off	
List one or more community ser	vice activities in which	ch you participated:	

List major 4-H honors and recognition:
List non 4-H honors:
Your hobby and how it began:
List your career plans, if known:
What have you learned from 4-H (in 25 words or less):
List the funnies/most unusual experience in connection with a project (Important! Must be filled out):
Signature

## SILVER STAR AWARD BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH FORM

Name:	County:		
Nickname, if any:			
(City)	(State) (Z	Lip)	
Parents or Guardian Names:			
Age, as of August 31st:	Birthdate:		
Name of 4-H Club:			
My record book this year was entered in t	the Awards Program	n.	
List 4-H projects you completed (indicate	e number of years in each project):		
What do you consider your most outstand	ling 4-H project? Why?	—a	
List the activities in which you have particontest, camps, leadership labs, state and	cipated (such as method demonstrations, jud national meetings):	lging	
committee work)	periences (club, county, district, offices held,		
List one or more community service activities in which you participated:		—a	

List major 4-H honors and recognition:	
List non 4-H honors:	
Your hobby and how it began:	
List your career plans, if known:	
What have you learned from 4-H (in 25 words or le	
List the funnies/most unusual experience in connec	
be filled out):	
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### **GOLD STAR AWARD BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH FORM**

Name:	Co	ounty:	
Nickname, if any:	Ph	Phone #	
Mailing Address:			
(City)	(State)	(Zip)	
Parents or Guardian Names: _			
Name of School you attend:			
Age, as of August 31:	Birthdate:		
Name of 4-H Club:	Number o	of year in 4-H:	
My record book this year was	entered in the	Awards Program.	
What do you consider your mo	ost outstanding 4-H project	t? Why?	
		method demonstrations, judging	_
	dership experiences (club, o	county, district, offices held, con	

List major 4-H honors and recognition:
List non 4-H honors:
List one or more community service activities in which you participated:
Your hobby and how it began:
List your career plans, if known:
What have you learned from 4-H (in 25 words or less):
List the funnies/most unusual experience in connection with a project (Important! Must be filled out):

Signature

# Junior County 4-H Ambassador

# **Application for Team Membership**

Name:		
Name:(Last)	(Fi	rst)
Address:		
Town/City:	, Texas Zip:	Home Phone:
Birthdate:	Age Now: _	Grade:
School:		
Give Info	ormation for the past 6 - 1	2 months only
Project work:		
4-H Activities:		
Leadership:		
Community Service:		

Why do you want to be a 4-H Ambassador?	(Confine remarks to the space provided.)
For these reasons I hereby apply for membership to t in committing time during the coming year and in ac-	cepting speaking and service assignments to fulfill
membership obligations. I further pledge my regult to conduct myself in a manner that supports a positive	e image for the team and for the 4-H program.
	(Signature)
	(Date)

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**JOURDANTON, TX 78026** 

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### **4-H NEWSLETTER**

AUGUST 1

Educational programs of the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service are open to all people without regard to race, color, religion, sex, national origin, age, disability, genetic information or veteran status.

The Texas A&M University System, U.S. Department of Agriculture, and the County Commissioners Courts of Texas Cooperating

June 1	LIVESTOCK AMBASSADOR DEADLINE; TURKEY POULTS ORDERS DUE
June 6	DISTRICT ARCHERY MATCH
June 9	Dog Project Meeting
JUNE 11	JUNIOR MASTER GARDNER MEETING
June 13	FREESTONE COUNTY WHIZ BANG
June 17	STEER VALIDATION 4PM TO 6PM
June 19	DEADLINE FOR RECORDBOOKS; AMBASSADOR APPLICATIONS, STAR AWARD APPLICATIONS DUE;
	DISTRICT HORSE SHOW
June 19 & 20	HOUSTON COUNTY INVITATIONAL
June 20	STEER VALIDATIONS 8AM TO 10AM
	SEWING PROJECT MEETING
June 23	Dog Project Meeting
JULY 2	Ambassador & Star Interviews
JULY 6	COUNTY CAMP
JULY 30	Club Officer and Manager Training

**AWARDS BANQUET**