

# Atascosa 4-H Newsletter

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## May 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 - 325-340-6365  
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> Monday 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

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

- **Ambassador Officer Meeting** – May 10, 2012, 6pm Thursday – Coastal Bend College, Pleasanton, Tx.

**Ambassador Officers are looking for new members – The main requirements are:**

- An Application with your record book due by **June 7th** to the extension office. Applications can be downloaded from our website at <http://atascosa.agrilife.org>.
- 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 10<sup>th</sup>**, 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 activities.
- New member must attend a mandatory Ambassador workshop.
- **Council Officer Meeting** – May 10, 2012, 7pm, Thursday – Coastal Bend College, Pleasanton, Tx. We will have pizza \$5 per person to eat.

- After council meeting - Election Night for new Council Officers; Selection of Father and Mother of the year and Friend of 4-H.
- Announcement of New Council Officers, Father, Mother & Friend of 4-H will be during our 4-H Banquet held in August.
- If you submitted an Application for County Council Officer then you must attend "Election Night" during the council meeting on May 10, 2012 to be chosen as an officer.
- All 4-H club council delegates please be present to vote.

## Fashion Show News

District Fashion Show & Story Board contest was held Saturday, April 14, 2012; results are posted in the back of this newsletter.

## Livestock

### Steer Validation Dates Set

- **Saturday – June 16; 8am – 12noon**
- **Wednesday – June 20; 4-7pm**

If you ordered steer ear tags then you must attend at least one of the above dates to validate your steer at the Atascosa Show Barn. All exhibitors must be present with steer(s), parent(s) or guardian.

### Turkey Orders

- Turkey orders for the 2013 Stock show season are due by **July 10th** to the extension office.
- \$3.50 for each poul. Maximum number of birds is 75 per youth and the minimum is 25 per youth.
- Turkey order form is located in the back of this newsletter.
- For Turkey rules for Atascosa County Stock Show visit <http://aclswb.org>.

## Shooting Sports

Results from District Contest are posted in the back of this newsletter.

- **May 12** District 12 Shotgun Competition – Laredo; registration deadline May 1<sup>st</sup> at 4-H Connect.
- **July 17-21** State 4H Shooting Sports Games – San Antonio.
- **Boyd Grimshaw 830-570-0110 e-mail**  
[boydgrimshaw@hotmail.com](mailto:boydgrimshaw@hotmail.com)
- **Jimmy Meyer 830-570-7071 e-mail**  
[jimmygunshop@hotmail.com](mailto:jimmygunshop@hotmail.com)
- **District 4-H Shooting Sports website:**  
<http://d124-h.tamu.edu/events/shooting-sports>

## Photography News

District Photo Contest for Junior and Intermediates was held on April 4<sup>th</sup>; results are posted in the back of this newsletter.

33 photos were entered from Senior 4-Hers for County Photo Contest; 13 photos will advance to State Contest, which will be held during State Round Up in June. Results are posted in the back of this newsletter.

## Horse Project News – Please read New Changes

**2012 Texas 4-H Horse Validation Program**.... All validations will be done through 4-H Connect and the 4-H family profile. Here are some important points that you should review. More info in upcoming newsletters.

- 4-H Connect will be the only way to validate a horse - **April 1 through May 1, 2012**...plan ahead
- Any horse validated will be “available” to any 4-H member set up within that specific family profile, state ownership rules apply
- There will be a provision to address “split” families using the same horse in different divisions (call/email me if you need this)
- No restriction on number of horses validated per family
- All information previously requested via paper forms will be required online (e.g. name, DOB, Reg#, owner)

- Front/Left Side/Right Side photos of each horse will be uploaded (JPG)
- Registered horses must upload a PDF or JPG of the registration papers
- Grade horses will no longer require a Grade Certification Form (all info is requested online plus photos)
- **Payment should be made to Atascosa 4-H and brought the extension office on or before the day you register any horse (still \$10 per horse)...All UNPAID entries will be deleted and not validated.**
- When registering for District/State horse shows, only validated horses will appear in a list from which to select
- **District Horse Show** – June 8, 2012; check daily with District 4-H website at <http://d124-h.tamu.edu/events/horse-show/> for deadline and information.
- State Horse Show information and other horse news view the Horse News letter at <http://animalscience.tamu.edu/academics/equine/cea-newsletter/index.htm>

## Summer Camps

- For Camps that will provide leadership skills, fun activities and adventures:  
<http://texas4hcenter.tamu.edu>
  - Atascosa 4-H is scheduled to go to County Camp in - Brownwood, Tx – July 11-14, \$225.00 for youth \$105.00 for Adult Chaperones. For more information visit the above link.
- For Camps pertaining to animal projects, showmanship skills, livestock judging:  
<http://animalscience.tamu.edu/newsandevents/calendar-of-events.htm>
- **District Leadership Lab** – June 19-22, more info in upcoming newsletters.
- Each camp has different fees and different deadlines to register; don’t wait til summer to view information.

- **West Texas Youth Veterinary Science Workshop** - Applications must be submitted to Sutton County by May 4. Applications and instructions are available at: <http://sutton.agrilife.org>.

## Club Officer Info

- Election of Club Officers for 2012 - 2013 should take place during your May club meeting.
- 4-Hers interested in serving as an officer for your club, need to ask club manager on requirements and rules. Officer requirements are included in your club bylaws.
- Each club should have a President, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President, 3<sup>rd</sup> Vice President, County Council Delegate(s), Secretary(s), Treasurer, Reporter, Parliamentarian, Historian(s) and Sergeant-at-Arms.
- The outgoing President shall automatically be the club parliamentarian; check with your club bylaws if this rule has been amended.
- Club officers are elected by the club members each year and should not serve as the same club officer for more than one year and should move to other leadership positions and allow all members of the club an opportunity to serve as club officers.
- Non-4-Hers or special guest are not allowed to vote for club officers.

## Record Book Info

Record Books are due Thursday, **June 7<sup>th</sup>** to the extension office.

- Recordbooks should be about your 4-H project that you have completed.
- Recordbooks must be in a Green Member's Recordbook cover; come by the extension office to purchase one for \$2.50.
- Beginning in the 2011-2012 4-H year, revisions were made and implemented to create:
  1. More age appropriate forms
  2. An OPTIONAL online system available for data entry ([www.4hreports.com](http://www.4hreports.com))

3. Identical Word and PDF forms available for download ([http://texas4-h.tamu.edu/youth\\_recordbooks](http://texas4-h.tamu.edu/youth_recordbooks))
4. An updated evaluation process that focuses on personal achievement.
5. Greater flexibility for members to move from one competitive record book category to another from year to year as he/she develops other project interests.
6. More information at:
  - <http://d124-h.tamu.edu/events/recordbooks>
  - [http://texas4-h.tamu.edu/youth\\_recordbooks](http://texas4-h.tamu.edu/youth_recordbooks)

### Juniors:

- Check Sheet
- Personal Information Page
- Junior Report Form
- Up to 3 pages of photos
- Prior year's report forms (not judged)
- Additional Photo Pages (for those entering photography category only; up to 6 pages maximum)
- No Story or photo portfolio required and should not add any additional pages.

### Intermediates:

- Check Sheet
- Personal Information Page
- Story and Photo Portfolio (10 page max.)
- Intermediate Report Form
- Prior year's report forms (prior year to be judged)
- Additional Photo Pages (for those entering photography category only; up to 6 pages maximum)

### Seniors:

- Check Sheet
- Personal Information Page
- Story and Photo Portfolio (10 page max.)
- Senior Report Forms I-VII
- Prior year's report forms (previous 3 years to be judged)\*
- Additional Photo Pages (for those entering photography category only; up to 6 pages maximum)

- **Record Book Categories are:**

Aquatic Science  
 Beef  
 Citizenship & Civic Education  
 Clothing & Textiles  
 Communication & Expressive Arts Open category  
 Conservation of Natural Resources  
 Consumer and Family Science Open  
 Consumer Education  
 Dairy  
 Energy Management  
 Entomology  
 Environmental Science Open  
 Family Life  
 Food & Nutrition  
 Forestry  
 Gardening & Horticulture  
 Goat  
 Health  
 Healthy Lifestyles Open Category  
 Horse  
 Housing & Home Environment  
 Leadership  
 Personal Development & Leadership Open  
 Photography  
 Plant & Soil Science  
 Plants & Animals Open  
 Poultry  
 Public Speaking  
 Rabbit  
 Range Management  
 Recreation  
 Safety  
 Science & Technology  
 Sheep  
 Shooting Sports  
 Sportfishing  
 Swine  
 Veterinary Science  
 Wildlife & Fisheries

## Star Award Info

If you are interested in being recognized for your 4-H leadership then apply for a Star Award.

- Applications can be picked up at the extension office or find one at: <http://atascosa.agrilife.org>.

- Deadline to turn in your Star application to the extension office is Thursday, **June 7<sup>th</sup>**.
- Star Award Interviews will be conducted Tuesday, **July 10<sup>th</sup>**, at the extension office.
- Juniors (8-10 yrs. old) must apply for the Bronze Star Application.
- Intermediates (11-13 yrs. old) must apply for Silver Star Application.
- Seniors (14-19 yrs. old) must apply for Gold Star Application.
- You can only win once in each age division.
- Selection procedure for Bronze and Silver Star will be based upon the following criteria:
  1. Applicant must be a bona fide 4-H Member.
  2. Must have completed three different projects and submit a record book.
  3. Participate in a Star Award interview.
- Selection procedure for Gold Star will be based upon the following criteria:
  1. Must be 14-19 years old at the time of application.
  2. Must have completed three different projects and submit a record book.
  3. Has participated in one or more activities in at least three of the following areas: method demonstrations, 4-H presentation contest, citizenship activities, projects, project exhibits, camps, leadership labs, public relations, other (fundraising, State and National Congress).
  4. Applicant must have exhibited leadership skills by serving as a 4-H officer (club, county, district or state), and/or a junior or teen leader in an activity or project with or under the supervision of an adult volunteer leader.

Star award winners will be announced during the 4-H Awards Banquet Night in August

## May 2012

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thur	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		

- 3 Banquet Meeting
- 5 Dist. Round Up Contest
- 10 Ambassador Meeting 6pm  
Council Meeting 7pm  
Officer Election Night
- 12 Dist. Shotgun Match
- 13 Mother's Day
- 28 Holiday – Memorial Day

## June 2012

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thur	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

- 7 Record Books Due  
Star Applications Due  
Ambassador Applications Due  
M.A.P. Due
- 8 District Horse Show
- 11-15 State Round Up Contest
- 16 Steer Validation
- 17 Father's Day
- 19-22 District Leadership Lab
- 20 Steer Validation
- 22 District Election Convention

### 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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# District Fashion Show Results

Name	Age	Category	Division	4-H Club	Placing
Hannah West	Junior	Dressy	<b>Buying</b>	Mesquite	Blue Ribbon
Clarisa Lopez	Intermediate	Formal	<b>Buying</b>	Mesquite	Blue Ribbon
Gabi Lopez	Senior	Formal	<b>Buying</b>	Mesquite	Red Ribbon
Allyson Bautista	Junior	Casual	<b>Construction</b>	Jourdanton	Blue Ribbon
Kendall Hagen	Junior	Dressy	<b>Construction</b>	Mesquite	Blue Ribbon
Elizabeth West	Junior	Specialty	<b>Construction</b>	Mesquite	Blue Ribbon
Christine Diemert	Intermediate	Formal	<b>Construction</b>	Homeschoolers	Blue Ribbon
Paige Smith	Senior	Casual	<b>Construction</b>	Mesquite	Blue Ribbon
Jaclyn Bonner	Senior	Dressy	<b>Construction</b>	Lytle	1st Place
Arden Lange	Senior	Specialty	<b>Construction</b>	Homeschoolers	1st Place
Jaclyn Bonner	Senior	Wearable	<b>Story Board</b>	Lytle	1 <sup>st</sup> Place



# Senior Photo Contest Results

Division	Name	Place
<b>Animals - Domestic</b>	Callie Smith	1st
	Sarah Lotas	2nd
	Jaclyn Bonner	Participant
<b>Animals - Wildlife</b>	Callie Smith	1st
	Jaclyn Bonner	2nd
	Dilan Weigang	Participant
	Sarah Lotas	Participant
<b>Catch All</b>	Jaclyn Bonner	1st
<b>Details and Macros</b>	Sarah Lotas	1st
	Callie Smith	2nd
	Jaclyn Bonner	Participant
<b>Digital Darkroom</b>	Sarah Lotas	1st
<b>Dominant Color</b>	Sarah Lotas	1st
<b>Elements of Design</b>	Gabriela Lopez	1st
	Callie Smith	2nd
	Sarah Lotas	Participant
	Jaclyn Bonner	1st
<b>Food</b>	Sarah Lotas	1st
<b>Marine - Aquatic</b>	Sarah Lotas	1st
<b>Nature/Landscape</b>	Sarah Lotas	1st
	Ryan Sanchez	2nd
	Dilan Weigang	Participant
	Jaclyn Bonner	Participant
	Gabriela Lopez	1st
<b>Night Photography</b>	Sarah Lotas	2nd
	Callie Smith	Participant
	Sarah Lotas	1st
<b>People</b>	Jaclyn Bonner	2nd
	Callie Smith	Participant
	Gabriela Lopez	Participant
	Sarah Lotas	1st
<b>Plant/Flora</b>	Dilan Weigang	1st
	Jaclyn Bonner	2nd
	Sarah Lotas	Participant
	Callie Smith	Participant



# District Photography Results

Junior Division	Name	Place
Animals - Domestic	Seth Robertson	Blue Ribbon
Animals - Wildlife	Seth Robertson	Blue Ribbon
Details and Macros	Isaiah Schmidt	Blue Ribbon
Elements of Design	Isaiah Schmidt	Blue Ribbon
Nature/Landscape	Elizabeth West	Blue Ribbon
Plant/Flora	Isaiah Schmidt	Blue Ribbon
Intermediate Division	Name	Place
Animals - Domestic	Cassandra Lotas	Blue Ribbon
Animals - Wildlife	Hannah Ward	Blue Ribbon
Catch All	Hannah Ward	Blue Ribbon
Details and Macros	Travis Bonner	Class Winner
Digital Darkroom	Cassandra Lotas	Class Winner
Dominant Color	Hunter Merchant	Blue Ribbon
Elements of Design	Cassandra Lotas	Blue Ribbon
Food	Hannah Ward	Blue Ribbon
Marine - Aquatic	Hunter Merchant	Blue Ribbon
Nature/Landscape	Travis Bonner	Red Ribbon
Night Photography	Hunter MERCHANT	Blue Ribbon
People	Cassandra Lotas	Blue Ribbon
Plant/Flora	Luke Robertson	Blue Ribbon
Theme	Cassandra Lotas	Blue Ribbon

## County Round Up Results

### Juniors:

Amanda Selby	Educational Presentation	Method Demon.	Mesquite	1 <sup>st</sup> Place
Emma Smith	Share The Fun	Poetry	Mesquite	1 <sup>st</sup> Place
Kendall Hagen	Share The Fun	Poetry	Mesquite	2 <sup>nd</sup> Place
Lacey Stevens	Share The Fun	Musical	Poteet	1 <sup>st</sup> Place

### Intermediates:

Garrett Selby	Educational Presentation	Method Demon.	Mesquite	1 <sup>st</sup> Place
Lindsey Tudyk	Educational Presentation	Illustrated Talk	Mesquite	1 <sup>st</sup> Place
Cassie Lotas	Educational Presentation	Illustrated Talk	Mesquite	2 <sup>nd</sup> Place
Hannah Ward	Share The Fun	Musical/Instrumental	Mesquite	1 <sup>st</sup> Place
Clarisa Lopez	Share The Fun	Musical/Instrumental	Mesquite	2 <sup>nd</sup> Place
Ryan Tudyk	Share The Fun	Musical/Instrumental	Mesquite	3 <sup>rd</sup> Place

### Seniors:

Jaclyn Bonner	Share The Fun	Musical/Instrumental	Lytle	1 <sup>st</sup> Place
Gabi Lopez	Share The Fun	Musical/Instrumental	Mesquite	2 <sup>nd</sup> Place
Paige Smith	Educational Presentation	Method Demon.	Mesquite	1 <sup>st</sup> Place
Sarah Lotas	Educational Presentation	Illustrated Talk	Mesquite	1 <sup>st</sup> Place

# District Shooting Sports Results

Congratulations are in order for the Atascosa 4H Rifle Teams who competed at the District 12 Rifle Shoot last weekend!!

The Junior Team Members – Cort Hindes, Isabella Garcia, Blake Foster and Marco Garcia - came away with FIRST PLACE honors, led by High Point Individual BLAKE FOSTER who scored an awesome score of 221 out of 300!!!! Clayton Burch placed 3<sup>rd</sup> – Junior Individual.

In the Intermediate competition, we did not field a full team, just individual competitors. Travis Bonner placed 3<sup>rd</sup> Individual.

The Senior Team Members – Justin Meyer, Alejandro Garcia and Maverick Sanders - came away with a SECOND PLACE win, which will qualify them to compete in the State 4H Roundup at Lubbock this June!! (Only the Senior Teams advance to the State 4H Roundup).

These Rifle Team members were coached by longtime Atascosa 4H Shooting Sports Rifle Coach Jimmy Meyer.

Boyd Grimshaw – Shooting Sports Instructor



Missing from photos are Clayton Burch, Justin Meyer and Cort Hindes.

