Lamb County 4-H Newsletter
April 2016

Shooting Sports

Rifle & Pistol

.22 Rifle and Pistol projects will meet on April 2, 2016. The project leaders have not finalized the monthly schedule after Rifle Contest on April 9th as of this time. Be watching for more info in the weekly updates!

The District 2 Rifle Contest will be Saturday, April 9, 2016 at the Law Enforcement Building, South Plains College, Levelland, TX.
Registration on 4-H Connect will close on Monday, April 4, 2016.

The District 2 Pistol Contest will be Monday, May 23, 2016 at the Law Enforcement Building, South Plains College, Levelland, TX.
Registration on 4-H Connect will close on Monday, May 16, 2016.

For more information, please contact Jeremy Newton- Pistol@893-6403, or Rod Sanders- Rifle @344-7534

Archery

The Archery Project is underway! Project meetings will be held at the Surrett’s barn or at a 3D location to be announced, weather permitting. Times will be as follows:

3:00-- Beginning and Junior Archers

4:00-- Intermediate and Senior Archers

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Dates for practices are as follows:

Apr. 3 – Barn
Apr. 10 – Barn
Apr. 16 – 3D
Apr. 24 – Barn
May 1 – Barn
May 8 – Barn
**May 14 – Dist. 2 Shoot Lockney, Floyd Co. Friends Unity Ctr.**

Registration for 4-H Connect closes on May 5, 2016.
**LEADERS:** Wayne & Robyn Carson (292-7101) or (work: 685-1822) and Alyssa Jordan.

**Shotgun**

**SHOTGUN** – April- June
**LEADER:** Nelda Blackwell (638-1851)
Practices held at range behind Nelda’s Home at 3:00 p.m. Please note that these practices will be held on **Saturdays** through March and the beginning of April.
Practice times and dates are as follows:
- Sunday, April 10, 2016
- Sunday, April 17, 2016
- Sunday, April 24, 2016

The Dist. 2 4-H Trap and Skeet Contest will be held on June 24-25, 2016 – Trap will be held at Palmer Gun Club in Garza Co. and Skeet will be held at Gaines County Shooting Range. More info regarding the contest will be shared as it comes available.

**Spring Contests**

**4-H Livestock Judging Project**
Livestock judging provides 4-H members with the opportunity to compete and build their knowledge of evaluating market and breeding animals, including beef, swine, sheep, and goats. The focus is on selection principles, giving oral reasons, live market evaluation, and breeding animal performance data.

The Livestock Judging Project Meetings are in full swing. Call Graham to let him know if you are interested in participating or have any questions.

Project meetings will be held at **5:00 p.m. for April and dates will be announced at a later date. Be watching for more information as it becomes available!**

The District 2 4-H Livestock Judging Contest will be Saturday, April 23, 2016, at the Texas Tech University Livestock Arena. **Registration on 4-H Connect will close April 18, 2016.**

**Soils Judging:**
The District 2 4-H Soils Judging Contest is scheduled for **April 16, 2016.** The meeting site will be at the Hale County Extension Office in Plainview, Texas. Check-in begins at 8:30 a.m. and the contest begins at 9:00 a.m. Participants will be given contest instructions and the site location at this time.

**Registration on 4-H Connect will close on April 4, 2016.**
Please contact Graham for more information!

**Horse Judging:**
The District 2 4-H Horse Judging Contest will be **Friday, April 15, 2016** at the West Texas A&M University Horse Center in Canyon, Texas.
Deadline to register on 4-H Connect will be **Monday, April 4, 2016.**
Please contact Graham if you are interested in participating.
**Dog Project**
The Dog Project is moving well in Lamb County. The project meetings are being held at the Lamb County Ag Center. The meetings for April are as follows:

- **Thursday, April 7, 2016**
- **Thursday, April 21, 2016**

For more information, please contact Michelle Fulenwider, project leader at (806) 257-3746.

**4-H Recordbook Updates**
There are changes for 2016 Recordbooks! Categories have changed. The Category Descriptions as well as the forms and guidelines are attached to this e-mail. Juniors and Intermediates will complete the Senior forms as they have in the past.

**District 2, 4-H Round-Up**
District 2, 4-H Round-Up will be held on Monday, May 16, 2016 at South Plains College in Levelland, Texas. Contest will include Educational Presentations, Public Speaking, and Share-the-Fun. It’s not too early to start thinking about how you want to get involved. Many of these contests provide youth a great opportunity to develop important life skills! Also these contests can tie in to your main project and recordbook as well.

The deadline for registration on 4-H Connect will be Tuesday, May 3, 2016.

**Entomology ID:**
The D-2 4-H Entomology Identification contest will be held in conjunction with D-2 4-H Roundup on Monday, May 16, 2016, at South Plains College, in Levelland, TX. Entomology ID will be held prior to the District 2 4-H Roundup at 10:00 a.m.

Resources for the Entomology contest can be found at the Texas A&M University Department of Entomology website [http://insects.tamu.edu/youth/4h/index.html](http://insects.tamu.edu/youth/4h/index.html). There are excellent study materials located on this site.

Registration for the Entomology ID contest will close on 4-H Connect Tuesday, May 3, 2016.

**Grass Identification:**
Grass Identification involves classifying 40 to 50 live or mounted grass specimens according to their life span, season of growth, origin, and grazing value for livestock and wildlife.

The deadline for registration on 4-H Connect will end Tuesday, May 3, 2016. Grass Identification Contest will be held on Monday, May 16, 2016 prior to the District 2 4-H Roundup at South Plains College in Levelland TX.

Contact the Lamb County Extension Office at 806-385-4222 Ext. 235 for more information.

**2016 Texas 4-H Congress to be held in Austin July 17 – 20, 2016.**
Texas 4-H Congress is a four-day mock legislative experience for 4-H members (who will be in 9th through 12th grade for the 2016-17 school year, and also eligible to attend are 4-H youth who graduated high school in the spring of 2016). During this time, 4-H members assume the roles of senators, representatives, lobbyists, press corps, and special interest groups to gain a first-hand understanding of how the legislative process works.

Bills that are written and sponsored by 4-H members focus on issues concerning Texas and Texas youth. These bills are assigned to the appropriate committee,
debated in committee meetings, and then on the floor of the House or Senate. If a bill is successful in negotiation and the legislative debate in all three stages, it is delivered to the Governor of Texas 4-H Congress for his or her signature or veto. Copies of all the bills that are signed into law during Texas 4-H Congress are provided to the Office of the Governor for review.

Texas 4-H Congress is a premiere Leadership program that is co-planned and co-implemented by the Texas 4-H and Youth Development Office and the Texas 4-H Council. The Texas 4-H Council, which consists of elected delegates from each district within the state assume many of the leadership responsibilities.

**Travel Start Date:** Sunday, July 17, 2016. A more detailed agenda will be sent to all District 2 participants after delegates are selected. Note- Districts 1, 2 and 3 will travel in Chartered bus to Austin. D-2 pick-up point will be at the District 2 Research and Extension Office located at 1102 E. FM 1294 Lubbock, TX 79403. Delegates will tour the Capital as soon as they arrive in Austin. Delegates will arrive at the Sheraton Hotel by 5:00 p.m. to ensure all luggage is in lodging rooms prior to the dinner starting at 6:00 p.m. followed immediately by the Opening Session.

**Travel End Date:** Wednesday, July 20, 2016. All delegates must be departed from The event by 10:00 a.m. D-2 drop off will be in Lubbock at the same pick up location in the Lubbock at the same pick up location in the afternoon. Again, a more detailed travel agenda will be sent once we have completed registration.

**Registration costs will be as follows:**
House/Senate/Press Corps/Lobbyist – $375.00 Registration costs include: transportation to and from Austin, hotel, meals & snacks, and registration fee. Other costs that delegates may experience include transportation to and from Austin, meals en route to and from Austin, three (3) breakfast meals while in Austin, and incidental spending money. District chaperones will travel with District 2 delegates to and from Austin via a chartered bus.

Submission of Legislative Bills: A requirement for EACH 4-H member to participate in Texas 4-H Congress is that they submit a COMPLETE bill for consideration. This includes Texas 4-H Council and Tech Team members. Any 4-H member can submit a bill regardless if they are attending Texas 4-H Congress or not in order for them to be engaged in the legislative process and the 4-H citizenship project. This will give all 4-H members the opportunity to participate in an exercise in civic engagement. To accomplish the writing and submission of legislative bills it is recommended that the County Extension Agent, or a volunteer, assist the youth in learning about what a quality bill is, how to write one, and then submitting the bill on-line. Refer to the Texas 4-H publication entitled “Understanding the Texas Legislative Process, A Guide for Participating in Texas 4-H Congress.” This publication is located on the Texas 4-H website.

Registration for House and Senate opens on May 1, 2016. (It is encouraged first time participants to apply for these positions.)

In short, Texas 4-H Congress is one of the best things we offer!!!!!

Please contact Mandi for more information.
**2016 National 4-H Congress**

The 2016 National 4-H Congress will be **Thursday, November 24 through Tuesday, November 29, 2016**. The National 4-H Congress is the flagship event of the National 4-H program. Each year a National Design Team of Extension educators, 4-H youth, and 4-H adult volunteers analyze current youth issues and determine the most effective ways to address them. The program combines a variety of fun and exciting educational, recreational and networking opportunities. The program combines sessions, seminars, discussion groups, and a service learning experience. The nation’s most outstanding community leaders, speakers, and educators present the most current and timely information available.

Applications must be submitted online and certified through 4-H Connect by April 15, 2016. There is not a fee for this application to be completed online. Interview selection of delegates will be made on the basis of the online application. Please call Mandi for more information!

**2015 Horse Validation**

The 2016 Horse Validation period is **March 1, 2016 to Apr. 15th 2016**. The cost is $10 per horse. **Late Horse validation dates are April 16th 2016 to May 1, 2016** the cost is $20.00 per horse. Validation and payment is **Required on ALL horses** regardless if they were entered this year or last year!

More information on is attached to this newsletter- Family Guidelines and a sheet showing changes for this year. Contact Graham if you have any questions or are interested in Validation.

**TCFA Junior Fed Beef Challenge**

Texas Cattle Feeders Association has scheduled the 2016 Junior Fed Beef Challenge for the **Friday July 29, 2016**. **Validation Dates for this event are March 1, 2016 to March 28, 2016.** Entry Deadline for this event is Apr. 18, 2016. The contest will be held on the campus of West Texas A&M University in Canyon. This is an educational event for the future leaders of the cattle feeding industry. Scholarships, prizes, and premiums will be awarded. For more information on the 201 TCFA Junior Fed Beef Challenge, please give Graham a call.

**Wool Judging**

For those interested in wool judging, please give Graham a call as soon as possible. He is making plans for project meetings in April. Be watching for more information about project dates and times in the weekly updates!

The **Wool Judging Contest is April 26, 2016** at the D-2 Extension Office. The **deadline to enter the contest on 4-H Connect is April 21, 2016**.

**Texas 4-H Livestock/Equine Ambassador Program**

The Texas 4-H Livestock/Equine Ambassador program strives to provide high school aged 4-H members the opportunity to develop and practice advanced leadership skills related to mentoring other youth, and to become advocates for animal agriculture.

Objectives:

- Prepare youth to serve in leadership capacities in youth livestock/equine programs across Texas.
- Prepare youth for the experience of the University setting, through intensive science based instruction and experiences.
• Prepare and provide opportunities for youth to serve in advocacy roles for animal agriculture, 4-H, and youth livestock/equine programs.
• Develop a heightened awareness of career opportunities in animal agriculture and advocacy.

Program locations, dates and applications:
- Application is located at https://agrilife.az1.qualtrics.com/SE/?SID=SV_0PYpO9DJXaYnpFb
  Due June 1st, 2016, applicants will be notified by June 17, 2016.
- Texas 4-H Livestock Ambassador Short Course at Texas A&M University: July 5-8, 2016
- Texas 4-H Livestock Ambassador Short Course at Texas Tech University - West Texas A&M University: July 18-21, 2016
- Texas 4-H Equine Ambassador Training in Gainesville, Texas: June 26-June 30, 2016
- Deadline for Turning in Application is May 1, 2016.
- Application is located at: http://texasyouthlivestock.com/equine-ambassadors/

For more information contact Graham Henley at the Extension Office.

D-2 4-H Junior Leader Lab Counselor Application.
The application for D-2 is attached to this newsletter. It is due to Andy Hart by 5:00 p.m., April 15, 2016. Applicants must have finished 9 – 12 grades at time of camp. Counselors must serve May 29 – June 2, 2016. See attached application.

Healthy Lifestyles:
The 4-H Healthy Lifestyles Contest will provide Senior 4-H members the opportunity to participate in a competitive event and utilize the knowledge and skills gained through participation in 4-H healthy lifestyles programs.

Judging: Each participant works individually to place/rank eight classes, each of which consists of a scenario and four options related to a healthy lifestyles topic. For each class, the individual participant will rank the four options based on the given situation. Some classes may also include a multiple choice and/or true/false quiz. Seven minutes are allowed for each class, with one minute in between classes to allow for rotation to the next class.

Group Presentation: Each senior team will be presented with a scenario and have 10 minutes to evaluate it, decide on a solution and prepare a presentation. Each team will have 3 minutes to give their presentation to a judging panel. The topic will tie back to one of the eight classes. Visual aids MAY NOT be used.

Classes for the 2016 contest include: Fad Diets, Nutrient Functions, First aid, Hydration/sports drinks, Healthy snacks, Emergency preparedness, Sun safety, and Physical activity.

You can find more information about the Healthy Lifestyles contest at: http://texas4-h.tamu.edu/projects/health_lifestyles/

Practices for Healthy Lifestyles will be as follows:
- Monday, April 18 @4:00 at Lamb Ext. Office
- Tuesday April 26 @4:00 at Lamb Ext. Office
- Monday, May 2 @ 4:00 at Lamb Ext. Office

Please contact Mandi for more information.

Let’s Go...Let’s Grow!
4-H Enrollment
It’s time to enroll in the 2015-2016 4-H year. The Texas 4-H and Youth Development Program will charge an annual participation fee 2015, the enrollment fee is $25. The participant fee will ensure that the Texas A&M 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 in 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 are three times more likely to actively contribute to their communities when compared with youth that do not participate in 4-H.
Clover kids (children in grades Kindergarten through 2nd grade) may also enroll. There is no enrollment fee for them.

Texas is proud to boast the largest 4-H membership enrollment, total 4-H participation, and the largest volunteer base in the United States. The enrollment fee is an investment in the youth of Texas.

All Adult Leaders will need to enroll at this time also. There is a $5.00 fee for the volunteer screening process which is a part of the Youth Protection Standards.

Come be a part of MAKING THE BEST BETTER!

Go to https://texas.4honline.com to begin the enrollment process.

If you have any questions, please call Lamb County Extension Office at 485-9135

Lamb County Extension and 4-H on Facebook!

Check out Lamb County Extension and 4-H on Facebook! Event and activity updates will be posted regularly. Also check out the Lamb County Extension website. Newsletters have been posted and events listed.

If you would like one of your club events posted, please call Lamb County Extension at 485-9135 and it will get posted.

The website is located at http://lamb.agrilife.org

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Calendar of Events

Apr. 16
Apr. 2 – 3—North Region Shooting Sports Coach Training
Apr. 2—Rifle-Pistol Project Meeting
Apr. 3--Archery Project Meeting
Apr. 4—Olton 4-H Club Meeting
Apr. 5—D-2 4-H Fashion Show Contest
Apr. 5—D-2 4-H Fashion Storyboard Contest
Apr. 5—D-2 4-H Duds to Dazzle Contest
Apr. 7—Dog Project Meeting
April 9—D-2 Rifle Contest
Apr. 10—Shotgun Project Meeting
Apr. 10--Archery Project Meeting
Apr. 11—Littlefield 4-H Club Meeting
Apr. 16--Archery Project Meeting
Apr. 17—Shotgun Project Meeting
Apr. 18—Healthy Lifestyles Project Meeting
Apr. 15 –D-2 4-H Horse Judging Contest
Apr. 16—D-2 4-H Soils Judging Contest
Apr. 19—D-2 Photography Contest
Apr. 21—Dog Project Meeting
Apr. 23—D-2 4-H Livestock Judging Contest
Apr. 24--Archery Project Meeting
Apr. 24—Shotgun Project Meeting
Apr. 26—Wool Judging Contest
Apr. 26—Healthy Lifestyles Project Meeting

May 16
May 1--Archery Project Meeting
May. 2—Olton 4-H Club Meeting
May 2-- Healthy Lifestyles Project Meeting
May 2—Littlefield 4-H Club Meeting
May 8--Archery Project Meeting
May 14—D-2 Archery Contest
May 16—D-2 4-H Roundup
May 16—D-2 4-H Entomology ID Contest
May 16—D-2 4-H Grass ID Contest
May 23—D-2 Pistol Contest

Looking Ahead
June 26- June 30—Equine Ambassador Training Gainsville
July 17-20—Texas 4-H Congress
Jun. 24-25—D-2 Trap and Skeet Contest
July 5-8—Livestock Ambassador Short Course TAMU
July 18-21—Livestock Ambassador Short Course TTU
July 29-- TCFA Junior Fed Beef Challenge
Nov. 24-29—National 4-H Congress