



4-H News- October 2015

October 2015

Upcoming Events

- Senior 4-H Meeting
- Lamb & Goat Validation
- Stock Show Sign-Up Night
- Quality Counts Training
- District Round-up

4-H Pledge

I pledge:

My Head to clearer thinking

My Heart to greater loyalty

My Hands to larger service

&

My Health to better living

For my club,
my community,
my county and
my world

Making the best better

One Day 4-H

On Saturday, October 10th, 2015 nineteen members and two adult volunteers of the Collingsworth County 4-H Club met to participate in a community service project to cap off National 4-H Week. Each year on the Saturday concluding National 4-H Week it is Texas 4-H's mission to perform "One Day 4-H"- one day that every county across the entire state performs a community service project. This year Collingsworth County 4-H cleaned and sorted items for the Wellington Endless Bargains (WEB). The WEB, once opened, will be a non-profit thrift store devoted to helping those in the community. The WEB will take in donated items to sell in order to support a food pantry and assist those in the community needing essentials. The store will hold a massive garage sale on Halloween to jump start it's opening. 4-H members swept floors, cleaned windows, sorted through already donated items and organized display areas. Members that participated include: Maycin & Ryeleigh Stanley, Royce & Gina Harris, Luis & Mayra Moreno, Dani & Nate Ponder, Megan Cardenas, Audrey Jones, Cecilia & Anna Granadoz, Summer Owens, Brecklyn Powell, Kenady Skelton, Celeste & Christell Melendez, Hayes & Brooke Carter, and Ryder & Court Donham. The day was a huge success, the store is organized and clean and the members are excited about the potential it has to impact and help those in the community! Thank you to everyone that came and participated!!



Stock Show Project Tips

Livestock projects are in full swing right now- and it's time to start thinking ahead to the cold weather that will soon be here. Just like weather affects humans it can easily affect your project.

- ◆ Make sure to have a good shelter in place- meaning something that will block the wind and rain/ snow.
- ◆ A little hutch that the animal can get into is a great shelter because it gives them protection on all sides, but still allows them to get out into the pen and sun on nice afternoons.
- ◆ Make sure there is a good amount of hay/ straw/ shavings to bed them down in. Even if there is a hutch or inside portion of the barn for them to get into the ground may still be too cold for them to lay down comfortably on.
- ◆ Heat lamps can offer a great source of warmth for your animals, just be careful that they are not placed too close to anything flammable- including bedding- or are low enough that the animal can jump up and knock them down.
- ◆ Lambs and goats need "socks" and "blankets" to help protect them from the cold. Typically I use blankets until it starts getting down into the twenties at night- then I start using both socks and blankets.
- ◆ It is extremely important to make sure there is enough fresh, clean water for your animal during cold water.
- ◆ Make sure to break ice so they have access to the non-frozen water underneath the ice layer. I have found that it is easier to break ice in a full bucket than a bucket only half-way full.
- ◆ Always unhook and drain the hose at the fairgrounds once you are done using it. This helps ensure that the hose will not be frozen next time you need to use it.
- ◆ During colder periods of time you may need to consider bumping up the amount of fat in your animal's diet. More fat in the diet will help vital processes during the extreme cold - much like humans.
- ◆ It is still important to walk and exercise your animals during these cold periods. Exercise helps to get/ keep the blood flowing and moving.
- ◆ Remember to protect yourself too during these cold months! Wear gloves and ear protection to keep from getting frostbitten when you are working your animals!

Upcoming 4-H Meeting Schedule

- * Meetings are subject to change due to weather or program changes, check our Facebook page at "Texas A&M AgriLife Extension, Collingsworth County" or sign up for Remind 101 to get updates

November

- Junior High 4-H: Monday, November 9th 6-7 @ SCS Building
- Clover Kids: Tuesday, November 10th 3:30-4:30 @ Elementary Cafeteria
- Sparkler 4-H: Tuesday, November 10th 3:45-4:45 @ Collingsworth Public Library

December

- All clubs will meet on Wednesday, December 16th for Christmas Caroling

January

- Junior High 4-H: Monday, January 11th 6-7 @ SCS Building
- Clover Kids: Tuesday, January 12th 3:30-4:30 @ Elementary Cafeteria
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Don't forget to enroll in 4-H on 4-H Connect or at the Extension Office before October 31st!!!

Thank a Farm Bureau Board Member for generously paying enrollment fees until October 31st!!



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4-H Scavenger Hunt

First one to find all items and bring pictures (camera phone pictures will work great!) of each item to the extension office will win a prize!

- ◆ A 4-leaf clover (a picture or sign of a clover is acceptable)
- ◆ A halter used for livestock projects (any species)
- ◆ A picture of a famous former 4-Her
- ◆ A cotton stripper or module builder
- ◆ A lamb
- ◆ A boll of cotton
- ◆ A feed bag tag
- ◆ A picture of My Plate (the guidelines for a healthy diet)
- ◆ A pig
- ◆ A picture of a Jack-O-Lantern

Congratulations to our competitors at the Tri-State Fair and State Fair of Texas!!

Bryanna Medel: 1st place Tri-State Fair swine class & 5th place State Fair swine class

Korbyn Tarver: 7th place Tri-State Fair steer class

Carson Tarver: 4th place Tri-State Fair steer class

Madison Waters: 3rd place Tri-State Fair steer class

Briley Waters: 3rd place Tri-State Fair steer class

Presley Ridley: Tri-State Fair Calf Scramble competitor

Megan Cardenas, Elisa Gonzales, Myka Kelch, Isabela Pereira: Tri-State Fair Food Fight 2nd place Sr. Cupcake Wars

Dani Ponder, Celeste & Christell Melendez, Cecilia

Granadoz: Tri-State Fair Food Fight 2nd place Jr. Cupcake Wars

Before



After

