

JASPER COUNTY 4-H NEWS FALL 2011



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2011 4-H Awards Banquet

Awards will be presented to all 4-H members who have participated in a 4-H contest/livestock show for the 2010-2011 4-H year.

Saturday, Sept. 10, 2011 at 6:30 p.m.
**Central Baptist Church in
Buna**

33814 Hwy 96 South

Please RSVP
how many will attend,
call 409-384-3721 by Sept. 6



Cindy VanDevender
Family & Consumer Sciences

Chadd Caperton
Agriculture & Natural Resources

2011 National 4-H Week
October 2-8
See calendar inside for
other important new dates !

Two great overnight workshops,
one for food and one for fashion
See flyers inside!

Registration & dues for 4-H 2011-12

Starting Sept. 1 you can register for **\$20**
for the new 4-H year; but if you procrastinate,
the **price goes up to \$25 on Nov. 1.**

Register online at:

<https://texas.4honline.com>

**Please take a minute now to check
your information online.**

We are going to start sending your newsletter by email, so be sure your **correct email address** is on file.

Also check your **correct mailing address.** We are getting a lot of returned mail because the post office no longer accept the old rural route numbers on snail mail.

SHOOTING SPORTS UPDATE

JYSSA is making good progress towards the youth shooting sports facility. The association has purchased insurance and has filed their application for 501(C)3 status.

The first 2 fund raisers went really well with the bake sale earning \$1100 and the gun raffle earning \$2500.

They are set to host the first 4-man team clay shooting tournament on Sept. 24 at the current shooting site located on Huff Creek Rd. They have 14 teams signed up and have lots of fun activities not only for the participants but also those that are there to support and watch the tournament.

The JYSSA was formed for the sole purpose of purchasing land and building a facility for the youth of our county to enjoy. If you are interested in a shooting sports project or would just like to learn about what it is about please call our office at 384-3721 and we will be glad to help.

Breakfast at Elijah's fundraiser for JYSSA Monday, Sept. 12, 7—9 a.m.!



Fall Paper Clover Campaign Sept. 21—Oct. 2

This is a great way to build momentum for National 4-H week, a chance to win a \$250 gift certificate to the 4-H Mall, and a way to boost funds raised for your state.

Go to www.4-h.org/paper-clover-toolkit/ and use the following username: **paperclover@4-H.org** and password **paperclover** to access new materials.

4-H Roundup 2012

June 11-15, 2012

Texas Tech University, Lubbock

Logo & Theme contest now open

Entry guidelines at:

<http://fcs.tamu.edu/youth/roundup/index.php>

East Texas Show Star series

Oct. 22-23

**Nacogdoches
Expo Center**



Training the next generation of young livestock exhibitors
For about the cost of a couple of afternoon movie tickets and snacks, parents can give their child a two-day learning experience they'll benefit from for the rest of their lives.

The weekend event is to educate youth new to showing livestock, especially those just starting out showing steers, heifers, lambs and goats.

East Texas AgriLife agents started the first show star series three years ago, to help families avoid expensive mistakes in the show ring.

Agribusiness sponsors help keep the training as cheap as possible. Registration for each youth is \$50 and an accompanying sibling is \$40; parent guardian or teach, \$30. This fee covers everything including lunch and supper on Saturday and breakfast on Sunday, plus the use of stall and lighted outdoor corrals.

Topics include showmanship, daily animal maintenance, Quality Counts and more, and breakout sessions for different species and animal classes.

For more info: [starhttp://etsss.blogspot.com/](http://etsss.blogspot.com/)

***To register: <https://agriliferegister.tamu.edu/>
then enter "star" in the keyword search box.***

New 4-H Recordkeeping System

Recordkeeping is a valuable skill. Members are encouraged to keep project records and have them reviewed annually by submitting a Texas 4-H Recordbook.

To update the current recordbook system, a committee polled 4-H members, parents and Extension faculty, and their recommendations are that the recordbooks system be available online. This allows for easy updating, editing and printing.

Other changes you need to be aware of:

- There will be 3 levels of recordbooks based on 4-H age (junior, intermediate and senior)
- Information requested for each level will progressively add on; senior book will be similar with minor edits
- Forms will be standardized for ease of judging
- All 4-H members begin using new online forms this year
- Recordbooks will still be printed and hardcopy turned in



Farmers market

Open Saturday mornings, 8—11 a.m.

In the Tractor Supply parking lot
at Hwy 190 & 96 in Jasper

Fresh local fruits, vegetables, herbs, plants, crafts....

Farmers Market was closed due to drought in August, but they are open again. Nov. 19 will be the big end-of-season Holiday Market. If your 4-H club or church group would like to make crafts or hold a bake sale fundraiser, this is the market you'll want to take a booth.

7 days of celebration National 4-H Week Oct. 2-8

Sunday, Oct. 2—reflect on life and how to serve and help others

Monday, Oct. 3—I pledge my HEAD to clearer thinking; demonstrate how 4-H develops skills like decision making, problem solving, goal setting and planning.

Tuesday, Oct. 4—I pledge my HEART to greater loyalty; cooperation, social skills, conflict resolution.

Wednesday, Oct. 5—National 4-H Youth Science Day; this year's experiment is *Wired for Wind*

Thursday, Oct. 6—I pledge my HANDS to larger service; get involved in community service, volunteer, contribute to group efforts

Friday, Oct. 7—I pledge my HEALTH to better living; self-esteem and responsibility, character, healthy choices and safety.

SATURDAY Oct. 8 one day 4-H

Toby Lepley, 4-H & Youth Development Specialist

What is one day in the life of a person?

For some it can be a difference of having something to eat, having blood for a transfusion, or just having someone to talk to. One day does make a difference to thousands in our state. Saturday, October 8, 2011 Texas 4-H & Youth Development will host its 3rd annual day of community service, one day 4-H 2011.

<http://texas4-h.tamu.edu/oneday/>

This is the final celebration of a great 4-H week, a day of community service across the state.

Jasper County 4-H Council Calendar

September

- 1 Register for the new 2011-12 fiscal year
- 10 4-H Awards Banquet in Buna
- 12 Breakfast at Elijah's, fundraiser for JYSSA
- 16 YMBL steer validation/entry due**
- 17 DEER FEST at Tractor Supply in Jasper
- 23-24 Overnight sewing workshop
- 24 Steer tag in entry for Jasper County show
- 26 4-H Council meeting*

October

- 1 Fall Fest and Library Book Sale in Jasper
- 3 Major show swine tag order deadline
- 8 one-day 4-H
- 10 Holiday
- 11 4-H Gold Star Banquet
- 13 YMBL lamb/goat/swine tag orders due**
- 19 YMBL poultry order/entry due**
- 22-23 Show Star Series in Nacogdoches
- 24 4-H Council meeting*
- 28-29 Overnight nutrition workshop

November

- 3 Jasper Chamber of Commerce Business Expo
- 11 Holiday
- 19 Farmers Market—Holiday Craft Market
- 24/25 Thanksgiving Holiday
- Date TBA—Major swine validation/entry

December

- 23-26 Holidays

January

- 26 YMBL Rabbit Entry due**

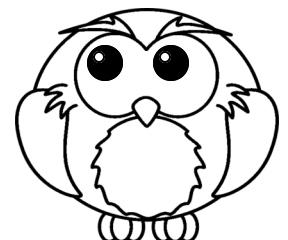
March

- 17 Azalea Fest
- 23-24 JC Jr Livestock Show & Sale

*4-H Council meetings are for everyone, not just club managers. Come to Jasper Newton Co-op in Kirbyville at 6:30 p.m. and help plan our projects.

**** Note on YMBL dates: this year several YMBL show dates conflict with our county show.**

Please double check to make sure you can participate before entering or tagging an animal.



2012 Texas 4-H Beekeeping Essay Contest

National awards:
1st place, **\$750**
2nd place, **\$500**
3rd place, **\$250**
Texas cash prizes:
1st place **\$300**
2nd place **\$200**
3rd place **\$100**



Essay topic: ***The Results of Honey Bee
Pollination in My Community***

4-H'ers are encouraged to investigate the plants in their communities that benefit from honey bee pollination and determine the results of that pollination. Scope of the research accounts for 40% of your score; number of sources consulted, authority of the sources, and variety of the sources are all evaluated.

Only essays submitted electronically will be accepted. **DEADLINE: JANUARY 13, 2012**

Texas 4-H Theme Song Competition

Entries accepted from any active Texas 4-H member for a theme song that highlights what Texas 4-H is all about

Score can be performed by individual or band and can follow any genre.

Deadline Sept. 15, 2011; \$200 prize

Send entries via email to Toby Lepley, t-lepley@tamu.edu or mail on a CD/flash drive Texas 4-H c/o Toby Lepley, 4180 State Hwy 6 South, College Station, TX 77845

4-H moms, dads,
grandparents
& family members:

Diabetes is a growing problem in communities all across America. The information about how to treat diabetes is constantly changing as we study this disease.

Learning to make better lifestyle choices may prevent or delay the onset of diabetes. Managing the disease can improve lives and reduce complications.

FCS agent Cindy VanDevender offers a 5-part educational series, ***Do Well, Be Well with Diabetes***. Classes will be offered Tuesdays at Ebenezer Baptist Church in north Jasper County.

Oct. 4—What is Diabetes? Nutrition, the first step to diabetes management

Oct. 11—One diabetes diet—no longer sole option, managing your blood glucose

Oct. 18—Nutritional labels, diabetes and exercise

Oct. 25—For good measure, home and eating out, diabetes medicine

Nov. 1—Preventing and managing complications

All classes 9 a.m. to noon

\$15 per person for the series (\$3 per class)

Ebenezer Baptist Church

1277 County Road 044—Jasper, TX 75951

Seating limited to 20 — RSVP call 409-384-3721



2012 RABIES AWARENESS & PREVENTION POSTER CONTEST

If you have artistic talent and like to win prizes, see if your teacher will tell the whole class about this contest.

Teachers can save lives through education. In Texas, school grounds are the number one location for exposure to rabid bats and many teachers have first hand knowledge of this fact. Make a difference by becoming more knowledgeable yourself and making your "kids" smart about this fatal disease and preventive actions they can take at school and home.

Using this poster contest can generate enthusiasm (and some very neat prizes for the winners) while educating them about how to protect themselves, and their pets, from rabies! Information on rabies can be found at: <http://www.dshs.state.tx.us/idcu/disease/rabies/>. Contest details (including some of the past winning posters) can be found at <http://www.dshs.state.tx.us/idcu/disease/rabies/information/contest/>. **Poster submission deadline is April 6, 2012.**

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