



## JASPER COUNTY 4-H NEWS

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### Butterfly Capital of Texas



Let's Go  
Let's Grow  
*Let's Make Texas 4-H Stronger... Together*

#### *New year, new opportunities*

September is the start of a new 4-H year for Jasper County 4-H members. I hope you are as enthusiastic about the 2014 – 2015 year as I am.

What is opportunity? The American Heritage Dictionary says this "A favorable or advantageous circumstance or combination of circumstances."

4-H is an opportunity. Through contests, development workshops, and your local 4-H Club, there are many opportunities to learn and grow. The opportunity is here for you in 4-H and it is up to you to take advantage of the opportunities.

Visit with an agent today and plan your projects for this 4-H year.

**NEW!**

see p. 2 for 2 new

### FRIDAY FOOD WORKSHOPS

Save the dates,  
details to be announced



### 4-H Skate Night

Thursday, Aug. 21, 6 to 8 pm  
(please register by Aug. 18)

at the **Skating Palace**

2901 N. Wheeler (Hwy 96N)  
Jasper, TX 75951

This event is **free** to all Jasper County 4-H'ers with one catch...

You need to **bring 1 non 4-H member** with you in order to get in.

This will hopefully bring new members to 4-H!

*Community Service Project: please bring canned foods to be donated to a local food*





## Jasper County 4-H Food Workshop "Bringing Texas to the Table"

Date: **Sept. 19, 2014**

Time: 6 to 9 p.m.

Location:  
To Be Announced  
Jasper, Texas

Age: 5 to 18 years old

Register by:  
Friday, Sept. 5, 2014  
at 409-384-3721

Activities:  
Overview of the Food Project  
Texas food products  
Basic kitchen equipment &  
skills  
Food Safety

Date: **Oct. 10, 2014**

Time: 6. to 9 p.m.

Location:  
To Be Announced  
Kirbyville, Texas

Age: 5 to 18 years old

Register by:  
Friday, Sept. 26, 2014  
at 409-384-3721

Activities:  
Learning to read a recipe  
Cost analysis  
Interview skills  
Table etiquette

## HAY SHOW

Tuesday, Sept. 23, 5:30 pm  
Peachtree Fellowship Hall  
360 FM 254 N.  
Jasper, TX 75951

Program: Darren Rozell, Rozell  
Spray Mgt. owner, GPS sys-  
tems for tractors

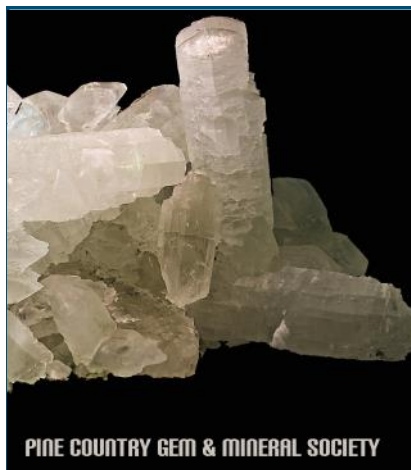
Dr. Vanessa Corriher Olson,  
Texas A&M AgriLife Extension  
forage Specialist, fertilization  
and herbicides

Cost is \$20 for the program.  
Please RSVP by Sept. 19, 409-  
384-3721

Hay producers: call Ag Agent  
Brock Fry to arrange for him to  
take a hay sample for the show,  
\$5 per sample!

2 CEUs for private applicators.

Awards Grand Champion, Re-  
serve Grand Champion and  
Third place, and People's  
Choice Award



20th annual  
**Gem & Mineral Show**  
Aug. 23-24 at the  
**Event Center**  
6258 Hwy 190 W.  
Jasper, TX 75951

Students admitted FREE  
lots of activities & prizes  
for kids and families

PINE COUNTRY GEM & MINERAL SOCIETY

Demonstrations, exhibits, silent auction, see a mining  
sluice in operation, kid's spinning wheel. Rocks, fossils,  
minerals, gemstones and jewelry.

This is a fundraiser for the local rock club that meets in  
Jasper on third Thursdays. For more information call  
409 331-4004 or 409-384-3974

## Contests results

CONGRATULATIONS to  
**Recordbook winners:**



Silver Star: 1. Colt Webb,  
2. Wyatt Webb

Bronze Star: 1. Caleb Hicks

Top Junior/Intermediate: 1. Wyatt Webb,  
2. Jayce Morgan

Livestock Award: 1. Jayce Morgan

4-H Community Service Award: 1. Jayce  
Morgan

Whole Heart Award: 1. Jayce Morgan, 2.  
Caleb Hicks

**Now is the time to enroll for the 2014-2015 4-H year**, and if you are a returning member, please be sure to update your profile. Please be sure we have your current email address. Follow the directions on page 5-6 or just go to our website [jasper.agrilife.org](http://jasper.agrilife.org) and click on this link to read them online:

### Welcome to Texas 4-H

([http://texas4-h.tamu.edu/files/2014/07/WelcometoTexas4H\\_1415.pdf](http://texas4-h.tamu.edu/files/2014/07/WelcometoTexas4H_1415.pdf))

Reminders from Ag Agent Brock Fry:

**State Fair of Texas**—Entry deadline is August 25; be sure if you are involved with this event in anyway and need to send in an entry that you get with the Extension office by August 15, 2014.

**Quality Counts** for Major Shows —Youth showing in major shows must complete and obtain a quality counts number for major show entries. Examples: Houston, State Fair, San Antonio and Austin. Please complete this by going to this website: <http://agrilife.org/qualitycounts/verification/>

**2015 South Texas State Fair** —If you want to show poultry (Turkey, Roaster, Broilers) and/or Lambs, Goats, Swine, and F1 Heifers at the South Texas State Fair, please let me know by September 12, 2014.

Bookmark our website and 4-H newsletters will only be a click away!  
<http://jasper.agrilife.org/newsletters/4h-newsletters/>

Jasper County 4-H Facebook Page

<https://www.facebook.com/pages/Jasper-County-4-H/149534565116114>



**ENROLL NOW** for the 2014-2015 4-H year. go to pages 5-6 for more information

#### August

15 State Fair of Texas entries due to Jasper office  
21 Skate Night for Jasper County 4-H, bring a friend  
23-24 Rock Show in Jasper, free kids activities  
28 4-H Club Manager training in Jasper, 6 pm

#### September

1 Labor Day Holiday — office is closed  
12 Deadline for South Texas State Fair poultry and/or lambs, goats, swine and F1 heifers  
19 Food workshop in Jasper, 6-9 pm, location TBA  
22 4-H County Council at JNEC in Kirbyville  
27 Tentative date for steer tag-in for JCLS

#### October

4 Fall Fest, Butterfly Festival in Jasper  
7 Gold Star Banquet in Nacogdoches  
10 Food workshop in Kirbyville, 6-9 pm, JNEC  
13 Columbus Day Holiday, office closed  
27 4-H County Council at JNEC in Kirbyville

#### November

8 Holiday Market, last farmers market of the season  
11 Veterans Day Holiday, office closed  
24 4-H County Council at JNEC in Kirbyville  
27-28 Thanksgiving, office closed

**County 4-H Council meetings are 4th Mondays (during the school year) at the JNEC community room in Kirbyville at 6 pm.**  
**Council meetings are open to everyone!**

**Register for 4-H  
or check on events**

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

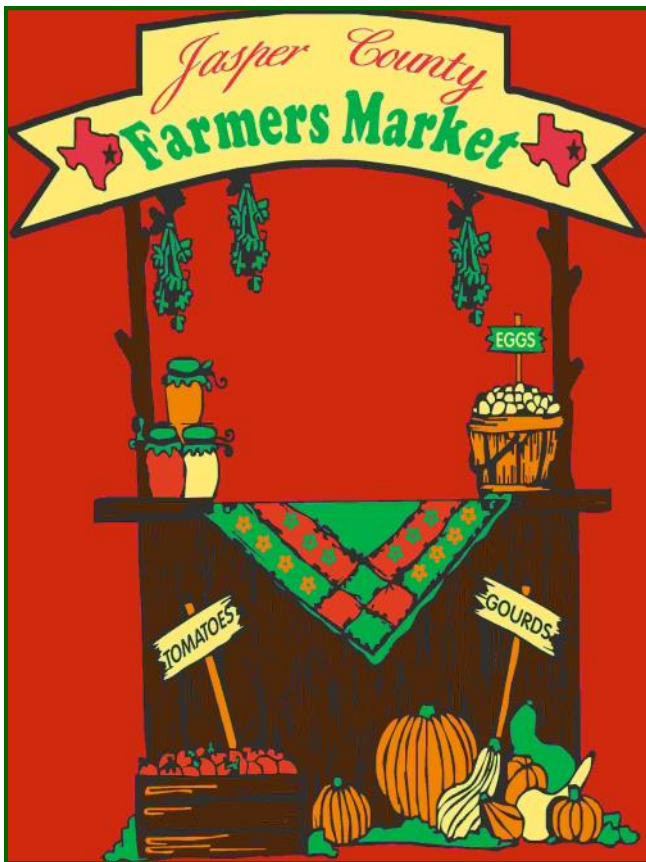
<http://d54-h.tamu.edu/>

District 5 events,  
contest results & more.





## Parents page



### Jasper County Farmers Market

Fall farmers market starts back in Sept.  
end-of-season **Holiday Market** is Nov. 8

Fresh home grown fruits & veggies every Saturday morning, 8—11 am in the Tractor Supply parking lot at 190 & 96. You have to come early for best selections; many vendors sell out and leave early. Expect to find farm fresh produce, local honey, herbs, janes, jellies & pickles, flowers, handcrafted items, birdhouses & more.

Last market of the season is a Holiday Market with lots of unique gifts, crafts and local bakesales and fundraisers. For Holiday Market, Nov. 8 only, hours are extended to 8 am to 2 pm.

Farmers Market is closed during Butterfly Festival; find many of your favorite vendors on the courthouse square for Fall Fest and then visit the Arboretum to see Monarch Butterfly releases.

JCFM is a member of the Texas Certified Farmers Market Association.

[jasper.agrilife.org](http://jasper.agrilife.org)

## Dinner Tonight cooking class

Saturday, Aug. 16, noon to 5 pm, \$25  
(program 1—4 pm; time to shop before & after)

What's for dinner tonight? For too many families, it's freezer to microwave, or drive-thru. Busy families need help to learn to prepare quick & nutritious dishes on a budget. This class and Kitchen Expo is presented by FCS agents from East Texas counties at the **Texas A&M AgriLife office in Lufkin**.

Chef Todd Barrios, executive chef, will demonstrate recipes from the *Dinner Tonight Cookbook*, which has two weeks' worth of meals, snacks and desserts.

"We're targeting busy people who still want to make time for meal preparation and feel good about what they are feeding their family," according to Angelina County agent Joel Redus.

Besides showing quick, budget-minded meals, the agents want to show how to make recipes healthier by using lower fat and lower calorie ingredients, and especially cooking with fresh, local and seasonal produce from farmers markets.

The first 50 to register receive a cookbook and gift bag full of kitchen goodies. To register, call the office in Lufkin at 936-634-6414. Pay at the door.

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***Food Handler's class and card:*** Saturday, Aug. 23, 9 am to 12 noon at JNEC Community Room in Kirbyville; \$20 for class AND 2-year Food Handler card, good anywhere in Texas.

**Anyone who is selling canned goods, home baked items, candy or any prepared foods, or offering samples (free tastes) MUST have a Texas Food Handler's Card**, or be supervised by someone who has been trained. This is not required for vendors selling whole fresh produce that the customer will take home, wash and prepare for themselves.

call 409-384-3721 or email [srkerr@ag.tamu.edu](mailto:srkerr@ag.tamu.edu).

**\$20** pay at the door, but please RSVP so we know how many handouts to prepare!

**409-384-3721**

## Welcome to Texas 4-H!

Welcome to the largest youth organization in Texas! Texas has more than 550,000 youth who are involved in 4-H experiences each year and we are pleased that you have decided to join 4-H for the 2014-2015 year! If you are new to 4-H, here is some information about our enrollment process and how we need your partnership in getting your membership entered and active!

Each year on August 15th all membership in Texas 4-H goes to inactive and all youth members and adult volunteers must re-enroll. Youth members are required to pay a \$20.00 participation fee if enrolled by October 31st, and a \$25.00 fee from November 1st to the completion of the 4-H year. Adults pay a \$5.00 volunteer applicant fee starting in the 2014-2015 4-H year. Adults and youth will need to enroll on 4HConnect and be active to be considered an official member of Texas 4-H. An active enrollment is required in order to register and participate in all 4-H activities and events.

Enrollment payment methods, procedures and additional fees may vary in each county, so check with your local county Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service office for more information. ([counties.agrilife.org](http://counties.agrilife.org)) When you are enrolling in 4-H and you arrive at the invoice/payment screen, you will be able to add your credit card information into the system or select the club/county (no personal checks allowed) check payment option. If the club/county check option is visible, please make sure you are allowed to use it. Some counties require all enrollment to be paid by credit card. If you are allowed to use the club/county check option you are responsible for writing a check to your club/county 4-H Program which in return will send a club/county check to the Texas 4-H Youth Development Foundation. Once a payment method has been selected and enrollment submitted the payment type cannot be changed.



### 4HCONNECT is...

- The official Texas 4-H Youth Development Program database for enrolled 4-H members and volunteers.
- A secured database that is in compliance with the PCI Security Standards Council. The Texas 4-H Youth Development Program and the 4HOnline company work closely to monitor and ensure the highest level of protection for information stored on the system. Texas 4-H, nor 4HOnline, does not share or sell any personal information to third party vendors without your knowledge or permission.
- Based on "zero-based enrollment." This means that each year at the start of the enrollment cycle membership in Texas 4-H goes to zero and everyone must re-enroll. This process is based on federal accounting policies.
- A partnership between the 4-H family and the county Extension Office. We encourage all 4-H families to become familiar with 4-H CONNECT in order to prevent "meltdowns" at crucial times of enrollment, animal validation or registration! Please work with the county Extension Office for any questions or problems you maybe experiencing with the system.
- NOT a database for counties/clubs/families to enter family members (i.e. siblings, grandparents, etc) that are not directly involved as a 4-H member or volunteer.



- Most questions can be answered by calling your county extension office. ([counties.agrilife.org/](http://counties.agrilife.org/))
- You are not a member or a volunteer of Texas 4-H until you have an ACTIVE status listed on your profile in 4-H CONNECT.
- 4-H members CANNOT register for an event/contest until the member profile is ACTIVE. If the county requires paper enrollment forms, that office has to enter enrollment information into the 4-H CONNECT system as well.
- Adult Volunteers are required to be screened through the Texas 4-H Youth Protection Standards program every three years.
- The Texas 4-H Foundation does not accept any personal checks for participation fees, animal validations or event registrations.
- A youth that is 8 years old and going into the 3rd grade must wait until September 1st to enroll for proper fees to be accessed in the system.

To help ensure your first time enrollment, or your re-enrollment, is as easy as possible, this document has been developed to lead you through the process. Please read and contact your county Extension Office if you have any questions prior to you beginning the enrollment process. ([counties.agrilife.org/](http://counties.agrilife.org/))



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# Texas 4-H CONNECT INSTRUCTIONS

1. Access the 4-H CONNECT on-line system at: <https://texas.4honline.com/>
2. **New Members:** Select [I need to set up a profile].  
**Returning Members:** Select [I have a profile] or [I forgot my password].  
*Contact County Extension Office for resetting assistance.*
3. **New Members:** Select Adult or Youth from the drop down menu and click [Add Member].  
**Returning Members:** Click [Edit] to the right of the inactive member's profile.
4. Once all profile information is current and correct under the Personal Information, Additional Information, Health Form, and Participation areas of enrollment continue to the Invoice page.
5. Review your invoice to ensure that the participation fee has been charged and it is correct. If you have been awarded an award certificate or a scholarship to cover your participation fee, enter the award code in the award code box. Once information has been reviewed, click continue to the Payment screen.
6. **New Members:** If you are new to 4-H, you can add your credit card payment information to 4-H CONNECT and it will be securely stored. Click the orange [Add New Credit Card] link if paying with credit card or select the county club check option.  
**Returning Members:** If the credit card on file has been updated you will need to remove it and add the credit card again using the new information.
7. Select the appropriate method of payment by clicking on the correct button, then click [Select Payment Method.]
8. On the "Confirm page" each person will be required to click the [Pay By Computer Terms and Conditions]. Click [Submit Enrollment]
9. Once an enrollment (new member) or re-enrollment (returning member) has been submitted, it is sent to the county office for review and approval. Once approved and paid for, an email confirmation will be sent to the family email address. Payment by 4-H Check can take up to 2 weeks to process. An active membership status **WILL NOT** be granted until participation fees have been received and marked as paid.



4HConnect Instruction pages can be found online at <http://texas4-h.tamu.edu/connect>

## NEW MEMBERS

- Set up **only one (1) FAMILY profile household** on 4-H CONNECT.
- Write down and place in a secure location the email address and password for the account. Contact the local County Extension Office for assistance in resetting the account.
- Add individual youth and adult profiles (members) in your family profile. Adult/Youth and family profiles must be entered for an enrollment to be reviewed and accepted.

## RETURNING MEMBERS

- **DO NOT** establish another family or member profile on 4-H CONNECT if you already have one in the system.
  - Contact the local County Extension Office for assistance with the email or password if forgotten.
  - When you access your profile to re-enroll **REVIEW YOUR PROFILE VERY CAREFULLY**. Incorrect information can create problems for you, your family, and the Extension Office when trying to communicate, accessing appropriate fees, acquiring school absences, etc.

