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Denton County

4-H Forecast

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4-H Activities

County Activities & Events

Jan 6

PLA & 4-H Council

Extension Office - 6:30 pm

4-H Horse Committee

Extension Office

District Activities & Contests

Jan 10-12

Leader Training 4-H Sportfishing

Contact Joyce White 903-813-4206 for more information

Jan. 12

Dairy Judging, Ft Worth

Contact: Kenneth Neinast, Chair
903-473-2412

Brian Cummings, Vice Chair
903-567-4149

Jan. 18

Range & Pasture ID, Ft Worth

Entry Form due 1/3/03

Contact: Eddie Byrom, Chair
817-884-1945

Justin Rogers, Vice Chair
903-813-4206

Jan. 3-5

4-H Teen Retreat I

4-H Center Brownwood

VLAT Meetings

4-H Center, Brownwood

Texas 4-H Council Workshop

4-H Center, Brownwood

4-H Shooting Sports Workshop

TBA

Texas 4-H Clothing Advisory Board

Southwestern Exposition & Livestock Show

4-H'ers Prepare to Exhibit at County Show

County youth are already preparing to show at the county youth fair. Busy 4-H'ers work with their projects on a continuous basis, feeding and grooming and training. The county Extension agent is always available to guide our county youth through difficult times.



Caitlin Wilhoit knows the importance of an ear tag.



Cody Kimbro's goats tickle his fingers—no biting.

If you have questions on nutrition or showmanship or project selection, feel free to contact your county Extension agent. Site visits can be arranged so that your questions can be answered fully.

Stock show participation and community service combined with leadership roles can make a county record book look good. Also the recordbook can become a permanent record of how you spent your time in 4-H.

19th Annual Montgomery County

4-H Horse Judging Contest

Saturday, January 18, 2003 - Lone Star Expo Center - On Montgomery County Fairgrounds - Covered Facility

Scholarship for Senior High Point (previous winners not eligible)

Contact the 4-H office for an Entry Form: \$25 fee on returned checks
Send Entries to: Montgomery County 4-H, 9020 FM 1484, Conroe, TX 77303

Up-coming Events

First Announcement

SpecTra

July 28 - August 2, 2003

Ages 14-18

Develop Leadership and Self-image

Prime Time

ages 12 -13

July 20-23, 2003

ages 9-11

July 23-26, 2003

Enhance teamwork and problem solving

All registration forms must have the signature of the county Extension agent.

Age limits will be enforced.

Brochures with registration forms can all be found on the web as well as other information. Log on at:

<http://texas4h-ctr.tamu.edu>

2003 TTVN DATES

Scholarship Training - Jan 6 @ 6:30 pm

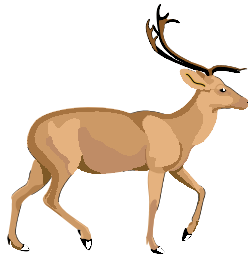
Commerce or Dallas

4-H Topics - Jan 21 and Aug 28

Extension Holidays:

January 1, 2003

January 20, 2003 - Martin Luther King Day



4-H Field and Stream Weekend

Place: Texoma Lutheran Camp, Lake Texoma

Jan 16-18, 2003

**Hunter Education Course
and
Hunter Education Instructor Course
and
Boater Education Instructors Course**

This is a time for everyone to get the certification needed.

Kids get your Hunter Education Certification

and

Adults get your Hunter or boater Education Certifications

If not currently basic Hunter or Boater Education Certified, simply complete the Home Study or the On Line course before instruction time. Call the 4-H Office if you are interested.

Teen Retreat

4-H'ers planning on attending Teen Retreat are Rebecca Acrey, Jayde Rogers, Ashleigh Van Der Walt, Jessica Kimbro, Meghan Schwind, and Meredith Gosnell. Diane Schwind will provide the transportation and act as chaperone for the Group. Denton County 4-H is appreciative of the support that Mrs. Schwind provides for the program.

Ambassadors Attend Commissioners Court Breakfast

Thanks to Rebecca Acrey, Jessica Kimbro and Chaunsey Hardin for attending the Commissioner's Court breakfast. Mary Bridges Pilot Point leader baked cinnamon rolls and quick breads. Jeannie Hardin was on hand to assist. This kind of support helped make the Extension presentation better and we appreciate the youth and leader overtures.

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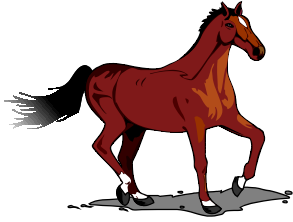
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DCLA Youth Fair books are available at a cost of \$2.00 each. Club Managers will receive a packet at no cost. They will be handed out at the January meeting of the PLA.



4-H Horse Project

Next 4-H Horse Committee meeting is Monday, January 13, 2003, 7:00 p.m. at the Extension Office.

Horse show sponsorship forms will be distributed and plans for a equine clinic will be finalized.

Futurity project forms are due to the 4-H office March 15th. Available from Michael Schertz or your 4-H leader.

Denton Co. 4-H Horse Show
Saturday, May 10, 2003
(rain date Saturday, May 17, 2003)
T-Bar-D Arena (off 156 between Ponder and Justin)
Show bills and entry forms will be available in March

District 4-H Horse Show
Tuesday, June 3, 2003 through Wednesday, June 4, 2003
Athens, Texas
Show bills and entry forms will be available in May

Helpful Web Sites

Denton County 4-H:
<http://county.tamu.edu/denton>

National 4-H Council
<http://www.fourhcouncil.edu/>

Texas 4-H Center homepage
<http://texas4h-ctr.tamu.edu/>

National 4-H web:
<http://www.4-h.org/>

Ag Publications:
<http://agpublications.tamu.edu/pubs/index.html>



Resolutions?

Who's to blame for New Year's Resolutions?

The tradition is as old as New Year's celebrations. The **Babylonians** celebrated New Year's Day over four thousand years ago, although their celebration was in March rather than in January, coinciding with the spring planting of crops.

So if you must break your resolution, break it with pride. You will be continuing a long tradition of broken resolutions dating back to the dawn of recorded history. And if you had a false start, why you can start again in March, à la Babylonia.

The New Year, no matter when people have celebrated it, has always been a time for **looking back** to the past, and more importantly, **forward** to the coming year. It's time to reflect on the changes we want, or often need, if we are to have the motivation to move forward. Resolutions are a reflection of the Babylonian's belief that what a person does on the first day of the New Year will have an effect throughout the entire year. Think about that at the New Year's party you attend.

Food For Thought

The difference between 'involvement' and 'commitment' is like an eggs-and-ham breakfast: the chicken was 'involved' – the pig was 'committed'. — unknown

If everything seems under control, you're just not moving fast enough. — Mario Andretti

Democracy does not guarantee equality of conditions – it only guarantees equality of opportunity. – Irving Kristol

Who Invented New Year's

Current Denton County 4-H Clubs

SILVER SADDLE 4-H CLUB

2nd Tuesday - 7:00 p.m. - Denton Sheriff's Posse
Kim Wendt - wendt@unt.edu 940-482-6985
Scott Beathard - Beathard@flash.net 930-241-1158

KRUM 4-H CLUB

1st Tuesday -7:00 p.m., Dodd Intermediate School
Kathy Bartle - 940-482-6103 - Kbartle@coserv.net
Lori Copeland - 940-482-3174

NORTHWEST 4-H CLUB

2nd Sunday
2:30 p.m., The First Baptist Church, Haslet
Diana Hatch - ibclc@myrealbox.com- 940-383-5769
Rhonda Henry - Henrycircleh2@aol.com -
817-491-9384

PILOT POINT 4-H CLUB

2nd Monday-7:00 p.m., Pilot Point Intermed. School
Mary Bridges 940-686-5347

Argyle Club 1st Tuesday - 7:00 PM

First United Methodist Church
BJ Gosnell 940-240-0129 - candmacres@msn.com

SANGER 4-H CLUB

1st Tuesday
7:00 p.m., Community Center
Scott Cody - 940-458-2018
Becky Lawrence - 940-458-4627

BLUEBONNET 4-H CLUB

2nd Tuesday
6:45 p.m., Lake Dallas Church of Christ
Yolanda Reed * 972-539-3688 - yolereed@yahoo.com
Elaine Beck - 940-241-2859 - Kbeck26951@aol.com

FLOWER MOUND 4-H CLUB

2nd Tuesday -7:00 p.m.,
Flower Mound Elementary on Churchill Dr.
John DeLozier - 817-430-1204

PONDER 4-H CLUB

Bobby Stout - 940-479-2225 - 6-7 pm - 2nd Wednesday
bstout@kcbi.net

Texas 4-H Commitment to Excellence

I will exhibit traits of a person with character including trustworthiness, respect, responsibility, fairness, caring and citizenship.

It is my attitude at the beginning of any project that will affect its successful outcome.

It is impossible to succeed without others, and it is my attitude toward other individuals that will determine their specific attitudes toward me.

Nothing can be gained by thinking negatively; therefore, I will think positively. We become what we think. I will not talk about negative ideas or gossip.

I must develop personal pride in what I am, what I do, what I say, how I act; and I must remember the destructive function of false pride.

Nothing of consequences was ever accomplished without cooperation, optimism, perseverance and enthusiasm: it is contagious when it is real, urgent, honest, human and my own.

4-H Pledge

I Pledge
my **Head** to clearer thinking
my **Heart** to greater loyalty
my **Hands** to larger service and
my **Health** to better living for
my club, my community, my country and my world.



