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NEWS

BANDERA COUNTY 4-H

**IT'S 4-H ENROLLMENT TIME
FOR THE 2007-08 YEAR!**

There are NEW rules for the 2008 county show. Be sure to get your copy and become familiar with all rules and validation dates!



A new 4-H year begins September 1st and it is time once again to enroll in 4-H for the 2007-08 year. Enrollment forms available at the Extension Office, or your club meeting on September 17th. 4-H members must enroll

each year.

Age Requirements:

Youth are eligible to participate in the 2007-2008 4-H year if they are 8 (and in the third grade) or 9 years of age by August 31, 2007 and have not reached their 19th birthday on or before August 31, 2007.

BCJLS RULE BOOKS

The Bandera County Jr. Livestock Show rule books will be available at your September. Club meetings, the Extension Office and online at our website at <http://bandera-tx.tamu.edu>. Click on *Publications* from the menu and select BCJLS.

**LAMB AND GOAT
VALIDATION TAG DEADLINE!!!**

It is time to order your Lamb and/or Goat validation tags. If you are planning to show a market lamb(s) or market goat(s) you will need a validation tag.



Take note, when buying your validation tag(s) this DOES NOT enter you in the county stock show or major stock shows. Please watch upcoming newsletters, and bookmark our website and check our website blog "Bandera 4-H Happenings" for information on County and Major Stock Show entry fees and deadlines.

STATE TAGS - \$10.00 each and are good for ALL livestock shows (Bandera, Kerrville, Ft. Worth, San Antonio, Houston, San Angelo, and Austin). **The deadline to order STATE validation tags is Thursday, August 30th.**

COUNTY TAGS - \$5.00 each and are only good for the COUNTY show. County tags can be ordered through Monday, Oct. 1st.

BROILERS

4-H members who are interested in showing Broilers (chickens) in the County or major stock shows San Antonio, Houston and Austin stock shows can place their order as follows:



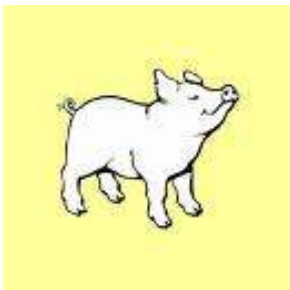
MAJOR SHOWS

The minimum order for San Antonio, Houston and Austin shows is 75 chicks. You can order chicks for San Antonio only or San Antonio and Houston and Austin. The cost of chicks are \$1.00 each or \$75.00. For the San Antonio and Houston/Austin shows, these are separate sets of birds as birds are hatched according to these show dates. Therefore, you will need to order a set for San Antonio and a set for Houston and Austin shows. **THE DEADLINE TO ORDER CHICKS FOR MAJOR SHOWS IS MONDAY, OCTOBER 1ST.**

COUNTY SHOW

Broilers for the county show only will cost around \$1.00 each. A minimum order of 25 chicks is suggested.

SHOW PIG SHORTCOURSE



Are you interested in showing pigs at either the County or Major stock shows this year? Then... the 2007 Show Pig Short course is the place to be to get information on selecting, feeding, and showing a pig.

This event is being held at the Cibolo Creek FFA Showbarn in Cibolo, Texas on Saturday, August 25th and is sponsored by The Seguin Swine Breeders. Cost for registration including lunch is \$10.00 per person. The deadline to register is August 22, 2007. This is a great learning clinic for the experienced and novice exhibitor. For a registration form call or come by the Extension Office or go to our website. Information is posted at Bandera 4-H Happenings' or click on Publications and then 4-H Animal projects.

SWINE VALIDATION

Speaking of show pigs, it is time to start thinking about how many State or County Validation Tags you will need this upcoming show year.

Take note, when you order and pay for your validation tags, this **DOES NOT ENTER YOU IN THE COUNTY SHOW OR MAJOR STOCK SHOWS**. This is for validation only.

STATE TAGS - cost is \$ 10.00 each and are good for ALL livestock shows including Bandera, Kerrville, San Antonio, Ft. Worth, San Angelo, Houston, and Austin.

COUNTY TAGS - cost is \$5.00 each and are for the COUNTY show only. The deadline to order your county tag is Monday, October 1, 2007.

RABBITS

Rabbit project exhibitors mark your calendars for upcoming breeder and validation dates..



Breeder Validation

September 22nd at Boggy Creek Taxidermy from 8am to 9:30 a.m. There will be a meeting following validation. All project and new members welcome!

Market Rabbit Validation is Saturday, December 8th at Mansfield Park Showbarn starting at 8:00 a.m.

Laura and Bob Crist are in charge of the rabbit project. They have raised and shown rabbits for many years and can answer almost any rabbit question you may have. If you have any questions or would like to learn more about this project, please contact them at 830-751-3732 after 7:00 p.m. Please watch our website blog *Bandera 4-H Happenings* and newsletters for more information

STEERS

Mr. Thigpen has reported we validated 17 steers for this upcoming show season. The next event for steers will be the



Medina County Fair Prospect Show in Hondo, September 9-10 at the Medina County Fairgrounds.

Heifers - arrive Fri (Sept 8) after 1pm or Sat (Sept 9) before 1pm. Show starts at 3pm. Registration papers are required.

Steers - weigh and classifying is from 3-6pm on Sat (Sept. 9). Show starts at 8am on Sunday, Sept. 10th.

Please call or come by our office for a flyer and registration form or check our website blog, Bandera 4-H Happening's to print off a form..

MAJOR STOCK SHOW RECOMMENDATIONS

If you are planning or thinking about showing at major stock shows this year, at our website blog and at the Publications menu (select 4-H Livestock Show Animal) at our website we have recommendations from the major stock shows. We encourage you to become familiar with these recommendations from the major shows. If you are have problems getting the information or do not have a computer and would like a copy, please contact or come by our office.

PROPOSED LAMB CLASSIFICATIONS



Got lambs? We have a copy of the proposed lamb classifications for the 2008 livestock show season available at our website blog

Bandera 4-H Happenings or at the Publication menu, (select 4-H Livestock Animals) at our website. This has great information if you are planning on showing at the major shows. If you are having problems accessing the information, call or come by the Extension Office to get a copy.

ANIMAL VALIDATION DATE MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

Get your calendars ready to mark dates of upcoming deadlines for animal and project validations.



GOATS - **Saturday, October 27th** at Mansfield Park. Validation will begin from 8:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.. **THIS IS THE ONLY VALIDATION THAT WILL BE HELD FOR GOATS.** Goats will be validated for state and county livestock show.

LAMBS - **Saturday, October 27th** at Mansfield Park. Validation is from 8:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.. **THIS IS THE ONLY VALIDATION THAT WILL BE HELD FOR LAMBS.** Lambs will be validated for state and county livestock show.

SWINE - 2 validation dates. Please make note.

1st Validation - Saturday, Nov. 10th at Mansfield Park Showbarn. Validation is from 9:00 a.m. to 12noon.

2nd Validation - Monday, Nov. 26th at Mansfield Park Showbarn. Validation is from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

RABBITS:

Breeder Validation - September 22nd at Mansfield Park. Validation is from 8:00 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. Breeder validation is for kids 13 years of age and older or 7th grade and above.

Market Rabbit Validation - Saturday, December 10th at Mansfield Park Showbarn. Validation is from 8:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.

If you have any questions, please contact our office.

DISTRICT MEGA MEETING AUGUST 18th!

Do you want to learn more about 4-H opportunities and projects? Would you like to get more involved on the district level? The District MEGA Meeting is the place to be. **Saturday, August 18th at Medina Valley High School, Castroville, Texas.** Call our office for more info.

Schedule:

- 8:45 Registration
- 9:15 General Session
- 9:30 Project Development Training and Meetings (go to our website blog Bandera 4-H Happenings to print off a flyer of workshop descriptions including Beef, Clothing, Consumer Education, Entomology, Field and Stream, Food and Nutrition, Goats, Health, Horse, Leadership, Photography, Poultry, Sheep, Shooting Sports, Small Animals, Swine)
- 9:30 4-H Club Manager Training
Open to all volunteers (not just club managers)
- 11:30 Lunch on own
- 1:00 District 4-H Council Meeting (must be attended by Bandera County District Council Delegates—open to anyone who would like to learn more about District 4-H opportunities)
- 1:00 District Volunteer Leaders Association (VLAT) Meeting – open to all 4-H volunteers. Make plans to attend to learn more about 4-H opportunities and to meet other 4-H parents.



BCJLS BAKE SHOW

Get your baking pans and recipe books ready, the BCJLS Bake Show will be held Saturday, **November 10, 2007 at the Mansfield Park Showbarn.** The deadline to enter the Bake Show is October 25th at 12noon. The entry fee is \$10.00 and is non-refundable.



The Bake Show Rule book, entry form and project completion form will be available at your September 17th 4-H club meetings, the Extension Office and at our website at <http://bandera-tx.tamu.edu>. Select *Publications*, and then *BCJLS Bake Show*. For recipe and Bake Show questions, please contact Laura Crist, superintendent, at 830-751-3732 after 7:00 p.m. or the Extension Office at 796-7755.

EXTENSION OFFICE WEBSITE CHECK IT OUT!



Have you seen the Extension Office website lately! We are becoming more technologically advanced! Check out our website blog Bandera 4-H Happenings! and the Bandera 4-H Calendar as well as the Events, Publications, Newsletter, Texas 4-H site and many more. You can find some great information and keep up to date on events and activities. So bookmark our website address:

<http://bandera-tx.tamu.edu>

SHOTGUN TEAM NEWS!

The 4-H shooting season been a blur to the Medina Clay Target-Bandera County 4-H shotgun team. We have traveled to all parts of Texas, the brush country of Frio County, the piney woods of Crockett County, all our neighboring counties, from the red hills of San Angelo and now back to the hills of San Antonio the week of July 15-21. This being the National Shooting Complex and its many shooting venues. As we first came to the gate, I could not but notice, the R.V spots that were completely full and shooters with parents, dogs, etc. everywhere. As we set up our camp for the week, the overwhelming numbers became readily apparent. This was to be one of the most attended State Games that I have been a part of. To see all of this reminds me of the World National Skeet Shooting Association shoot in October. The coaches of our team had high expectations coming into this shoot and they did not disappoint anyone. The rains came in droves and prevented three of our shooter from competing in American trap. It also prevented me from attending the last day of the shoot.

The Junior shooters were: Hunter Copeland, Dillon Asher, and Hunter Marks.

The Intermediate shooters are: Zackory Shimdt, Brennan Fertig, Will Thornton, Neal Hodges, and Dillon Erskine.

Our Senior 1 shooters are: Cade Hord, Davis Buettner, and Andrew Flanagan.

Before I give the placement, a clarification is warranted. Firstly, remember that our team has only been in existence competitively for two years and all of our shooters were complete novices in these disciplines. All junior shooters come into competition markedly similar in age and experience, however intermediates step into a shooting world that has competitors with four years of experience and the seniors with five to ten years. I am extremely proud of each of these young men.

Cade Hord shot a 95 of 100 in American Skeet, a 90 of 100 in walking course sporting clays and did not even get to sniff a medal. First year shooter Andrew Flanagan with a 89 of 100 in Skeet, 87 of 100 in walking course sporting clays,

Davis Buettner, another first year shooter with 82 of 100 in skeet, 83 of 100 in walking course sporting clays. All of these young men are Senior 1.

Our intermediates, some of which shot their personal best with Neal Hodges shooting a 71 of 75 in skeet, 63 of 75 in trap, 64 of 75 in walking course sporting clays, Will Thornton shot his first "straight" round in competition at the state and finished with a 67 of 75 in skeet.

Our junior shooters stole the show with their unique abilities. Hunter Copeland, who is rapidly becoming one of the best shooters at his age in the State, won 4th in American Skeet, shot a 40 of 50 in American Trap and did not place, won 5th in International skeet, 5th in International trap, 4th in 5-stand sporting clays, 5th place in walking course sporting clays, 4th in International High over-all, 3rd in American High over-all, 3rd in 4 event High over-all 3rd in 6 event High over-all. Dillon Asher, who now is breathing down Hunters' neck, shot well in all disciplines, but did not place individually, was his two-man team partner and they placed 1st in American Skeet. Hunter Marks, another first year shooter and a junior also, placed 1st in Lewis class scoring in 5-stand sporting clays.

Are we proud of our team? Not only for the awards won, but the sportsmanship the camaraderie, moral responsibility, and the safe manner in which they performed, of each of these young people on this team. We are bursting at the seams with pride. I cannot say more, for as I grow older; I also grow more emotional! I speak for all our parents, team members and coaches.

Submitted by Coach Woody Woodward



MEDINA COUNTY FAIR PROSPECT SHOWS

Here is a great opportunity to gain experience in showing your heifer, steer, goat or lamb project. Flyer and registration information can be found at website at *Bandera 4-H Happenings* and at the *Publication* menu, select *4-H Livestock Animals*.

Heifers

Entry Fee is \$20/head, deadline is Sept. 1st.
Arrival - Fri, Sept. 8th after 1:00 p.m. and
Sat, Sept. 9,
Heifer Check-in - 1:00 - 2:00 p.m.
Judging begins at 3:00 p.m.

Steers

Entry Fee is \$20/head, deadline is Sept. 1st.
Arrive - Fri, Sept 8th 1:00 pm - 10:00 pm
and Sat, Sep. 9th
Weigh & Classify - 3:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.
Judging - Sunday, Sept. 9th at 8:00 a.m.

Goats - Sat, Sept. 15

Entry Fee is \$10/head, deadline is Sept. 8th
7:00 a.m.. - Goats may arrive
8:00 am - 10:00 am - Check & Weigh-in
10:00 a.m. - Showmanship Judging followed by
Goat Show.

Lamb - Sun, Sept. 16

Entry Fee is \$10/head, deadline is Sept. 8th
7:00 a.m.. - Goats may arrive
8:00 am - 10:00 am - Check & Weigh-in
10:00 a.m. - Showmanship Judging followed by
Lamb Show.



FOR YOUR INFORMATION

Here are some opportunities you might want to check out. Information is available at our website via our website blog, *Bandera 4-H Happenings* or call or come by our office for a copy.

- ✓ **Beekeeping Essay Contest** - top winners in Texas will receive; 1st place - \$100; 2nd place - \$75; 3rd place. The essay deadline is January 31, 2008.
- ✓ **Rural Youth Award** - must be 16 yrs old and an a high school junior as of Aug 31, 2007.

Applications deadline is September 15th.

- ✓ **2007-08 Texas 4-H Technology Team** - must be 14 years or older as of August 31st, 2007. Application deadline is September 15th.
- ✓ **Texas 4-H Heat It Up Cook-off at the State Fair of Texas.** Application deadline is Aug. 24th
- ✓ **EXTENSION OFFICE CLOSED - Fri, Sept. 21**

MAJOR STOCK SHOW INFORMATION

If you are planning or thinking about participating in major stock shows, we have links setup that will take you directly to their website. Go to our website at <http://bandera-tx.tamu.edu> and select "LINKS" from the menu.

Here are the dates for the 2008 show season:

Bandera.....January 10 -12
Kerrville.....January 17-19
Ft. Worth.....January 11 - February 3
San Antonio.....January 31 - February 17
San Angelo.....February 21 - March 2
Austin.....February 29 - March 15
Houston.....March 3 - March 22

RECORD BOOKS

Congratulations goes out to the 3 of our 4-H members who completed a 4-H record book for county and district competition. The District record book competition was held July 12th at the Helotes 4-H activity center.



Jr. Division -	Krystian Osbourn, 1 st place Healthy Lifestyles
Intermediate	Shelby Blair, 2 nd place Photography
Senior	Seth Saathoff, 8 th place Beef

For information about 4-H record books, go to our website at bandera-tx.tamu.edu. Select the Texas 4-H link. At the Texas 4-H homepage, select Events and Activities, and then Recordbooks. There you will find a 20 minute Power Point presentation on how to put together a record book.

4-H AWARD CELEBRATION Saturday, August 18th



As we get ready to begin a new 4-H year, we would like to pay tribute and celebrate our 4-H members and volunteers who have made our program a success this past year at the **4-H Award Celebration on Saturday, August 18th at the Mansfield Park Rec Center.** A bar-b-que dinner will be served starting at 6:00 p.m. The Gold and Silver Star Awards, Outstanding Adult Leader, and Friend of 4-H Awards, Project Completion Certificates will be presented.

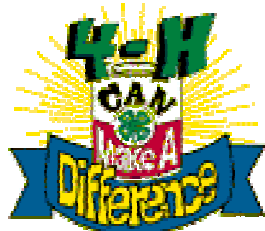
All 4-H members and their families are invited to attend this special event.

4-H OFFICER TRAINING AND LEADERSHIP DAY

The Bandera 4-H Club Officer training was held on Thursday, July 19th at the Mansfield Park Rec Center beginning at 1:00 p.m. Officer team members from the Lakehills, Bandera Jr., Bandera Sr, Pipe Creek and Medina clubs were in attendance. Officers were taught leadership skills, learned and prepared marketing materials about their clubs, each officer was informed of the importance of their officer position and how to use parliamentary procedure during a club meeting and fun recreation activities to use at their club meetings. Officers and club managers enjoyed a delicious hot dog meal with all the trimmings served by Ms. Jana and Mr. Thigpen.

Officer Leadership day was held on Friday, July 20th Officers from Pipe Creek, Lakehills, Medina, Bandera Jr and Sr. clubs were treated to a day of leadership building skills and activities at the Quest for Knowledge program at LaserQuest.

Katie Mangold, Bandera Sr. Club Reporter



4-H CLUB MEETINGS

The 4-H year will officially kick off at the first 4-H club meeting on **Monday, September 17th.** Please see the attached handout for a list of club officers and meeting locations.



We have 5 clubs to choose from:

Pipe Creek	Bandera Jr.
Medina	Bandera Sr.
Lakehills	

We encourage you to get involved in your club, as there are committees, events and activities that they will be glad to have an extra helping hand. Becoming involved helps make you and your club the best it can be!

SCHOLARSHIPS

As our 2008 seniors prepare for their high school graduation and college careers, please be sure to bookmark our website and be watching upcoming newsletters as we receive information on scholarships opportunities that may help you achieve your dreams.

4-H BOOSTER CLUB

Speaking of scholarships, to date our very own Bandera 4-H Booster Club has given \$24,000 in scholarships to graduating high school senior 4-H members. They have given \$5,000 in adult leader training. But they need your help!



They have tickets on sell for a rifle drawing to be held in November. Tickets are \$5.00 each and can be purchased at the Extension Office. If you have an item that you would like to donate to their drawing or if you can help sell tickets, they would sure appreciate it. Please contact either Jim Mangold at 830-796-8311 or email at jikmang@aol.com or the Extension Office at 830-796-7755. They are also looking for new people to join their club. They meet the 2nd Tuesday of each month at 7pm at the Mansfield Park Showbarn

NEW 4-H MEMBER



We recently welcomed a new member to the Bandera 4-H program this summer. Mr. and Mrs. Thigpen became grandparents on June 28th to their beautiful granddaughter Miss Karis Lea Clements. Karis is the daughter of Tara Thigpen Clements and her husband Tommy and niece to Uncle

Jason Thigpen.

TEXAS 4-H CENTENNIAL September 2007 - August 2008



Did you know that Texas 4-H was founded in 1908? The first 4-H clubs were the Boys Cotton Club and the Girls Tomato clubs? That the first Texas 4-H meeting was held in Jacksboro Texas?

From those roots, the Texas 4-H and Youth Development Program was founded.

Today it has young people in all 254 Texas counties involved in learning life skills, leadership, volunteer service, self confidence, and commitment to Country. Each day these more than 640,000 youth change their lives, their future, and the future of our state.

Sharing innovation with the community through youth the fundamental vision of 4-H has stayed true for more than 100 years. 4-H began in the early 1900's to share agricultural advances with rural communities through young people. Today, 4-H creates opportunities for urban, suburban and rural youth to develop into mature adults and engaged citizens through partnerships with caring adult volunteers and staff. Using the latest advancements of the country's land-grant colleges and universities, 4-H'ers participate in learn-by-doing projects, group meetings and exhibits that focus on healthy lifestyles, citizenship, and science, engineering and technology

For more information about the Texas 4-H Centennial, visit our website at <http://bandera-tx.tamu.edu>. Select the Texas 4-H link. At the Texas 4-H homepage, you will find a direct link to the Texas 4-H Centennial website.

4-H PROJECTS

We are working on some upcoming new projects this 4-H year. including beading, foods, housing and home environment, watch our website and future newsletters for more information

If you have a project that you are interested in and would like to share with your fellow 4-H'ers, please give us a call. Ms. Jana and Mr. Thigpen will be happy to meet with you.

SPECIAL TRIBUTE TO THOMAS "BUB" KEESE

If you ever had a chance to meet, Mr. Keese then you were given an honor of meeting a person who made your heart smile with his generosity, great sense of volunteerism, and caring spirit. It was his life goal to make sure no child was left behind. He was a member of the Bandera ISD school board, a director of the Bandera Jr. Livestock Board, lifetime member of the San Antonio Livestock Exposition and many organizations where he left a wonderful legacy of dedication to the Bandera County youth. He was not only involved in his community, but he was a special grandfather, dad, and husband to his family We celebrate his love of life and many accomplishments. Mr. Keese may no longer be with us, but his memory lives in our minds and hearts forever. For we are special people to have known him.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jana Osbourn".

Jana Osbourn
CEA-FCS
Bandera County

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Warren Thigpen".

Warren Thigpen
CEA, AG/NR
Bandera County



BANDERA 4-H CLUBS

Congratulations to all of the newly elected club officer. 4-H club meetings are held the 3rd Monday of each month. See below locations for your club.

FIRST CLUB MEETINGS - MONDAY, SEPT. 17TH

Bandera Jr. Club

Mtg Held: Alkek Cafeteria -7:15 pm

President - Scott Mangold
1st Vice President - Elizabeth Powers
2nd Vice President - Lacey Gibson
3rd Vice President - Beau Gibson
Secretary - Bryce Dowda
Treasurer - KD Cortez
Club Reporter - Ty Neff
Council Delegates: Krystian Osbourn & Mary Hevenor
Parliamentarian - Ellen Hevenor
Club Mgr-Sharon Dowda

Bandera Sr. Club

Mtg Held: Alkek Cafeteria -7:15 pm

President - Ben Halloran
1st Vice President - Shevawn Sells
2nd Vice President - Courtney Wall
3rd Vice President - Michael Groff
Secretary - Amanda Word
Treasurer - Cale Neff
Club Reporter - Katie Mangold
Council Delegates - Ben Hevenor
Parliamentarian - Matthew Groff
Club Mgrs-Julie & Jim Mangold

Pipe Creek Club

Mtg Held: Hill Country Elem Cafeteria-7:00 p.m.

President - Joseph Burke
1st Vice President - Morgan Van Dyne
2nd Vice President - Shelby Blair
3rd Vice President - Nicholas Salas
Secretary - Justin Klinksiek
Treasurer - Matthew Burke
Club Reporter - Colten Klinksiek
Council Delegate - Ashley Frerich & Seth Saathoff
Parliamentarian: Emalieghe Kneupper
Club Mgrs - Gail Caldwell, Julie Saathoff, Pam Schott
Asst Mgrs - Nancy Love, Shawna Frerich, Heather Blair
Laura Klinksiek

Lakehills Club

Mtg: Lakehills Baptist Church- 7:00 pm

President - Sara Zavorka
Vice President - Scott Jones
Secretary - Brandon Zook
Treasurer - Christopher Mallory
Club Reporter - Stephanie Zook
Council Deleg - Gina & Dana Zavorka
Phone Committee- Rhiannon Lewis
Club Mgrs - Dan & Sheila Zavorka
Sherry Jones

Medina Club

Mtg Held - Ms. Asher's Room - Medina Elem.

President - Brennan Fertig
Vice President - Dillon Asher
Secretary - Hannah Buettner
Treasurer - Caleigh Asher
Club Reporter - Colby Robinson
Council Delegate-Nicole & Garrett Collins
Parliamentarian - Mallory Marks
Club Mgrs-Nikki Collins & Megan Asher

Bandera County Council

Mtg Held-2nd Monday of each Monday

President - Ben Halloran
Vice President - Morgan Van Dyne
Secretary - Ashley Frerich
Treasurer - Katie Mangold
Dist. Deleg-Joseph Burke & Sara Zavorka
Alt. Dist. Delegate - Seth Saathoff
Advisor - Jana Osbourn

