



Gazette

Rockwall Youth Fair

Rockwall County 4-H Gazette is a newsletter for 4-H'ers, parents, leaders, and supporters.

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4-H'ers Shined at the 2007 Youth Fair!

Everyone is to be commended for all of the hard work that was put in throughout the year leading up to the big achievement event. Take some time to evaluate your progress from last year or at least from the beginning of your project this year. Remember your success is not determined by how well you placed, but by your increased knowledge along the way. You should be able to apply things you learned in your project to everyday life, such as, how to work cooperatively with others, helping others, teaching new members the ropes and being a good neighbor.

On another note, we will contact sellers of market animals as soon as checks are received here in the office. They will be released upon receipt of a copy of your thank you letter. Remember to send your letters out as soon as possible. It is important that the buyers feel they are appreciated. We want them to be motivated to come back and buy again next year!

To see a complete listing of the results, visit our website at <http://rockwall-tx.tamu.edu/>. Look under publications.



Spring Photography Results are in!

The District Photography contest was held March 14 at the Historical Rockwall County Courthouse. Over 300 entries from 15 counties were judged in 12 different categories.

Representing Rockwall County were Don and Mollie Malone.

Don was awarded a red ribbon in the Junior Color People category and blue ribbons in Color Still Life and Architectural Elements.

Mollie Malone was awarded blue ribbons for her entries in the Senior Color Still Life and Architectural Elements categories. She also received a red ribbon in Color Plant/ Flora and a white ribbon for her entry in Color People.

Photography is a fun and educational project that everyone can do! Curriculum is available. If you are interested in this

project or entering these contests next year, talk to your club leaders.



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County Record Books

We know everyone has been working hard on record books. Everyone should have begun to fill out record forms. Now all you need to do is write a short story about your project, add some pictures of your project and fill out one other form. For detailed information contact the office or get on line at <http://texas4-h.tamu.edu> and go to publications. **Record Books are due in the County Office June 19. The office closes at 5:00pm**. All books must be checked in before then. We will start accepting books on June 1. Be prepared - Have your book finished before the deadline - turn it in early!

If you had a market animal in the Rockwall

Youth Fair, you need to complete a record book just to see how much money you spent and discover all of the things you learned this year.

If you are a Junior 4-H'er (8 - 10), you can complete a Memory Book. It is a little different but still allows you to complete a scrapbook of everything you accomplished this year. Call us for more info. *Note: You must designate the category you wish to be judged in on your cover sheet.*

Volunteers are needed to help judge at District Competition on July 12. Interested parties should contact Todd or Janie as soon as possible.

State 4-H Dog Show

The State 4-H Dog Show is coming up! The packet of information has just been posted on the state 4-H website. www.tx4hstatedogshow.com

This year's event will once again be held at Triple Crown Dog Academy in Hutto, on Friday and Saturday, July 13 & 14. This is a top notch competition where you can show off what you and your dog can do.

Online registration will begin May 15. June 9, 2007 is the absolute last day to register. Entries will only be taken online.

Details about this new process are available on the website listed to the left.

Please call the office if you need help downloading the information or have any questions.



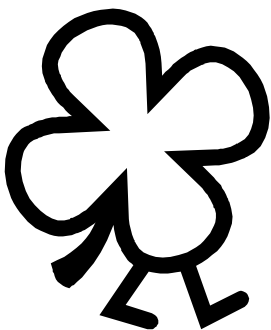
4-H PALs & County Council

4-H PALs are the most important part of the program...next to kids, of course!

Parents And Leaders are what keep 4-H clubs and projects going and growing. The Rockwall County PALs will have our last meeting of this 4-H year at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, May 14 at the Rockwall County Extension Office. We will discuss County 4-H Awards opportunities and record books; plus all of the different summer activities for our

4-H'ers. The group will also start to plan for the new 4-H year which begins in September.

At the same time and place, the **County 4-H Council** will be meeting. Hopefully your clubs have elected officers for the coming year. The President and Council Delegates of each club will need to attend. 2007-2008 County Council Officers will be elected at this meeting.



March Madness Shooting Sports Contest

Two Rockwall County 4-H'ers from the Lucky Shamrocks Shooting Sports Club traveled to Austin March 3 to compete in the 2007 March Madness Invitational Shoot sponsored by the Travis County Shooting Sports Club. Despite very windy conditions both members made an excellent showing at the contest.

They competed in Muzzleloader 25 yard, Air Pistol, Air Rifle, Hunter Pistol and Light Rifle Silhouettes. Mollie won 3rd Place in the Senior Division of the Muzzleloader Contest. Don shot his personal best in Air Pistol Silhouettes.

Way to go Don and Mollie!

As we wrap up the 4-H year, we say congratulations to graduating senior Haleigh Eicher! We wish you the best !

East Texas Youth Beef Camp

Beef project members, do not want to miss the East Texas Youth Beef Camp to be held June 14-16, 2007!

Topics include:

- Selection
- Safety
- Nutrition
- Breeding
- Halter Breaking
- Showmanship
- Fitting
- Quality Counts/
- Quality Assurance
- Health Management
- Showmanship Contest
- Skill-A-Thon

This training opportunity is open to all youth participating in the beef project and their parents. It will be held at the Van Zandt County Fairgrounds in Canton.

Things to bring (if you have them):

- Lawn Chairs
- Trim Chute
- Show Equipment - show stick, water hose, brush, comb, blower, clippers, ect.
- Show Calf (preferred, but not required)
- Health papers (required)

Cost is \$80 per exhibitor if post-marked before June 1. (\$100 after June 1) This covers the cost of meals, rentals, t-shirt and handout materials. Cost for accompanying adults is \$30 to cover the cost of meals.

Registration forms and a tentative schedule are available online at: www.beefcamp.com



District IV Spring Roundup



Three Rockwall County 4-H'ers from the Oopsie Daisies Club competed March 31st at the District Spring Roundup Fashion Show in Commerce.

Congratulations to the following for their successful showing in the Construction division of the Fashion Show!

Intermediate Casual

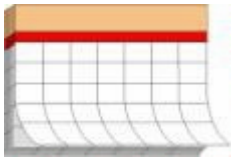
1st Place - Kylee Darrington

Junior Dressy

1st Place - Brittania Darrington

Junior Specialty

1st Place - Victoria Darrington



Mark Your Calendars!

County Awards Applications



County 4-H Awards applications will be due in the office along with record books by 5:00 p.m. on **June 19**. This is a heads up so you can get an early start on completing your forms.

Gold Star, Silver Star and I Dare You applications are available in the office or on the website:

<http://rockwall-tx.tamu.edu> Go to publications then 4-H and Youth. Rookie of the Year and Leader Recognition nomination forms are also there.

Record Book Deadline

Memory books and Record books are due in the office by 5:00 p.m. June 19.

Information and forms are available in the office or online at

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

See page 2 for more details.

District IV

Extreme Leadership

District IV Extreme Leadership will be held June 19-21 the Collin County Adventure Camp in Melissa. This event is for 4-Hers 14-18 years old. The cost has not been determined yet.

Registration is due June 1.

District Council Officer Elections will be held at this event.

District IV 4-H Horse Show

The District Horse Show will be held at the Henderson County Show Grounds in Athens on Monday, June 11th and Tuesday, 12th. Entries have already been turned in. If you are interested in the 4-H Horse Project, go see what it is all about! Details are online at <http://dallas.tamu.edu/4H/events.html>

State Fair

Swine Validation

4-H families planning to show a market hog at The State Fair of Texas this coming year must purchase a validation tag. Tags are \$10 and must be paid for at the time of the order. Unused tags are non-refundable. Place your order at the Extension Office by **May 7**. The validation deadline for steers and goats has already passed.

State Fair ownership deadlines for breeding animals

Beef & Dairy Heifers -no later than June 30.

Breeding Swine - Gilts no less than 90 days prior to show date.

Breeding Sheep - no less than 90 days prior to show date.

For more details visit bigtex.com

PAL & County Council

May 14 - See page 2 for more details.

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