

# The McLennan County 4-H



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**December 2012 Edition**

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**All McLennan County Junior Livestock Show and Youth Fair entries will be due on December 10<sup>th</sup> to the McLennan County Extension Office for all those showing or entering with 4-H.**

**Any questions, give us a call at the Extension office.**

**McLennan County will have 3 teams advancing to District Food Show/Food Challenge on Monday, December 3....one Senior team and two Junior teams.  
Good luck!!!**

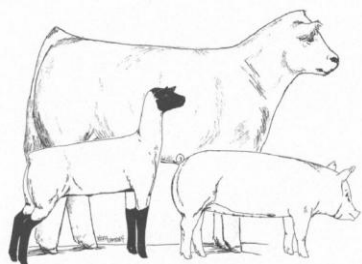


**4-H is all about helping others, so during the month of December, McLennan County 4-H'ers are still encouraged to collect for local food pantries.**

You can collect items such as: canned goods (meat, vegetables, fruits, soups, juice, broth) boxed meals, flour, baking mixes, oil, peanut butter, condiments, rice, pasta, beans, cereal, powder milk, crackers, toilet paper and toiletries.

**Take your collected items to your December Club meeting!!!**

Payton Wren, CEA-NR, will be making Project visits to 4-Hers who have an animal project. If there are any instructions you need him to have....special gate locks, mean dogs.....please let him know. He will begin those visits the first week in December.



**REMEMBER TO BE SELLING YOUR TICKETS AND IF YOU NEED MORE WE HAVE THEM AT THE EXTENSION OFFICE.**

Hope every 4-H Club is selling their Chance Drawing tickets for the  
**5<sup>th</sup> Annual Chance Drawing Fundraiser**

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Tickets are priced at \$5 for 6 or \$1 each.  
**Tickets will due on December 14<sup>th</sup>** to the Extension Office  
**(or earlier)** to your club manager.

Drawing will take place on December 17<sup>th</sup>

**(Club Managers: please remember to bring your club's designated prize with you when you turn in the tickets)**

Each 4-H'er is encouraged to sell **two books of tickets**. It is important that each 4-H'er participates, so that McLennan County 4-H can continue to pay for contest entry fees, awards, leadership opportunities, supplemental insurance for members, etc so please make an effort to sell tickets. This is our only fundraiser, but if it is not successful then we will be forced to have another one. So please make every effort to sell tickets!!!



## *Scholarships for Graduating Seniors*

**2013 Bill Collier Mid-Tex Farm & Ranch Show Scholarship** due December 2<sup>nd</sup>. Application available at [www.wacochamber.com/midtex.php](http://www.wacochamber.com/midtex.php)

**Blackland Income Growth Scholarship** due December 3<sup>rd</sup>. Application available at <http://stephenville.tamu.edu/blackland-income-growth/scholarship-program/>

**Texas Farm Bureau has three scholarships** due March 18<sup>th</sup>. Applications are available at [www.texasfarmbureau.org](http://www.texasfarmbureau.org)

## Sarah's Last Day

Sarah was surprised with a bunch of 4-Hers and their parents on Wednesday, November 21.

Good Luck Sarah!!!



## Southern Classic Youth Livestock Project Experience

is scheduled for December 7-9, 2012 in Brazos County. This multi-county/regional event is conducted by Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service.

The primary focus of the weekend activities are centered on educational programs for beef cattle (steers and heifers), swine, meat goats, lambs, poultry and **rabbits (new this year)**.

On Saturday, multiple showmanship workshops will be conducted to help new exhibitors in addition to specie specific programs. A set of large animal clippers will be given away during the beef, lamb, goat and swine clinics. The targeted audience is families with limited experience feeding and exhibiting livestock; although, participation is open to all 4-H and FFA members regardless of knowledge and ability.

All youth participants are given a useful prize of some kind related to their livestock project. Sunday is devoted to competitive showmanship contests (novice, junior and senior divisions) followed by jackpots shows. Animals do not have to be clipped or fitted in order to participate.

Registration costs \$30/family if registered by December 2nd; otherwise, it is \$40/family and can be completed on 4-H Connect. Complete details can be found at

<http://d94-h.tamu.edu/eventsandcontests/southern-classic/>

## McLennan County 4-H Pecan Food Show

**Entries are due on December 6<sup>th</sup>** to the Extension Office and the  
**Baked entries are due on December 18<sup>th</sup>**  
to the Extension Office between  
**8AM-8:30AM.**



### **Divisions:**

*Clover Kids* – 2<sup>nd</sup> grade and under (as of the start of the 2012 school year)

*Juniors* - 3rd grade to age 13 (age as of August 31, 2012)

*Seniors* - Ages 14-18 (age as of August 31, 2012)

### **Classes (all food must contain pecans, garnishing with pecans does not count):**

1. Cake - layer, tube, loaf, or bundt cake; may be butter, chiffon, or foam type
2. Candy - fudge, divinity, pralines, pecan logs - 15 pieces per entry
3. Cookies - icebox, cut-out, shaped, drop, or bar type - 12 cookies per entry
4. Pies - cream, custard, chess, fruit
5. Quick breads - muffins, loaf, coffee cake

### **Entry requirements:**

**A typed copy of the recipe must be submitted to the county Extension office by December 6<sup>th</sup> by email to [ncdobbins@ag.tamu.edu](mailto:ncdobbins@ag.tamu.edu) If email is not available then bring a typed copy of the recipe to the office in person**, so that a recipe book can be made. This will serve as your "entry." A confirmation email will be sent on Friday, December 8<sup>th</sup> with all entries listed. **Baked entries must be checked in between 7:45 - 8:30 a.m. and awards can be picked up between 3:00 - 5:00 p.m. on December 18<sup>th</sup>**

Please note ---some baked items will be used for an Elected Officials reception that day. It is a closed judging process, so no participant or representative of a participant will be allowed in the judging area before 3PM. Baked items can be dropped off by anyone, youth are not required to. All entries should be displayed on disposable paper or aluminum plates or covered cardboard, no glass, metal or plastic plates or pans are allowed. Entries should be covered with a zip-loc plastic bag or saran wrap. The zip-loc is preferred because of easier handling during judging. Participants may enter one item in any of the five classes, so a participant may enter a total of five items. Items that require refrigeration are not allowed. Please label bottom of item with 4-H'ers name and class, so that the participants name is not seen during judging. If you have any questions, please call the Extension office.

<b>Axtell</b>	December 17	6:30	Axtell Community Center/Football Field House
<b>Axtell Vet Science</b>	2 <sup>nd</sup> Tuesday	6:00	Axtell Community Center/Football Field House
<b>Bosqueville</b>	December 11	6:00	Bosqueville Elementary Cafeteria
<b>China Spring</b>	December 18	6:30	China Spring United Methodist Church
<b>Hallsburg</b>	December 10	6:30	Hallsburg City Hall
<b>Heart Of Texas</b>	December 17	6:00	Extraco Events Center Show Pavilion enter Door 11 on the East side
<b>Home Educators</b>	2 <sup>nd</sup> Tuesday	2:00	Highland Baptist Church Basement
<b>McGregor</b>	3 <sup>rd</sup> Tuesday	7:00	McGregor Elementary School Library
<b>McLennan 4-H Lamb Project</b>	3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday		Contact Rhonda Williams at (254)495-4923 for meeting information
<b>Riesel</b>	December 16	3:00	First Baptist Church on Edwards
<b>Robinson</b>	December 2 ** Christmas Party is on December 7	2:00	Robinson Intermediate Cafeteria
<b>Sharp Shooters</b>	December 9 <sup>th</sup> , 2 pm at the Waco Skeet and Trap Club.  No practice on December 2.		1 <sup>st</sup> and 3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday Practices are held at Chandlers Gun Range 789 FM 1637 Valley Mills  2 <sup>nd</sup> and 4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday Practices are held at the Waco Skeet and Trap out by the Waco Airport <a href="http://www.sharshooters4hclub.com">www.sharshooters4hclub.com</a>
<b>West</b>	December 17	6:00	West Sokol Gym 1203 N. Davis in West

The Newsletter can also be found online at <http://mclennan.agrilife.org>

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