

**WINKLER/LOVING COUNTY
Ag/NR & 4H
NEWSLETTER
April 2013**

4-H

Livestock Carcass Evaluation

Earlier this year during the Showmanship Clinics and during the showmanship portions of the Winkler-Loving Co. Stock Show it became apparent that the knowledge of muscle and skeletal structure are lacking. To address this, I am considering carcass evaluation classes where we would look at the muscles and skeletons of livestock. These classes would consist of using harvested livestock that has had the skin removed to show the muscles that judges are evaluating on live animals. It would also show the skeletal elements of livestock that judges consider in placing livestock. These classes will only be conducted if the interest from 4-H Members is enough to meet the effort needed to locate and procure all the livestock needed. We would be looking at a lamb, goat, and hog locally, but to view a calf we would have to travel to a meat lab or meat processing facility. Currently I have had 2 youth contact me from the Facebook posts from earlier in March. To hold the classes, I would like to have a minimum of 10 participants at each class. These will be conducted in May and June most likely. If you are interested in attending the classes or would like more information please call me at (432)586-2593 or email me at cesettle@ag.tamu.edu.

Shooting Sports

Shooting Sports Adult Leaders are in desperate need of adult volunteers to help with all 3 aspects of the Shooting Sports Program (Archery, Rifle/Pistol, and Shotgun). The number of kids in the program, a busy work schedule, and the time needed for preparations are taking their toll on the 3 Shooting Sports Adult Leaders conducting the program. In order for shooting sports to continue, there must be more adult involvement. There is a serious need for volunteers that will be certified in a discipline and help with the coaching of the shooting sports youth. All prospective volunteers will have a background check run before they are admitted as a volunteer. If you would like to volunteer and help strengthen the shooting sports program please call my office at (432) 586-2593 so that I can relay your information to the Shooting Sports Adult Leaders.

Shotgun will be the only discipline meeting this spring for shooting sports because of the shortage of volunteers. The tentative schedule is:

April 21, 2013 @ VFW 2 p.m.
May 5, 2013 @ VFW 2 p.m.
May 19, 2013 @ VFW 2 p.m.
June 2, 2013 @ VFW 2 p.m.

4-H Club Meeting

Tuesday, April 23, 2013
Winkler-Loving AgriLife Extension Office
7:00 p.m.

Clothing/Textiles

Tuesday, April 9, 2013
Winkler-Loving AgriLife Extension Office
7:00 p.m.

District VI 4-H Roundup

District VI 4-H Roundup will again be conducted in Garden City, TX on April 27, 2013. Events conducted at D6 Roundup include: Fashion Storyboard, Leaders for Life, Fashion Show, Entomology Identification, Share-the-Fun, Educational Presentations, Public Speaking, Discover Scientific Method Research Poster Competition, Textile Show and Photography. If you are interested in any of these competitions, except photography which the deadline has passed, you need to contact my office immediately so registration and preparation can begin.

State 4-H Roundup

The State 4-H Roundup has moved back to College Station this year, and with that comes an issue of housing during Roundup. The dorms will not be available for housing this year, so if you think you may be going to State 4-H Roundup in June, I suggest you get your hotel room now. Hotels are going to fill up very quickly with the number of youth participants from across the state that will be competing at State 4-H Roundup.

Kermit and Wink 4-H Pen Cleanup

4-H members who have penned at the Kermit or Wink 4-H Pens must have their pens cleaned before they can receive their check from the Winkler-Loving County Stock Show.

Wink 4-H Pens- Mrs. Linda Plunkett (432)208-5377
Kermit 4-H Pens- Call my office (432)586-2593

Horticulture

Home Horticulture Management Workshops

Plant Selection and Home Landscaping Workshop will be held on **Thursday, April 25, 2013** from **6-8 p.m.** at the **Winkler-Loving AgriLife Extension Office.**

With the arid climate that we have in West Texas, selection of the right plants is an extremely important facet to horticulture at our homes. Choosing plants that have drought resistant qualities can help minimize the water that we use and also provides

for a better investment when you look at the money it costs to replace plants after they succumbed to drought. Equally as important is the landscaping that we provide for those plants. Landscape can also be used to save water as well as add ornamental beauty to your property. These are some of the topics that will be addressed on the April 25, 2013 program, along with providing different landscaping ideas and plants that are known to flourish in our area.

Remaining Home Horticulture Programs for 2013
Tree Maintenance and Management- May 2013
Use of Fertilizers, Pesticides, and Insecticides- June 2013
Watering and Mulching Techniques- July 2013

Aq/NR

This is just an update. There has been a lawsuit filed by Defenders of Wildlife and the Center for Biological Diversity because of the failure of the Dunes Sagebrush Lizard to be listed as an Endangered Species by USFWS. The link below has been provided in the event that you would like to review the lawsuit further.

http://www.biologicaldiversity.org/news/press_releases/2013/dunes-sagebrush-lizard-03-14-2013.html

Most 4-H program updates and important information that comes forth is posted to the Winkler-Loving AgriLIFE Extension Facebook page, so if you have Facebook I highly recommend that you friend us so that you will receive updates through the News Feed.

For more information on any events or other information, feel free to call the office 432.586.2593, e mail cesettle@ag.tamu.edu, or stop by the office- 307 S. Poplar St., Kermit, TX.

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