

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

4-H

4-H Connect Registration

4-H Registration for the 2013/14 year will again be done electronically for youth members and adult volunteers on 4-H Connect, URL: 4honline.com. Registration has already opened, with a youth participation fee of \$20 from August 15-October 31, 2013, then \$25 from November 1 on. I encourage all youth members to register before October 31, 2013, to save the \$5 that will be added on November 1, 2013. Adults wishing to volunteer do not have to pay a registration fee when they register but will have to pass a background check before being accepted as a volunteer.

4-H RECRUITING BOOTH

4-H Club Officers and members should be in attendance to help with the recruiting effort and getting the word out about Winkler-Loving 4-H. We need to let everyone know what 4-H is about, what we do and accomplish, and what they can achieve from being a part of our organization.

Saturday, September 28, 2013
Kermit Celebration Days (Winkler County Courthouse Lawn)
10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

STEER PROJECT CLINIC

Sunday, September 8, 2013
Wink 4-H Pens (Bring your steer(s) if possible)
4:30 p.m.

RABBIT PROJECT

Deadline to order pens of rabbits will be October 11, 2013. You can call us here at the office to order your pens of rabbits. Ms. Karen Stone will again be placing the orders for rabbits and will have all the information needed about this year's Rabbit Project. If you have questions or need information, please call the office at (432)586-2593.

4-H Club Meeting

The Winkler-Loving 4-H Club Officers will meet this month to determine the meeting and activities schedule for this year. There will be a meeting in September, but the officers have not met to determine the date, so visit with them in order to find out the date and activities. Officers are: President- Lydia Meeks, Vice President- Karla Broome, Secretary- McKenna Hyde, Treasurer- Taylor Lindley, Parliamentarian- Gracie Hefner, and Reporter- Christy Lindley.

4-H Kickoff

The 4-H Kickoff was again a success this year!!! We were able to have 4 District 6 Council Members in attendance to visit with Winkler-Loving 4-H Members and provide information about District 6 4-H Council and State 4-H Council. The officer elections went great and we have a new group of enthusiastic 4-H members to lead our club. A very large THANK YOU is in order to all the members of the Winkler-Loving Livestock Association for the help and meal that they provided to make the this year's 4-H Kickoff such a success. These members work tirelessly all year to help make not only the Winkler-Loving County Stock Show, but also the entire 4-H program a success for the youth of Winkler-Loving Counties. They deserve a huge thank you from all of us and I encourage our members to thank them when you see them. Members include: Shawna Doran, Marti Haws, JJ Hefner, Jason Hotze, Shawn Hyde, Johnny LaLonde, Oscar Pena, Karen Stone, and Johnny Walker.

Winkler-Loving Stock Show UPDATE!!!

The Winkler-Loving Livestock Association has amended the **minimum Market Hog Weight**. The new minimum weight for a hog entered in the 2014 Winkler-Loving County Livestock Show will be **220 lbs.**, with the maximum remaining the same at 270 lbs. Hogs that typically fit these weight marks will be born between July 7, 2013 and July 28, 2013. If you have had problems meeting weight in previous years, I recommend that you purchase hogs born in the beginning of July. There are no guarantees that a hog born between these dates will make weight, and that hogs born after will not make weight. There are a number of factors that can affect a market hog gaining weight, but traditionally you want the hog to be born 6 months prior to the show they are competing in.

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

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