



News from Your Extension Agent

Camp County 4-H

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Camp County 4-H members have been busy all summer long! You might remember some received awards for their completed 4-H record books back in July. They have since completed (for the second year in a row) the Camp County Junior AgVocates Series. Camp County Junior AgVocates is an Extension youth program I started last year, in response to my county’s key leaders noting how important it is for our young people to understand agriculture and to help promote it. I worked with my 4-H youth board and other advisory boards to create CCJA. It is a series of educational programs in any and all facets of agriculture. Last year we focused on learning ruminant nutrition, how to read a meat label, animal by-products and introduced Texas A&M AgriLife’s “Path to the Plate” curriculum. This year we focused more on the agriculture in our county. We toured two “unconventional” farms, a draft horse farm and a peacock farm as well as two more common entities of agriculture: a dairy and a vineyard/winery. The central theme in all of this is that agriculture is important. If producers and others in the industry do not speak up, who will? The participants learned that these farmers and producers, all love and care for their animals. The farmers and producers know their animals will not perform if they are not treated humanely. This also goes for fruit production, if the vines are not healthy, they will not bear fruit.

Camp County 4-H will be participating in these upcoming events if you would like to learn more about who we are! Meet the Pirates Tailgate, Meet the teacher night at Pitt Elementary, Pitt Pioneer Days, Camp County Youth Open Livestock Show, 4-H Photography Safari, and our first meeting will be September 9, 6pm at the Aubrey Pilgrim Building. 4-H is open to all youth within the county, ages 8-18. Call the extension office for more information. 903-856-5005.



Picture 1. Josi and Gracie posing with “Rio” of Canyon Dust Ranch Horses



Picture 2. Lanna and Cayden with a young peacock from Sat-Tru Ranch Peacocks.



Picture 3. Connor, Addi, Sadie and Gracie with two of Hemmingsen Dairy's Brown Swiss Heifers.



Picture 5. Cayden, Zoey, Lanna, Connor with their certificates for completing 2019 Camp County Jr. AgVocates.



Picture 4. Zoey and Cayden learning about testing grapes for sugar content at Los Pinos Ranch Winery.



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FAW Update:

In the past two weeks we found 2 adult male moths in each trap and in the south pasture did not find any worms. In the north pasture I found 3 worms of very insignificant sizes. Since I have heard about infestations in Southwest AR and other parts of Texas, I felt it necessary to get on my hands and knees and scout by picking through the grass blades and looking at the ground- this resulted in no armyworms found. At this time, I do not see it necessary to worry about control methods. But it is the time of year we typically start seeing infestations- just remember to scout for damage and when you see more than 2 Fall armyworms $\frac{3}{4}$ inch in length or greater, per square foot, it is time to use control methods.



Picture 6. Insignificant size comparison of FAWs found in Camp County in the last two weeks.



Picture 7. Square foot tool used to aid in scouting for FAWs. Depending on pasture size, it would be good to test 10 random square foot areas for armyworms to get a good representation of the field.

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Sincerely,
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