



JASPER COUNTY 4-H NEWS

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<http://jasper.agrilife.org/>

Brock Fry
Ag/NR Agent

Cindy VanDevender
Family & Consumer Sciences

Butterfly Capital of Texas

 **Texas 4-H**
and Youth Development

Let's Go
Let's Grow
Let's Make Texas 4-H Stronger... Together

New Ag/NR agent Brock Fry now in Jasper County

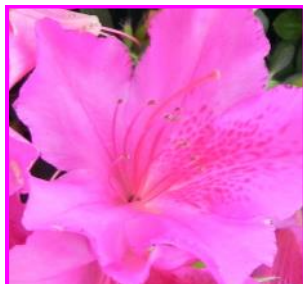
Brock Fry says, "It is with much pleasure that I join the Jasper County Extension office. I have the utmost respect for current great job that the Jasper County Extension office provides to the stakeholders, landowners, businesses, and community of Jasper County."



"I hope to promote Jasper County as place for recreation, higher paying jobs, and a great place for agriculture. I look forward to meeting you all, learning and growing with you."

Brock Fry earned his B.S. and M.S. degrees in Animal Science from Angelo State University in San Angelo, Texas. He transferred to Jasper County from Jefferson, TX in Marion County.

Jasper Master
Gardener
plant sale at
Azalea Festival,
courthouse
square, Saturday
March 15,
9 am—4 pm



It's SHOWTIME!

By Cindy VanDevender, Jasper County FCS agent

It's that time of year for our 4-H and FFA members to start getting ready for the Jasper County Junior Livestock Show that starts Friday thru Saturday, March 28-29. This show helps these youth begin their scholarship funds. The Junior Livestock arena on CR 777 across from Bell Field airport in Jasper.

Every year, we see new faces come into the ring to show that rabbit, lamb, steer, goat, heifer, or ag mechanics project. These youth spend a lot of time and effort in training these animals and designing and building projects such as trailers, benches and pot plant holders.

This year there is a new show that the youth can participate in, Commercial Heifers.

I want to encourage everyone to come out and support our youth, parents and adult volunteers. These young people spend a lot of time working on their projects, where they learn valuable skills and responsibility. An important part of this experience is showing the results, and this experience translates to success now and later in life. It is important that we show our support to these future leaders in our community.

Proceeds from the auction sales, as well as add-ons (donations from supporters) is how many students begin their scholarship funds. There are many opportunities to visit the projects as they get ready to go in the ring. And when you work up an appetite, you can enjoy a variety of foods and drinks available both Friday and Saturday at the concession stand.

The committee chairs for the fair events are Buck Cole, steers; Eddie McCauley, swine; Mike and Susan Harris, lambs and goats; Clint and Amy Dennis, broilers; Eric Shierry, rabbits; Byron Watson and Brett Crews, commercial heifers; Jaybo Jackson, breeding beef; Gary Midkiff and John VanDevender, scramble calves; and Ed Meyer, ag mechanics.

For questions, call 409-382-8828.

**Show schedule on
page 4**

Attention 4-H Families...2 big events

1. County 4-H Roundup and Share-the-Fun Contest is around the corner.

This contest has several events within it that you may be interested in.....do an educational presentation, taxidermy contest, Share-the-Fun (Celebrate 4-H - promoting 4-H, Choreographed Routines - twirling, dancing, Dramedy - comedy-drama or comedic drama, Musical/Instrumental, Poetry/Prose, Solo/Band Performance, Vocal)

2. County 4-H Fashion Show Contest is the same day. This contest has several events within it that you may be interested in.....Sewing a garment, Buying a garment, Storyboard, Shoe Fun (decorating a shoe), Window Wow (decorating a window as a display) and Duct Tape items.

If you are interested in participating in either of these events, please call the Extension Office at 384-3721 by Friday, March 14 to register. Both events take place on Friday, March 21 at 5:30 p.m. at the County Extension Office, 103 E. Houston St. in Jasper.

Cindy VanDevender

Call to register: phone 409-384-3721

Fax: 409-384-5949

c-vandevender@tamu.edu

4-H has Talent...it's a hoot!

Picture yourself: a star performing on the Big Stage at the 2014 Texas 4-H Roundup talent competition. Sing, dance, tell a joke or just do something unusual.

Deadline for submission: April 1

Upload your submission to YouTube

Open to Intermediate and Senior 4-H members

Teams or individuals, but only one video allowed

5 finalists will be selected to perform June 10 at the Reed Arena at Texas A&M University.

Audience votes via text message to select winners.

Top two winners receive cash prizes.

More details at: <http://texas4-h.tamu.edu/files/2013/12/4-H-Has-Talent.pdf>

Healthy Lifestyles Invitational

Contest info for 4-H Healthy Lifestyles Invitational is at texas4-h.tamu.edu/healthy_lifestyles.

Thursday, June 12 at Texas 4-H Roundup.

Class topics, resource list, contest details, and scoring information are all available in the contest packet posted online.

State Photography Contest

Entry deadline: April 1, 2014

Photos must be submitted BY EMAIL

Seniors ONLY; rules & guidelines:

http://texas4-h.tamu.edu/files/2014/01/13-14_Photo_Rulesjan14.pdf



Air Show & Fly-In on Saturday & Sunday, March 15-16, at Bell Field Airport, Highway 190 West in Jasper.

New this year: World War II Bomber "Devil Dog" B-25 from Georgetown. Gates open at 9:00 a.m. for static display on both days. **Go to KJAS.com** for the full list of performers and admission prices.

****FAA and DOT Regulations: Ice Chests, Large Back Packs, Containers, Animals or Pets will NOT be allowed on Airport Grounds****

Experimental Aircraft Assoc. of Leesville, LA will give FREE flights to ages 8-17 on a first come-first serve basis. *****Parent or guardian must sign a waiver*****

Texas 4-H Roundup!

June 9-13, 2013

Texas A&M in College Station

open to all Senior 4-H members

4-H Scholarships, Food Show, Fashion Show,
Public Speaking, Educational Presentations,
Share-the-Fun, 4-H Talent,
Invitationals (open to Intermediates),
Photography and more!

**For more information contact the
Extension Office—384-3721!**

Texas 4-H Roundup is a qualifying and invitational event for ages of 11—18 who have successfully placed in a qualifying event at the district level or signed up to compete in an invitational event at the state level. County and district Roundups are open to 4-H members ages 9 —18.

Texas 4-H Roundup includes approximately 50 different contests and workshops that test 4-H members on life skills in such as decision making, public speaking, organization, and working with others. These contests include Food & Fashion Shows, judging contests and educational presentations.

***Do you have anything to
donate for the silent auction?***

*Details at [texas4hfoundation.org/silentauction/
countychallenge/](http://texas4hfoundation.org/silentauction/countychallenge/)*



**Deadline for state fair lamb &
goat tags, April 14, \$8 each**

**Deadline for major steer tags,
April 14, \$10**

Brock Fry, 384-3721



March

4-23 Houston Livestock show & Rodeo
15 Azalea Festival, Master Gardener plant sale
14 County 4-H Fashion Show, Roundup and Share-the-Fun entries due
21 County 4-H Fashion Show
21 County 4-H Roundup and Share-the-Fun Contest
22 Work day at the livestock barn, 9 am until...?
24 4-H County Council, JNEC in Kirbyville, 6 pm
27 thru April 6 YMBL State Fair—Beaumont
28-29 Jasper County Livestock Show

April

14 Deadline for lamb, goat & major steer tags
18 Holiday, county office closed
26 District 4-H Fashion Show, Roundup, Share-the-Fun & Taxidermy Contest at SFASU in Nacogdoches
28 4-H County Council, JNEC in Kirbyville, 6 pm

May

7-10 Jasper Lions Benefit Rodeo
7 Rodeo parade around the courthouse square
9 AG day—details TBA

June

9-13 State 4-H Roundup in College Station

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



**County 4-H Council meetings are 4th
Mondays at the JNEC community
room in Kirbyville at 6 pm. Council
meetings are open to everyone!**



Register for 4-H

<https://www.4honline.com/>

KEEP UP! <http://d54-h.tamu.edu/>

District 5 events,
contest results & more.

Texas 4-H & Youth Development and the Entomology Dept. at Texas A&M announces
4-H Roundup Entomology Collection Contest open to intermediate and senior 4-H members.

Youth learn about insects and arthropods through collection, preservation and identification. Youth learn how to properly identify insects and arthropods by common name, arrange them in organized insect collections, and learn proper preservation tools to ensure that their collections last for years.

Deadline: May 9

Texas 4-H Entomology
<http://insects.tamu.edu/youth/4H/index.html>

4-H Roundup website:
<http://texas4-h.tamu.edu/files/2013/09/>

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Learn more at:

<https://insects.tamu.edu/fieldguide/>



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Taste of Jasper!

Saturday, April 5, 5-8 PM
 First United Methodist Church
 Wesley Center
 329 N. Bowie, Jasper

This is the Pilot Club fundraiser where various restaurants and food vendors take a booth and offer up the Best of Jasper. You get to sample everything and then vote for your favorites.

All you can eat (more than you can eat!) for \$10 a head, ages 3 and under free.

If you can donate a silent auction item, call Amber at the Chamber office, 409-384-82762. She needs to know the retail amount of whatever item is being donated.

Thank you all for always showing up and voting for our FARMERS MARKET famous muscadine juice from the largest muscadine vineyard in Texas, right here in Jasper County.

NEW! Workdays announced for county show:

Saturday, March 22, 9 am until....?

and March 28-29, show hours

see schedule below

JASPER COUNTY JUNIOR LIVESTOCK SHOW SCHEDULE

Friday, March 28

7—8 am	Rabbit & broiler check in
8—9 am	Market broiler judging & showmanship
8—10 am	Market rabbit judging & showmanship, Open breeding rabbit show
9—11 am	Swine check-in
11—noon	Goat & lamb check-in
noon—2 pm	Ag mechanics Project Show
1—3 pm	Market goat judging & showmanship
3:30—5 pm	Market lamb judging & showmanship
5—8 pm	Steer & commercial heifer check-in
5:30—8:30 pm	Market swine judging & showmanship

Saturday, March 29

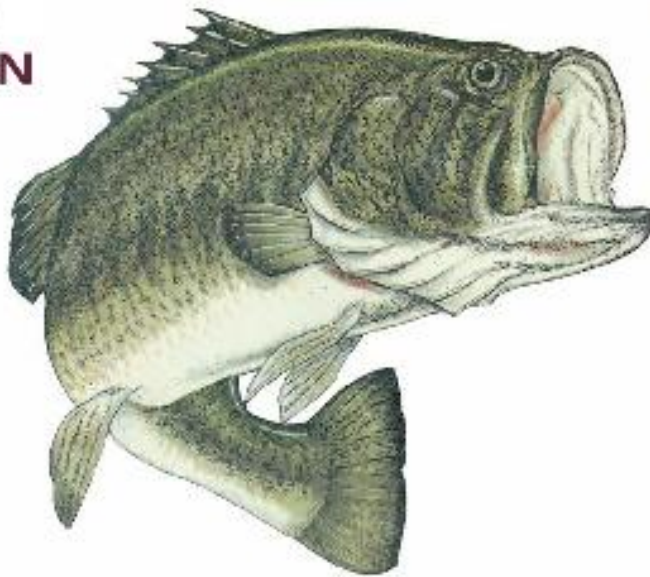
8:30—10 am	Commercial Heifer show
10:30—noon	Market steer judging & showmanship
Noon—1 pm	Open Jr. breeding beef show
1—1:30 pm	Scramble Heifer show
3:30 pm	Clover Kid Show
4:30 pm	Presentation of scholarships recipients & announcements

5 p.m. LIVESTOCK AUCTION BEGINS!



Livestock show & rodeo

<http://www.hlsr.com/>
 March 4-23



Virtual 4-H Youth Bass Tournaments

District 5 4-H is hosting Spring Events

Fish anywhere you want! Fish in groups and with others!

Events will be held in February, March, and April 2014

You will need to be friends on Facebook with D 5 4-H

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/100473720048146/>

You will need to be a member of 4-H and register at your County Extension Office.

How to find your office: <http://counties.agrilife.org/>

Locate the rules for these tournaments on the D 5 4-H Facebook page

Cost: \$25 to join 4-H and a onetime \$10 for all spring events

Join 4-H: <http://texas4-h.tamu.edu/> Click on 4-H Connect

For questions contact: Brock Fry 409-384-3721 or email bafry@ag.tamu.edu

Educational programs of the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service are open to all people without regard to race, color, sex, disability, religion, age, or national origin. The Texas A&M University System, U.S. Department of Agriculture, and the County Commissioners Courts of Texas Cooperating. If you need assistance for a disability please call in advance so necessary accommodations can be made (903)663-2421.

SHOW YOUR PATRIOTISM WITH JASPER 4-H GUN & BOW'S AMERICAN FLAGS!!

Jasper 4-H Gun & Bow will bring you an American Flag to display at your residence or place of business 5 times a year. There is nothing to be done on your part once you sign up! We maintain the flags, display the flags, and store the flags.



Memorial Day* *Flag Day* *4th of July

Labor Day thru 9- 11* *Veteran's Day

For \$30.00 a year per flag, you help us raise money for our club. We use funds to supply the club with ammunition, guns, bows, arrows, and targets. These funds also help our members with trips to local, District and State competitions.

Please fill out the bottom part of this flyer before April 15, 2014 and send it to: Jasper 4-H Gun & Bow C/O County Extension Office, 103 E. Houston St., Jasper, Tx 75951 or you can give it to one of our youth in shooting sports.

We thank you so much for helping support our club, our community, our country, and our world!

Jasper County Farmers Market celebrates 5th Year in May 2014!

First day of Market will be Saturday, May 3, 8—11 am in the Tractor Supply parking lot at 190 & 96, same as last year. Expect to find fresh farm ripe fruit, vegetables, local honey, herbs, flowers & more.

Market is open to local growers and for hand-crafted items and home-made goodies. Market is open during the growing season, May through July, closes for August, re-opens September through early November. Last market of the season is a Holiday Market with lots of unique gifts and local fundraisers.



JCFM is a member of the Texas Certified Farmers Market Association. First planning meeting for vendors is April 14; contact our office at 409-384-3721 if you would like to attend and help the market grow.

**NEW VENDOR PACKETS WILL BE ONLINE
AFTER THE APRIL 14 MEETING.**

jasper.agrilife.org

11th Annual **Dam to Dam** Bike Ride Saturday, April 12, 2014

This event is geared towards our cycling enthusiasts and we draw people from all over the State of Texas and some from Louisiana as well. For more information go to the Chamber of Commerce website, and you can also register to ride: <http://www.jaspercoc.org/>



Jasper-Lake Sam Rayburn Area
Chamber of Commerce

Name: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Mailing address: _____

MUST be in or near City of Jasper

for questions call 409-594-0036

Directions to residence/business: _____

Pole in ground _____ or flag in bracket _____

Total number _____ x \$30.00 = _____

Check _____ Cash _____

Sold by: _____

**19th Annual Houston County 4-H
Shooting Sports Invitational Shoot
and Whiz Bang Qualifier
Friday—Saturday, June 13-14, 2014**

Entry fee deadline is May 16 and must include fee payments. ENTRY FEES & SHOOT APPLICATIONS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED AFTER 5 P.M. ON MAY 16.

Fees range from \$45 to \$80 with divisions from novice to senior.

cancellation fee of \$25.00 for re-squadding will be assessed if a shooter calls and cancels his/her participation after June 2, 2014.

Any and all disputes will be settled by the shoot manager and all decisions will be final. Contact their office for entry form and more information: GP Shearer, 700 South 4th St., Crockett, TX 75835.

Email questions to BPSHEARER@icloud.com or go to Facebook: **HCYSS** (Houston County Youth Shooting Sports)

**Madison County
4-H Whiz Bang
April 12-13, 2014**

Register by March 28 to avoid \$25 late fee.

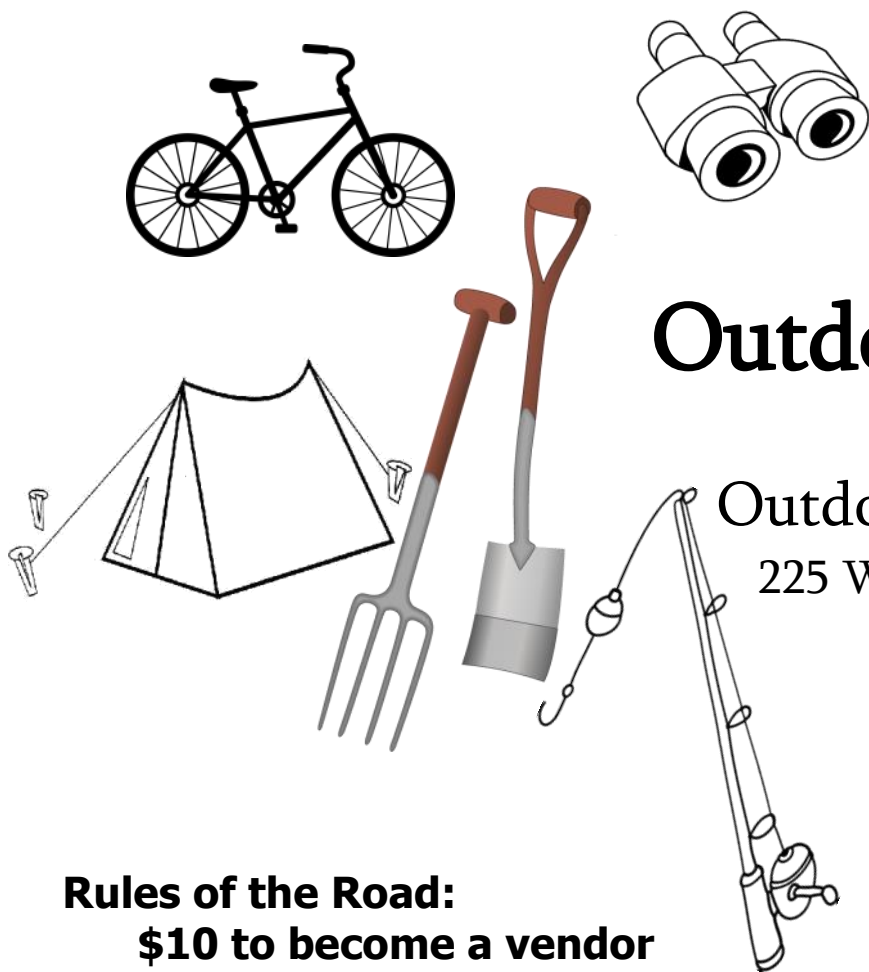
Contact the Madison County office for more information and for registration forms.: 936-348-2234.

Conducted by Madison County 4-H Shotgun club; /Ann Rogers, 2205 Eastridge Ln., Madisonville, TX 77864; 936-349-6168, drogers@madisonvillecisd.org



Jayce Morgan (left)
and Wyatt Webb
(below) at recent
Taxidermy workshop





*please join us
for the first ever*

Outdoor Swap Meet

across from the

Outdoor Learning Center

225 Water Street in Jasper TX

Saturday April 5, 9 am to 2

Rules of the Road:

\$10 to become a vendor

(approx. 10 x 10 space in a parking lot, bring yer own table, or tailgate like at farmers market)

Bring only outdoor stuff

- ♦ garden items, pots, tools, mowers
- ♦ camping gear, BBQs, grills
- ♦ outdoor sports stuff like bikes, basketballs, golf, tennis, scuba...
- ♦ hunting stuff & fishing stuff but NO FIREARMS please. No live animals.

Do NOT bring kitchen clutter, dishes, clothes, household items, food, jewelry, hats, shoes or handbags.

This ain't no rummage sale.

*or **JUST DONATE** stuff to*

support the Outdoor Learning Center, greenhouse & butterfly gardens.

Clean out & reclaim space in your garage, shed, shop or porch.

*Donate **outdoor stuff only***

starting April 4, Friday afternoon 3—6 pm at 225 Water St. (the Outdoor Learning Center) near the Fire Hall and library.

Jasper Master Gardeners & Master Naturalists will price and sell your stuff and donate the money to support our public improvement projects at the Arboretum and Outdoor Learning Center.



Please help us get the word out — word of mouth will be our only advertising and this is a first time event. Email sharonruthkerr@gmail.com if you plan to take a booth, or call 409-384-3721 if you have questions.

