



4-H NEWS LEE COUNTY

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Jr. Leadership Lab - Nov 10-11



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Texas District 9 4-H Council would like to invite 4-H Intermediate members, grades 6th - 8th, to the 2017 Junior Leadership Lab at Carolina Creek Christian Camp in Huntsville. The retreat is scheduled for November 10 - 11.

The objective of District Junior Leadership Lab is to prepare Intermediate 4-H members, from the 18 counties in District 9, for leadership roles. These roles might be at the county level or club level. The hope is that participants will take information back from Lab and share it with members in their counties.

This year's theme is:

Be a Superhero in 4-H

"Being a Superhero in 4-H" will be a fun superhero twist relating to building character, leadership and teamwork.

The Lab is set up to be enjoyable and fun, but there is work too. The sessions require participate involvement and

concentration. The Lab will utilize skills and team building activities to teach teen leadership.

On-line registration deadline is October 20, at: <https://texas.4honline.com>

Registration is \$75 and covers one night of lodging, all meals, program activities, insurance and curriculum. The attire is school appropriate (casual), but remember to pack warm clothes as many activities are planned outside.

Lee County 4-H PVA has funds to help off set the cost of registration.

Teen Leaders, grades 9th-12th, are needed for District Junior Leadership Lab. Teens will serve in a teaching role for one of the sessions or as a facilitator for group games or ice breakers. Applications for Teen Leaders are on the District 9 website at:

<https://d94-h.tamu.edu>

Contact the Extension office if you have any questions.

Southern Classic - Dec. 8-10

The Southern Classic, a clinic and prospect show for exhibitors of beef, lamb, goat, swine and rabbits, will be held on Dec. 8 - 10 at the Brazos County Exposition Complex in Bryan.

The Classic is designed to provide an educational opportunity for exhibitors wanting to gain experience in the Show Ring.

The weekend includes educational programs mixed with competitive experiences designed to prepare youth for their ultimate experience, "The County Youth Livestock Show". The Southern Classic is open to all 4-H

families.

There will be a variety of workshops that will be project specific. Included in the price of registration, families will enjoy a catered lunch on Saturday.

Registration includes participation in all workshops and shows offered on Saturday and Sunday. There is no individual fee per animal. Just one fee for each family.

Early registration opens mid-October and continues through to the last week in November, is \$30 per family. Late

LCJLS Updates

There is a huge change in Entry Deadline for the Lee County Junior Livestock Show (LCJLS). Dates for this 2018 LCJLS are:

February 28 - March 3

There are **MULTIPLE ENTRY DEADLINE** dates this year, depending on what projects with which you are competing. In previous years, there was a single Entry Deadline for all projects. One deadline has already occurred: steers, halter heifers, commercial market heifers.

It is more than important that each exhibitor and their family review the **RULES** for 2018 LCJLS. Rules can be found in your 4-H Family Handbook.

Printed copies of the Handbook are available at the Extension Office. The Handbook can be reviewed on-line at:

<https://lee.agrilife.org/lee-county-4-h/>

Enclosed is a chart for quick reference, based on project groups.

The remaining **VALIDATION/ENTRY** dates are:

- Sheep & Goat Validate/Entry Date, Nov. 12, 2017
LCJLS Show Barn, 1 pm - 3pm
- Swine Validate/Entry Date, Dec. 10, 2017
LCJLS Show Barn, 1 pm - 3pm

The following projects have a **SEPARATE** entry deadline and validation/ownership dates:

- Rabbits, meat Entry Date, Jan. 12, 2018
Tattoo Date, Jan. 28, 2018
- Rabbits, breeding ownership date, Nov. 1, 2017
entry date, Jan. 12, 2018
- Registered Heifers (breeding) ownership date, Nov 1, 2017
Entry date, Jan. 12, 2018

These projects have a **SINGLE** date, but not a validation:

- Broilers; order date & entry date, Dec. 4, 2017
- Cakes (regular & decorated); entry date, Jan. 12, 2018
(recipe MUST be attached to entry)

Please contact the Extension office should you have any questions.



Equipment Check-Out

The Lee County 4-H Program has equipment available for check-out to Lee County 4-H families, with currently enrolled 4-H members. Equipment can not be loaned to a non-member family. The following equipment is available for check-out:

- small animal scales, trailer mounted
- trim shoot (cattle)
- trim table (sheep & goat)
- clippers

Contact the Extension office to reserve an equipment check-out.

Each family must complete an "equipment checkout" waiver, releasing Lee County 4-H from all liability.

Equipment check-out time is restricted to 24-hours.

Continued misuse of check-out time restriction will cause that family to become ineligible to check-out equipment.

ALL equipment must be returned cleaner than when you checked it out.

CLIPPERS: Families are required to have their own blades. The clippers are Lister Star clippers. The blades that are needed for sheep/goat and steer are:

Lister Shearing Fine — A2F/AC clipper blades

Clipper blades can be purchased the local Tractor Supply.

Sullivan Supply (<http://www.sullivansupply.com/>) or Premier 1 Supplies (<https://www.premier1supplies.com/>) also carry blades. At Premier, they offer a comparable brand marketed under the name Premier.

LCJLS Broiler Entry

4-H exhibitors turn in LCJLS entry at Extension office



Broilers must be ordered & paid, when entry is turned in.

deadline: December 4

979-542-2753

Because entry deadline is December 4,

NO PHONE ORDERS CAN BE ACCEPTED

4-H Awards Program

The 4-H Clubs of Lee County conducted their annual 4-H Awards Program in August at the Family Life Center of St. John's Lutheran Church in Lincoln in August.

Awards and recognition were presented to those participating in the various 4-H activities this past year.

Rookie Award – Brandon Burgdorf, Caitlyn Grange, Harrison Otto, Jasmine Otto, Kamrie Stewart, Evelyn Williams

Outstanding Junior – Brandon Burgdorf, Caitlyn Coleman, Emme Dallmeyer, Sydney Kubicek, Caleb Partee, Idalia Warren

Outstanding Intermediate – Kailey Burgdorf, KD Coleman, Dilyn Kieschnick, Brianna Lehmann, Emma Lyon, Kylee Ricketson, Cortlin Turner, Colby Wagner, Zeaonna Wallace

Outstanding Senior – Crystal Colley,

Elexus Cooper, Emily Doty, Savannah Hosch, Hannah Kipp, Bailey Lyon, Jordan Marek, Logan Perry, Ariston Turner

Honor Roll – Caitlyn Coleman, Caitlyn Grange, Harrison Otto, Jasmine Otto, Kamrie Stewart, Evelyn Williams

Bronze Star Award – Emme Dallmeyer, Emma Lyon

All Star Award – Alina Beadles, Sierra Beasley, Kailey Burgdorf, KD Coleman, Abigail Eindorf, Naryah Galvan, Abbie Horne, Samantha Iselt, Adrie Niemeyer, Kylee Ricketson, Emma Smith, Brenly Walker

Silver Star Award – Kailey Burgdorf, Emma Smith

Letterman Award – Zoe Beadles, Rayce Brewer, Lillie Clifford, Crystal Colley, Bo Enderlin, Kellyn Hervey, Bailey Lyon, Joel Mackey, Teegan

Mackey, Lettie Morris, Logan Perry, Tanner Whitsel

Gold Star – Crystal Colley, Logan Perry

Outstanding Leader – Anne Otte, Ashlee Smith

Friends of 4-H – Tractor Supply (Giddings)

Southern Classic

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and on-site registration is \$40 per family.

Registration is completed on-line through your 4-H CONNECT family profile. Enter 4-H CONNECT using your enrollment account. Under the Family Listing, select "Register A Member In An Event". The Southern Classic is available for selection.

Remember you are registering the whole family, so do it only once, under the family profile. Registration fees can be paid by credit card or debit card.

Rabbit exhibitors are reminded: This is a "carrying cage" show. No pens will be available at the show.

The Lee County Parent Volunteer Association (PVA) is a financial supporter of this event.

4-H Membership is not required. A non-4-H families can register on-line at <https://texas.4honline.com>. Select "**I need to set up a new profile**". After entering your e-mail address and creating a password, there will be a selection entitled "Role". Drop down the "Role" menu and select "**Non 4-H Member/Family**".

Successful Fried Chicken Dinner

The Lee County 4-H Program experienced another very successful Fried Chicken Dinner fund raiser, raising over \$13,500. For the second year in a row, PVA included a Gun Raffle on the same day.

The ever-successful efforts of Mike Maass in coordinating every aspect of the dinner was seen this year once again.

Hundreds of volunteer hours contributed to the efficiency of event; hours provided by 4-H members, parents and family members, as well as members of the Lincoln Volunteer Fire Department.

Customers were offered a drive-thru pickup for their to-go orders. Many compliments were received for continued effort from last year!

Proceeds from the Fried Chicken Dinner and Raffle remain in Lee County, funding 4-H scholarships and 4-H activities.

A big "**Thank You**" goes to:

- Mike and Susie Maass for their time and effort
- the members of the Lincoln Volunteer Fire Department for cooking the chicken
- PVA Chairman Mary Ellen Whitsel for the coordinating she does in receiving tickets and money on Sunday

AND, a huge "**Thank You**" to the families of the Lee County 4-H members who tackled ticket sales and offered their strong support of the Lee County's 4-H program.



Big Time in D9 — Roundup

Dates for the District 9 Roundup have been announced. Contest dates are May 3-5, again at the Lone Star College in Montgomery County. The Big Time in D9 – Roundup 2018 website has the reference information contestants should be familiarizing themselves with already.

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

CONTESTS INCLUDE:

- 4-H DSM: Research Poster Contest
- 4-H Pit Master Food Challenge (BBQ & Burger Cook-off)
- Ag Products ID Contest
- Consumer Decision Making
- Duds to Dazzle
- Educational Presentations / Public Speaking
- Fashion Show
- Fashion Storyboard
- Food Challenge
- Food Show
- Leaders 4 Life

- Livestock Skill-a-thon
- Photography **
- Photography Judging Contest
- Produce Judging
- Quiz Bowls (Beef, Horse, Nutrition, Swine)
- Robotics Contest
- Share the Fun
- Vet Science Skill-a-thon
- Wildlife Challenge

Registration deadline April 4, except for Photography.

**** PHOTOGRAPHY**, which is judged prior to Big Time in D9, has a **MARCH 28** entry deadline.

Registration is conducted on-line via the 4-H CONNECT enrollment program, for those 4-H members with an “active” enrollment status.

Contact the Extension office by November 1, if you’re interested in these contests.

Multi-District Judging Dates

Multi-District Judging contests have been announced. Contests will be held on the campus of Texas A&M University.

HORSE Judging will be **Saturday, April 7, 2018**. Registration deadline is March 21.

HORSE JUDGING

Classes: 2 to 4 Halter Classes
4 to 6 Performance Classes

Reasons: Seniors – 1 halter, 1 perform
Intermediates — 1 halter

LIVESTOCK, MEATS and **SOIL** Judging contests will be **Saturday, April 21, 2018**. Registration deadline is April 4.

LIVESTOCK JUDGING

Classes: 2 Market Steer
1 Breed Cattle
1 Goat
1 Market Lamb
2 Market Swine

Reasons: Sr. - 4 sets (2 cattle, sheep, swine)
Inter - 2 sets (steer, sheep)

EPDs (estimated progeny differences) and herd use description will be provided on the breeding cattle class.

MEATS JUDGING & IDENTIFICATION

Identify and evaluate meat cuts of beef, swine and sheep.

SOIL JUDGING

Identify different soil types and understand their characteristics.

Registration is conducted on-line via the 4-H CONNECT enrollment program, for those 4-H members with an “active” enrollment status.

Contact the Extension office by November 1, if you’re interested in these contests. No previous experience is needed.

Early Enrollment Extended to Dec 31

Due to the effects of Hurricane Harvey on so many coastal 4-H families, Texas 4-H has extended early enrollment state-wide to

DECEMBER 31

Enrollment in the Lee County 4-H Program is on-going.

To register, go on-line at:

<https://texas.4honline>

\$20 through Dec 31 ★★★★★ \$25, increases on Jan 1



Texas 4-H Scholarship Workshop

The Texas A&M Collegiate 4-H is hosting their annual Scholarship Workshop on Saturday, November 18, from 8:30 am to 3:30 pm in Rudder Tower on the campus of Texas A&M University in College Station. The workshop is beneficial for ALL high school 4-H members, not just those submitting applications in 2018.

This face-to-face workshop is \$20 per person and includes training packet, refreshments and lunch.

Registration is limited to the first 300 people and can be completed on 4-H CONNECT.

Applications for the 2018 scholarships are to be posted in late-Fall 2017. For more information about scholarships and the workshop, visit:

<https://texas4-h.tamu.edu/scholarships/>

TEXAS 4-H OPPORTUNITY SCHOLARSHIPS

Texas 4-H Youth Development Program Opportunity Scholarships are aca-

demically awarded each year to applicants based on their academic record, 4-H experience and financial need (for scholarships for which it is a required criterion).

The Texas 4-H Youth Development Opportunity Scholarship Program is conducted in coordination with the Texas 4-H Youth Development Foundation. All applications must be submitted through the applicant's County Extension office and meet all criteria to be considered.

TEXAS 4-H COLLEGIATE 4-H SCHOLARSHIP

The Texas 4-H Youth Development Foundation provides a limited number of collegiate scholarships to students who are currently enrolled in a Texas college or university. These scholarships are awarded to deserving former 4-H members who have continued to excel in both academics and service at the collegiate level.

OTHER SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

Stock Show Scholarships - When you apply for a 4-H scholarship, you are automatically entered into the application process for stock shows in Texas. Stock show scholarships are based on your placing in the overall scholarship program.

The exception is Houston Livestock Show & Rodeo. You will be considered for the main Houston Livestock Show & Rodeo scholarship in your general 4-H scholarship application, but Houston has other scholarships you can apply for separately. You can only receive one scholarship from Houston so we recommend that you apply for the main 4-H scholarship as well as any others you qualify for with Houston, such as the exhibitor scholarship. See a list of all scholarships available from Houston Livestock Show & Rodeo.

Texas Extension Education Association Scholarship - This scholarship is for high school seniors who have been involved in 4-H for four years, have shown leadership and personal development, plan to get a college or vocational degree, and have not passed their 19th birthday by January 1 of the current application year. Applications are submitted to your County AgriLife Extension office.

Texas Dove Hunters Association - Do you know any high school seniors in Texas who are hunters and are pursuing higher education: tech school, junior college or 4-year university? Applications available online at texasdovehunters.com.

See the requirements related to each of these scholarships. The deadline for scholarships to be turned in to the Lee County Extension office is Friday, January 19.

Lee 4-H PVA Scholarship

The Lee County 4-H Parent Volunteer Association offers scholarships each year to the graduating High School Seniors.

To be eligible, applicant must:

- ◆ be a current, verified Lee County 4-H member, enrolled through Texas 4-H Connect prior to **NOVEMBER 1, 2017**
- ◆ be enrolled in an organized Lee County 4-H Club
- ◆ have been enrolled for a minimum of two (2) consecutive years of the four (4) high school academic years
- ◆ have attended a minimum of four (4) club meetings during each en-

rolled 4-H year

- ◆ have formally applied for enrollment in a technical, vocational or other school of higher education (field of study is not relevant to application)
- ◆ be a candidate for graduation from high school during the 2017-2018 academic year

APPLICATION DEADLINE is the first **MONDAY IN DECEMBER**. Applications may be delivered to the Extension office in Giddings or post marked by first Monday in December.

Contact the Extension office should you have any immediate questions.

Dinner Tonight Roadshow

Mark your calendars now to join in the food and fun at the Dinner Tonight Healthy Cooking School Road Show, which will be presented by Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service.

The Roadshow hits town on Monday, November 20, at 12 noon at the Lee County Extension Office, 310 South Grimes Street in Giddings. Menu will include three meals:

- Citrus Cilantro Chicken, Southwest Quinoa, Key Lime Pie
- Honey Chipotle Tacos, Sweet Potato Fries, Frozen Peach Yogurt
- Slow Cooker Beef Stew, Jalapeno Corn Bread, Apple Crisp

During the Roadshow, everyone will see and taste demonstrations of quick and easy-to-make recipes from the Dinner Tonight recipe card series. County Extension experts from six counties will conduct the food demonstrations.

The goal of the Roadshow is to celebrate family mealtime, teach families healthy meal planning and food preparation techniques, and promote Texas agriculture.

With many area schools out for Thanksgiving holiday, this would be a wonderful way for families to kick off their Holiday Season.

The cost is \$25. Ages 8 and under are \$10. Pre-registration is required by Friday, November 17. Register in person at the Extension office. For additional information, contact Tonya Poncik at 979-542-2753.

Meeting Announcement

PVA

Parent Volunteer Association

will meet

Thursday, November 2

5:30 pm

Extension Office

All 4-H parents are invited to attend.

Major Show Info

Major Show Contests

If you would like to participate in any of the contests listed below, you must contact the Extension office by **NOVEMBER 1**. Teams will be organized based on replies received. Practice dates will be set based on team member availability.

Consumer Decision Making — San Antonio Stock Show, Sat., Feb. 17

Beef Quiz Bowl — Houston Livestock Show, Fri., March 2

Horse Judging — San Antonio Stock Show, Mon., Feb. 12
Houston Livestock Show, Mon., March 5

Livestock Judging — San Antonio Stock Show, Sun., Feb. 25
Houston Livestock Show, Mon., March 12

Food Challenge — San Antonio Stock Show, Thur., Feb 8
Houston Livestock Show, Sun., March 18

Food Challenge will closely follow the format set in place for the State 4-H Roundup Food Challenge Contest. Competition will be available in junior and senior divisions consisting of teams of three to five contestants.

Major Show Sign-Up

Monday, Nov. 6 — 4 pm - 6 pm

Extension office

Extension Agent Trevor Dickschat will be on hand to answer any questions and assist in the entry process. A Notary Public will be available. Each Show hosts an Internet site, where entry information is usually posted early in October.

Remember !!!

CLUB MANAGERS need to enroll in Texas 4-H the same as youth.

Log-in on your family profile in 4-H CONNECT.

Lee County 4-H PVA will cover the costs of your enrollment fees. On the invoice page, select "county/club check".

Calf Scrambles at Major Shows

It's once again time to identify 4-H members who would like to participate in the calf scrambles. The Calf Scramble program is a very rewarding opportunity 4-H'ers have to participate in. Each year, sponsors put up millions of dollars to support youth who are interested in raising a scramble project.

However, participating in a calf scramble is serious and at times difficult work. It's a year long commitment of preparing your project to return the next year. The steps you take toward fulfilling your end of the scramble bargain will influence sponsors' willingness to support future scrambles and the scramble committee's decision to continue the program.

Each Show has their age and species restrictions:

- **Austin** - must be age 12, but not yet age 18, by August 31, 2017; must not be enrolled beyond their junior year in High School. Participants must be active 4-H/FFA members and reside in Texas. Species: market steer, lamb, goat or pig, breeding beef heifer or boer goat.

<http://www.rodeoaustin.com/compete/livestock-show/>

- **Ft. Worth** - must be ages 14, 15, 16, 17 (as of January 1, 2018) and not beyond their Junior year in high school. Species: beef or dairy heifer.

<http://fwssr.com/calf-scramble/>

- **San Antonio** - must be age 12, but not be age 18 before January 1, 2018 and not enrolled beyond Junior year in high school. Species: beef, dairy, swine, sheep, and goat (breeding animals only)

<https://www.sarodeo.com/livestock/category/calf-scramble-participants>

- **Houston** - must be age 14, but not be age 18 before January 1, 2018 and not enrolled beyond Junior year in high school. Species: market steer or registered beef heifer.

<http://www.rodeohouston.com/Get-Involved/Exhibitors-Participants/Calf-Scramble>

Scramble certificates have varying values. The participating 4-H'er must be financially able to provide the extra money, if needed. Participant must weigh at least 100 pounds and be in top physical condition. Regular monthly reports are required. Participant must be an active and dependable 4-H mem-

ber enrolled in the Lee County 4-H Program and be making passing grades in school work.

Parents must be interested in the 4-H'er owning a registered breeding animal and agree to support him/her in the project. 4-H'er must have suitable facilities; are there adequate pens/shelter, shade, water and feeding facilities available. Will there be sufficient pasture for a breeding animal? Does the 4-H'er have access to trailer to haul the animal to necessary events or activities? Participants must be able to feed and care for the animal the length of time prescribed by the Livestock Show and be able to provide sufficient feed.

Are both 4-H'er and parents willing to comply with all of the rules of the Calf Scramble, agree to follow the feeding and management suggestions made by their volunteer 4-H leader or Extension Agent and agree to consult the Extension Agent when selecting/purchasing the project.

If you believe you're up to such a challenge, contact Agent Trevor Dickschat as soon as possible. Some application deadlines are as early as November 1.

Shooting Sports Coach Training

District 9 4-H will host a Shooting Sports Coach Training for Archery, Pistol, Rifle, and Shotgun at the Montgomery Extension office in Conroe on November 11-12, 2017. Early registration is \$120 and goes through October 18. Late registration is \$140 through October 23.

This training is open to any potential coaches. Registration will be conducted on-line through your family profile on Texas 4-H Connect. Look for 2017 D9 4-H Shooting Sports Coach Certification Training (Conroe).

Participants MUST have completed and passed the Background Check PRIOR to registering for the event, so if you have not completed this, do so IMMEDIATELY!

Registration will cover meals and course materials. Only one discipline certification (archery, pistol, rifle or shotgun) is obtainable per participant per training.

Lodging is the responsibility of the participant.

Training will begin at 8:00 am on Saturday, November 11 and tentatively end at noon on Sunday, November 12.

Additional details will be sent to those that register. Visit the website to view more details (including lodging information):

<https://d94-h.tamu.edu/d-9-shooting-sports-leader-coach-training/>



Pecan & Poinsettia Sales — Order Deadline Nov. 1

The Annual 4-H Pecan & Poinsettia Sales is under way. Lee County 4-H members are asked to participate in this fundraiser.

Deadline to turn orders and money is **November 1**.

Orders are turned in to the Extension office in Giddings.

- Collect payment when orders are placed.
- Make checks payable to: LEE 4-H PVA
- You are responsible to deliver purchased items.

LATE ORDERS CAN NOT BE ACCEPTED.

PECAN orders may be picked up in the Extension office on **Friday, November 17**, after 3 pm.

POINSETTIA orders may be picked up in the Extension office on **Friday, December 1**, after 3 pm.

New this year is there just one size Poinsettia being offered. An 8" pot with multiple stems.

Please consider the size of the poinsettia plants when planning carpooling to pick up orders. Sometimes, it simply takes two vehicles to carry the plants.

Should you have any questions about the Pecan or Poinsettia Sale or Delivery, please contact the Extension office.

Additional order forms can be printed from the Extension website at:

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

WANTED

Robotics Coach

Robots are all around us; from the food we eat, to the cars we drive. Robots help make our lives easier, more efficient and simply more fun! The field of robotics is expanding at a rapid pace, and Lee County 4-H wants to remain poised to help lead young people into this exciting field.

An adult Leader is being sought to command the Lee County Robotics Program. As a Leader you would help prepare youth to meet the challenges of the robotics project as they learn how to design, build and program robots in exciting and hands-on projects.

What is required of you to get started:

- have an interest or a child with an interest in the Robotics project
- become a Texas 4-H member
- be screened through the Youth Protection Standards Program
- have a consistent time opening in your schedule to conduct trainings
- promote project competitions, in working with the County Agents, and accompany youth to contests

Major Validations

Major Sheep/Goat

Tuesday, October 24, 5 pm-7pm
LCJLS Show Barn Parking Lot (Sheriff Posse Arena)

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Major Registered Halter Heifer

tba in October

Families will be contacted

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Major Swine

Tuesday, November 28, 4 pm-6pm
LCJLS Show Barn (Sheriff Posse Arena)

Helping the Neighbors

Lee County 4-H PVA elected to donate \$1,000 to Fayette County 4-H program to offer assistance to 4-H families affected by the recent flooding caused by rising waters of the Colorado River following Hurricane Harvey coming ashore. Agent Tonya Poncik delivered the check to Fayette County 4-H on August 30.

Fayette County 4-H Council, in a recent Thank You note, said, "Thank you so much for your generous donation to our 4-H program. We appreciate your kindness and support during this difficult time. We will use the money to help 4-H members that were affected by the flood".