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San Jacinto County 4-H News

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Hello Everyone! Time keeps flying by and before we know it the warm weather will be here again and 4-H activities will be in full swing. I hope everyone is looking forward to the rest of the 4-H year with all the activities planned and in place. Let all your friends know what we are doing and bring them along. The activities that are near will be in this newsletter for everyone to put on their calendar.

Pecans

Yes, we still have pecans, about 450 lbs! Keep telling people about their availability. Also, the **price has dropped** from \$6.50 a pound to **\$6.00** a pound. **Congratulations to the Coldspring Club on their extended efforts to sell!!!** They set up a booth at Brookshire Brothers in Coldspring and sold a good number that day. If you want to try something to sell these pecans let your club managers know.

County Roundup

The 4-H Roundup Competition series will start in just **2 short weeks** with county roundup. County Roundup will be on Tuesday, March 18, 2003 from 4-7 pm in the Annex. I encourage all of you to compete and see what roundup is about. If you want to compete, call in and set your time. This competition is a lot of fun for all people involved. If you are shy, the only people that will watch you are the judges and anyone that **you** want to be in the room.

Animal Information Night

For all who are interested in showing at the 2003 county fair, the annual Animal Information Night will be held on Thursday, April 3, 2003 from 6-8 pm in the Shepherd FFA Ag Shop. Information on all species will be available in a hard copy or ask questions. We will also go over all rules and any rule changes at this time.

Day Camp

San Jacinto County 4-H day camp will be on Saturday, March 22, 2003 at the Lake Livingston State Park. This will be a fun day from beginning to end. Registration will start at 9:30 am and the fun will start at 10:00 am. This day camp will be a little different than past day camps. **At this event, you can bring your friends even if they are not in 4-H.** We will have many fun festivities and sessions throughout the day. For those who want to know what takes place at a Youth Council meeting, we will hold this meeting at the day camp. Wear what you want if weather allows. You can also bring your fishing pole, basketball, volleyball, football, bike, etc... Let your club managers know if you need a car pass. Passes **will not** be given to a vehicle unless 4-Hers are in the car.

Recordbook

It is time again to start thinking about recordbooks for this years competition. Adult Leaders will have a recordbook introduction night on Tuesday, April 1, 2003 at 7pm. If you are interested in beginning a recordbook for the first time, or you just want some pointers, this event will be good for you to attend. Parents and 4-Hers are encouraged to be there if you are to enter a recordbook this year.

Fishing Tournament

San Jacinto County Sportfishing club will host the 1st annual Road Runner Bass Tournament. This tournament is open to anyone of any age. You **do not** have to be in 4-H to fish in this tournament. Each team will consist of 2 people. 4-H teams are \$25 and non 4-H teams are \$50. You can fish anywhere in the county or fish in any waterway that borders the county. Payouts will go to the top 3 places. A meal will be provided for all contestants after the tournament weigh-in. The meal will cost \$6.00 for all non-contestants. The tournament will be held on May 10, 2003 beginning at 6:00 am at 1514 Marina. **You must be present at the marina for orientation!** The meal will be at Hughes Campground, next door to 1514 marina. You can register now for the tournament! If you have any questions, call the Extension office at 936-653-2396.

Major Show Report

San Jacinto County has had a good showing at the major livestock competitions so far. **Garrett Thomas** had the Reserve-Grand Champion heifer in the Hereford breed at Fort Worth. **Clayton Cronin** had the Reserve-Grand Champion steer in the Hereford breed and made sale at San Antonio. **Kenton Ellis** also did an excellent job to make the sale at San Antonio with his lamb. **Garrett Coogler, Todd Coogler, Daniel Landers, Ryan Rhodes and Tyler Rhodes** have had good success with heifers. **Ryan Rhodes** also exhibited a steer at San Antonio. **Clayton Cronin and Cody Dodd** did a great job with their lambs at San Antonio. **Brody Smith** can hold his head high for a job well done with his steer at Fort Worth. **Matt & Emily Burkett** did a great job with their heifers in San Antonio. In San Antonio, **Kari Bailes** did a great job with her turkeys.

Calf Scramble participants have also done a great job at the majors. **Garrett and Todd Coogler** caught calves in Fort Worth and received \$500 for the purchase of another heifer. **Todd Coogler, Tre Page and Daniel Landers** caught calves at San Antonio and won \$800 toward the purchase of an animal to take to San Antonio next year.

We still have two shows left and a lot of competition to experience.

Attention Club Reporters

If you would like to get your club report posted in the county 4-H newsletter have that report to me by the end of each month.

Ambassadors will meet next on March 18th after county roundup. **All ambassadors must attend.**

I hope you enjoy this posting of the San Jacinto 4-H Newsletter. If you have any questions, concerns or suggestions about this or future newsletters, please call the Extension office at 936-653-2396.

See you at the events and activities!!!

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