

# Briscoe County 4-H Newsletter

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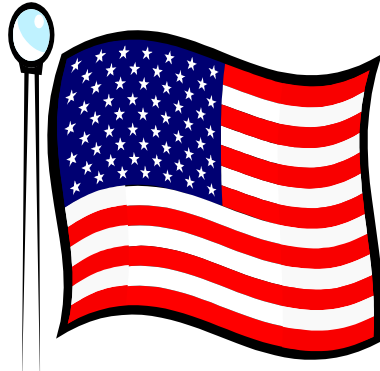
### *Special points of interest:*

- *Valley and Silverton Club meetings*
- *Food and Nutrition meetings*
- *District round-up Nov. 6th*
- *Quiz Bowls and Skill-a-thons Nov. 6th*
- *Lamb & Goat clinic Oct. 23rd @ Amarillo*
- *County and Major show entry night*
- *Quality Counts*
- *Swine Projects*

## 4-H News

### Silverton 4-H Club Meeting

Silverton 4-H will meet on Monday, Oct. 11th at 6:30p.m. at Silverton School cafeteria. **We will be having officer elections.**



### Valley 4-H Club Meeting

Valley 4-H club will meet on Monday, Oct. 18th at 6:00p.m. at Valley School. **We will be having officer elections.**

\*If you are interested in running for an office you will be asked to give a brief description of why you would like to hold the office you are running for.

### Food & Nutrition Meetings

The Valley 4-H club will meet on October 11th @ 3:30p.m. at the Valley School Home Ec room.

The Silverton 4-H club will meet on October 13th @ 3:00 at the Silverton Home Ec room.

All clover kids(2nd grade and younger) must be accompanied by an adult to attend the food and nutrition meetings.



# District Roundup

District 4-H Round-Up will be held Saturday, November 6<sup>th</sup> at West Texas A&M. The event is an opportunity for youth to showcase their knowledge in a project area in educational presentations, their knowledge of swine in swine skill-a-thon, and/or their talents in Share the Fun. The following is a general description of the event and contests. All entries will be due on 4-H Connect by October 24th.

This is a event that showcase youth's talents. Young people can compete as an individual in this contest or as team.

## SHARE THE FUN CATEGORY DESCRIPTIONS:

**1. POETRY/PROSE**—maximum of nine (9) participants. Acts which showcase poetry or prose are required. The act may **NOT** incorporate vocal, musical, and/or choreographed routine. This category does not require 4-H related material, however, if an original poem or prose piece showcasing 4-H is written, this would be acceptable. Every 4-H member entered in the category must be a part of the performance on stage. All material must be memorized. No script may be used during the performance. Judged on material chosen, message, talent, presentation, style, props/costuming. Four (4) minutes total for set-up and break down; maximum of six (6) minutes for presentation for a total of ten (10) minutes per act. **Defining Poetry and Prose:** Poetry is generally characterized by structured meter and rhyme that tells a story or provides a message to the reader. Prose is distinguished from poetry by its greater variety of rhythm and its closer resemblance to the patterns of everyday speech. Another description might be an excerpt from a larger piece such as a play or book.

**2. VOCAL** — maximum of nine (9) participants. Vocal presentation may be done a cappella or with an accompaniment CD/tape. No accompanist will be allowed for this category. All members in the act must be singing. No lip sync will be allowed. Contestants may not present skits, poetry or other speaking during the act. They may, however, move around the stage and incorporate choreography with their presentation for the purpose of enhancing their showmanship. Sign language may be added to enhance the performance, but entries that strictly showcase sign language without vocal presentation are not permitted in this category. They must be entered in Choreographed routines. Judged on talent, showmanship, vocal presentation, and material chosen. Four (4) minutes for set-up and break down; maximum of six (6) minutes for presentation for a total of ten (10) minutes per act.

**3. MUSICAL-INSTRUMENTAL –1 to 9 participants.** Musical presentation may be musical instruments accompanied by background tape or an instrumental performance only. **No accompanist will be allowed. Participants may not sing or incorporate a skit, poetry, prose, or choreography with their act.** Judged on talent, showmanship, musical presentation, and material chosen. Four (4) minutes for set-up and break down; maximum of six (6) minutes for presentation for a total of ten (10) minutes per act.

**4. SOLO/BAND PERFORMANCE – 1 to 9 participants.** All 4-H members entered in the category must be a part of the act by playing a musical instrument, singing, or both (solo performance must play an instrument and sing). **Participants MUST incorporate singing in the acts, but cannot incorporate skits, poetry, or prose.** They may, however, move around the stage and incorporate choreography with their presentation for the purpose of enhancing their showmanship. Judged on talent, showmanship, musical presentation, vocal presentation when applicable, and material chosen. Four (4) minutes for set-up and break down; maximum of six (6) minutes for presentation for a total of ten (10) minutes per act.

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**5. CHOREOGRAPHED ROUTINES** — maximum of nine (9) participants. No speaking to form a skit or story line. The act requires choreography and can be demonstrated through twirling, pom pom squad routines, jump rope teams, basketball dribbling exhibitions, or dance (jazz, tap, country & western, ballroom, etc.). Sign language presentations to music have been added to choreographed routines. However, if a participant is SINGING and SIGNING, this entry should be entered in the Vocal Category. All 4-H members entered in the category must be a part of the act. **Acts may use taped music on CD or cassette tape but may not use an accompanist.** Judged on material chosen, talent, uniformity, creativity, showmanship, costuming, and material chosen. Four (4) minutes for set-up and break down; maximum of six (6) minutes for presentation for a total of ten (10) minutes per act.

**6. CELEBRATE 4-H** — maximum of nine (9) participants. May be a 4-H based story line, promoting 4-H, community service, a project or activity. This category may also address a specific youth issue and present ways in which this issue can be addressed through 4-H efforts. May incorporate music, vocal selections, and/or choreographed routines but these aspects cannot be more than half of the performance. Skits can be humorous, creative and make fun of but not degrade Extension employees or the 4-H program. All 4-H members entered in the category must be a part of the act. Judged on material chosen, talent, creativity, showmanship, costumes and props. Four (4) minutes for set-up and break down; maximum of six (6) minutes for presentation for a total of ten (10) minutes per act.

## Educational Presentations

### Participation Guidelines for Educational Presentations

**TOPIC SUBJECT:** Subjects in the Educational Presentations should address emerging or current issues in each of the contest areas. Some contests provide a suggested list of topics that the Educational Presentation talk can cover along with a resource list. Senior contestants are encouraged to research.

**SUBJECT MATTER:** The skills and knowledge used in any 4-H contest should be the result of experiences in a project in which the member has participated. A presentation should relate to the contest entered, should contain current information and should not be more suited for another contest. It should be appropriate for the member's age and experience. Appropriate credit should be given for references used.

**TIME LIMITS:** A time limit of 12 minutes will be allowed for each Educational Presentation. An additional nine(9) minutes will be provided for on-stage arrangements and cleanup in connection with the presentation. A penalty of two points per minute or partial minute overtime will be deducted from the final score.

*Category Descriptions additional information at*

[http://texas4h.tamu.edu/library/files/membership\\_4h\\_clover.pdf](http://texas4h.tamu.edu/library/files/membership_4h_clover.pdf)

Agronomy	Horse	Health
Horticulture	Beef	Food & Nutrition
Housing & the Home Environment	Meat Science	Farm & Ranch Economics
Natural Resources	Open Class	
Promote 4-H	Safety and Injury Prevention	
Sheep and/or Goats	Shooting Sports	
Public Speaking	Companion Animals	
Consumer Life Skills	Family Life	

# 4-H Livestock & Ag News

## Quiz Bowls & Skill-a-thons

This contest will take place at District round-up on Nov. 6th. It consists of quizzes, tests, practical knowledge of swine, and more. Just about anything in the swine project can be involved in this contest. For this activity youth compete as individuals and their knowledge of the swine industry and project is put to the test. Study materials can come from the Quality counts website and from Extension swine publications.

## Lamb & Goat Clinic

There will be a district lamb & goat clinic on Saturday, October 23<sup>rd</sup> at the District Extension Office in Amarillo at 10:00 a.m. The clinic will cover selection, feeding, health, exercise, wool judging, and the many other aspects of the 4-H lamb and goat projects.

## County & Major Show Entry Night

4-H members planning on showing livestock projects at the county and major shows need to attend the entry night sign up. The sign up nights will be held at the conclusion of the Valley and Silverton 4-H club meetings in November.

## Quality Counts

Texas has the largest number of 4-H and FFA livestock projects in the nation. Young people participate at the county, district, regional and state level. The tremendous support and dedication of livestock show officials help make this possible. With this opportunity comes a responsibility for each exhibitor to learn and demonstrate the highest standards, both in personal character and in the feeding and care of their animals. "Quality Counts" is designed to teach young people the importance of displaying good character in carrying out livestock projects, and in every aspect of their lives. This curriculum will also help them learn the importance of using proper livestock management practices so that food quality and safety are preserved. Your participation helps ensure that Texas 4-H and FFA members can continue to be a part of the greatest youth livestock program in the nation. Outstanding information on projects, raising livestock animals, care, and showing with character can be found at <http://qualitycounts.tamu.edu/> website. In addition you can check out the Texas trails game and learn more about raising your specific project!

## Swine projects

4-H youth needing assistance in selecting a swine project should contact the Extension office. Orders are being taken to aid and select show projects. Youth desiring to show barrows and/or gilts need to call the Extension office to put in their swine tag orders. Tag orders are do ASAP.



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## What's Happened in 4-H ?

September 13th-Silverton and Valley 4-H club meetings

September 14th-4-H Achievement banquet at Silverton School

September 20-25-Tri-State Fair