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ZAPATA COUNTY 4-H NEWS

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HOWDY!

by Jesse Rodriguez, CEA Ag/NR

Stock show season is in full swing. In the next few weeks Zapata County 4-H members will participate in the stock shows in San Angelo and San Antonio. This year we have 4-H members exhibiting several livestock projects, competing in the calf scramble, and ag mechanics.

We will also have 4-H members from Zapata County exhibit livestock in Austin in March. Good luck and safe travels to everyone participating.

Our Zapata County Fair is also right around the corner. Hope everyone is ready! Please read below for upcoming weigh days and other important dates. Poultry and rabbit validation is this Sunday, February 4th at 1 PM at the Zapata County Fair Show Barn. If you will be showing any of these projects at the fair, you and a parent must attend.

If you have any questions or need us to come take a look at your project, please contact our office and we will be happy to assist. GOOD LUCK, see you at the fair!

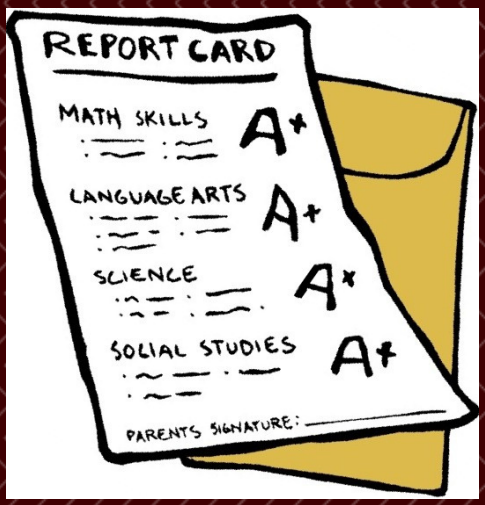
IMPORTANT DATES:

ZCFA RABBIT AND POULTRY VALIDATION - 12/04 @ 1PM (ZCFA SHOWBARN)

MESQUITE BRANCH 4-H CLUB MEETING - 02/06 @ 7:30 PM (IBC COMMUNITY ROOM)

NORTH 4-H CLUB MEETING - 02/13 @ 7:30 PM (IBC COMMUNITY ROOM)

INTOCABLE 4-H HORSE CLUB MEETING - 02/20 7:30 PM (IBC COMMUNITY ROOM)



ZCFA Important Dates

The Zapata County Fair is fast approaching. Below are some important dates as they pertain to the livestock show. All activities will be at the ZCFA Show Barn.

02/04 - Rabbit and Poultry Validation - 1-2 PM
03/01 and 02 - Show Fee collection
02/01 - Weigh Day - 5-6 PM
02/08 - Weigh Day - 5-6 PM
02/15 - Weigh Day - 5-6 PM
02/23 - Weigh Day - 5-6 PM
03/01 - Weigh Day - 5-6 PM
03/06 - Weigh Day - 5-6 PM
03/07 - Weigh Day - 5-6 PM
03/08- Project Move in (hogs) - 5-6 PM
03/08 - All other projects - 6-6:30 PM
03/09 - Rabbit Judging - 10 AM
03/09 - Poultry Judging - 2 PM
03/09 - Hog Judging - 6 PM
03/10 - Lamb Judging - 10 AM
03/10 - Goat Judging - 2 PM
03/10 - Heifer Judging - 6 PM
03/10 - Steer Judging - 7 PM
03/11 - Livestock Auction - 3 PM

There will be mandatory meetings for all livestock exhibitors on Thursday (09), Friday (10). Meetings will be at the ZCFA Show Barn at 8 AM. All exhibitors must be present Sunday morning to deliver/pick up projects.

ZCFA Livestock Show Eligibility Requirements

The ZCFA Livestock Committee will once again be verifying eligibility for all exhibitors participating in the livestock show.

All participants must be passing all of their classes as of the grading period ending on February 17th.

This is end of the 4th six weeks period for all elementary schools and middle school. For high school, this is the six week progress report.

The extension office will be verifying eligibility with each school. Please make sure you check your grades prior to this deadline.

Letters for Our Troops

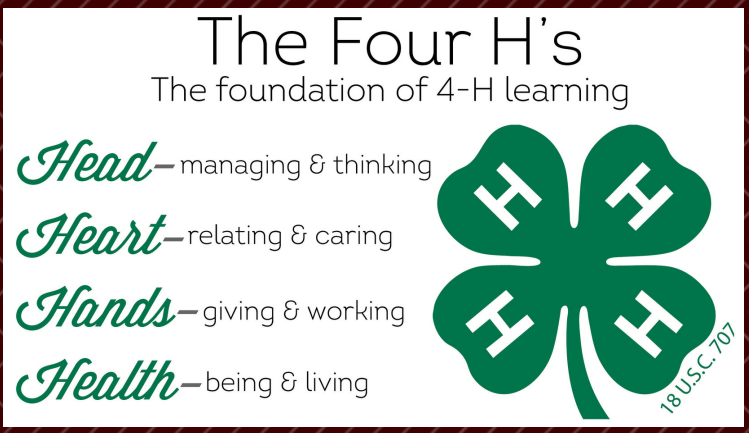
Thank you to all 4-H members that wrote thank you letter to the men and women currently serving in the United States Armed Services during out January club meetings.

The letters have been sent to Operation Gratitude and will be distributed to our troops serving all over the world.

ZCFA Fairgrounds and Show Barn Clean-up Day

We will be having another fairgrounds clean up day on Monday, February 27th, from 5:30 - 7. We will be picking up trash around the fairgrounds and inside the barn, in preparation for the fair.

Please make plans to attend. Community service hours will be give to those that need them.



Annual 4-H Blanket Drive and Christmas Party

The Zapata County 4-H Clubs held their annual Christmas Party and Blanket and Sock Drive on December 15, 2022. Blankets and socks were collected and will be distributed to the local nursing home, adult daycares and home health agencies.

Dr. Bobbie Trevino, ZCISD Superintendent, spoke to our 4-H members about communication and respect, and shared some tips from when she was a member of Zapata County 4-H.

This year we also had an ugly sweater contest. Congratulations to our winners. Thank you to our club managers and leaders for putting this event together.

Also, thank you to Miguel Gonzalez, with Lowe's Super Market for donating drinks for the party.

14th Annual Falcon Lake Classic 4-H & FFA Prospect Show

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The 14th Annual Falcon Lake Classic Prospect Show was held on January 7th and 8th. It was another huge success. This show helps raise money for our local 4-H clubs and FFA chapter.

Once again, the prospect show was held over two days. Hogs and steers/heifers showed on Saturday and lambs and goats on Sunday. We had nearly 300 entries.

Thank you to everyone that participated, especially our local 4-H and FFA members, and helped make this show a success. Thank you to 4-H and FFA members that volunteered at the show.

Special thanks to our adult volunteers and buckle donors and sponsors. We couldn't do it without you!

Important Information/News

All important information regarding 4-H in Zapata County will be posted on our **website** and 4-H Facebook **page**, as well as shared with 4-H clubs. Emails will also be sent through 4-H Connect when there are updates available. Please check our website, add us on Facebook, and update your email on 4-H Connect.

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– John Adams - 2nd President of the United States

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