

# Crane 4-H News

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## Hello Everyone!

Hi Everyone! I am Lyndi Bryant and I am the new County Extension Ag. Agent for Crane County. I am so excited to get to meet each of you and work with you on your 4-H projects.

I grew up on a ranch in Folsom, New Mexico. My family raised cattle. I showed in both 4-H and FFA in school.

I graduated from New Mexico State University with a degree in Animal Science and Equine Emphasis. So yes, I love horses. I also received my Masters from NMSU.

My husband, Josh, works for Ector County Independent School District.

I am ready to help you start looking for your livestock projects and gearing up for the new year. I also love to cook so I cant wait to meet the Cooking Groups in the fall.

I am so excited to be part of your amazing club and town. I have heard so many wonderful things.

Stop by they Extension Office! I would love to meet you and lets get this new 4-H year rolling.

Lyndi



## Rifle Leaders

**Mark your calendars...District 6 will have a Shooting Leader Certification Training in Fort Stockton on October 22**

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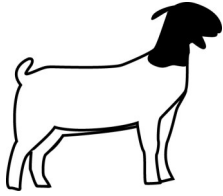
## Permian Basin Cattle Clinic

The Permian Basin Cattle Clinic will be held on Saturday, July 9th at the Ector County Coliseum in Barn E. The Clinic will be from 9 a.m til 12 p.m. Some of the industries best are set up to conduct the clinic. Mike

Bissard, Brandon Horrn and Cody Howe will be presenting. Topics to be covered include selection, feeding, getting ready to show, halter breaking, facilities, and handling. You do not need to bring your

animals for this clinic. For more information call Lyndi at 558-3522.





## 4-H Sheep and Goat Pen Clean-up Day

It is time to get the sheep and goats pens cleaned up and ready for the new animals. We will have a Sheep and Goat Pen Clean-up Day on Wednesday, July 13, 2016 at 5:30 p.m. at the County Sheep and Goat pens.

If you are planning on keeping your animals in the County Sheep and Goat pens you are required to come to the clean-up day. If you are not able to be there as a 4-Her, please send someone else in your place (ie: parent

or sibling) and let the County Extension Office know ahead of time that you will not be able to make it.

Beginning at 5:30 p.m. we will be cleaning up trash, raking pens, organizing and sweeping feed rooms and make note of repairs that need to be made at the pens.

Please wear tennis shoes or boots and bring your work gloves.

We will be cleaning everything out.

You must be present to help with this

clean up. We will not be responsible if any of your property, such as feed, damaged buckets or feeders, tack laying around is thrown away.

Cant wait to see you on the 13th. If you have any questions call Lyndi at 558-3522.

## UPCOMING SHOW CLINICS

Upcoming Show Clinics could be beneficial to helping you get that upper hand on your competition in the ring. Good showmanship is one of the most important aspects to showing.

The clinics will be held in conjunction with the Permian Basin Fair in Odessa at the Ector County Coliseum.

### Permian Basin Cattle Clinic 102

September 10, 2016 @ 2 p.m.

Barn C

### Permian Basin Sheep & Goat Clinic 101

September 10, 2016 @ 6 p.m.

Barn E

### Permian Basin Hog Clinic 101

September 17, 2016 @ 10 a.m.

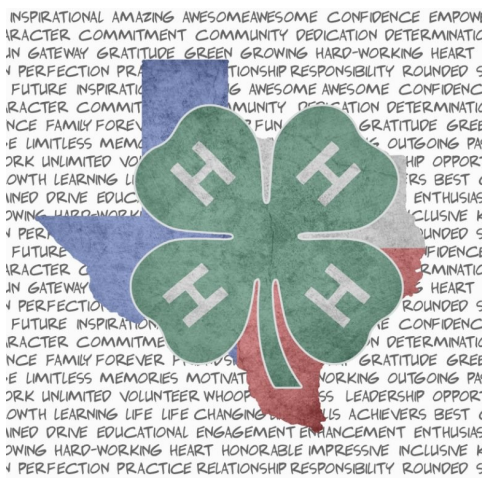
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Enrollment for the

2016-17 4-H Year

will begin on August 15th. Everyone must re-enroll each year. Mark your calendars. You don't want to miss out on anything.



## Time to Buy Sheep & Goats

It is that time of year again! The agent will start going on buying trips for sheep & goats in July and August for the 2017 Spring Show Season. If you are planning on showing lambs or goats next year, be sure to give us a call so we can start looking for your projects.

You are free to buy your own projects, but remember if you ever need any help finding animals, give us a call.



## Keep Your Pen Areas Clean

It is a bad time of year for snakes, rodents and other creepy crawly things, so it is very important to keep all of your pens and areas around your pens clean.

High weeds could not only be a hazard for you, but for your animals. Snakes like to hide in these weeds and could strike you without you ever even noticing them. Additionally, not all weeds are good for your animals. A lot of times we think we can just put the animals in there and let

them eat it down but there are several plants that could be toxic. Always check the pens carefully and identify all weeds and make sure the area is safe for grazing.

Be sure and keep all trash and debris picked up around your pens. Trash can cause choking or digestion problems when swallowed by your animals. Clutter and debris can cause hurt legs and feet on your animals or even you.

Keep feces and manure cleaned up and removed from pen area. This will help to cut down on flies and other pests that can cause numerous diseases and problems.

These practices are good to follow whether you keep your animals at the county pens or some where else.

A good rule of thumb to remember is ...*If you wouldn't want to sleep there or set there all day, then don't expect your animals to.*

## District Photography Contest

District 6 will be hosting a Photography contest in conjunction with the Midland County Fair. The Fair will take place on August 25-28, 2016 in Midland at the Horseshoe Arena.

The contest will be a D6 4-H Contest based on the 2015-16 age divisions. All photographs must be displayed in the following manner.

- 8"x10" visible print—can either be a portrait or landscape layout.
- All entries must be framed, under glass and equipped with screw eyes and wire hangers. Overall

frame size must not exceed 18x22 inches.

- Each photo must have the appropriate label attached

Categories include:

- Animals—Domestic
- Animals—Wildlife
- Catch-All
- Details and Macro
- Digital Darkroom
- Dominate Color
- Elements of Design
- Food
- Marine/Aquatic
- Nature & Landscape

- Night Photography
- People
- Plant/Flora
- Storyboard
- Theme

**WEST TEXAS SHEEP & GOAT  
LEADERSHIP CAMP**

July 25-27, 2016  
San Angelo, TX  
Deadline July 17th Cost \$75  
Industry tours, hands on learning, leadership activities. Great Opportunity to learn about the Sheep and Goat Industry in West Texas. Must be 13 years old or older.

## Time to Enter Permian Basin and State Fairs

**The Permian Basin Fair** will be held in Odessa on September 9-18. 4-Hers can enter their sheep, goats, hogs, steers or rabbits in the PBF. Cost per entry varies. Deadline is August 22, 2016. PBF does allow a late entry fee with a penalty of \$10 per entry.



**The State Fair of Texas** is held in Dallas. Entry deadline in the Extension office is Wednesday, August 24, 2016 at 5 p.m. All entries must be paid for at the time entries are turned in. All Animals entered in the State Fair must have been validated in June.