

# 4-H Newsletter

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## 4-H COUNCIL OFFICERS ELECTED

On June 5th, representatives from the 4-H clubs met for the first 4-H Council meeting this year. New officers were elected for all positions. The results are as follows:

President - Taylor Sickels (Barnyard Buddies)

Vice-President/ Treasurer - Carlie Wytulka  
(Barnyard Buddies)

Secretary - Saige Morlang (Lone Cone Livestock)

Reporter - Leslie Camacho (4 Stars Livestock)

Each club may send two representatives to the 4-H Council meetings. The next meeting is planned for Sunday afternoon, August 14th at 2 p.m.

### UPCOMING EVENTS:

- July 1st  
Rabbit Weigh-in - 6:30pm
- July 16-24  
SMB Fair & Rodeo



## ULTRASOUND PRESENTATION

The SMB Fair Board has planned an Ultrasound

Presentation for all 4-H Livestock members. This presentation will be at 1 p.m. on Wednesday, July 20th, during Fair week. The actual ultrasound testing of the animals will be during the weigh-in times - Tuesday evening for Swine and Wednesday morning for Lambs, Goats, and Beef. Rabbits will not have an ultrasound.

The presentation will help 4-H members and leaders to understand what technicians are looking for during the ultrasound.



Lance Bray, Fair Board President, and Karla Camacho, 4 Stars Livestock Club, at the Lamb Weigh-in in May.

# Electrolytes at the Fair

There has been concern in the county that some electrolytes can be harmful to animals or can cause the meat to be condemned at processing. Dawn Bruce spoke directly with Dr. Gore, carcass inspector, about these concerns. Dr. Gore stated that he had randomly tested a pig a couple of years ago that tested for an antibiotic that caused the carcass to be condemned. It was discovered that the 4-H member involved (not from our county) had given his pig an electrolyte at the fair. When this electrolyte was inspected, it was discovered that it contained an antibiotic. Dr. Gore said that no electrolyte alone will cause a carcass to be condemned. However, it is very important to look at the ingredients of anything you give your animal. It is especially important to pay attention to any warning stating that the product must be withdrawn within a certain amount of time before slaughter. This is a good indication that it contains an antibiotic or chemical that would cause the animal to be condemned.

Also, Dawn spoke with Dr. Gore about the use of a specific energy drink to flavor an animal's water at fair, encouraging the animal to drink the city water. He said that there is nothing in that specific drink that would cause the carcass to be condemned. Please understand that this specific drink is not labeled for livestock use and it is up to the 4-H member and their club leader to decide if they feel that this practice is ethical. CSUE is not endorsing any product, however you may call Dawn if you need to know the name of the specific drink referred to by Dr. Gore.

If you have any questions about the ingredients in a product you use with your animal, please do not hesitate to call the 4-H office. Dr. Gore told Dawn that he would be more than happy to answer any questions that we may have.

Members of the Barnyard Buddies 4-H Club looking over paperwork at their May meeting.



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