

4-H Updates - August 3, 2018



New County Extension Agent - Kailyn Capps



I would like to introduce myself as the new 4-H Extension Agent in Austin County! I am honored to have been accepted into this position and I hope that I can serve Austin County well. I figured I would share a little about myself, my interests, and my education to start off. I grew up right down the road in Brenham and didn't go too far for college! I received a Bachelor of Science in Agricultural Leadership & Development from Texas A&M University in 2015 and am currently pursuing my Master of Science in Animal Science. I hope to graduate with my degree in December after presenting my research that's focused on exercise physiology. During my time at A&M, I served as the Assistant Horse Judging Coach after being a part of the 2013-2014 Judging Team. I also had the opportunity to teach many classes as a graduate

student and help develop programs under the Extension Horse Specialist. Growing up, I was involved in 4-H and FFA through livestock and officer positions. I also served as the 4-H Washington County Fair Queen Candidate. I started off showing goats and my family raises Hereford cattle so I am a little partial to both. But, I am always open to learning everything I can about any project (livestock or not). When I am not working, you can probably find me at a rodeo. I am looking forward to expanding my knowledge of 4-H and helping develop some exciting programs in the future. Feel free to stop by my office, send me an email, or call me if you have any questions. I'm excited to be here and I look forward to getting to know all of you!

Austin County 4-H Awards Banquet - August 18, 2018

The 4-H Gold Star and Awards Banquet is held every year to recognize outstanding 4-H members who have excelled during 4-H year. "What 4-H Means to Me" speeches will be given by the two Gold Star winners for 17-18. Rising, Bronze and Silver Star winners will also be recognized along with many other award winners. The banquet will be held on Saturday, August 18th at St. Mary's Catholic Church Hall in Sealy, TX. Registration will begin at 6:00 pm; with the meal being served at 6:30 pm. Tickets will be \$10.00 per person. The Parent/Leaders Association will sponsor the cost of the meal for 4-Hers receiving awards, however, family members attending must purchase a ticket. Tickets must be purchased and 4-Hers should RSVP to the extension office no later than Monday, August 13th. RSVP by calling 979-865-2072 or contact us via email at Austin-tx@ag.tamu.edu. Tickets are available at the Extension Office.

Fair Queen Candidate - Mackenzie Burke



Austin County 4-H is excited to announce our representative for the Austin County Fair Queen Contest. Mackenzie Burke is selling tickets for 2018 ACF! Please contact her at (979) 203-9342 to purchase your tickets by October 4th! Mackenzie is sponsored by Austin County 4-H.

Austin County Jubilee and Sizzler - August 11-12, 2018

-See flyer attached for details

Saturday, August 11 (Heifers) and Sunday, August 12th (Steers)

Even if you don't plan to show your steer or heifer, volunteers are still needed to help with the show. Sign-up for a shift by clicking on the link below if you are in need of volunteer or service hours. You can also show up at any time on Saturday or Sunday (shows begin at 8 am) and help with this fundraiser. Your help would be greatly appreciated.

<https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1HSvDpdAw5d9jIWQVMhFMLdPcOVUc15Tq5PI9OhGuYr0/edit?usp=sharing>

State Fair Entries Due - August 25, 2018

If you plan to show at the State Fair of Texas in Dallas, there will be an online entry system this year. Online entries must be submitted by **Saturday, August 25th**. Entries have yet to open, but we will send a reminder and further instructions when they do.

Quality Counts Changes

You must have a Quality Counts number to show in any major livestock show and at ACF. There will be changes coming to the Quality Counts program and testing. They are planning to launch the new program this month. As soon as the office receives notice of the launch, step-by-step instructions will be emailed out to exhibitors. Once the updated program is released, all exhibitors will be required to be verified under the NEW system for entry into major stock shows and ACF. For 2018, State Fair of Texas and Austin County Fair will accept old Quality Counts numbers. I would encourage all new exhibitors that plan on showing at ACF or at State Fair of Texas to complete testing as soon as possible if they don't currently have a Quality Counts number.

Major Show Turkey Orders - September 1, 2018

If you plan to exhibit turkeys at the Houston Livestock Show, San Antonio Livestock Exposition and Rodeo Austin, you must order your turkeys before **September 1, 2018**. The price of turkey poults is \$4.25 per bird. Turkeys will be a straight -run (toms and hens randomly mixed). The order form is available as an attachment on this newsletter or you may request that one be emailed to you.

Mandatory Progress Shows

(Taken from the Austin County Fair Junior Livestock Rule Book)

SATURDAY, AUGUST 18, 2018

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| 7:00-8:00 a.m. | Mandatory Lamb and Goat Progress Show |
| 8:00-8:30 a.m. | Mandatory Lamb and Goat meeting |
| 8:00 a.m. | Showmanship Contest sponsored by the 4-H Livestock Project Group and Mandatory Progress Show for Beef at the Austin County Fairgrounds. |
| 8:30 a.m. | Showmanship Contest sponsored by the 4-H Livestock Project Group and Mandatory Progress Show for Market Lambs and Market Goats . |
| 9:00 a.m. | Showmanship Contest sponsored by the 4-H Livestock Project Group and Mandatory Progress Show for Horses and Rabbits at the Austin County Fairgrounds |
| 8:00-10:00 a.m. | Swine Skillathon- Prizes will be awarded at 10:30. For more information contact Angie Grawunder or Candi Havemann |

Austin County 4-H Showmanship Clinic (Not Mandatory)

Saturday, August 18th

Austin County Fairgrounds

Cost: \$10.00

Come showcase your skills for a chance to win awesome prizes!!!

2018-2019 4-H Re-Enrollment - August 15, 2018

It is that time of year again to re-enroll in 4-H. Please visit

<https://texas.4honline.com> and re-enroll for the 18-19 year in 4-H today. 4-H enrollment will be offline August 13-14, but will re-open on Wednesday, August 15th. All 4-H families are encouraged to go online to update their profiles and to re-enroll your child(ren) for the new 4-H year. If your child is going into the 3rd grade, please wait to enroll them on 4-H connect until August 15th. If enrolled prior to the 15th, the system will consider them a Clover Kid and they will be ineligible to participate in 4-H events. *Please note: If you are reading this, you have an existing account. Please do not re-create one. If you can't remember your log-in information or if you are having trouble accessing your account, please call the Extension office.*

Also, 2018-2019 enrollments are required for all 4-H members planning to exhibit in the 2018 Austin County Fair. You **MUST** complete your enrollment prior to Monday, October 1, 2018 in order to be approved for the 2018 Austin County Fair.

Fair Entry Cards - August Meeting DUE: August 23rd to Extension Office

Livestock exhibitor cards will be available at your August 4-H meeting. Please be prepared to complete them onsite. Don't forget to bring your child's information including social, Quality Counts number, and money to pay for the fees. Unlike previous years, you do not have to supply a self-addressed envelope. Remember, your child must be re-enrolled in 4-H in order to show.

Home economics fair entry cards and tags are available in the Extension office and at the Fairgrounds.

Soda Stand Sign-Up

Austin County 4-H Council has the privilege of running the Soda Stands at the Austin County Fair. This is County Council's major fundraiser for the year. The schedule for the 4-H clubs will be sent out soon. Keep an eye out for it! Austin County 4-H will be responsible for two days (Thursday & Sunday). You (4-H members) will be asked to sign up with your club manager at your September meeting during your club's designated time slot (TBD). We ask that you please do your part to help with this fundraiser.

Hamburger Stand Sign-Up: August 6, 2018

The 4-H Hamburger Stand information just went out in a separate email. The link to sign up will be sent out and you will also be able to find it on the 4-H Facebook page.

Remember, this fundraiser helps fund all the activities for the 4-H year such as 4-H awards, roundup, camps, training events, etc. This cannot happen without the help of our 4-H families and volunteers. So grab a group of friends and make it fun. We need everyone's help to keep the Austin County 4-H Program strong.

PLA/Council Meeting

The next 4-H Council and Parent/Leader Meeting will be held on Tuesday, September 4th, at 7:00pm at the Extension Office. Please join us as we kick off a new 4-H year.



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