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COOKE COUNTY 4-H

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Griffin's Gems

Hello Everyone-

National 4-H Week — a week when we make a special effort to promote 4-H, but also a week to show those who help us how much they are needed and appreciated!! I hope you all in some way will do, or did, just that for all of the volunteers in your club. And that you remember those people and businesses who help not only your 4-H club but the entire 4-H program in Cooke County throughout the year. Remember, it is always a “good thing” to thank those people who are part of our strength.



Continue to check the website calendar for all the latest important 4-H dates. Go to www.cooke.agrilife.org From there, you can click on “events” to view. The webpage gives options to view the calendar as a list, by the month, week and day. You can also scroll down to the right hand bottom of the event view, click on “ICAL IMPORT MONTH’S EVENTS” and can import the calendar to your smart phone!

Don't forget to send us your club meeting minutes, pictures or anything about what your clubs are doing. Getting the news out about Cooke County 4-H helps our organization grow as well as earning that all important community and business support.

Check out these websites for important information:

National 4-H Week: <http://texas4-h.tamu.edu/4hweek>

TEAM Texas 4-H Summit: <http://texas4-h.tamu.edu/14summit>

Virtual Volunteer: http://texas4-h.tamu.edu/volunteer_conference

One Day 4-H: <http://texas4-h.tamu.edu/oneday>



Hope to see many of you at Depot Day on October 11th, there will be lots of ways you will be able to help that day. Contact your club manager, Kelly or myself, if you want to sign up.

So, until next time, have a safe and Happy Halloween!!

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National 4-H Week
October 5-11



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The Cooke County Clover Connection



Celebrate National 4-H Week October 5-11

Local and county 4-H clubs and groups will be showcasing what they have gained from their membership during National 4-H week, October 5-11. The statewide program is administered by the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service.

Our own county 4-H organization was recognized by the Cooke County Commissioners Court on September 22. The court proclaimed October 5-11 as National 4-H Week. Commissioners commended the 4-H program for its success as a learning experience to those involved and its part in enabling members to become productive and contributing members of our society.

Various activities are planned throughout the week which include members participating in public service announcements on KGAF radio, hosting a pumpkin patch at Depot Day and participating in “One Day 4-H”, a statewide effort led by members and adult volunteers to give back to the communities.



Cooke County Commissioners Leon Klement, BC Lemons, Gary Hollowell and Al Smith proclaiming National 4-H Week with council officers Jordan Hale, William Lewis, Grant Wilson, Catlynn Schumacher, Sadhika Chitoor, Caitlyn Taylor and Liz Wilson

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October Calendar of Events



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2 Happy Healthy Whole County Steer Entry Due to 4-H Office	3 Nat'l 4-H Poster Contest Deadline RR Bantam Show @ Fairgrounds	4 Ag ID @ Heart O'Texas Fair -Waco Tractor Pull
5	6	7 State Fair Ag Awareness Day Ag ID @ State Fair	8 Tractor Supply Paper Clover Campaign Begins	9 Midnight Mustang 4-H Club Business Meeting	10	11 Depot Day County Steer Validation One Day 4-H
			National 4-H Week			
12 Fall Focus Entry Deadline	13 Commissioners Brunch Muenster 4-H Club Meeting Livestock Club Meeting	14 Valley View 4-H Club Meeting Red River 4-H Club Meeting	15 FCS Coalition 6:30	16 Sharpshooters 4-H Club Meeting	17	18
19 Tractor Supply Paper Clover Campaign Ends Midnight Mustang Club Mounted Meeting	20 Lindsay 4-H Club Meeting CCYF Board Meeting	21 Club Mgr. Mtg. Era 4-H Club Meeting	22 Consumer Decision Making Meeting	23	24	25 Fall Focus TAMU-Commerce Leaders for Life Quiz Bowl
26	27	28 Reckless Rabbits Club Meeting	29	30	31	Commercial Heifer Show @ Fairgrounds
		Phyllis @ NAE4-HA—Minneapolis, MN				

Ag Products ID Contest

Contests are always great ways for 4-Hers to learn, discover and explore. The Ag Products ID Contest is the newest program offered here in Cooke County and it has quickly attracted a large participation among members. Longtime adult volunteer, Beverly Fleitman, has helped train participants to identify agriculture products ranging from artichokes to eggplant and persimmons to tomatillos. 20 Texas agricultural products are selected and exhibited at separate stations. Contestants select the correct identification of each product from four possible answers. Following the product identification, each station has one multiple choice question pertaining to the product on display. Questions can be general to the industry that produced the product (i.e. Texas' national ranking, economic impact to Texas, general nutritional content, region of production) and specific to the individual product that is on display (i.e. cooking method, use, growing season, specific nutrition of the cut or variety). Contestants are given 40 seconds at each station to answer both questions.

The Ag ID team has participated in contests across the state including the Texas State Fair and Houston Livestock Show & Rodeo. Last Spring, the team placed 1st among all 4-H/FFA teams in Houston! Several teams are currently preparing to compete this month at the Heart O' Texas Fair in Waco and the State Fair in Dallas. They will also be competing this coming spring at San Angelo and Houston. If you are interested in learning more about the Ag ID contest or would like to join a team, contact Beverly Fleitman at 940-727-8053 or bevfleitman@ntin.net



2014

TEXAS A&M
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Junior Leadership Retreat

November 7-9
Texas 4-H Conference Center, Brownwood

- 4-H State Council Members lead hands on educational workshops
- 4-H members age 9-14
- Dancing, games & lots of FUN!

To register visit the 4-H Center website:
texas4hcenter.tamu.edu
Click on the "Register Now" link.
\$115 for youth & \$80 for adults

Each county is responsible for providing adult chaperones.



THE COOKE COUNTY CLOVER CONNECTION

DEPOT DAY OCTOBER 11

Depot Day marks the importance of railroad history to Gainesville and celebrates fun for the family and enthusiasts of many walks. It will be held from 10 am—5 pm in downtown Gainesville on Saturday, October 11. The festival includes live music, an antique and classic car show, food, craft vendors, education and health screenings and the Kids Zone.

Cooke County 4-H will be participating by sponsoring a pumpkin patch and Carnival



of Fun. Clubs have been assigned shifts to work at the pumpkin patch. Check out the schedule on the right to see when your club is scheduled. If you haven't already done so, be sure to sign up to work by contacting your club manager.

DEPOT DAY CLUB SCHEDULE

8:30-10:00Council Officers
9:30-11:00Era
10:30-12:00	...Sharpshooters
11:30-1:00Valley View
12:30-2:00Red River
1:30-3:00Midnight Mustangs
2:30-4:00Lindsay
3:30-5:00Reckless Rabbits
4:30-6:00	- TBD



POSTER CONTEST



Deadline: Friday, October 3

Themes: "Let's Go—Let's Grow"

"Making the Best Better"

"Ignite 4-H"

Size: 22 x 14 half size poster
Include your name, club & age on the back of your poster

Check your poster in at the extension office by the deadline to receive a ribbon activity credit

Take to display in your community



Tuesday, October 7, 2014

Cooke County 4-Hers will be attending and competing at the State Fair on Ag-Awareness Day. Awards will be given to clubs bringing over 100 pounds of canned food. Other activities of the day include recognition of state 4-H Council officers, which will include Cooke County's own Jordan Hale! Attendees will also have the opportunity to hear a concert by Kyle Park at the Chevy Main stage.



PAPER CLOVER FUNDRAISER

MARK YOUR CALENDARS! THE FALL 2014 PAPER CLOVER IS COMING OCT 8-19, 2014.

★ LEARN MORE ★

Remember to shop at Tractor Supply between October 8-19 and contribute to the Paper Clover Fundraiser. Last year, over \$1 Million (\$1,136,239) was raised to support 4-H youth programs during only 24 days!! Let's beat those numbers in 2014! Put the Fall 2014 Paper Clover dates on your calendar now! Invite friends and family to support 4-H by donating \$1 at check out when they are done shopping. 100% of each dollar goes to the 4-H. 70% of all funds collected support local and state 4-H programs right where you live.

Barn Talk

- ♦ Red River Bantam Show is October 3-4 at the County Fairgrounds Barn
- ♦ 2015 County Youth Fair Steer Entries are due October 6, however, we ask all 4-H members to have entries into the Extension Office by October 2 to allow time to process the entries.
- ♦ County Steer Validation will be October 11 (this is **ONLY** for steers that were not state validated in June)
- ♦ County Commercial Heifer Show will be October 24—25 @ the County Fairgrounds Barn
- ♦ Breeding Heifer Validation will take place on Monday, November 3 from 4-7 pm at A-1 Cattle Ranch in Muenster. Please bring your registration papers along with your breeding heifer for state validation. Heifers must be validated in order to show in the Spring Stock Shows.
- ♦ 4-H Fun Show will be November 8 @ the County Fairgrounds Barn. Goats, Rabbits, Steers & Heifers can enter. Open to any 4-H and/or FFA member.
- ♦ Stock Show entry sign-up night is November 10 from 5—7 pm at the County Fairgrounds. This is for all major shows, the 4-H Livestock Show & the Youth Fair. **This is also the Extension Office Deadline for Ft. Worth Entries.** (Note: Youth Fair Steer entries are due October 6)
- ♦ Final Deadline for all Spring Major Stock Show entries to be turned into the office is November 24 with the exception of Ft. Worth, which is November 10.
- ♦ Christmas Classic Jackpot Show will be December 13 @ the County Fairgrounds Barn.
- ♦ County 4-H Show will be February 14



2015
COOKE COUNTY
YOUTH FAIR

SHOW
Monday, February 23
through
Friday, February 27

SALE
Saturday, February 28

Livestock
Shop & Creative Arts
Food, Clothing & Visual Arts

Support
Our Youth!

United Way

The Cooke County Youth Fair is a
Cooke County United Way Funded Activity

- ♦ Cooke County Youth Fair is February 23—28, 2015
- ♦ The Exhibitor Handbook is now online and accessible by going to the AgriLife Extension's Facebook page or visit the website at www.cooke.agrilife.org
- ♦ The 4-H Office Deadline for entries is as follows:
SteersOctober 2, 2014
All other Market AnimalsNovember 24, 2014
All Breeding Animals.....November 24, 2014
Equine Division.....November 24, 2014
FCS (Home Ec) & Shop Division.....January 21, 2015
- ♦ PLEASE NOTE THESE DATES ARE EARLIER THAN THOSE LISTED IN THE EXHIBITOR HANDBOOK. THE 4-H OFFICE MUST HAVE ENTRIES IN TIME TO PROCESS AND TURN IN BY THE YOUTH FAIR DEADLINES



Texas State Preservation Board Photography Contest

This contest allows 4-H and FFA members to showcase Texas Agriculture through photos. A select number of photographs will be displayed in the Texas State Capitol Agriculture Museum starting in January 2015 before the opening of the Legislative Session. Photos will remain on display for one year in the museum. Entry period is September 19—December 10. For all rules, guidelines and entry location visit: <http://fs4.formsite.com/state4h/4hffa/index.html>

SAVE THE DATES FOR THESE UPCOMING EVENTS

Consumer Decision Making Contest
October 22 @ 6:00 pm
organizational meeting

November 20 County Contest
December 11 District Contest

**Educational Presentation/Public
Speaking Fall Contest**
November 5 ~ 4-7 pm
There will also be a Spring Contest

4-H Fall Festival of Fun
November 22 @ Fairgrounds
late afternoon into the evening

Food Project Day
November 22 in the morning

Food Show
December 16 County Contest
March 11 District Contest - Commerce

Cooke County 4-H Open Invitational Tournament

November 15, 2014
2201 W. HWY 82 ~ Gainesville
Registration Fee ~ \$20
Registration Deadline ~ November 8
Check in @ 8:00 for 1st Flight
Noon for 2nd Flight
Concession Stand Open all Day
For more information contact:
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Livestock Beginner's Bonanza

On November 10, in conjunction with Stock Show entry sign up night, there will be an opportunity for parents and 4-H members to learn the basics of raising a livestock project. There will be area experts on hand to teach the 1-2-3's of show animals including pigs, goats, chickens, rabbits, sheep, horses and cattle. There is no cost for attendance! This is a great opportunity for youth and parents that are new to showing to learn valuable tips. Be sure to mark your calendar!