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The cooke county clover connection

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4-Hers Help in Hosting Medal of Honor Recipients

Cooke County 4-Hers were recently a part of Gainesville's Medal of Honor Host City event held April 6—9.

The group of 20 men arrived by motorcade to kick off four days of activities throughout the city.

In a private reception held on Friday, April 8, youth organizations of Cooke County met at the Medal of Honor Park. Representatives from Cooke County 4-H attended the event along with student members of Gainesville FFA, Callisburg FFA, Muenster FFA, Girl Scout Troop #8596, American Heritage Girls Troop TX1618 and Trail Life USA Troop 1618. Each youth organization spent a few minutes telling about the mission and purpose of their organization. One of the medal of honor recipients, Mike Thornton, was so impressed with the youth leaders that he donated a $1000 scholarship to each group that was present. County 4-H members also helped serve at the Medal of Honor Banquet on Friday, April 8 and then on Saturday, April 9 they helped at the book signing event. Members participating included Grant Wilson, Gabbi Hellinger, Jacqueline & Victoria Smith, Sarah & Katilyn McCormick, Kaylee Sicking, Carly Watson, Caitlyn Taylor, Sadhvika Chitoor, Andrew, John & Thomas Kilpatrick, Mikayla Blakesley, Caroline Darbro, Ashley & Zachary Downe, Geordan Spaeth, Amelia Becker, Laura, Payton & Emily Dill, Cameron & Ethan Trammell, Anna & Clara Raabe, Carly Watson, Davis Grant, Matthew Smith, Elijah Lewis, Kenleigh & Andie Wells.

Cooke County 4-H members with Medal of Honor Recipient Mike Thornton. Mr. Thornton donated a $1000 scholarship to several county youth groups including Cooke County 4-H.

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WELCOME TO COOKE COUNTY 4-H

4-H is a dynamic youth organization that provides a safe environment for kids to grow and develop life skills that will follow them into adulthood. 4-H offers learning experiences in many areas through hands-on, fun educational monthly club and project meetings. In Texas the fee to enroll is only $20 for the year if enrolling between September 1 and October 31. After October 31, the fee increases to $25. 4-H is managed at the county level by the County Extension Office. Phyllis Griffin is Cooke County's 4-H and Youth Development Extension Agent and her contact information can be found at the bottom of page 2 of this newsletter. 4-H membership ages are: JUNIOR age 8 AND in 3rd Grade, 4th & 5th Grade; INTERMEDIATE grades 6, 7 & 8 and SENIOR grades 9, 10, 11 & 12.

Cooke County 4-H has 9 different active clubs and an outstanding group of dedicated adult volunteer leaders. 4-H is designed to be a family affair and parents are encouraged to get involved. Ways that parents can get involved range from serving as a project leader to providing transportation to activities or even supplying refreshments for meetings or special events.

ACHIEVEMENT IN COOKE COUNTY 4-H

At the conclusion of each membership year in August, 4-Hers are recognized for all of their hard work and accomplishments. It is a time to not only award 4-Hers for their work, but to also recognize the countless volunteers and adult leaders involved in the Cooke County 4-H program.

An invitation to the annual Achievement Banquet is earned when members have met certain requirements of participation in projects and ribbon activities.

Ribbon activities or contests are open to all 4-H members. For a detailed list, you can contact the extension office. Projects are the educational experiences that youth who are 4-H members can participate in. Typically, all projects must consist of at least five learning experiences, each lasting from 30 minutes to one hour and include the assistance of an adult or leader. The requirements to earn an invitation to the Achievement Banquet are as follows:

Clover Kids - Ages 5 and in Kindergarten through 2nd grade

Participation in at least 1 county activity or event

Junior Members - Age 8 & in 3rd grade through 5th grade

2 projects and 2 ribbon activities

Intermediate Members - Grades 6 through 8

2 projects and 3 ribbon activities **OR** 3 projects and 2 ribbon activities

Senior Members - Grades 9 - 12 (High School)

3 projects and 3 ribbon activities **OR** 4 projects and 2 ribbon activities

All Cooke County 4-H members are required to fill out a project record form and have it turned in and on file with the Extension Office in order to get credit. Project record forms are available from your club managers, the extension office or online at our website cooke.agrilife.org Project Record Forms are due into the extension office the last Friday of June.

Additionally, there are also special awards and scholarships presented to outstanding 4-Hers at the annual banquet. Final deadlines and applications for these special awards are typically due by late June/early July. The 2016 deadlines will be posted soon, so watch for those updates in the newsletter, our facebook page or on our county website.

"HAMBURGERS, HOT DOGS, APPLE PIE AND 4-H"

...an All-American Social Celebration

5:00—7:30 pm
FIRST STATE BANK CONFERENCE CENTER
801 E. California St.
Gainesville, TX

COOKE COUNTY 4-H HAMBURGER SOCIAL SILENT AUCTION & ICE CREAM FREEZE-OFF

May 26, 2016

Adults $8.00 Kids 8 & under $4.00
All proceeds benefit Cooke County 4-H

Grilled Hamburgers, Hot Dogs, Fixings, Beans, Potato Salad, Slaw, Chips, Tea, Fruit Desserts & Homemade Ice Cream

ICE CREAM FREEZE-OFF CONTEST
$10 ENTRY FEE
3 CATEGORIES AND AGE DIVISIONS
OPEN TO THE PUBLIC PRIZES AWARDED
Contact Phyllis Griffin or Kelly Huston for contest rules and entry forms at
940-668-5412
pagriffin@ag.tamu.edu
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Purchase tickets from any Cooke County 4-H member or
The AgriLife Extension Office
301 S. Chestnut St., Gainesville
Call 940-668-5412 for more information

TEXAS A&M AGRILIFE EXTENSION

Persons with disabilities needing accommodations for effective participation in the meeting should contact Cooke County AgriLife Extension office at least a week in advance of the meeting to request mobility, visual, hearing or other assistance. Educational programs of the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service are open to all people without regard to race, color, religion, sex, national origin, age, disability, genetic information or veteran status. The Texas A&M University System, U.S. Department of Agriculture, and the County Commissioners Courts of Texas Cooperating.

TEXAS A&M AGRILIFE EXTENSION

Cooke County Ice Cream Freeze-Off Contest

MAY 26, 2016

Judging at 4:00 pm

FIRST STATE BANK CONFERENCE CENTER

801 E. California St.

Gainesville, TX

CONTEST RULES

1. This contest is open to the public.
2. Prizes awarded in each category:
   - Plain—Chocolate/Vanilla
   - Fruit—Single Ingredient
   - Novelty—Mixed Ingredients (i.e. banana nut, oreo, etc.)
   - Plus a "People's Choice Award"
3. Four Divisions
   - "Little Dips" ages 6—12
   - "Big Dips" ages 13—18
   - "Super Scoops" ages 19 & older
   - Community Business/Group Team
4. All dashers and cranks or motors must have been removed and ice cream must be kept in original freezer container. It is suggested that ice cream be packed for a minimum of 3 hours prior to judging.
5. Entries must be DELIVERED by the contestant to the judging area before 4:00. Judging begins at 4:00 pm

REGISTRATION DEADLINE & $10 Entry Fee

Due by May, 20, 2016

Cooke County AgriLife Extension

301 S. Chestnut St.

Gainesville, TX 76240

Category:_____

Division:_____

Name:_____

Address:_____

City:_____

State & Zip:_____

Phone:_____

Email:_____

I hereby state that the diary products used in this ice cream have been pasteurized. If my recipe includes eggs, the egg mixture was thoroughly cooked. I understand my entry will not be judged without a complete recipe attached. Initials_____

___I will ___I will not allow my recipe to be published.

For more information call 940-668-5412

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Registration Packets are available to pick up in the AgriLife Extension Office. If any family is in need of funds to help pay for the expense of camp, please contact 4-H Extension Agent Phyllis Griffin.

4-H SUMMER CAMP

June 27 – June 30, 2016
Cross Point Camp
Kingston, Oklahoma

Registration Deadline & Full Payment Due by June 17

Registration Fee: $165

(You may pay a $50 deposit and register early)

CALLING ALL 4-H CAMP COUNSELORS

If you were selected to be a county 4-H camp counselor, please make note of these important dates.

April 29—Field Trip visit to Cross Point Camp

May 15—Preliminary Planning at Cooke County Fairgrounds

June1—Group Planning at the Extension Office

June 21—Pack up for camp and make final preparations

June 26—Leave for camp

County Council Officers

If you served as your club's president this past year or if you were a council delegate, you are encouraged to run for a 2016-17 County Council officer position. Applications are due by Monday, April 25 and are available to pick up at the Extension office.

Record Book Training Workshop

Saturday, May 14, 10 am to 12 pm @ the Extension Office.
If you are age 11 or up, come and spend some time working on your record book. This will be a good opportunity for those who are needing extra help with their record books. Our county record book judging is tentatively set for Friday, July 8. All record books are due to be turned in to the Extension Office on Tuesday, July 5 at 5:00 pm
Record books are a great way to track your projects throughout your 4-H membership years and are very, very beneficial when you begin filling out those college scholarship applications.

Summer Reminders

Project Record Forms are due in the Extension Office Tuesday, July 5 at 5:00 pm. Project record forms must be completed & submitted by the deadline in order to qualify for the Achievement Banquet. Forms are available on our website or at the extension office.

Special Awards and Scholarship Applications are now available online at the Extension office website. You may also come by the office to pick up applications. Special Awards and Scholarship applications are due by 5:00 pm July 15. Applicants will be interviewed on Monday, August 1 and winners will be announced at the Achievement Banquet on August 20. Special Awards include Rookie of the Year, Jewels of 4-H, Outstanding Junior & Intermediate 4-Her, Bronze & Silver Star, Farm Bureau Leadership, Danforth "I Dare You" and Gold Star.

ACHIEVEMENT BANQUET IS AUGUST 20, 2016

Cooke County 4-H 3-D Archery Tournament

May 28, 2016

2201 W. HWY 82—Gainesville, Texas

8:00 am check in & equipment safety check

9:00 am Competition Begins

$20 Registration Fee per Bow

$30 for non Texas 4-H members

Entry Deadline (postmarked by) May 25, 2016

For more Information contact Chad Trammell @ 940-634-2858 or

Cooke County 4-H

Friday, May 6, 2016

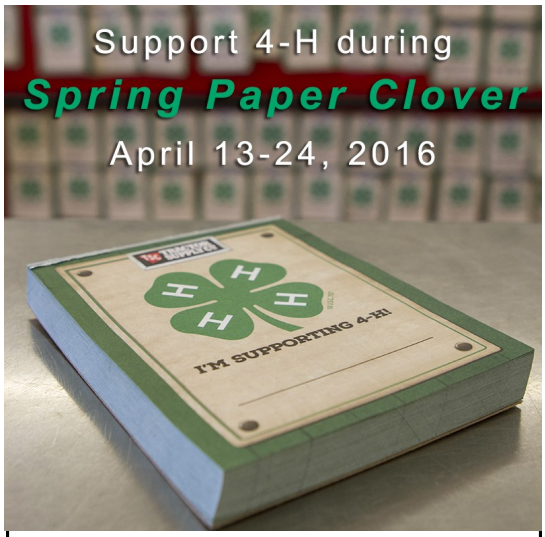
First State Bank

801 E. California St., Gainesville, TX

9:00 am—3:00 pm

All Proceeds benefit 4-H members Competing at State 4-H Roundup this summer

Texas 4-H Congress is a four-day mock legislative experience for 4-H members who will be in 9th through 12th grade for the 2016-2017 school year. Also eligible to attend are 4-H youth who graduated high school in the spring of 2016. During this time, 4-H members assume the roles of senators, representatives, lobbyists, press corps, and special interest groups to gain a first-hand understanding of how the legislative process works. Bills that are written and sponsored by 4-H members focus on issues concerning Texas and Texas youth. These bills are assigned to the appropriate committee, debated in committee meetings, and then on the floor of the House or Senate. If a bill is successful in negotiation and the legislative debate in all three stages, it is delivered to the Governor of Texas 4-H Congress for his or her signature or veto. Copies of all the bills that are signed into law during Texas 4-H Congress are provided to the Office of the Governor for review. This is truly a "once in a lifetime" opportunity. Online registration opens May 1 and ends May 31. You must register and pay through 4-H Connect. Please contact the Extension Office if you have any questions about registration.



The Spring 2016 4-H Paper Clover Campaign is now in full swing at Tractor Supply. Shoppers will have the opportunity to support 4-H in Cooke County by choosing to purchase paper clovers for $1 or more at checkout. All funds raised will be donated to 4-H and will support 4-H program activities in Cooke County. Be sure to tell family and friends about this event!

Officer Training

Thursday, August 4 , 2016

3:30—9:30

Gainesville City Park & Swimming Pool

This will be the annual training session for all club officers for the 2016-17 4-H membership year.

Watch for more details in an email and flier to be mailed out early July.

BARN TALK

Youth Fair checks are available for pickup at the Extension office. 4-Hers must write thank you notes in order to receive their check. A thank you should be written to EACH of the following :

Cooke County United Way—c/o Angie Hare
Cooke County Youth Fair Board—c/o Richard Dangelmayr
Howeth Title Company
First State Bank—c/o Karen Estes
Cooke County Fair Association—c/o David Fogle
Superior Machining—c/o Giles Walterscheid

For those of you who ordered steer and/or heifer tags, state validation will take place at a date & time to be determined. Validation must be completed by June 30, 2017. We will let you know as soon as a date is scheduled. This validation will be for all 2016-17 steers that will be shown at Texas major stock shows. Heifer validation will be for all heifers not already state validated that will be shown in any fall 2016 Texas major stock show. There will be another opportunity to validate heifers for the 2017 Texas major spring stock shows in November.

County Horse Show

Tentative Date
Saturday, June 4
Cooke County Fairgrounds
Check-In begins at 8:00 am
Show begins at 9:00 am

STATE HORSE VALIDATION DEADLINE IS MAY 1, 2016

If you wish to show your horse at the district or state show, then they must be validated by this date.

The dates for the 2017 Youth Fair have been set. Please mark your calendars!

January 10—14, 2017
FCS Show & Swine Show 1/10/17 Horse Show 1/11/17; Sheep & Goat Show 1/12/17; Cattle, Chickens, Rabbits & Shop Show 1/13/17; Premium Sale 1/14/17

Entry Deadlines

Steers—Monday August 22, 2016
All other market animals, breeding animals & horses—Monday, November 14, 2016
FCS & Shop—Friday, December 9, 2016

Validation Dates & Times

Steers—August 28, 2016
All other market animals—November 21, 2016

Relay for Life of Cooke County

June 3-4, 2016

6:00 pm—6:00 am

Gainesville Jr. High Field

1201 S. Lindsay Street, Gainesville

Cooke County 4-H will be participating, so if you are interested in getting on the team, please contact the Extenstion Office at 940-668-5412

RELAY FOR LIFE® American Cancer Society

Are You Interested in Being A

SAFE SITTER

Safe Sitter is a program for 11-14 year olds where you will learn life-saving skills so you can be safe if you're home alone or watching younger children.

Safe Sitter®
Thursday, June 9, 2016
9 am to 4 pm
Landmark Bank Conference Center
1112 E. California St. , Gainesville, TX 76240

The cost of $45 includes a Safe Sitter backpack, all course materials, lunch, and snacks
($10 discount to all currently active 4-H members)

Registration and fee must be received by May 31 2016

May 21, 2016

This is a fundraising event to help families coping with Hypothalamic Hamartomas (HH). Kids from the ages of 4-15 will run in puddles, jimp in mud pits and thave the muddiest fun at Circle N Dairy. Gates open at (am mud run starts at 10 am. The fun continues until 2 pm with food, barrel train rides, hay rides , face painting and more. Visit their website for registration at www.mudwithlandon.com

Cooke County 4-H will be having a booth at the annual Spring Fling and we are in need of 4-H members to volunteer to work.

Please contact Phyllis Griffin at the Extension office by Friday, May 6 if you are willing to help.

DISTRICT IV

Intermediate Team Spirit Champions Kennedy Schroeder, Cameron Trammell, Samantha Torres & Jessica Steed

Intermediate 1st Place team Sadhvika Chitoor, Caitlyn Taylor and Amilia Becker

Jr. Team Anna Marie Becker, Andie Schroeder & Katherine Lewis

Sr. Team Gillean Nixon, Clara Raabe, Gabbi Hellinger & Kaitlyn McCormick

Jr Teams—5th place Katelyn Fuhrmann, Macy Bayer & Madelyn Williams. 3rd place Maya & Rory Dulock, Mary Gomulak & Katy Blanton

Sr. Team Anna Raabe, Jack Walker, John Kilpatrick & Sarah McCormick

COOKE COUNTY 4-H FOOD SHOW WINNERS

Congratulations to all of our food show and food challenge competitors! They have worked hard and represented their teams, themselves and Cooke County 4-H very well in their competitions!

Intermediate Competitors Andrew Kilpatrick, Sadhvika Chitoor, Caitlyn Taylor & Samantha Fisher

Sr. Competitors Zachary Downe, Ashley Downe, Kenzie Paschal, Gabbi Hellinger & Katelyn McCormick

Jr. Competitors Mary Gomulack, Maya Dulock, Rory Dulock, Joseph Fisher & Madeline Neu

1st Place Ag ID Team Kaylee Sicking, Michaela Blakesley, Jacqueline Smith and Victoria Smith

Ad ID Teams and members Jacqueline Smith, Kaylee Sicking, Victoria Smith, Michaela Blakesley, Sarah McCormick, Eleanor Smith, Jillean Nixon, Katelyn McCormick, Catelyn Taylor, Nick Fisher, Sadhvika Chitoor, Thomas Kilpatrick,

The Winner's Circle

The Agriculture product ID Teams made it a three-peat at the Houston Livestock Show & Rodeo. For the third year in a row, Cooke County 4-H was the 1st Place Ag Product ID Team! Two other ag ID teams competing also placed 5th and 6th. 1st place team members were Victoria Smith, Jacqueline Smith, Michaela Blakesley & Kaylee Sicking. 5th Place team members were Sarah McCormick, Eleanor Smith, Gillean Nixon and Nicholas Fisher. 6th place team members were Thomas Kilpatrick, John Kilpatrick, Caitlyn Taylor and Sadhvika Chitoor. Cooke County also had five of the top ten individuals. They were Victoria Smith 2nd, Jacqueline Smith 3rd, Sarah McCormick 5th, Michaela Blakesley 6th, and Thomas Kilpatrick 8th.

The Wildlife Habitat Education Program team also competed at the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo and placed 2nd. Team members included Clara and Anna Raabe, Victoria Smith and Ethan Trammell. Individually, the team members also did well in competition. Anna Raabe was high point Senior 4-h Individual, Clara Raabe was 2nd, Ethan Trammell was 8th and Victoria Smith 9th. Congrats to all of our teams and their coaches! Beverly Fleitman is the Ag ID Coach and Susan Raabe the Wildlife Habitat Coach.

Wildlife Habitat Education Program 2nd place team Anna & Clara Raabe, Ethan Trammell and Victoria Smith

Anna Raabe at the Houston Livestock WHEP contest with her high individual award.

Congratulations to our Houston Livestock Show & Rodeo Winners!

District IV Food Show Participants back row: Ashley Downe, Kenzie Paschal, Zachary Downe, Anna Marie Becker, Sadhvika Chitoor, Caitlyn Taylor, Kaitlyn McCormick, Samantha Fisher. Front Row Andrew Kilpatrick, Maya Dulock, Joseph Fisher

District IV Roundup Sr. Consumer Decision Making 3rd Place Team Zachary Downe, Ashley Downe and Elijah Lewis.

The Winner's Circle

District IV Roundup Sr. Consumer Decision Making 2nd Place Team Davis Grant & Grant Wilson

District IV Roundup 3rd Place Sr. Horse Quiz Bowl Team Coach Kelly Grewing, Kaitlyn McCormick, Eleanor Smith & Jordan Hale

District IV Roundup 1st place Sr. Public Speaking Jordan Hale & 2nd Place Victoria Smith

District IV Roundup Consumer Decision Making Intermediate 3rd place team Sadhvika Chitoor, Caleb Sandmann, Caitlyn Taylor and Carly Watson

District IV Roundup 2nd Place Jr. Horse Quiz Bowl Team Coach Kelly Grewing, Josey & Lainey Grewing, Rosemary Hartman & Kalli Reed

District IV Roundup 1st Place Sr. Share the Fun. Members are Matthew Smith, John Kilpatrick, Eleanor Smith, Sarah McCormick, Victoria Smith, Kaylee Sicking, Michaela Blakesley, Kaitlyn McCormick & William Lewis

Congratulations to all of our District Roundup competitors. Good luck to these Cooke County 4-Hers who will be moving on to compete at State Roundup in June: Food Show- Ashley Downe & Kaitlyn McCormick; Horse Quiz Bowl-Kaitlyn McCormick, Eleanor Smith & Jordan Hale; Public Speaking-Jordan Hale and Victoria Smith; Consumer Decision Making Zachary Downe, Ashley Downe, & Elijah Lewis; Share the Fun– Matthew Smith, John Kilpatrick, Eleanor Smith, Sarah McCormick, Victoria Smith, Kaylee Sicking, Michaela Blakesley, Kaitlyn McCormick & William Lewis.

2016 Texas 4-H Roundup Draft Schedule June 6—9, 2016

***Team Qualifying Contests**

****Invitational Contests open to ALL Intermediate Age 4-Hers (grades 6,7 &8 for 2015-16 year)**

Monday, June 6	Tuesday, June 7	Wednesday, June 8	Thursday, June 9
Roundup Registration **Reed Arena** 3 pm – 7 pm **Offsite Events** • Indoor Rifle Match - Held off-site - **CORRECTION** June 4-5, 2016	**Roundup Registration** **Reed Arena** 7 am – 7 pm **Morning Contests** • Agriculture Product Identification ** • Beef Quiz Bowl • Fashion Show • Fashion Storyboard • Healthy Lifestyles ** • Horse Quiz Bowl • Leaders 4 Life • Livestock Skill-a-thon ** • Nutrition Quiz Bowl • Swine Quiz Bowl ** • Robotics Challenge ** **Afternoon Contests** • **CORRECTION** Archery (will be afternoon only) • Photography Judging **Evening Contests/Events** • 4-H Has Talent • 4-H Fun Run / Walk **Daily** • Texas 4-H Scholarship Presentation • Trade Show • Silent Auction	**Roundup Registration** **Reed Arena** 7 am – 7 pm **Morning Contests** • Consumer Decision Making • Entomology Collection ** • Entomology Identification • Food Challenge • Horse Judging • Invitational Meat Judging and Identification ** • Mohair Judging • Qualifying Livestock Judging • Qualifying Meat Judging and Identification • Range & Pasture Grass Identification • Range Evaluation • Share-The-Fun ○ Choreographed Routines ○ Dramedy ○ Poetry/Prose ○ Vocal • Soil Judging • Wool Judging and Evaluation **Daily** • Texas 4-H Scholarship Presentation • Trade Show • Silent Auction	**Roundup Registration** **Reed Arena** 7 am – 6 pm **Morning Contests** • Discover Scientific Method Research Poster ** • Duds to Dazzle • Food Show • Health * • Hippology ** • Horse * • Invitational Livestock Judging ** • Open Ag and Natural Resources * • Open Family, Consumer Science * • Poultry Judging ** • Public Speaking • Promote 4-H* • Share-The-Fun ○ Celebrate 4-H ○ Musical / Instrumental ○ Solo / Band Performance • Sheep and Goat * • Vet Science Skill-a-thon ** • Wildlife Challenge Workshop ** **Afternoon Contests** • Beef * • Clothing and Textiles * • Companion Animals * • Open * • Safety and Injury Prevention * **Workshop** • Grilling Meat Science **Daily** • Texas 4-H Scholarship Presentation • Trade Show • Silent Auction

May Calendar of Events

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 State Horse Validation Deadline	2	3	4	5 Midnight Mustang Club Mtg.	6 Bake Sale	7 Spring Fling
8	9 Muenster Club Mtg Livestock Club Mtg.	10 Red River Club Mtg Era Club Mtg.	11 Club Mgr. Mtg. @ 6:30 pm	12 Toastmasters	13	14 Record Book Training Workshop
15 Camp Counselor Planning Meeting Midnight Mustang Mounted Mtg.	16	17	18	19 Toastmasters	20	21 Mooving Thru the Mud with Landon
22	23	24 Courageous Canine Club Mtg.	25	26 Ice Cream Freeze Off & Hamburger Social	27	28 3D Archery Tournament
29	30 Extension Office Closed—Memorial Day	31	1	2	3 Relay for Life	4 County Horse Show* (tentative date)

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COOKE COUNTY 4-H

Making the Best Better!

We are on the Web!
www.cooke.agrilife.org

Check Us Out on FACEBOOK

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The Extension Office will be closed Monday, May 30, in observance of Memorial Day.

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.

Griffin's Gems

Hello Everyone!!

Here we are the middle of April, where has the school year gone!! I know many of you can't wait for summer time to get here, and neither can I!!! So many great things coming up this summer, fun in the sun and good times with family and friends!!

One big 4-H event coming up this summer, with lots of fun activities in the sun, good food, and lots of great times with 4-H friends is the Cooke County 4-H Camp!!! The dates for camp are June 27 thru 30. It is going to be held at the Cross Point Camp http://www.okumcministries.org/camps/crosspoint_directions.html located on Lake Texoma, near Kingston, Ok. The cost is $165.00 per child that includes room and meals for four days and 3 nights!! Check out the link for all of the great activities the camp has to offer. PLUS, we will be doing 4-H project related fun hands-on workshops at camp too!! Calling all parents – you are welcome and encouraged to come too. You must be an 'active' Texas 4-H Screened volunteer, and you must take the safe child training on your 4-H connect profile. Let me reassure you, it will be one of the best times you will spend with your child[ren] at a 4-H activity!! Call or email me if you want more details.

Another event being planned that promises to be fun times with friends and family is the 'Hamburger Social and Ice Cream Freeze-off' from 5 til 7:30, on May 26th at the First State Bank Conference Center!! All funds raised will go to benefit Cooke County 4-H members. Each year we have 2-3 fund raisers that help pay for all of the events and activities we have in the Cooke County 4-H program. Some of these include the ribbons and awards we use at free county contests, registration fees for District and State events, help with the cost of attending 4-H leadership camps, help with transportation costs to attend the District and State 4-H Horse Shows, help with the cost of attending the Texas 4-H Round-up. This year we hope to help those going to Texas 4-H Congress. And, we hope to raise money to pay for extras at County Camp. Remember, the Cooke County 4-H Program does NOT receive funds from anyone on an annual basis. The money we have to spend each year must be raised thru fund raisers, grants or donations. I hope everyone will plan to help, attend and spend at this 4-H fund raiser!! Contact me or your club manager to find out how you can help!!

Have a wonderful rest of the school year!

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