**Deaf Smith County 4-H News - March 16, 2016**

The Spring 4-H Calendar is seriously full now so a little extra planning and commitment will help ensure your success. Here are the projects and the timeline to assist you with your participation:

**PUBLIC SPEAKING/COUNTY ROUNDUP – MONDAY, APRIL 4**

**Educational Presentations/Share-the-Fun:** It’s time to be pulling your presentations together to be ready to perform for local judges on April 4. Teams and individuals should be actively working on their presentations now. If you need help choosing a topic or preparing your presentation, please contact our office, 364-3573. All local entries must present locally in order to advance to District on Saturday, April 23.

**Radio Spots:** If you wish to record a 30-second 4-H Public Service Announcement (PSA) at KPAN Radio, ***call our office by Monday, March 21***. Seniors will write their own PSAs. Office Staff will help Juniors & Intermediates. After you sign up, we will notify you of the time and day to go to the radio station. This is an easy contest but a good learning experience. Your PSA will be sent automatically to District competition. And, your voice will be on the radio during National 4-H Week in October!

**4-H CLOTHING PROJECTS – COUNTY JUDGING MARCH 24**

If you are participating in Duds to Dazzle, Fashion Show, Trashion Show or Fashion Storyboard, your paperwork is due in the local office by 5 p.m. on Thursday, March 24, when all Clothing participants will be judged through interviews. Your submitted forms will be reviewed locally and returned to you if improvement is needed. Storyboards will be submitted on the 24th for judging as well.

**RECORD BOOK WORKSHOP – MARCH 21**

We will be teaching a 4-H Record Book Workshop at **5 p.m. on Monday, March 21**, for all age levels. Parents are welcome to attend. Completed books are due at the County level in June. District judging is in July. Record Books help teach recordkeeping skills (required in so many professions) and are an important part of learning communication methods and preparing scholarships/resumes.

**MARSH SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS DUE BY APRIL 5**

Application forms and current 4-H Record Books are due to the County office by 5:00 p.m. **Tuesday, April 5**. Interviews with a panel of judges are scheduled on Monday, April 18. Application forms are available on request from the County office.

**SOCKS FOR VETERANS**

The District-wide community service project is the collection of new socks for area veterans through mid-April.  Bring your donation to the 4-H building during regular business hours.

**4-H SUMMER CAMPS**

The Texas 4-H Conference Center at Brownwood is gearing up for Summer Camps in June-July. These camps include a Color Run, Water games, arts & crafts, dancing, archery, fishing, swimming, team challenges, bucket drums, camp kayaking, a challenge course and more. The local Parents Association helps with a portion of camp fees. An adult chaperone is required for each gender of camper.  Camp dates and ages are included in the calendar below. For more information, call the County office, 364-3573.

**TCFA 2016 FED BEEF CHALLENGE**

Validation Dates: March 1 - March 28, 2016
Entry Deadline: April 18, 2016

We have more information and applications in the 4-H Office at 90314th St., for anyone who is interested. Please call the office at 806-364-3573 if you have questions.

**4-H LIVESTOCK AMBASSADORS**

The Livestock Ambassador program has been developing agricultural leaders and advocates for 8 years now. New for 2016, we are excited to include West Texas A&M University in partnership with Texas Tech University to conduct the Panhandle 4-H Livestock Ambassador Short Course. Ambassador candidates will split time between the two universities to gain a better understanding of agriculture in the Texas Panhandle.

***Selection Criteria:***

* Senior age (14-18) 4-H youth that have exhibited a superior level of ambition regarding his/her livestock projects
* Students with a profound interest in animal science and animal production
* Students have shown advanced leadership qualities and a willingness to help others
* Top 25% class rank

***Application Process:***

* Applicant goes to <https://agrilife.az1.qualtrics.com/SE/?SID=SV_0PYpO9DjXaYnpFb>
	+ Student will complete the application and enter the contact information of supervising County Extension Agent
	+ CEA will be automatically emailed a recommendation survey
* A selection committee will review the applications and accept **25** participants per university
* Applications are due **June 1, 2016**. Applicants will be notified by **June 17, 2016** regarding application result

**IMPORTANT 4-H DATES:**

**MARCH 14-18 – HISD Spring Break**

**WEDNESDAY, MARCH 16 – Clothing Club for all interested youth, 4:30 p.m.**

**THURSDAY, MARCH 17 – Registration opens for Spring District Roundup contests on** [**4-H Connect**](https://texas.4honline.com/)

**MONDAY, MARCH 21 – Record Book Training , 5 p.m.**

**TUESDAY, MARCH 22 – Consumer practice, Seniors/Intermediates at 4:30, Juniors at 5:00 p.m.**

**WEDNESDAY, MARCH 23 – County Council, 5:30 p.m. All 4-H members welcome!**

**THURSDAY, MARCH 24 – County** [**Clothing Contests**](http://d14-h.tamu.edu/project-resources/creative-arts/clothing-textiles-project/)**:** [**Duds to Dazzle**](http://d14-h.tamu.edu/files/2010/07/2016-Duds-to-Dazzle-Letter.pdf)**,** [**Fashion Show**](http://d14-h.tamu.edu/files/2010/07/2016-District-Fashion-Letter.pdf)**,** [**Storyboard**](http://d14-h.tamu.edu/files/2010/07/2016-District-Fashion-StoryBoard-Letter.pdf)**,** [**Trashion Show**](http://d14-h.tamu.edu/files/2010/07/2016-District-Trashion-Show-Letter.pdf), **4:30 p.m.**

**FRIDAY, MARCH 25 – Good Friday; County offices closed**

**MARCH 28-APRIL 1 – HISD STAAR Tests – No 4-H Activities**

**SATURDAY, APRIL 2 –Livestock Judging Contest at Clarendon**

**MONDAY, APRIL 4 – County Roundup for Educational Presentations & Share-the-Fun, 4:30-?? p.m.**

**TUESDAY, APRIL 5 – DEADLINE to submit 4-H Record Book and Marsh Scholar Application to local office**

**THURSDAY, APRIL 7 – DEADLINE to submit final forms and storyboards for District Clothing Contests to County office**

**THURSDAY, APRIL 7 – DEADLINE to register for Spring District Roundup contests on** [**4-H Connect**](https://texas.4honline.com/)

**SATURDAY, APRIL 9 - Livestock Judging Contest at Texas Tech**

**TUESDAY, APRIL 12 - 4-H Parents Association, 6 p.m. All 4-H parents encouraged to participate**

**WEDNESDAY, APRIL 13 – Clothing Project, 4:30 p.m.**

**SATURDAY, APRIL 16 - Livestock Judging at WTAMU**

**MONDAY, APRIL 18 – Marsh Scholar interviews**

**MONDAY, APRIL 18 – DEADLINE to submit entries for TCFA Fed Beef Challenge**

**APRIL 21-23 – District Roundup for all Spring contests in Canyon**

Thursday,April 21 – Duds to Dazzle, Fashion Storyboard

               Friday, April 22 – Livestock Judging, Consumer Decision, Entomology

               Saturday, April 23 – Educational Presentations, Share-the-Fun, Fashion Show

**WEDNESDAY, APRIL 27 – County Council, 5:30 p.m. All 4-H members welcome!**

**MAY 2-6 – STAAR Testing at HHS – No 4-H activities**

**MAY 9-13 – HISD STAAR Tests – No 4-H Activities**

**FRIDAY, MAY 20 – DEADLINE to submit bills for** [**Texas 4-H Congress**](http://texas4-h.tamu.edu/events/congress/) **(9th-12th graders only)**

**MONDAY, MAY 30 – Memorial Day; County offices closed**

**JUNE 5-7 –** [**Howard County Lamb Camp**](http://www.howardcollege.edu/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=997) **in Big Spring: $85 per person, Registration forms available at local 4-H Office**

**JUNE 6-10 –** [**Texas 4-H Roundup**](http://texas4-h.tamu.edu/events/roundup/) **in College Station – 9th-12th graders**

Tuesday,June 7 – Fashion Show and Storyboard

               Wednesday, June 8 – Consumer, Entomology, Share-the-Fun Dramedy, Poetry/Prose, Vocal

Thursday, June 9 – Educational Presentations, Duds to Dazzle, Livestock Judging, Share-the-Fun Celebrate 4-H, Musical/Instrumental, Solo/Band

**JUNE 12-14 –** [**Howard County Goat Camp**](http://www.howardcollege.edu/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=997) **in Big Spring: $85 per person, Registration forms available at local 4-H Office**

**FRIDAY, JUNE 24 – District Horse Show @ Amarillo Range Riders arena**

**JUNE 27-JULY 1 – Horizons Camp for 4th-8th grades in** [**Brownwood**](http://texas4hcenter.tamu.edu/services/youth-camps-and-retreats/)

**JUNE 27- JULY 1 – County Camps, all ages, at** [**Brownwood**](http://texas4hcenter.tamu.edu/services/youth-camps-and-retreats/)

**JULY 5-8 – Livestock Ambassador Short Course for ages 14-18 at Texas Tech & WTAMU, Cost $200**

**JULY 6-8 – Mission Possible for special needs youth at** [**Brownwood**](http://texas4hcenter.tamu.edu/services/youth-camps-and-retreats/)

**JULY 11-13 – Beginner Shooting Sports Camp I at** [**Brownwood**](http://texas4hcenter.tamu.edu/services/youth-camps-and-retreats/)

**JULY 11-14 – Prime Time Extreme, 8th-11th grades, at** [**Brownwood**](http://texas4hcenter.tamu.edu/services/youth-camps-and-retreats/)

**JULY 13-15 – Beginner Shooting Sports Camp II at** [**Brownwood**](http://texas4hcenter.tamu.edu/services/youth-camps-and-retreats/)

**FRIDAY, JULY 15 – TCFA Fed Beef Challenge day to deliver steers to Amarillo Livestock Auction for check-in by noon**

**JULY 17-20 –** [**State 4-H Congress**](http://texas4-h.tamu.edu/events/congress) **in Austin**

**JULY 17-20 – Prime Time I Camp, 5th-8th grades, at** [**Brownwood**](http://texas4hcenter.tamu.edu/services/youth-camps-and-retreats/)

**TUESDAY, JULY 19 – DEADLINE: TCFA Fed Beef Challenge Record Books due by 5 p.m.**

**JULY 20-23 – Prime Time II Camp, 2nd-5th grades, at** [**Brownwood**](http://texas4hcenter.tamu.edu/services/youth-camps-and-retreats/)

**JULY 25-27 – Fishing Camp, 3rd-12th grade, at** [**Brownwood**](http://texas4hcenter.tamu.edu/services/youth-camps-and-retreats/)

**FRIDAY, JULY 29 – TCFA Fed Beef Challenge, WTAMU**

**Unless otherwise noted, all local 4-H activities are at the offices of Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service, located at 903 E. 14th St., Hereford**

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