**Deaf Smith County 4-H News – Feb. 24, 2016**

**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

**4-H CLOTHING PROJECTS UNDERWAY:**  In the 4-H Clothing and Textiles Project you can learn to sew, how to be a good consumer when purchasing clothes, the art of designing clothes and accessories, and careers in the fashion industry.  The contests related to this project include**:** [**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) **and** [**Trashion Show**](http://d14-h.tamu.edu/files/2010/07/2016-District-Trashion-Show-Letter.pdf)**.** Amalia has scheduled workdays during Spring Break, March 14-15, from 9 a.m. – 12 noon for you to complete your Clothing projects at the 4-H office. County competitions will be Thursday, March 24, starting at 4:30 p.m. Your community service opportunity is to donate new socks for Panhandle area veterans; bring socks to 4-H office during regular business hours.

**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.

**TCFA FED BEEF CHALLENGE:** It’s time to gear up for the Fed Beef Challenge. Steers need to be purchased and validated during the month of March. Important dates are included in the list below. Contact our office for entry forms and guidelines.

**CONSUMER TEAMS FORMING:** In this project you will learn how to compare prices, test for quality and make purchases based on facts and research. Teams are now forming for Juniors, Intermediates and Seniors. Project Leader will be Jean Turpen.  The next meeting will be Tuesday, Feb. 16, Seniors/Intermediates at 4:30, Juniors at 5:00 p.m. For more information, call Amalia at the Extension office, 364-3573.

**SPRING 4-H CONTESTS at the District level will be held April 21-23 in Canyon.** These competitions will include Fashion Storyboard, Duds to Dazzle, Livestock Judging, Consumer Decision-Making, Educational Presentations, Share-the-Fun and Fashion Show. Please save those dates if you wish to compete on the district level. We will announce specific dates and times as soon as those are confirmed.

**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.

**HOWARD COUNTY LAMB & GOAT CAMPS:** Sign-up has opened for two upcoming sheep/goat exhibitor camps in June that will cover: Selection, Health and Management, Feeding, Exercising, Washing & Shearing, Classifying and Showmanship.  Housing is not provided; Holiday Inn will be the host hotel; call 432-263-5400 for reservations. Registration for both camps is limited and sign-up will be based on first come, first served. For registration forms or more information, call or come by the 4-H office.

**JUNE 5-7 – Howard County Lamb Camp** in Big Spring: $85 per person, Registration forms available at local 4-H Office

**JUNE 12-14 – Howard County Goat Camp** in Big Spring: $85 per person, Registration forms available at local 4-H Office

**IMPORTANT 4-H DATES:**

**WEDNESDAY, FEB. 24 – County Council for all 4-H members, 5:30 p.m.**

**MONDAY, FEB 29 – 4-H Public Speaking Workshop for all interested members, 5:30 p.m.**

**MARCH 1-28 – Purchase and validate steers for TCFA Junior Fed Beef Challenge**

**TUESDAY, MARCH 1 – Consumer practice, Seniors/Intermediates at 4:30, Juniors at 5:00 p.m.**

**MONDAY, MARCH 7 – Shooting Sports, 6 p.m. at 4-H office, Guest Speaker: Sheriff J. Dale Butler**

**MARCH 14-18 – HISD Spring Break**

**MARCH 14-15 – Workdays for 4-H members with Clothing Projects, 9 a.m. -12 noon**

**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.**

**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)

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

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

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

**THURSDAY, APRIL 7 – DEADLINE to submit 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/)

**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.**

**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

**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**

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