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# Floyd County 4-H News

## 4-H Family Auction

The Floyd County 4-H Family Auction has been set for October 25, 2016 at the Floyd County Friends Unity Center! This is a very large fundraiser that we only do every other year so it's important we have all hands on deck to help out! The meal will start at 5:28pm and the live auction will begin at 6:02pm. We will be serving Mexican Stack as the meal and ask that everybody help by bringing one or 2 items for the meal. A signup sheet for food is at the Extension Office, you can either call or come by to sign up. Also, if you are collecting items, please have them to Donna by October 24th so she is able to put the sale bill together. If you have any questions or want to know how to help, please contact the CEO at 983-4912.

## Monthly Photo Contest: October Theme is "FALL"

Our Monthly Photo Contest is off to a great start with lots of entries being sent in! We are going to change the contest up a little bit and have a theme for each month. October's theme will be "FALL." Each month we ask that your child submit a photo that they have personally taken and post it to the Floyd County Extension Facebook page or email it to the office. There will be a \$5 gift card for the winner of the contest each month. This is something new that we hope to continue throughout the entire year, which will help kids practice their photography skills year round. If you need help with photography or have any questions please contact Cristen Brooks as she is the photography project leader and would love to help!

## Yearbooks Complete

The 4-H Year Books are now completed. It costs over \$1 to mail them, so please come by the office and pick one up for your family. We will also have them at your club meetings.

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## Calendar of Events

### October

**3: Food & Nutrition Meeting, 5:30PM, CEO**  
**3: Pistol, 6PM, Unity Center**  
**4: Food Challenge Practice, 5:30PM, CEO**  
**8: Punkin Days: Pumpkin Pleasers Booth and Pumpkin Blast Shotgun Shootout**  
**10: Office Closed**  
**10: Rifle, 5:30PM, Unity Center**  
**17: Food Challenge Practice, 4:30PM, CEO**  
**17: Archery, 5:30PM, Unity Center**  
**17: Food & Nutrition Meeting, 5:30PM, CEO**  
**18: New Family Kickoff**  
**24: District Food Challenge, Mallet Event Center in Levelland**  
**25: 4-H Family Auction**  
**29: County Food Show, 9AM, Floyd County Library**  
**30: Lamb, Goat and Heifer Validation Due**

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## Shooting Sports Reminders

To receive a text reminder, select the discipline you want to receive, and text from the phone you want to receive the messages on. Text the corresponding message to 81010. To receive an email reminder, select the discipline and send an email to the corresponding email address. You do not have to fill in the subject line or write a message.

Text Message to 81010

Archery      @floydarch    floydarch@mail.remind.com

Hunt&Wild   @floydhw    floydhw@mai.remind.com

Muzzload   @floydmuzzl   floydmuzzl@mail.remind.com

Pistol      @floydpistl   floydpistl@mail.remind.com

Rifle        @floyd rifle    floydrifle@mail.remind.com

Shotgun     @floydshotg   floydshotg@mail.remind.com

## New 4-H Family Meeting

We are blessed to have so many new 4-H members enrolled this year that we have decided to host a New 4-H Family Informational Meeting on Tuesday, October 18th at 6:00pm at the Floyd County Friends Unity Center. At the meeting we will talk about projects, club meetings, contests, camps, fundraisers, etc. and give new families and members the opportunity to ask any questions they may have about Floyd County 4-H. Hot dogs will be served so please let us know if you will be attending so we can have an accurate count for food. This meeting is open to anyone, not just new members, so we encourage you to attend if you would like more information about 4-H! If you have any questions or would like to RSVP for the meeting, please contact the Extension Office by email or give us a call at 983-4912.

## Entry Deadlines for 2017 Major Stock Shows

November 14th: Fort Worth and Sandhills Stock Shows

November 29th: Houston, Austin, San Antonio and San Angelo Stock Shows

NOTE: These are the days the entries are DUE TO THE COUNTY EXTENSION OFFICE! We will be mailing entries off a day or 2 before the deadline that is posted online.

## Livestock Validation Information

All lambs, goats and beef heifers in Floyd County are required to be state validated by October 30, 2016. A date has not been set yet for validation of each species but as soon as we set a date we will let you know. Swine will need to be state validated by November 30, 2016.



## Pumpkin Pleasers Booth at Punkin Days

Each year we have a booth at Punkin Days and sell pumpkin baked goodies to raise money. We sell pumpkin rolls, pumpkin pies, pumpkin bread, pumpkin cheesecake, pumpkin fudge, pumpkin pop corn or anything else pumpkin you can think of. You can make them early and freeze them. This money helps to pay for 4-H'ers attending camp, State Roundup, etc., so please do your part and help out. If you need pumpkin recipes, let me know. Please, Please, put walnuts or pecans on your Pumpkin Rolls. We will need help setting up, working the booth and tearing down. If you'd like to sign up for a time slot to help out please let us know. Punkin Days is Saturday, October 8th.

## Food and Nutrition Meetings

Food meetings are to help those competing in Food Show prepare, but you do not have to compete to come to the meetings and learn. It is open to EVERYONE. We are asking that each 4-H'er attending the meetings pay \$10 to cover supplies for the meetings. The meetings for October will be:

Monday, October 3rd, 5:30pm, CEO

Monday, October 17th, 5:30pm, CEO

Tuesday, November 1st, 5:30pm, Floyd County Library

County Food Show: Saturday, October 29th, 9:00am, Floyd County Library

For more information or to RSVP contact the CEO at 983-4912.

## Tips for Feeding Horses Through the Winter

1. It's easier to keep weight on a horse in the winter than to have him gain it once he's gotten skinny. An extra layer of fat before the cold months arrive will make it easier for horses to keep weight on in the cold.
2. The digestion of fiber (hay) in your horse's digestive tract creates heat that will help keep him warm.
3. If your horse has plenty to eat but still loses weight in the winter, add 4 to 8 oz. of corn oil to his regular grain meal for extra calories.
4. For horses that live outdoors, provide a large round bale (in a rack feeder to prevent wastage) for them to "graze" on and stay busy.
5. Fresh, clean water is important all year long.
6. Making a mash by mixing two gallons of hot water into your horse's pelleted or concentrate feed and allowing it to expand for 15 minutes before feeding will help provide extra hydration.
7. Make sure your horse is dewormed according to the schedule recommended by your veterinarian before winter arrives to kill any parasites that might prevent optimum digestion.
8. Don't forget the salt! Free access to a trace mineral salt block is required to meet your horse's requirements for sodium and other minerals, especially for horses eating hay but not grain.



## 2016—2017 4-H Enrollment

Enrollment for the 2016—2017 4-H year began on August 15th and is \$20. It is important for all 4-H members to enroll so they are able to participate in 4-H activities. There is no cost to sign up Clover Kids, so please make sure to enroll them as well. We are also encouraging all parents and leaders to enroll on 4-H Connect. After November 1st the fee will be increased to \$25 so make sure to sign up as soon as possible. To enroll for the upcoming 4-H year please visit the 4-H connect website: <https://texas.4honline.com> or come the Floyd County Extension office to enroll.

## Floyd County 4-H Shooting Sports Pumpkin Blast

Floyd County 4-H Shooting Sports is hosting a Pumpkin Blast contest on October 8th at 1:30PM at Punkin Days. The shoot will take place 1/2 mile south of US HWY 62/70 on FM 1958 (South of Lighthouse Electric). The proceeds will benefit the South Plains Honor Flight. This is a great community service opportunity so if you would like to know more please contact Winfield Davenport.

## What is Consumer Decision Making?

Do you like to shop? Learn how to save money while shopping in the consumer decision making project. You'll learn how to compare prices, test for quality and make purchases based on facts and research. You will also improve your money management skills, smart purchasing skills and decision-making skills. Learning to be a good consumer is a life skill that will benefit all participants in every purchase that they make. It is important to learn the basic consumer priorities when shopping for all goods. This project is a fun interactive method to sharpen your purchasing skills and learn to defend your choices. Project meetings will begin in November so look out for my information!



### Floyd County AgriLife Web Address:

<http://floyd.agrilife.org/>. Point sheets for each club, newsletters and upcoming events can be found on this page. The old address should direct you to this page automatically.

### 4-H Newsletter Online:

If you would rather read the 4-H Newsletter online go to: <http://floyd.agrilife.org>. 4-H Jacket Achievement Point Sheets are also online for you to print off.

### Memorials:

Did you know that memorials for loved ones can be made to the Floyd County 4-H Scholarship fund? Memorials help fund our Gold Star scholarships.

### Trivia!

- 1. When does the 4-H enrollment fee increase??**
- 2. When is Punkin Days?**
- 3. When is the new family meeting?**

E-Mail your answers to [floyd@ag.tamu.edu](mailto:floyd@ag.tamu.edu) and receive 1 point towards your 4-H Jacket, Patch, Tshirt or Senior Scholarship.

# October 2016

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**Fri**

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Complete this Halloween word scramble for 1 point towards your jacket, patch, t-shirt or senior scholarship.  
Come by the office and make copies for all the 4-H'ers in your family if you need to.

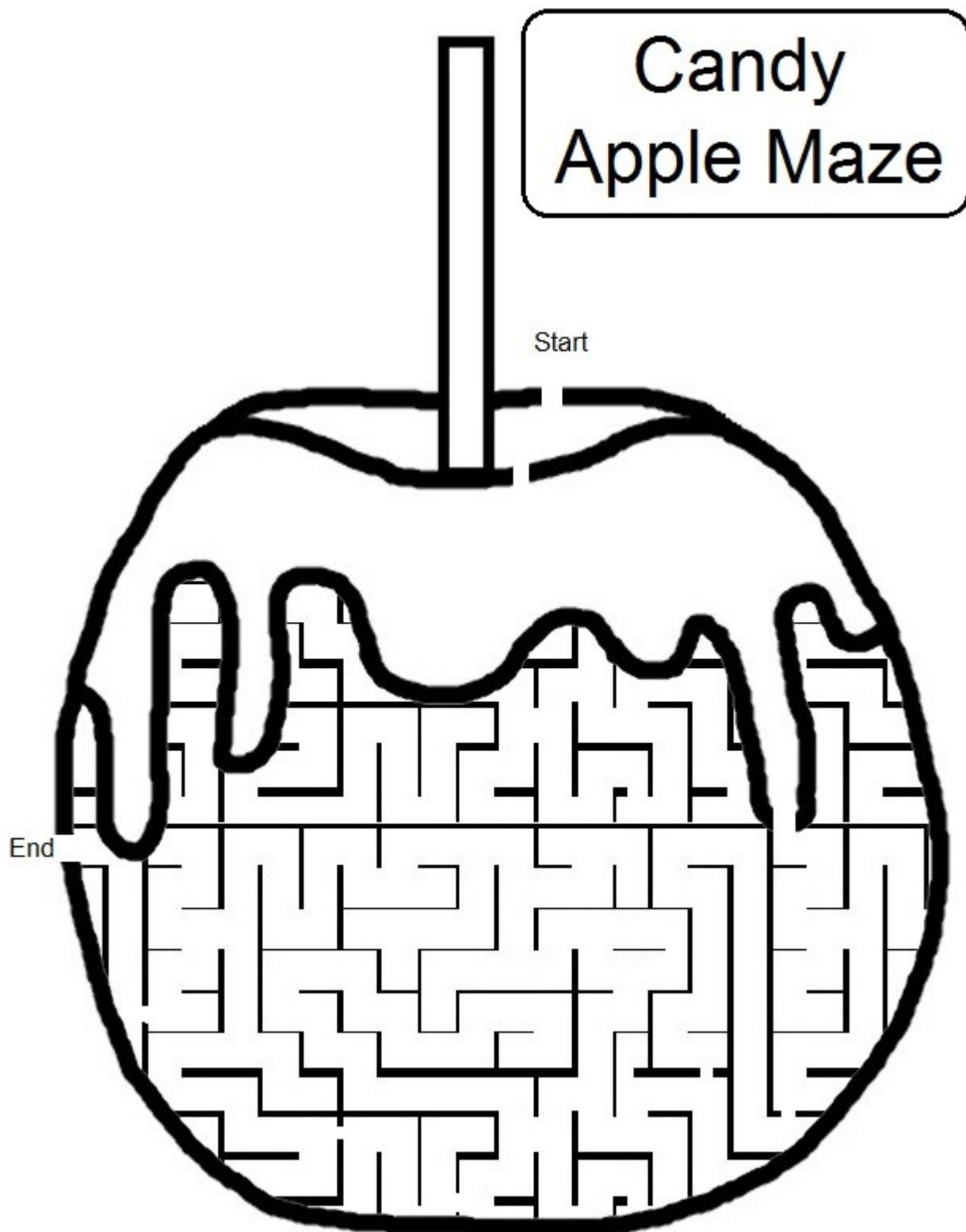
# Halloween Scrambler


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Complete this candy apple maze for 1 point towards your jacket, patch, t-shirt or senior scholarship. Come by the office and make copies for all the 4-H'ers in your family if you need to.





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