



Lubbock County 4-H News



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LUBBOCK COUNTY 4-H IS ON FACEBOOK

Be sure to “like” the Lubbock County 4-H Facebook page. Visiting the page will help remind you about upcoming 4-H activities and events. Our page will also inform you about meeting changes, cancellations or notices. For example, if you are signed up for recordbook training (or thinking about attending) and we have “bad or iffy” weather - check the facebook page to see if we are still going to have the meeting. This will hopefully save extra phone calls, missing the meeting or coming to the office and finding out the meeting was cancelled. We hope this will become a more efficient way to communicate with each of you!

4-H AWARDS AND RECOGNITION

Parents and Leaders, please mark your calendars for **Wednesday, April 11 at 5:30 pm** for the next Awards and Recognition Committee Meeting. We will begin plans for the County Achievement Banquet. The meeting will be held at the County Extension Office.

4-H Project Forms

Just a reminder that 4-H’ers need to complete at least one project form, found in your 4-H Handbook in order to receive a project and year pin at the County 4-H Achievement Banquet in August. These forms may be picked up from the Extension Office. *Once forms and projects are completed, they need to be turned in to club managers or to the County Extension Office.



Let us know if you have questions about completing these forms. The forms are also at the website under 4-H publications.

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If you need any type of accommodation to participate in this program or have questions about the physical access provided, please contact Ronda Alexander at 806-775-1740 at least 2 weeks prior to the program or event.

4-H TEENS

Teen Council

The March 4-H Teen Council Meeting will be held on Monday, **March 19** at 7:00 pm (tentative) at the County Extension Office following the County Fashion Show. April's meeting will be at the County Extension Office on **April 16** at 6:30pm. Just a reminder that we will elect 2018-19 officers at the April meeting. All 4-H'ers age 13 and older are invited to participate in Teen Council activities. If you would like more information about this group, please give Ronda a call at 775-1740.

District 4-H Council Officer Applications

Senior age 4-H'ers may want to consider running for an office on the District 4-H Council. To run, you must submit an officer application to District by mid-April, elections will be conducted during Power Camp. Please contact us if you are interested, applications are available from the County Extension Office.

Agriculture Awareness with the Ranching and Heritage Center

Lubbock County 4-H has been asked to assist with an agriculture awareness day at the Ranching and Heritage Center on **Saturday, April 28** from 10 am - 4 pm. We will be promoting 4-H with Hands-on 4-H activities. 4-H'ers are also welcome to set up project exhibits. Please contact Ronda by *April 23* to sign-up.

YOUTH LEADERSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

There are several leadership opportunities which are available for youth to assist with. 4-H'ers participating will assist Ronda at these specific activities. If you are interested, give her a call to find out exact details (775-1740).

4-H PARENT LEADERS ASSOCIATION

All parents and leaders are invited and encouraged to attend the Parent Leaders Meetings which are held monthly. This month's meeting will be on **Monday, March 19** at 7:00 pm (tentative), at the County Extension Office, following the County Fashion Show. April's meeting will be held on **April 16** at the County Extension Office at 6:30pm. If you really want to know what all is going on in the Lubbock County 4-H program or if you just want to get involved, then plan on attending these meetings. Make sure that your club is represented so your club will know what all is going on. Spring gets really busy and there are many opportunities for both youth and

adults to participate in. So, don't be left out and get involved today!

4-H CLUB MANAGER TRAINING

We will have a 4-H Club Manager training on **Wednesday, April 11** at 6:30 pm at the County Extension Office. The training topic for the meeting will be on the new Explore 4-H Project guides that are available on the Texas 4-H website.

DISCOVER SCIENCE - POSTER CONTEST

Details for the Discover Science Technology Poster Contest are now available on the Texas 4-H Website. There are some changes to this year's competition, so you definitely want to check out the details. Entries are due to state *May 17* and must be scanned and uploaded through 4-H Connect. Please contact Ronda by *May 1* if you are interested in competing in this event which is held during State 4-H Roundup. Both Intermediates and Seniors are eligible to compete. Cash awards will be presented to the top 3 in each category. For specific information, visit the State 4-H website at https://texas4-h.tamu.edu/wp-content/uploads/2017_2018_Discover_Science_Method.pdf

JUDGING TEAMS/CONTESTS

4-H'ers are reminded that if they are interested in participating on a judging team, they need to call the Extension Office to sign up and find out about practice schedules. County teams will be determined prior to participation at the District Contest. District 4-H Judging Contest dates are: tentatively set for:

- Horse - **April 20** - West Texas A&M at Canyon (This is a Friday contest)
- Soil - **April 21** - Lubbock (tentative)
- Livestock - **April 20** - SPC Levelland
- Wool - **April 24** - Texas Tech
- Livestock Skill-A-Thon - **May 14** (tentative)

Other District Contests:

- Rifle - **April 14**
- Grass ID - **April 27**
- Archery - **May 19**

If you are interested in participating on a judging team and you have not signed up yet, you need to do so immediately. Practices are getting started and you don't want to miss out.

Horse Judging

The County 4-H Horse group is being conducted with the Shallowater 4-H judging group. They are meeting on Sunday afternoons in Shallowater. If you are interested in participating, please contact Ronda for more information. The District Horse Judging Contest will be held in Canyon on **Friday, April 20**.

Livestock Judging

If you would like to participate in Livestock Judging, please contact Robert Scott, CEA-Agriculture, at the Lubbock County Extension Office 806-775-1740 or email him at Rscott@ag.tamu.edu. The first practice is **March 26** at 6:00 p.m. at the County Extension Office. Watch the Lubbock 4-H Livestock Facebook page for details.

4-H Soils Judging /Grass ID Contest

Soil Judging will start meeting **Wednesday, March 7** at 4:30 p.m. at the Extension Office (916 Main, Suite 401). Mark Brown will continue to serve as our Project Leader/Coach. The District Contest will be held on Saturday, April 21. Also, this is now an invitational contest for State (not qualifying).

CAMPS, CAMPS, CAMPS

Summer Camp Sign-Up

Registration and payments must be made utilizing 4-H Connect. The following summer camp dates and costs are tentative:

South Plains 4-H Leadership Camp,
May 29-31 \$160
 Registration will open on April 2 at 7 a.m.
 This camp is usually full by lunch on open registration date.
 Youth Grades 3rd-7th grade
 South Plains College, Levelland

Senior 4-H Leader Lab, June 29-July 1 \$145 tentative
 Registration details not available yet - please call if interested
 Youth Grades 8th - 12th grade
 Plains Baptist Retreat Center, Floydada

Prime Time #1, **July 15-18** \$230

Texas 4-H Center, Brownwood

Prime Time #2, **July 18-21** \$230
 Texas 4-H Center, Brownwood

Horizons, **July 1-5** \$280
 -Wildlife, Robotics, Vet Science, Woodworking
 Youth Grades 4-8
 Texas 4-H Center, Brownwood
 *Camp Registration for the Texas 4-H Center are completed through their registration system.

4-H Fishing Camp, June 20-22 \$220
 Youth 3rd grade and up
 Texas 4-H Center, Brownwood

*Adult supervision may be required for youth attending camp at the Texas 4-H Center

Youth Range Workshop, June 18-23 \$350
 Youth 14-18
 Junction, TX - TTU Campus
 Applications available at
<http://tinyurl.com/2017YouthRangeWorkshop>

**South Plains 4-H Leadership Camp
 Counselor Applications**

Senior age 4-H'ers age 15-18 are invited to apply to serve as camp counselors at South Plains Leadership Camp. Counselors must be available from **May 27-31**, to plan and conduct camp activities. To apply, counselors must submit an application to the District 4-H Specialist. Applications are due to District by *April 13 to the District Office*. (Tentative - Contact Ronda for exact date if interested.)

County 4-H Camp at Texas 4-H Center

Tour sessions will be offered this year for County 4-H Camp at the Texas 4-H Center.
 Session I - **July 5-7**, youth \$180/adult \$90;
 Session II - **July 9-11**, youth \$180/adult \$90;
 Session III - **July 11-13**; \$180 youth/adult \$90
 (focused on outdoor education)
 Registration information is available on the Texas 4-H Center Website.

We must also have adults who will volunteer to serve as chaperones for this event. If you are interested in attending camp please call Ronda to find out about reserving your spot.

4-H Center Staff Opportunities

Do you want a summer job where you can play with kids, swim, dance, and have fun while gaining valuable leadership experience? Consider applying for a Texas 4-H Center Summer Staff position. The 4-H Conference Center provides an opportunity for you to work in an atmosphere where you will not only impact the lives of young people, but also learn a lot about yourself and make life-long friends. Each position provides valuable leadership training, work experience, fun and profit for individuals who truly desire to be part of a positive summer experience for over 3,000 youth.

Requirements of applicants:

- * Successful completion of one year of college or other work by June 1, 2018.
- * Be enthusiastic, creative, hardworking and dependable
- * Be able to get along with others and work as a team

If are interested in being a part of the summer staff at the 4-H Center, please visit our website at:

<http://texas4hcenter.tamu.edu/about-2/employment/> to fill out an application. ***Applications are due March 16, 2018.***

Lamb and Goat Camp

Howard College will be conducting Lamb Camp - **June 10-12**, and Goat Camp - **June 3-5**. Cost is \$100 and applications are currently being accepted, until each camp is full. Registration is available on the Howard College website; just google Howard College Lamb/Goat Camp.

Texas Brigades Wildlife Leadership Camp

4-H'ers may submit applications to be considered to attend either of the Texas Brigades Wildlife Camps. Tuition is \$500 per camp, which covers meals, lodging and supplies. Applications are due by *March 15*. Camps are available to youth ages 13-17.

Rolling Plains Bobwhite Brigade, **June 2-6**, near Coleman;
 South Texas Bobwhite Brigade, **June 22-26** at McCoy;
 Bass Brigade, **July 6-10**, outside of Santa Anna;
 South Texas Buckskin Brigade, June 17-21, Sinton;
 Ranch Brigade, **July 16-20**, Santa Anna;
 North Texas Buckskin Brigade, **July 22-26**, Santa Anna;
 Coastal Brigades, **July 17-21**, Galveston

Application information is available at

www.texasbrigades.org

Texas 4-H Congress - July 22-25, Austin, Texas

Texas 4-H Congress is a four-day mock legislative experience for 4-H members in grades 9th to 12th (at the time of the event). 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.

Cost is \$475 and includes transportation, meals and lodging. A requirement for a 4-H member to participate in Texas 4-H Congress is that they submit a COMPLETE bill for consideration. There are opportunities to serve as a Lobbyist, Press Corp or to serve as a Representative or Senator. Each county has a limit of 1 person to attend, with a total of 20 members from District 2 allowed to attend. If you are interested, please contact Ronda ASAP. Deadlines to apply for Lobbyist or Press Corp are by *March 23* on 4-H Connect; final registration deadline is May 31.



National 4-H Congress

National 4-H Congress is the flagship event of the National 4-H program held annually in Atlanta, Georgia at the Hyatt Regency Hotel. Texas 4-H members apply *March 1 through April 16* on 4-H Connect and are required to have two reference letters, one of which should be from a County Extension Agent. There is no fee to apply. Selected applicants will be notified of an interview date during Texas 4-H Roundup (if attending, otherwise it will be completed by phone). Once the delegation is selected, the participation fee is \$1,500 (tentative) and covers Congress registration (includes most meals), roundtrip airfare, ground transportation in Atlanta, lodging at the Hyatt Regency, educational tours, States lunch, state photograph, trading pins and commemorative shirt. Delegates are responsible for getting to and from selected airport, luggage fees (\$25 per

bag each way), spending money for souvenirs, and meals while traveling to and from Atlanta.

Youth must be in grades 9-12 at the time of the event, **November 22-27, 2018**. For more information, please refer to the Texas 4-H website. <http://national4-hcongress.com/>

2018 Texas 4-H Livestock Ambassador Short Courses:

Texas A&M University July 16-19, 2018 - Cost: \$250
Texas Tech University/West Texas A&M University July 23-26, 2018 - Cost: \$250

(Students may participate/apply for either session)

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, animal production and advocacy
- Students have shown advanced leadership qualities and a willingness to help others
- Top 25% class rank

Application Process:

- Applicant goes to: [http://texas4hcenter.tamu.edu/schedule_of_event/s/outdoor_woman_brownwood_\(2\).pdf](http://texas4hcenter.tamu.edu/schedule_of_event/s/outdoor_woman_brownwood_(2).pdf) http://tamuag.az1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_3O9MuXE8KeGj1sh
- 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 up to 25 participants per university
- Applications are due June 1, 2018
- Applicants will be notified by June 15, 2018 regarding application result

2018 Texas 4-H Equine Ambassador Short Course,

Gainesville, Texas - June 24 – June 27, 2018

Gainesville, Texas - Cost: \$250

The course will still be headquartered in Gainesville, however a portion of the training will be held in Oklahoma City in conjunction with the NRHA Derby. Selected applicants will be treated to a behind the scenes educational experience of this storied event. Due to the difficulty in selecting applicants based on written information, 2018 applicants will submit a 2 minute video introduction and justification video along with their

application.

Selection Criteria:

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

Application Process:

- complete application at: http://tamuag.az1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_esuzimQv1FSJcVF
- Student will complete the application and enter the contact information of supervising County Extension Agent
- CEA will be automatically emailed a recommendation survey
- Applications are due **April 15, 2018**. Applicants will be notified by **early June, 2018** regarding the application result

Texas 4-H Fashion & Interior Design Ambassador Program

Texas 4-H Fashion & Interior Design Ambassador Program is a new opportunity combining the current Texas 4-H Clothing & Textiles Advisory Board and Interior Design & Green Living 4-H projects.

Criteria:

- A senior 4-H member for the 2018-19 school year
- Be passionate for, and active in the 4-H Fashion & Interior Design project
- Willing and available to serve a two-year term
- Provide a minimum of 40 hours of leadership and service
- Attend the MANDATORY ambassador training

Application Process:

Guidelines and application link for the Texas 4-H Fashion & Interior Design Ambassadors can be found at: [http://texas4hcenter.tamu.edu/schedule_of_events/outdoor_woman_brownwood_\(2\).pdf](http://texas4hcenter.tamu.edu/schedule_of_events/outdoor_woman_brownwood_(2).pdf) <https://texas4-h.tamu.edu/projects/clothing-textiles/>.

1. Applications will be accepted March 1-31.
2. Eligible 4-H members apply using the following link, [http://texas4hcenter.tamu.edu/schedule_of_events/outdoor_woman_brownwood_\(2\).pdf](http://texas4hcenter.tamu.edu/schedule_of_events/outdoor_woman_brownwood_(2).pdf)

https://agrilife.az1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_doIuI0GwoEY9tIh

3. Youth will complete the application and enter the name of their supervising County Extension Agent.
4. CEA will be emailed a recommendation survey to complete.
5. A selection committee will review the applications and accept up to 20 participants.
6. Applicants will be notified in April regarding results.

The 2018 Texas 4-H Fashion & Interior Design Training will be held in Lubbock, July 16-19. There is a \$250 participant fee for the training. Once selected as an ambassador, participants will register on 4-H Connect in May for the training.

4-H CLOVER PROJECT

It isn't too late to get involved in the 4-H Clover meetings. Our next meeting will be held on **Wednesday, March 7** at 5:30 pm; our topic will be the Entomology Project. For April, we will meet on **Wednesday, April 4** at 5:30 pm, with the topic being Public Speaking. Come and join the fun. The Clover meeting is for youth K-2nd grade who are interested in learning more about 4-H.

ROUNDUP

County 4-H Roundup

April 3 has been scheduled for County 4-H Roundup. Presentations will begin at 5:00 pm; an awards ceremony will be held following all presentations. This event will be held at the County Extension Office. All 4-H participants must sign up by **March 28** by calling the Extension Office, 775-1740. 4-H'ers needing a special judging time, must notify Ronda as soon as possible. Alternate judging will be held, for any 4-H'ers who absolutely cannot participate on April 3, providing there is not competition in the designated category. ***Please remember that 4-H'ers must be eligible according to school U.I.L. rules in order to participate. For competition categories please refer to the State 4-H Roundup Guide available from the County Extension Office or the State 4-H Website.***

Senior District 4-H Roundup

District 4-H Roundup will be held on **Monday, May 14** at the District Office at 4 p.m. Senior contestants placing first, second or third at District will be eligible to advance to State 4-H Roundup which will be held **June 11-15** in College Station. (Except for Fashion Show, Food Show and Share-The-Fun).

Junior and Intermediate District Roundup

District Roundup for Juniors and Intermediates will be held on **Friday, April 27** in Abernathy beginning at 1 p.m. These competitions will include: Share the Fun, Educational Presentations, Public Speaking, Entomology, and Grass ID.

"How to Do An Educational Presentation"

Information Meeting

4-H'ers and parents interested in learning more about the Public Speaking Project should plan on attending this meeting. Information provided at this meeting will assist 4-H'ers and their parents in writing, presenting and preparing visuals for educational presentations, (formerly known as method demonstrations or illustrated talks); as well as covering information about the public speaking contest and share-the-fun's. Share-the-fun categories include: Celebrate 4-H, choreographed routines, poet/prose, vocal and musical/band. The meeting will be held on **Tuesday, March 20 at 5:30pm** at the County Extension Office. This project provides youth an excellent opportunity to develop public speaking skills, even if they hate to talk in front of others. 4-H'ers will present their prepared presentations at "**County 4-H Roundup**". Participants will advance to District 4-H Roundup.

PLEASE RSVP BY MARCH 19 IF YOU PLAN ON ATTENDING THE MEETING. (775-1740).



4-H RECORDBOOKS

A County 4-H Recordbook Workshop for Beginners will be held on **Wednesday, March 21** beginning at 6:00 p.m., and **Thursday, April 5** at 5:30 pm. The workshops will be held at the County Extension Office Conference Room. ***Please RSVP the day before*** if you plan to attend, or if you will be late to the meeting.

If you are interested in completing a recordbook, but are unable to attend any of the trainings, please contact Ronda to obtain the correct forms (they will also be posted on the county website.) Do not just go to the State website. For juniors and seniors we utilize different forms at the County and District level. These forms are distributed at the County Recordbook Training.

Advanced Recordbook Training

We will have another "Advanced Recordbook Training" on **Thursday, April 5 at 7:00 p.m.** at the County Extension Office. This training is for those interested in taking their recordbook to the next level. It will not only focus on how to

put the information together, but also include ideas for activities to include in the recordbook.

District and State Recordbook Judging

Attention all 4-H Leaders, if you would like to judge Recordbooks at State or District, please contact Ronda for application information. State applications are due by *May 1st* and District are due *June 1st*. This is one of the best ways to learn more about recordbooks.

4-H SCHOLARSHIPS

South Plains Fair/4-H Scholarship

The application for the South Plains Fair/4-H Scholarship is included in this month's 4-H Newsletter. Graduating seniors who meet the required criteria, will turn in the completed application by *June 25*. For current Freshmen-Senior age 4-H'ers, you need to start documenting the application now – so it will be kept up with as you go through your Senior 4-H career. Please call Ronda if you have questions.

4-H Scholarship Information Meeting

On **Monday, April 16 at 5:30 p.m.** (prior to the 4-H PLA and Teen Council Meetings) we will have a 4-H Scholarship Information meeting. This meeting is for parents of 4-H'ers who are interested in learning about the different scholarships available through 4-H. Parents of any age 4-H'er are welcomed to attend—actually the younger the better, so that you will be fully prepared when it is time to start the application process.

4-H YOUTH AND ADULT ADVISORY BOARD MEETING

The 4-H Youth and Adult Advisory Board will meet on **Monday, March 26 at 5:15 p.m.** at the county Extension Office. We will discuss plans for Marketing the 4-H program. There is an appointed group of youth and adults who serve on this Board - however any youth or adult who is interested is welcome to attend.

4-H PROJECTS



CLOTHING AND TEXTILES PROJECT ACTIVITIES

4-H Clothing Project

If you are interested in the Fashion Show, Fashion Storyboard, Clothing workshops, the Clothing tour or “Duds to Dazzle” be sure to read the 4-H Clothing Project Newsletter which was mailed the week of February 5th. If you missed it, it is also posted on the County website under Newsletters.

Upcoming dates: **March 19** - County Fashion Show, **April 12** - County Duds to Dazzle (don't forget to check out the registration deadlines).

County 4-H Fashion Show

We will have the County 4-H Fashion Show on **Monday, March 19** at the County Extension Office, in conjunction with the Parent Leaders and Teen Council meetings. Entry materials may be picked up at the County Extension Office and are due by *March 8*. First place winners at County will advance to the District Contest on **April 19** in Lubbock.

Please remember that 4-H'ers must be eligible according to School U.I.L. rules in order to participate.

Clovers, Juniors, Intermediate and Seniors may compete. Judging will begin at 5:00 pm. If a specific judging time is needed, please call in ASAP. A clothing project newsletter was mailed to all families in February; more detailed information was included in that newsletter. The newsletter may also be found on the County website

<http://counties.agrilife.org/lubbock/files/2018/02/CTprjnwsltr18-ALL-2.pdf>

District 2 Fashion Show Narrator Contest

4-H'ers may apply to serve as narrators for the District 2 4-H Fashion Show. Application and audio tape is due by *April 10*, to the Lynn County Extension Office. Please contact Ronda for script information.



4-H ENTOMOLOGY PROJECT



The 4-H Entomology project will begin meeting on Wednesdays beginning on **March 21 from 5:15-6:15 pm**. Meetings will be conducted by Clinton Smith, 4-H Entomology Project Leader. Practices will be held at the Extension Office. Please RSVP to 775-1740 by *March 19* to sign up; so that study packets can be prepared for you. This project is open to junior, intermediate and senior age 4-H'ers. If you like bugs and learning all about them, then this project is definitely for you!



4-H PHOTOGRAPHY PROJECT

4-H Photography Contest

Complete rules and guidelines for the Senior and Junior/Intermediate Photography Contests are available from the County Extension Office; or may be obtained from the County Website under publications at: <http://lubbock.agrilife.org/>



JUNIOR/INTERMEDIATE CONTEST

INFORMATION: Entries for the County Junior 4-H Photography contest are due to the County Extension Office by Monday, March 19.

1st place entries at county, will then advance to the District Junior/Intermediate Photography Contest. County Awards will be presented during County 4-H Roundup on **April 3**. **Please review the categories and entry information for specific guidelines, located in this newsletter.**

First Place entries will advance to District.

- Participants may enter only 1 photo in each category and class (for a maximum of 15 entries)
- Junior/Intermediate Entries must be 4"x6" print; they do not need to be mounted. For District this year photos will be submitted electronically; instructions will be provided to first place winners.
- Entries must be labeled on the back of the photo with the following information: Name, Grade and Category.

Please read the D2 photo rules and guidelines to see specific requirements for each category. Information is available on the County website under publications - 4-H.

The categories and class requirements are due for both Junior/Intermediate and Senior entries.

CLASSES:

1. People;	9. Enhanced;
2. Animals-Wildlife;	10. Theme - Backyard;
3. Animals-Domestic;	11. Travel and Place;
4. Motion/Action;	12. Food;
5. Elements of Design;	13. Dominant Color;
6. Nature & Landscape;	14. Catch-All;
7. Plant/flora;	15. Sports
8. Details & Macro;	

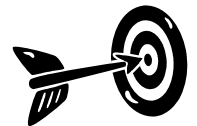
SENIOR CONTEST INFORMATION: Entries for the County Senior 4-H Photography contest are due to the County Extension Office by *Monday, March 19*. County Awards will be presented at 7 pm at County 4-H Roundup on **April 3**. 1st place entries at county, will then advance to the State 4-H Photography Contest.

For County, any size of photo may be entered, however the 1st place winner will upload their entries on 4-H Connect.

- Participants may enter only 1 photo in each category and class (for a maximum of 15).



AIMING FOR THE BULL'S EYE



4-H Trap & Skeet (Shotgun) Project

Plans are currently being made for the 4-H Shotgun project this summer. Participation may be limited based on availability of adequate shooting facilities as well as number of certified shooting sports coaches.

This project involves such shotgun games as Trap, Skeet, and 5-stand sporting clays. The District Contest is scheduled for **June 29-30**. Participants should be able to provide their own shotgun (usually 12 or 20 gauge), and ammunition. This project is moderately expensive, with most participants spending at least \$20 per week for ammunition and round fees, plus event registration.

If interested, contact the Lubbock County Extension Office at 806-775-1740, to place your name on the 4-H Shotgun

interest list. The estimated time frame will be late April through June.

North Region 4-H Shooting Sports Coach Training

The Texas 4-H Shooting Sports program relies on certified volunteers to conduct project practices and District/State competitive events. If you are interested in being a certified Shooting Sports Coach, contact Ronda at the Lubbock County Extension Office at 806-775-1740.

A North Region 4-H Shooting Sports Coach training for all disciplines is scheduled for **March 24-25** in Lubbock. Registration closes *March 4*, and *volunteer screening must be completed before one can register.* The cost for the training is \$120 for early registration.



4-H HORSE PROJECT

Futurity Horse Project Nominations

All 4-H Futurity nominations are due to the County Extension Office by **April 15**.



4-H'ers must be 12 years old in order to nominate a futurity project. Please contact Ronda for more information; complete information is not currently available.

Horse Validation

Just a reminder that 4-H'ers planning on showing/competing in the District Horse Show or the Big 5 Horse Shows must validate their horses by April 15; late application of \$20 per horse is accepted through May 1.

If you validated horses last year, they are still in the system, you will just need to reactivate them this year. For new families or new horses you will have to upload 3 pictures (front, left and right side views) and registration papers to the website. There is also still a \$10 validation fee per horse - which is paid online this year. Please do not wait until *April 15* to complete this! Contact Ronda for more information. Validation instructions as well as changes to the State 4-H Horse Show are available at:

<http://animalscience.tamu.edu/livestock-species/equine/sate-4h-show/>.

Big 5 Horse Show Association

For information about the Big 5 Horse Association, please visit their new website: <http://big5horseshow.com/>. Members can sign up and pay for Membership and Show Registration on line. Registration is due by *March 10*,

2018. Visit their website for rules and show dates; a late registration is also accepted for an additional charge.

PAPER CLOVER CAMPAIGN

4-H and JOANN Fabric's

4-H and JOANN Fabric's have a new partnership, wanting to see more kids learning by doing, creating and making projects. Through the partnership and the Paper Clover Campaign, more opportunities will be available for 4-H'ers. Lubbock County 4-H offered a community service project at JOANN Fabric's on February 3 with store visitors making approximately 75 Valentine cards which were donated to Meals on Wheels. Through this new partnership there will be various opportunities for us to work with JOANN Fabric's. As 4-H'ers and volunteer leaders you may also register for a special discount of 15% on your purchases. Please visit their website at:

<http://www.joann.com/4-h/?icn=4h&ici=footer>; to sign-up. They will also donate a portion of what you spend back to the 4-H program. You will receive an email with the coupon information for your future purchases.

KAY'S KORNER

Simple Measures

Can Reduce Wildfire Risk to Rural Homes

With the potential for wildfire outbreaks in Panhandle and West Texas counties, rural homeowners would not like to see wildfire racing across acres of knee-high dry grass - right toward their homes.

Keeping grassy areas mown - along with some other simple measures - can go a long way in reducing the wildfire risk to rural homes, say experts with Texas AgriLife Extension Service.

Those new to rural homesteading often find their houses at risk from wildfire.

A common Panhandle scenario these days, is for people to relocate from urban areas to a few acres outside of town. These relocations may be part of an abbreviated subdivision - three or four houses - or simply a small plot. But many of these properties adjoin prairie or rangeland.

When people relocate, they often bring their suburban-style lawn mower with them. But such machines, either push

mowers or small riding mowers, are just not up to keeping several acres of grass under control.

And with (Panhandle) winds, a fire 10 or 15 miles away can arrive in no time.

There's no way to guarantee a rural home will not fall victim to a wildfire, said Janie Harris, Extension housing and environment specialist in College Station. But a few simple measures can help homeowners and rural residents reduce the risk.

"While people in and near urban centers may have the advantage of a nearby fire department, they shouldn't ignore their own ability to reduce the risk of a fire on their property," said Harris, a delegate to the national Extension Disaster Education Network. The network is "intended to help all Texas citizens by sharing educational resources to reduce the impact of natural and man-made disasters for individuals, families and communities."

Foremost on the list of wildfire preventions is to clear brush, tall grass, dead landscape plants and other combustible materials from around the house. Called a "defensible space," Harris said, the cleared area should be equal to one-and-a-half times the height of the home plus 30 feet.

In the dry Panhandle climate even mowing can be dangerous, as a spark from the exhaust can ignite a dry lawn. It's a good idea to water the lawn a little, if possible, before mowing. It's also a good idea to move any wooden structures, such as picnic trestle tables or storage sheds as far from the house as possible.

Harris said other preventive steps include:

- Remove leaves, dead limbs and any other flammable plant material from the house's roof and rain gutters.
- Replace evergreen landscaping plants with less flammable hardwood species.
- Store firewood at least 30 feet from the home.
- Tiny any nearby stands of trees.

Also, risk can be reduced if trees are 15 to 20 feet apart and deadwood and brush is cleared from within the stand, Harris said.

If the house is on a slope, increase the defensible zone to at least 75 feet. Fire travels 16 times faster up a slope than on level ground, Harris noted.

Another safety tip is to install outdoor faucets on all sides of the house whenever possible, she said. But don't rely

solely on household water supply to extinguish fires. When wildfires take out electric lines, local wells stop pumping.

To make it easier for firefighters, keep the driveway accessible and the house address clearly marked.

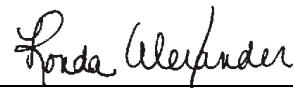
Information on wildfire and tips for protecting homes, farms and ranches from damage by wildfire can be found on Extension's Disaster Education Network Web site at <http://texashelp.tamu.edu>. Click on "Hot Topics" and choose "Wildfire."

Source:

<https://today.agrilife.org/2007/10/19/simple-measures-can-reduce-wildfire-risk-to-rural-homes-2/>

Parents and 4-H'ers:

If you have questions about the Lubbock County 4-H program, need assistance or need more information about an event, activity or project, please give us a call. We're here to serve you, but you must let us know when you need assistance or have special interest areas.



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Lubbock County 4-H Scholarship Application

Name _____

Address _____ Zip Code _____

4-H Club _____ Years in 4-H _____

Telephone Number _____

4-H member must answer yes to all questions below to be a qualified applicant!

Have you graduated from high school or equivalent during this school year? _____
If yes, from what school? _____

Do you have a current 4-H enrollment profile on 4-H Connect?

Have you completed a recordbook during three of the four years of your Senior 4-H career? _____ If yes, in what category? _____

Have you been an active member of Lubbock County 4-H and your local club for at least three years of your Senior 4-H Career? _____

Have you attended at least five meetings of your local club during your Senior 4-H Career including your Senior year in high school? _____

Date: _____

Signature of 4-H Member

Date: _____

Signature of Parent or Guardian

Date: _____

Signature of Club Manager

Date: _____

Signature of County Agent

Lubbock County 4-H Scholarship Application




4-H'er must complete requirements for the 4-H Barnyard and submit a Recordbook three of the four years of High School, and senior year. Please have an adult leader, club manager or County Extension Agent verify your participation by signing and dating each activity. Try to fill in this information (have club manager /leader/agent sign) as you complete the tasks, rather than waiting until the end. It is much easier to keep up with everything that you do. You could also keep one form for each year.

Event	20 -20	20 -20	20 -20	20 -20
REQUIRED EACH YEAR: South Plains Fair Children's Barnyard OR Extension Sponsored Exhibit (minimum 5 hours/year)	Initial/Date	Initial/Date	Initial/Date	Initial/Date
REQUIRED 3 OUT OF 4 YEARS: Recordbook (completing at least 3 recordbooks as a Senior 4-H'er); must submit graduating senior year;				

4-H'er must complete a minimum of six of the following qualifications three of their four high school years.


Event	20 -20	20 -20	20 -20	20 -20
South Plains Fair Youth Department Entries (minimum 5 entries each year)	Initial/Date	Initial/Date	Initial/Date	Initial/Date
Local 4-H Club Meetings (min. 5/year)				
Teen Council Meetings (min. 5/year)				
Work in Lubbock County 4-H Livestock Show Concession Stand				
Other County-wide 4-H Fundraiser				
County/District 4-H Food & Nutrition Event				
County/District 4-H Clothing & Textiles Event				
County/District 4-H Roundup				
Other District 4-H Competitive Event				
State 4-H Roundup or State Event				
Lubbock County Jr. Livestock Show Exhibitor				
Major Livestock Show Exhibitor				
District/State 4-H Horse Event				
County Veterinary Science Project				
Outreach or other 4-H Community Service Project (approved by CEA)				
Other CEA Approved Projects/Competitions				
Other CEA Approved Leadership Activity				
Camp Staff: County, Electric or Leadership				

**funding is dependent upon available funds

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
 <p>Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service Lubbock County 4-H MARCH 2018</p>						NOTE: Not all dates are listed on this calendar.
				1	2	3
4	5 ● 5:00-6:15 County-Wide Clothing Tour	6 ● 4:30-8pm Clothing Workshop, Pajama Pants	7 ● 4:30 Soils Judging practice starts, CEO ● 5:30 4-H Clover Project Meeting, CEO	8 ● DEADLINE - Co. Fashion Show entries due to CEO by 5pm	9	10
11 Daylight Savings Time - move clocks up 1 hour 	12	13	14	15	16	17 Happy St. Patrick's Day! 
18	19 ● ENTRIES DUE FOR PHOTO CONTEST, CEO ● 4-H Project Show Entries DUE ● 5pm County 4-H Fashion Show, CEO ● 7pm Teen Co & PLA Meetings. ● RSVP if attending Public Speaking Project Mtg or Ento Proj. Practice on 3-21	20 ● 5:30 Public Speaking Project Meeting	21 ● 5:15-6:15 4-H Entomology Project practice starts, CEO ● 6:00 Beginner Recordbook Wkshop, CEO	22	23	24
25	26 ● 6:00-8:00 County-Wide Clothing Community Service Project Meeting ● 5:30 4-H Youth and Adult Advisory Board Meeting	27	28 ● DEADLINE - County Roundup Signup	29	30 COUNTY HOLIDAY - Good Friday - CEO Closed	31

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		Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service Lubbock County 4-H APRIL 2018					<i>NOTE: Not all dates are listed on this calendar.</i>
1	2	3 ● 5pm County 4-H Roundup	4 ●RSVP for Recordbook workshop on 4-5 ● 5:30 4-H Clover Project Meeting	5 ● 5:30 Beginning Recordbook Training ● 7:00 Advanced Recordbook Training	6	7	
8	9	10 ●Big 5 Horse Show Registration Due	11 ● 5:30 Awards & Recognition Committee meeting ● 6:30 Club Manager Training	12	13	14 ● District Rifle Contest	
15 ● Horse Validation and Futurity Horse Project Nominations Due	16 ● 5:30 4-H Scholarship Information Meeting ● 6:30 Teen Council & PLA Meetings	17	18	19 ●D2 4-H Fashion Show ● Duds to Dazzle ● Fashion Storyboard	20 ● Horse Judging, Canyon ● Livestock Judging, SPC, Levelland	21 ● Soil Judging, Lubbock (tentative)	
22	23 RSVP if volunteering for Ag Awareness Day on 4-28	24 ● Wool Judging, TTU	25	26	27 ●District Grass ID Contest ● District Jr & Intermediate 4-H Roundup, Abernathy	28 ● 10-4 Ag Awareness Day, Ranching Heritage Center	
29	30		MAY 1 State Recordbook Judging Applications DUE 14 District Livestock Skill-A-Thon (tentative) 14 District 4-H Senior Roundup, Lubbock 17 Discover Science Poster Contest Entries DUE 19 District Archery Contest				