WashCo 4-H News

December Newsletter

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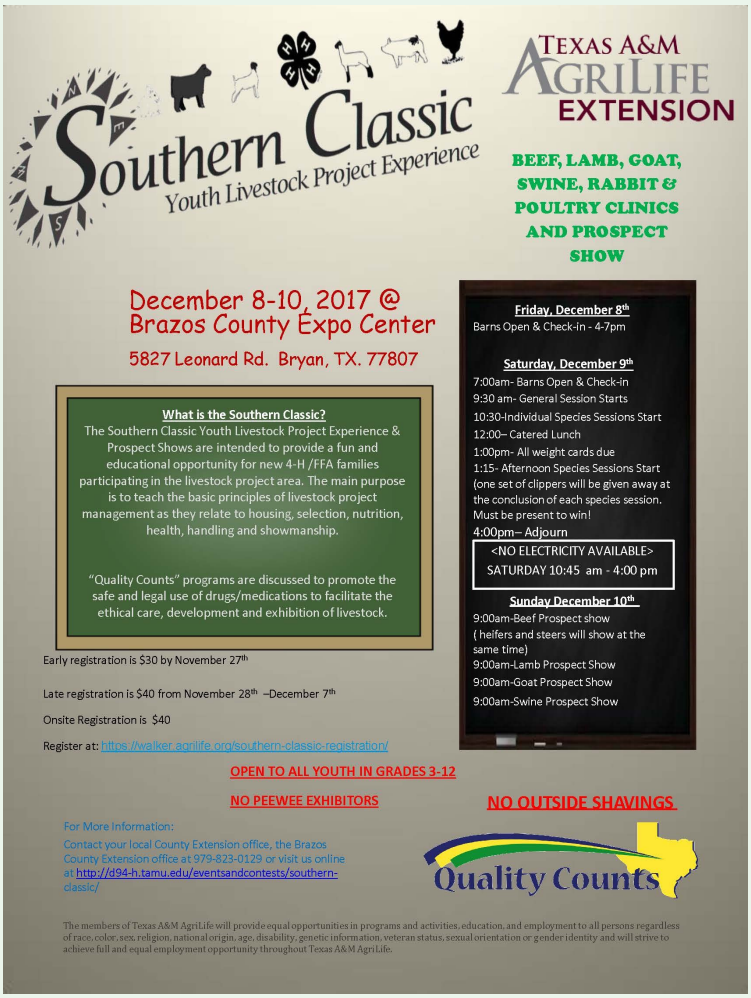
Merry Christmas

On behalf of the Washington County Extension Office staff, we would like to wish everyone a very Merry Christmas. We hope your holidays are filled with great memories, fun, food and family. The Extension Office will be closed on Monday, December 25th and Tuesday, December 26th for the Christmas Holiday. We will also be closed on Monday, January 1st for the New Years Day Holiday.

Southern Classic Youth Livestock Experience



Project Visits

If you would like to schedule a project visit, call or email Charles at the Extension Office to schedule a time to meet. We are happy to help any family that would like for us to check out their project and answer any questions they may have.

Meeting Rules For 2018 Washington County Fair

1st Year Exhibitors: If you will exhibit an animal for the first time at the 2018 Washington County Fair, you must have an active profile on www.4honline.com and attend half of the scheduled community club meetings from the species tag in/validation date until July.

Poultry Pick Up For San Antonio, Houston and Austin

San Antonio Broiler Pick Up - January 12th starting at 8:00am
Houston & Austin Broiler Pick Up - January 26th starting at 8:00am
If you would like to volunteer to help sort through and check wing bands on birds for the Houston and Austin Broiler pick up, please Charles know. It would definitely help get birds back to the county sooner.

Major Show Heifer Substitution Information

Please note that any heifer substituted must be validated in the Major Show Heifer Validation program.

***Fort Worth* - All substitutions must be made by 9:00am Friday, January 19th .**

***San Antonio* - Fill out substitution form. No charge if mailed after January 15th, extra entry fee if mailed after January 15th.**

***Houston* - Heifer substitutions can be made prior to February 1 by submitting a completed official heifer substitution entry application. These must have an official postmark dated no later than February 1. After February 1, substitutions will be accepted by the same method plus a $50 fee, if made between February 2 – March 1 and $250 between March 2 and close of check-in. Substitutes will NOT be accepted after the close of check-in on Thursday, March 8th at 5 p.m.**

***Austin* - All substitutions are handled upon entry to the grounds.**

Texas A&M AgriLife Extension

TRAIN LIKE A CHAMPION

Multi Species Livestock Clinic

Saturday, January 13th

Location: Fayette Co. Fairgrounds
400 W. Fairgrounds Rd. La Grange, TX

FREE CLINIC WITH DOOR PRIZES
AWARDED AT EACH SESSION

9 am - 11 am Hogs	Daniel Schley Owner, The Stud
9 am - 10 am Poultry	Dr. Craig Coufal TAMU Ext. Poultry Specialist
10 am - 11 am Rabbits	Carolyn Wright Rabbit Breeder
11 am - 1 pm Cattle	TBD
1 pm - 3pm Sheep and Goats	Dusty Tittle TAMU CEA - Brazos Co.

Topics Covered: Facilities, Selection, Daily Management Health, Feeding and Nutrition, Showmanship and More.

Animals Not Needed

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT YOUR COUNTY EXTENSION OFFICE

Burleson 979-567-2308
Fayette 979-968-5831
Washington 979-277-6212

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County Council and Parent Association Meeting

January 3rd

Meetings start at 6:30pm at Fairgrounds Sales Facility

Just a reminder that is an officer responsibility of the President, Vice President, and Council Delegates of each club to attend the County Council Meetings and report back to their clubs the decisions and programs going on at the County Level.

We encourage all club managers, project leaders, and parent leaders to attend the Parent Association meetings. These two groups help shape the 4-H program on the county level. Come make sure your voice, and the voice of your club Is heard.

District 11 Food Show and Food Challenge

The District 11 4-H Food Show and Food Challenge committee is proud to release information for this year's event. There are a few notable changes, so please read the information thoroughly. All information can be found on the District 11 4-H website: https://d114-h.tamu.edu/events-and-contests/food-show-and-food-challenge/

- **New Location: Victoria College Emerging Technology Complex, 7403 Lone Tree Road, Victoria TX 77904**
- **Event Date: January 6, 2018**
- **Registration Dates: November 1, 2017 – December 15, 2017. Late registration period will be December 16- December 29, 2017 for an additional fee.**
- **Registration Fee: A flat management fee of $15 will be assessed per youth and $5 for each contest (Food show and Food Challenge). A late registration period will be available for an additional $25.**
- **Food Show forms will be uploaded at the time of entry on 4-H Connect.**
- **Food Challenge: Counties are assigned right now, but can change based on number of entries. A more detailed schedule will be released after registration has closed.**

4-H Opportunity Scholarship Information

The Scholarship Guidelines for the 2018 Texas 4-H Opportunity Scholarship is available at http://texas4-h.tamu.edu/scholarships/

The Texas 4-H Opportunity Scholarship awards over 200 scholarships to 4-H members who excel both in the classroom and through the Texas 4-H program. Applications are to be completed and turned into the Extension Office on or before January 29, 2018.

Make sure to complete your FAFSA as soon as possible to ensure the deadlines are met. We are more than happy to sit down and help revise your application. Be on the lookout for 4-H Opportunity Scholarship Trainings.

Also be on the lookout for the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo Exhibitor Scholarships. Make sure you check with your school counselor to learn more about the county level scholarships offered. Scholarships for the Extension Education Association, Horticulture Committee, Swine Committee and more are offered on the county level.

If you need extra incentive to apply for the 4-H Gold Star Award, all Gold Star Recipients receive a $500 scholarship sponsored by the Washington County 4-H Parent Association.

Requirements For The 4-H Opportunity Scholarship:

- **Be an active 4-H member for 2 of the past 3 previous years.**
- **Made formal application to enroll with intent to attend an accredited, not-for-profit Texas College or University in Fall of 2018.**
- **Must be accepted by Texas College/University by time of interview.**
- **Be in upper one half of graduating class based upon GPA rank.**
- **Must score the minimum of 19 on ACT, 1350 on SAT (Before January 2016), or 1000 on New SAT (After March 2016).**

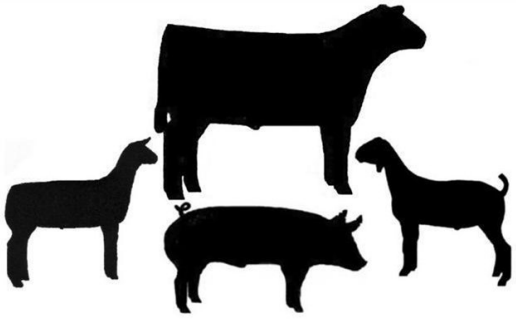
Washington County Livestock Judging

Upcoming Intermediate and Senior Practices (6:00pm)

December 14

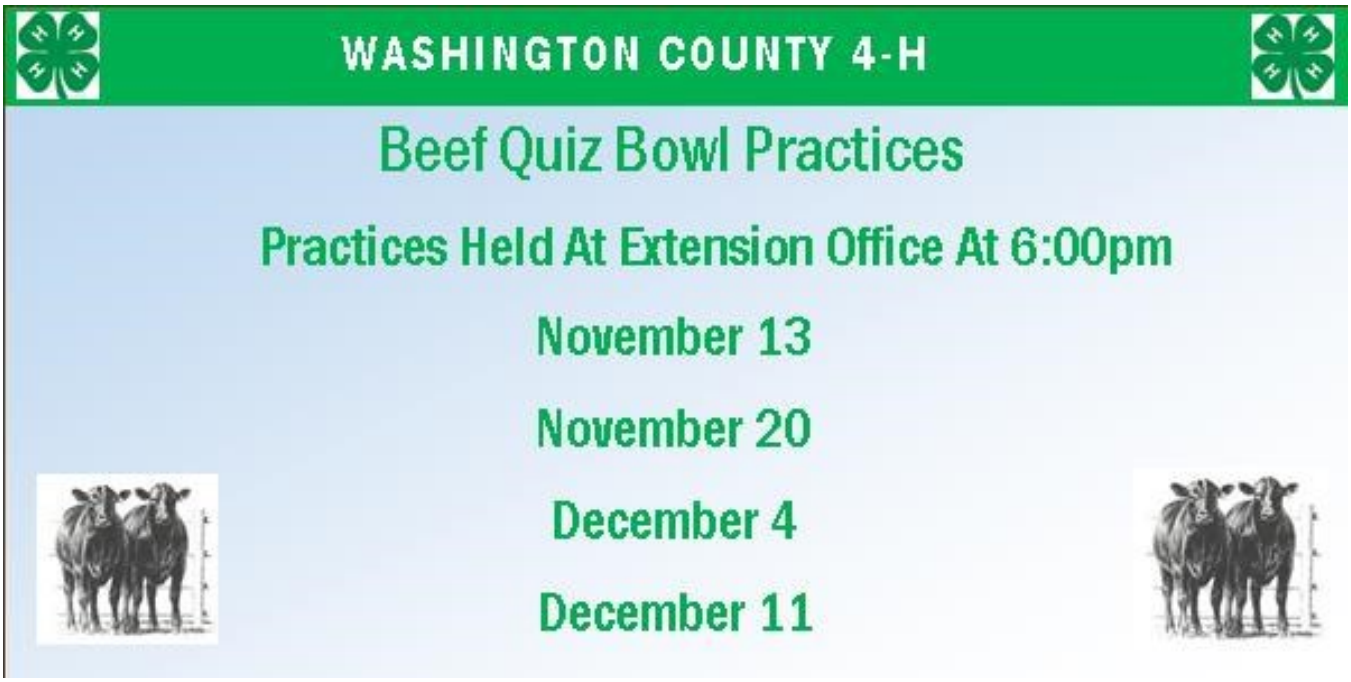
January 9

February 6



Text @8a5fa0 to 81010 to add yourself on the Livestock Judging Remind System to get reminders and updates about practices and contests.

Washington County Beef Quiz Bowl



Washington County 4-H Photography Contest

The rules for the 2018 Washington County 4-H Photography Contest will be available on the Washington County AgriLife Extension website Washington.agrilife.org, under the 4-H tab. Please review the rules in detail before submitting pictures.

General Rules:

- **This contest is open to any Washington County 4-H member.**
- **It costs nothing to enter.**
- **Each participant may enter only one photo per category within their age division.**
- **Photos must be 8x10 and high resolution.**
- **Photos must be 4-H member's own work, and must be taken between Jan 1, 2017 and February 13, 2018. Photos may only be entered once.**
- **Photos must be uploaded online to the Washington Coutny AgriLife Website: https://washington.agrilife.org/4-h-photography-contest/**
- **All first place Junior and Intermediate photos will advance to the District 11 Photography Contest. All first place Sr. photos will advance to the Texas 4-H Photography Contest.**

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Shooting Sports

Air Rifle Practice are from 6:00-7:30pm on Monday Nights in the Fairgrounds Sales Facility

December Air Rifle Practices: 4th, 11th and 18th

Air Rifle Project Leader: David Chovanec, davidnlil@hotmail.com

Archery Practices are from 6:00 - 7:00pm on Tuesday Nights at the BHS JROTC Bldg.

December Archery Practices: 5th and 12th

Archery Project Leader: Debra Wynans, dwynans@gmail.com

Shooting Sports Coaches Certification

TOP CHEF JR

SEASON 2

CASTING CALL

For appointment or to apply, email: topchefjr@magicalelves.com
or visit universalkids.com/topchefjuniorcasting

WE ARE HOLDING AN OPEN CALL FOR CHEFS AGES 9-14 AT THE FOLLOWING LOCATION:

HOUSTON

DECEMBER 17th

Four Seasons
1300 Lamar St
Houston, TX 77010
10:00am to 5:00pm

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November 10, 2017

To: Ag Science Teachers, County 4-H Leaders and FCS Teachers

From: Mia Balko
Director of Urban Relations and Youth Activities

RE: 2017 Texas Farm Bureau 2018 Scholarships Opportunities

In an effort to increase the awareness of our new online scholarship application process, we would like to provide you with the following information that is now available on the Texas Farm Bureau website.

There are several scholarship opportunities provided by Texas Farm Bureau. Three of the available scholarship programs are for high school students who have not yet graduated:

1. TFB District Scholarship - *(39 scholarships available at $1,000 each) & (13 scholarships available at $1,500 each)*
2. TFB Young Farmer & Rancher High School Scholarship - *(13 scholarships available at $1,000 each)*
3. TFB Dick Mitchell Memorial Scholarship - *(1 scholarship available at $1,000)*

This year the scholarship application process is online through a new portal called MyTFB. All information for the scholarships can be found on the Texas Farm Bureau website under the Youth Opportunities page. This includes deadlines, individual scholarship rules, eligibility, awards and the link to MyTFB. The direct link to the Youth Opportunities page is http://texasfarmbureau.org/youth/youth-opportunities/.

All students applying for the above scholarships must be a member of a Texas Farm Bureau family, with membership remaining current during the duration of the scholarship. To become a Texas Farm Bureau member go to the following link: https://my.texasfarmbureau.org. Click on "*Don't have a Membership*" located within the "Sign Up" box on the MyTFB website.

All scholarship applications must be submitted online no later than midnight March 1, 2018. All applicants will be notified of the results by May 1, 2018.

The scholarships listed above represent a part of the total scholarship funds offered by Texas Farm Bureau. Other scholarship programs, including the Free Enterprise Speech Contest, will be announced later. You are encouraged to make eligible students, and their parents aware of these opportunities. If you have any questions, contact me at 254-399-5037 or mbalko@txfb.org.

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Washington County 4-H Roundup

Tuesday, February 27th, 2018

Blinn College Student Center

Educational Presentations

- A Presentation up to 12 minutes in length over a particular topic.
- Can compete as a team of up to 5 members or an individual.
- May use props, poster or PowerPoint during presentation.
- Topics include: Beef, Horse, Open, Sheep & Goat, Health, Open Ag, Safety and More

Public Speaking

- Present a 5-7 minute talk suitable as a platform speech or radio broadcast.
- Compete as an individual only.
- No props can be used.
- Topics may include current events, youth issues, agriculture issues, and more

Share-The-Fun

- Contests include:
  - Poetry/Prose - Present an original poem or prose and must be memorized.
  - Vocal - Sing a song acapella or with music.
  - Musical Instrumental - Play musical piece with no lyrics with instrument.
  - Solo/Band Performance - Play a musical piece and sing a song.
  - Choreographed Routines - Any choreographed routine such as dance, twirling, jump rope teams and more.
  - Celebrate 4-H Skit - A group skit promoting the 4-H program.

Fashion Show

- Members can either purchase or create an outfit.
- Members are interviewed by a panel of judges about their outfit.
- Construction Categories:
  - Everyday Living
  - ReFashion
  - Semi Formal to Formal
  - Theatre/Costume
- Buying Categories
  - Business/Interview
  - Fantastic Fashions Under $25
  - Semi-Formal to Formal
  - Special Interest

Contest Resources And Details Available:

washington.agrilife.org

d114-h.tamu.edu

texas4-h.tamu.edu

4-H GROWS HERE

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December 2017

Printable 4-H Calendar!

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2 County Food Show/Food Challenge
3	4 Council Officer Mtg. Air Rifle BQB	5	6	7 Poinsettias Arrive	8	9 Southern Classic
10 Southern Classic	11 Air Rifle BQB	12 Archery	13	14 LJP	15	16
17	18 Air Rifle	19	20	21	22	23
24	25 Christmas EO Closed	26 EO Closed	27	28	29	30
31 New Years Eve						

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2017-2018 County Council Officers

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Parliamentarian: Bethany Janner

District Delegate: Clayton Boeker & Parker Mason

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