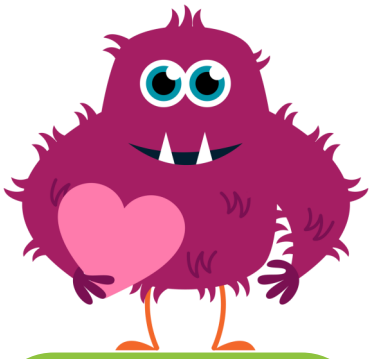

WILLIAMSON COUNTY 4-H NEWSLETTER

FEBRUARY 2014

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Don't forget… Annual 4-H Enrollment is currently open! The participant fee is $25. Log on to 4-H Connect to enroll today!

4-H Members and Families,

The County Extension Agents and the staff of the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension-Williamson County office have decided to implement a late fee policy in regard to contest entries. This includes livestock, contests (food challenge, public speaking, shooting sports, youth fair, etc.), camp registrations, scholarships, etc. that must be submitted through the county office. This policy will follow the same guidelines that were adopted last year by the District 8 4-H for district contests.

Effective February 1, 2015 any and all entries that are not submitted and/or completed by the contest entry deadline as set by the Williamson County Extension Office will be allowed a 48 hour grace period. In addition, a $20 "late fee" will be assessed for each entry (i.e., 2 photos entered late for a county contest would pay a $40 late fee). This fee is in addition to any other fees that may be associated with the entry. As an example, if an entry is due by 5 pm on a Monday, the entry will be accepted until 5 pm on Wednesday, but with the required late fee. After the 48 hour period, entries will not be accepted – no exceptions!

It's important to note that the entry deadlines the county office set are separate from the individual contest entries that may be 1-2 weeks later. This is essential for our office since many times we have multiple events that are due at or near the same time. To ensure we submit accurate entries by the required deadlines, we simply have to allow ample processing time.

We do not want to discourage anyone from participating in an event, and we know there are circumstances that make it difficult to meet deadlines. Hopefully this late fee policy will give members some "wiggle room" as well as help our office successfully and accurately manage all entries.

If you have any questions, please contact the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Office-Williamson County at 512-943-3300.

Attention Graduating Seniors!

Scholarships are also starting to come open and ready for applications. Make sure and watch the newsletter and the **Williamson County 4-H Website** for those scholarship application deadlines. It is always being updated with new scholarships and deadlines.

$1,000 Texas Extension Education Association 4-H Scholarship

Deadline: **February 15, 2015**

Eligibility Requirements: The TEEA 4-H Scholarship is open to all currently active 4-H members in good standing with the county 4-H program for the last 4 years. Individuals must demonstrate leadership and personal development through 4-H and have completed a Texas 4-H Recordbook.

For complete list of rules, guidelines and scholarship applications, visit the county 4-H website.

State Fair of Texas Scholarship

Deadline: Postmarked by **March 1, 2015**

Eligibility Requirements: Applicant must have participated in one or more of the State Fair of Texas Youth Livestock Show competitive events (complete list of events can be found on the application). Scholastic performance is important, with preference given to students ranking in the top 25% of their class. Applicants must graduate from a Texas high school during the year of application and be accepted to agricultural-related curriculum or agricultural-benefiting natural science curriculum at an accredited college or university in Texas.

Complete rules, guidelines and the scholarship application can be found on the county 4-H website.

San Angelo of Texas Scholarship

Deadline: Postmarked by **April 1, 2015**

Eligibility Requirements: Applicant must have participated in the San Angelo Stock Show, be a member or 4-H, FFA or FHA, reside in Texas, acquire a high school diploma in the spring of the current application year, and be accepted to a Texas vocational/technical school or accredited Texas college or university.

Complete rules, guidelines and the scholarship application can be found on the county 4-H website.

Williamson County 4-H Adult Leaders Association Scholarship

Deadline: **May 22, 2015**

Eligibility Requirements: Students must have been enrolled in 4-H for a minimum of 3 years and must be actively involved in 4-H projects and activities, and show exceptional leadership capabilities throughout their 4-H careers. Applicants must have completed and submitted an acceptable record book for the past two years.

For complete list of rules, guidelines and scholarship applications, visit the county 4-H website.

Houston Livestock Show Scholarships

There are numerous scholarships available from the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo. Visit the Scholarship Types page to see what is available. Take notice of due dates and application submittal processes. To apply for the following scholarships click here.

-Technical Scholarship—5 $9,000 scholarships available
URGENT
Online application due **February 9, 2015**
Supplemental documentation packet postmarked **February 13, 2015**
-Area Go Texas—$18,000
Online application due **February 23, 2015**
Supplemental documentation packet postmarked **February 27, 2015**
-Exhibitor Scholarship
Online application due **February 23, 2015**
Supplemental documentation pack postmarked **February 27, 2015**
-Hildebrand Scholarship—$18,000 (Awarded to an exhibitor in the Junior Market Lamb Show)
Online application due **February 9, 2015**
URGENT
Supplemental documentation packet postmarked **February 13, 2015**

It is extremely important
to check the county scholarship website
to get the most up-to-date information about
scholarships and deadlines.
http://williamson.agrilife.org/scholarships/

Major Show Dates to Remember

Fort Worth Stock Show & Rodeo est. 1896

January 16–February 7

San Antonio Stock Show & Rodeo

February 12–March 1

San Angelo Stock Show & Rodeo Association

February 13–March 1

Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo

March 3–22

Rodeo Austin

March 14–28

Walnut Creek Ranch

Spring Schooling Show Series

March 28, April 25, May 23, shows start at 8AM
June 27, (starts at 6PM) Followed by High Point Awards

Location: Rusty's Walnut Creek Ranch - 394 County Rd 231
Cedar Creek, TX
Corner of Pleasant Chapel Road and FM 20

Classes Include:
Showmanship, English, Western, Trail,
Judges Command and Working Ranch Horse Division
Leadline and walk trot for riders 10&under

Complete contest information can be found here and entry forms can be found here.

3rd Annual Hackamore Ranch

Open Invitational Contest

Saturday, March 14, 2015
44 Farms near Cameron, Texas
Registration received by March 2, 2015
Teams: $40
Individuals: $20

A minimum $5,000 scholarship to the high point senior individual in Plant ID
A minimum $5,000 scholarship to the highest point senior individual in Range Evaluation
Complete contest information can be found here.

Howard College Lamb & Goat Camp

June 7, 8 & 9, 2015

Howard College G.C. Broughton, Jr. Agriculture Complex

$85 per person for meals and awards (add $50 per lamb provided by Howard College; this is if you are not bringing your own lamb.) Each entrant will receive a camp cap or t-shirt. Camp participants must be nine (9) years old or entering the third grade.

Complete camp details can be found here and registration forms here.

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. The 2015 event will be held from November 26th to December 1st and is open to all Texas 4-H youth between the years of 14 and 18 on September 1st. Applicants must have been born during the period beginning of September 1, 1995 and ending August 31, 2000 to be eligible to participate.

National 4-H Congress is a youth focused five day event that engages 4-H members from more than 45 states and Puerto Rico in areas of leadership, service, diversity, and project experience. Participants engage with some of the nations leaders through interactive workshops as well as general assemblies, tours, and recreational activities. In addition to youth participating in the educational components offered by National 4-H Congress, this event provides the opportunity for 4-H members to meet other 4-H members and learn about other leadership, citizenships, and project experiences conducted in other states. The friends met at National 4-H Congress are truly friends for life for the majority of 4-H members!

Applications for the 2015 National 4-H Congress will be accepted online through 4-H CONNECT from March 1st to March 31st. From the applications, a slate of 4-H members will be chosen to participate in interviews during the Texas 4-H Roundup. The official announcement of the 2015 Texas Delegation to National 4-H Congress will be done at the Thursday night assembly of Texas 4-H Roundup (delegates do not have to be present). Complete event information can be found here.

Aggieland Lamb & Goat Clinic

Registration for the 2015 camps will become available on March 18 at noon! Remember camps fill up quickly, they only accept the first 150 paid campers.

Visit TAMU Animal Science for details and registration:

http://animalscience.tamu.edu/about/facilities/sheep-center/youth-camps/

6th Annual Ellis County 4-H Open Invitational Archery Tournament

When: February 28, 2015

Where: Ellis County Youth Expo Building

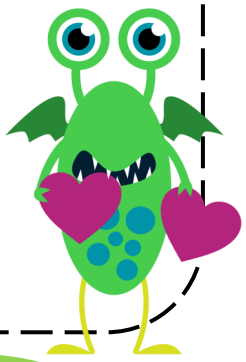
Registration Fee: $20 ($30 non 4-H members)

Registration Deadline: Feb.15th, 2015

Events: Juniors: 10 yard targets
Intermediate: 10 yard targets
Seniors: 20 yard targets

Schedule: 8am for first flight (start time 9am)
12pm for second flight (start time 1pm)

Complete information and registration forms can be found here.



Austin Rifle Club
Travis County 4-H Shooting Sports
16th Annual March Madness Invitational Shoot

When: March 7, 2015

Where: Austin Rifle Club, Manor, Tx

Entry Fees: $40 for three events (except BB Gun)
$5 for BB Gun match to be paid at the event (equipment provided)
$5 late fee added per shooter if registration is received after deadline date.

Registration: Open to any and all registerd members of the Texas 4-H Shooting Sports program. Registration form sent via US Mail must be postmarked by February 20, 2015. Registration sent via e-mail to marchmadness@tc4hss.org will be accepted through February 28, 2015.

Events:

18m Archery	.22 Pistol Bullseye	Smallbore 50 ft 3-position rifle
Air Pistol	Hunter (.22) Pistol Silhouette	Smallbore Rifle Silhouette
Air Pistol Silhouette	Smallbore (.22) Pistol Silhouette	25 yd Muzzleloading Rifle
Air Rifle Silhouette	Precision Air Rifle	BB Gun
Light Rifle	Sporter Air Rifle	

*All smallbore pistol events will require a signed Pistol Permission Slip

Schedule:

March 6, 2015	12:00p,	Camping Are opens (Gate code required)
March 7, 2015	7:00am	Check-in/Registration begins
	8:00am	Orientation—Everyone must attend
	9:00am	First even begins
	7:00pm	Awards begin

More information and complete rules and guidelines can be found here, and registration forms found here.

District 8 4-H Rifle Contest

District Contest Information
Date: Saturday, May 2, 2015
Location: Leon County Gun Club
15295 County Road 224
Oakwood, TX 75855
Time: The Competitive Rifle Match Shooting will begin at 8:00am.
(Shooting times will be staggered)
The Provisional Light Rifle Match will begin following the completion of the Competitive Rifle Match.
A more detailed shoot schedule will be distributed after receiving entries.
Registration: Contact County Extension Office
Complete contest rules and guidelines can be found here.

Tom Green County Whiz Bang

Saturday, May 2, 2015
Events: American Trap, American Skeet, and Whiz Bang
Time: Check-in: 7:30 a.m., Orientation: 8:00 a.m., Shooting begins at 8:30a.m. Sharp
Classes: Junior, Intermediate, Senior I, Senior II
Awards: *High Overall Awards for each class *Ladies High Overall Awards *1st-6th place for each event * Awards after all squads finish shooting
Location: Tom Green 4-H Shooting Sports Complex: 3444 N Hwy 277, San Angelo TX 76903
Registration: $85.00 Junior through Senior II *ENTRIES MUST BE RECEIVED BY APRIL 17TH.
Limited to 130 shooters.
Lunch: Lunch and concession will be available during the shoot
Contact: Jay Garrett: 432-634-1801, jgarrettus@yahoo.com
NO shot larger than 7 ½, eye and ear protection are required
New shooting format for all age divisions: Junior, Intermediate, Sr1, and Sr2.
Skeet: 2 full rounds of 25 and 3 pairs of doubles from station 3, 4, 5. (High-Low, High-Low,
Low-High)
The doubles will be shot at the end of the 2nd round for a total 56 skeet birds.
Complete details can be found here.

Wichita County 4-H 3rd Annual Open GEAR Robotics Tournament

Saturday, May 9, 2015 at 9:00am

Tournament will follow GEAR rules and compete on GEAR mats. Teams compete in tournament paly, oral presentation, and technical interviews.

April 17—Early bird discount on registration and t-shirt order deadline

May 1—Regular registration and lunch order deadline

Complete contest rules and registration form can be found here.

Texas 4-H Veterinary Science Skillathon

2015 Invitational Contest Thursday, June 11, 2015

The Veterinary Science Skillathon is a competitive event designed to test the knowledge and skills that a 4-H member can gain through his or her involvement in Veterinary Science project.

Application must be submitted with original signatures and postmarked by Friday, March 13, 2015

Complete contest details can be found here and contest application can be found here.

2015 Military Camp Mentors

The Texas 4-H Center is accepting applications for mentors to assist with camps for our military youth this summer. We are accepting mentor applications for the Young Hero's Camp scheduled for June 8-12 and Camp Corral which is scheduled for July 12-17.

The Young Hero's camp is designated for military youth whose parents serve in National Guard and Army Reserves. Youth for this camp range in ages 11-14 and their parents are currently active members of the military.

Camp Corral is a summer camp designated for children of wounded, disabled or fallen military families. The camp is a place where military kids, ages 8-15, are free to be kids. It's a week packed full of fun and discovery.

Youth interested in serving as mentors must be from 15-18 years of age. Mentors will reside in the dorms and participate in all camp activities. They will shadow Texas 4-H Center counselors and be available to assist in whatever capacity is needed.

This is a great leadership opportunity and will help the children of our military have a fun filled camp experience. Registration for each mentor selected will cost $35. To apply for a 4-H Camp Mentor position, please fill application and submit two reference forms. For more information on the 4-H Military Camp Mentor positions please email Mark Carroll at jmcarroll@ag.tamu.edu. Applications will be accepted until March 15th.

YOUTH HORSE SHOW

March 18 - 19, 2015

Come experience the excitement of the 2015 Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo™

- Any breed of horse eligible to show
- AQHA approved classes
- All classes triple judged
- Check out our Youth Entry Fee Refund Policy (yes, you can get your entry fees refunded)
- Cash premiums paid in all classes
- High Point Awards in all divisions
- Clinics by area trainers provided FREE to all exhibitors
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- Grade Horse classes offered in many events

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832.667.1012

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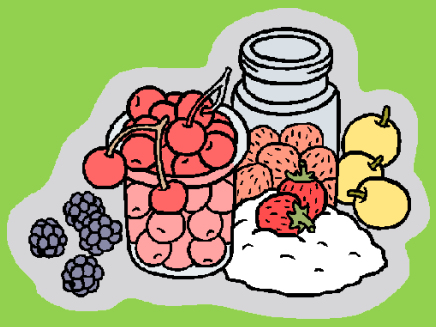
Williamson County Extension Education Association Exhibition Day

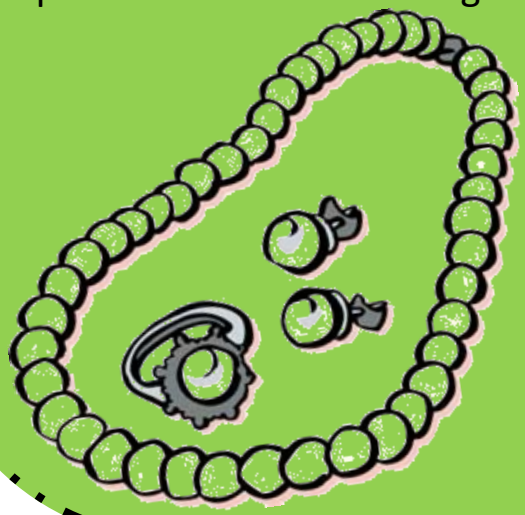
Are you crafty or do you love to cook? The Williamson Extension Education Association is hosting the annual Exhibition Day for you to showcase your talents! This event is open to anyone living in Williamson County. Quilts, Decorated Garments, Ceramics, Preserved Foods, Scrapbooks and Jewelry are just a few categories you can enter. The association covers all entry fees.

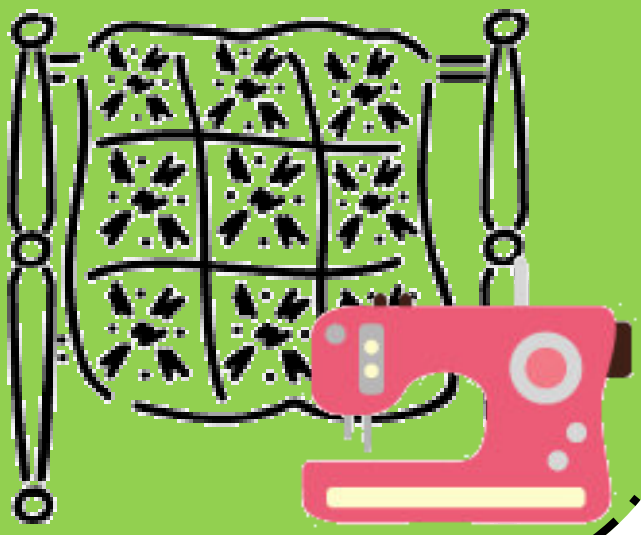
The County-wide EEA Exhibition Day will be held at Christ Lutheran Church in Georgetown on March 10, 2015.



Entries due between 8:30am to 10:00am. Judging begins promptly at 10:00am; entries will not be accepted after judging begins.

Covered dish luncheon to follow judging and exhibit viewing. Entries will be accepted for EEA club members, Open class, and 4-H class. Awards will be given in all 3 classes. Registration forms and to see the complete list of categories, please visit Williamson.agrilife.org!





4-H Recipe Rally

4-H members will be challenged with selecting, creating and/or altering a recipe and submitting a video of them demonstrating the preparation of the recipe. To participate, youth will submit their video entry online for a chance to be selected as a presenter at the Dinner Tonight with Texas 4-H Cooking School, held at the 2015 Texas 4-H Roundup. Recipes should be a healthy main dish that tie to the theme "Bringing Texas to the Table." This is a change from previous years, so please read the overview and guidelines carefully.

Healthy Lifestyles Invitational

The 4-H Healthy Lifestyles Invitational provides youth in the intermediate and senior age divisions the opportunity to participate in a competitive event and utilize the knowledge and skills gained through participation in 4-H healthy lifestyles programs. With a set-up similar to the Consumer Decision Making Contest, the healthy lifestyles invitational consists of two parts: (1) Judging – participants will be presented with a scenario and must individually rank the four products/ choices based upon the situation at-hand; (2) Presentation – teams are presented with a scenario and must work together within a given amount of time to analyze the situation, develop a solution and make a team presentation to a panel of judges. Click here for the Invitational Manual.

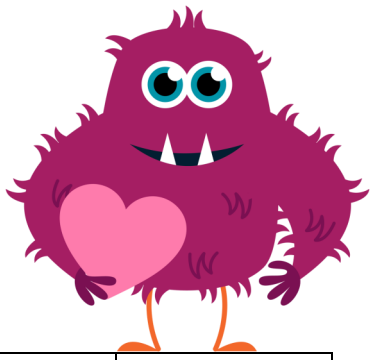
County Photography Contest

All entries for the County contest must be electronically submitted to wilco4h@gmail.com. All photos must be entered by midnight on February 16th. Entries received up to 48 hours after the submission deadline will be subject to a $25 late fee.

Complete rules and guidelines can be found here.

Williamson County Livestock Show 2015

February 2015



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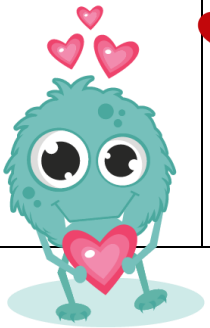
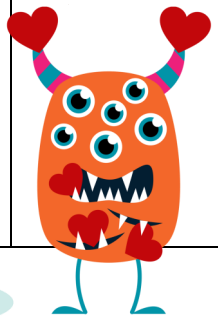
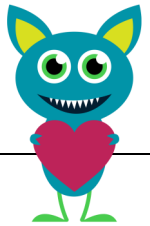
1 -Ft. Worth Livestock Show	2 -Ft. Worth Livestock Show	3 -Ft. Worth Livestock Show	4 -Ft. Worth Livestock Show	5 -Ft. Worth Livestock Show	6 -Ft. Worth Livestock Show	7 -Montgomery County Dog Show -Dallas County Ag ID Invitational & Photography Judging -Ft. Worth Livestock Show
8	9 -Houston Technical Scholarship Due -Houston Hildebrand Scholarship due	10	11	12 -San Antonio Livestock Show -San Angelo Livestock Show	13 -San Antonio Livestock Show -San Angelo Livestock Show -Houston Technical Scholarship documentation due -Houston Hildebrand Scholarship documentation due	14 -San Antonio Livestock Show -San Angelo Livestock Show
15 -TEEA 4-H Scholarship due -San Antonio Livestock Show -San Angelo Livestock Show -Ellis County Archery Tournament Registration Due	16 -San Antonio Livestock Show -San Angelo Livestock Show **-County Photography Entries Due**	17 -San Antonio Livestock Show -San Angelo Livestock Show	18 -San Antonio Livestock Show -San Angelo Livestock Show	19 -San Antonio Livestock Show -San Angelo Livestock Show	20 -San Antonio Livestock Show -San Angelo Livestock Show **-Travis County March Madness Shoot Registration Due**	21 -San Antonio Livestock Show -San Angelo Livestock Show
22 -San Antonio Livestock Show -San Angelo Livestock Show	23 -San Antonio Livestock Show -San Angelo Livestock Show **-District Consumer Decision Making Registration Due on Connect** -Houston Area Go Texan and Houston Exhibitor Scholarships Due	24 -San Antonio Livestock Show -San Angelo Livestock Show	25 -San Antonio Livestock Show -San Angelo Livestock Show	26 -San Antonio Livestock Show -San Angelo Livestock Show	27 -San Antonio Livestock Show -San Angelo Livestock Show -Houston Area Go Texan and Houston Exhibitor Scholarship documentation due	28 -San Antonio Livestock Show -San Angelo Livestock Show -Ellis County Archery Tournament







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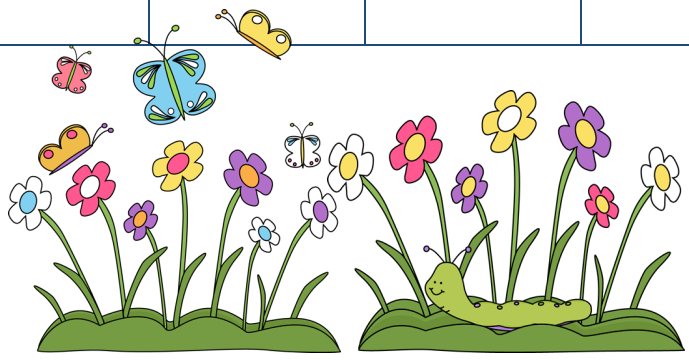
1 -State Fair Scholarship Due -National 4-H Congress Application Period Opens	2	3 County Council Meeting	4	5	6	7 -District Consumer Decision Making Contest -District Nutrition Quiz Bowl -Travis County March Madness
8	9	10 -EEA Exhibition Day	11	12 Adult Leaders Meeting	13 -Vet. Science Skillathon Application Due	14 -Hackamore Invitational Open Contest
15 -Military Mentor Program Application Due	16	17 	18 Aggieland Lanb & Goat Clinic registration opens	19	20 	21
22	23 District Horse Judging Registration Due	24	25	26	27	28
29	30 District Plant ID Registration Due	31 -National 4-H Congress Applications Due				



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