



Williamson County 4-H October Newsletter

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<http://williamson.agrilife.org>

October

October 2- State Fair Food Challenge

October 3- National 4-H Week Commissioner Court Presentation

October 3- County Council Meeting @ 8:15am at Court House

October 4- National 4-H Science Day

October 4- Williamson County Youth Fair Meeting at 1:00pm

October 5- Heart of Texas Begins

October 7- ONE Day 4-H

October 7- HOT Food Challenge

October 9- 4-H FCS Trip to Waco- Magnolia & Dr. Pepper Museum

October 10- State Fair of Texas Ag Awareness Day- Field Trip

October 11- Rabbit Clinic @ 5:30

October 14- AggieFest Judging Clinics (Livestock, Wool, & Horse)

October 23- County Food Show/Challenge Entries Due

October 28- Major Show Validation (Lamb, Goat, & Heifers) - Georgetown Show Barn

October 25- Late Major Lamb/Goat Tag Orders Due

October 31- Late Major Show Swine Tag Orders Due

November

November 2- Food Show/ Food Challenge Contest

November 4 & 5- Holiday Classic- Bell County Expo Center

November 6 & 7- Major Show Livestock Entries Due to CEO 8:00am-7:00pm

November 7- County Council Meeting at 6:30pm- CEO

November 7- Adult Leaders Meeting at 6:30pm- CEO

November 8 & 9- Major Show Contest Entries Due 8:00am- 7:00pm

November 10- County Holiday

November 13-16- Swine Validations @ School Ag Barns

November 18- Hoofpicks Horse Show

November 20- Swine Validation Make Up Day 4:00-6:00pm at Georgetown Show Barn

November 27- December 1- Williamson County Youth Expo

4-H Connect Membership Enrollment for 2017-2018

August 15, 2017 started a new 4-H enrollment year on 4-H Connect! ALL 4-H families will be required to re-enroll for the 2017-2018 4-H year. All 4-H members and adults need to complete both a family and individual profile for membership and to be able to register for events.

If you are re-enrolling and already have an existing profile, do not create a new profile.

UPDATE your existing one with **new email, physical addresses and phone numbers.**

An annual participant fee is necessary for each 4-H member. This participant fee of \$25, or \$20 if enrolled from September 1st to December 31st, will ensure that the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service can continue to deliver the highest quality 4-H program possible.

Adults, if you plan on serving as a volunteer in any way please enroll as a **VOLUNTEER** on 4-H Connect! Requirements to be a volunteer include: a background check every two years, pay a \$10 fee every year, and complete trainings on 4-H Connect every two years.



2017-2018 Calf Scrambles



The Calf Scramble consist of 4-H and FFA members competing with one another to catch and halter one of the calves that have been released into an open arena and to be one of the top finishers to cross the finish line. The successful scramblers receive a certificate to aid in the purchase of a breeding animal to be raised and shown at that show the following year. Most shows require participants to be at least 14 years old and 100 lbs and to not be beyond your eleventh grade year in school. If you are interested in scrambling at one of the major shows, please contact the Extension Office.

Adult Leaders

The next Adult Leaders Meeting will be November 7, 2017 at 6:30pm in the Williamson County Conference Room. This meeting will be used to discuss the new year and other upcoming important items. ALL club managers are encouraged to attend the Adult Leaders Meeting, project leaders and other adult volunteers are welcome to attend.

Please remember that all Club Meeting reports are Due to Tennille Harwell by the last day of each month

County Food Show/Challenge

Love cooking and eating healthy? Check out these two 4-H Contests:

Food Challenge – At the Food Challenge, teams of 3 to 5 students receive a list of ingredients and have 40 minutes to create a dish. The teams then present their dish to judges are scored on preparation, serving size, food safety concerns, nutritional value and cost. Students qualify at the country and district level to compete at the state contest. Review all the rules in the Food Challenge Manual.

Food Show – At the Food Show you choose a recipe from the contest categories and then prepare and present it to a panel of judges. During your interview with the judges, you will show how you prepared it, the nutrients and ingredients, personal dietary needs, healthy substitutions, and a cost analysis.

County Food Show and Food Challenge **Contest: November 2, 2017** at Extension Office.
Entries Due to CEO by: October 23, 2017 to tennille.harwell@ag.tamu.edu or cassie.ferguson@ag.tamu.edu (Need age division and category for food show)

Check out this website for information or email cassie.ferguson@ag.tamu.edu

<https://agrilife.org/d84h/events-and-activities/food-challenge-food-show/>



4-H and FFA have been involved in character education for more than 100 years. Quality Counts is our way of showcasing this character education and at the same time showing our commitment to producing a safe and wholesome livestock product for the consumer. Verification of Quality Counts is a natural extension of this effort to demonstrate that 4-H and FFA youth have a base knowledge of the principles of quality assurance and good moral character. Now and in the near future many local and major livestock shows will require that a youth exhibitor demonstrate this base knowledge by taking the online Quality Counts Verification test and obtaining a Verification Number. This can be accomplished through this web site! <http://agrilife.org/qualitycounts/>

Exhibitors only need to be verified once as a junior and once again as a senior. Junior is 8 and in the 3rd grade through 13 years of age as of the previous August 31st. Senior is 14 years or older as of the previous August 31st.

New Procedure for Eligibility/Excuse Notes

4-H'ers should complete a separate form for each competitive event/activity in which they plan to participate. The original form should be returned to the county Extension office 2 weeks prior to the event/activity.

NOTE: Schools requiring a copy of this form should make their copy before returning it to the student.

Parent/Guardian Section

Parent/Guardian will select the information being requested. It is either: Academic eligibility information only. (Used to verify academic eligibility only for 4-H competitive events/activities.), or Academic eligibility information and authorization to receive an excused absence from school. (Used to verify academic eligibility as well as receive authorization to receive an excused absence. This would be used for events held during school hours such as stock shows, state and national 4H contests and events, etc.)

Complete the date of activity and name of activity. (Used to notify school officials of exact dates/times a student would be participating in a 4-H activity or representing 4-H at an event.)

Parent/Guardian signature is required. The signature of the parent/guardian confirms that this person is aware of the academic eligibility and excused absence requirements of the Texas Education Code.

County Extension Agent Section

Extension Office will complete this section and certify the youth is a 4-H member and his/her participation in the event. County Extension Agent (with adjunct faculty status) will sign the form. Extension Office will then forward forms onto the school for approval.

Forms can be obtained at the CEO or on our website: <https://williamson.agrilife.org/4-h-updates-news/>

MAJOR LAMB, GOAT & HEIFER VALIDATION

Major Lamb, Goat & Heifer Validation will be *October 28th* at the Show Barn in Georgetown starting at 6am.

Heifer: Tattoo & branding is the exhibitor's responsibility. Animals will not be validated without proper Id markings. Also make sure to bring your heifers registration papers to validation with you.

Lamb & Goat: Lamb and Goat projects tagged for state fair must be re-validated with a Major Show Tag to participate at a Major Show.

All sheep and goats, market and breeding, will be tagged with RFID validation tags this year. There is one type tag, one color. Registered breeding sheep and goats, must have registration papers.

Major Livestock & Contest Entries

This year instead of having one night to register for Major Livestock Shows & Contest at Major Shows we have broken it into 4 days. All forms will be available the days of as well as on our Williamson County website:

<https://williamson.agrilife.org/major-show-contests/>

Any 4-Her that plans on taking **Livestock** to a **Major Show** may stop by the CEO on **November 6-7th** any time between 8am till 7pm.

****Call before if you plan on stopping by between 12-1pm**

Any 4-Her that plans on attending **Contest** at any **Major Show** may stop by the CEO on **November 8-9th** any time between 8am till 7pm.

****Call before if you plan on stopping by between 12-1pm.**

If you have questions about Major Shows please contact the CEO 512-943-3300.


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Top of Texas Rabbit Club

Youth All Breed Rabbit Show


November 18, 2017 🐰 **Dumas, TX**

Moore County Community Building
1600 South Maddox
Registration 9:00 AM-10:00 AM
Show starts 11:00 AM
Cost: Pre-entry \$3.50
Day of \$5.00
Pre-Entry due Thursday, 11/9/17
Mail entries to:
Moore County Extension Office
310 East 1st Street, Room 100
Dumas TX 79029



Best in Show- \$100 & Plaque
1st Reserve- \$50 & Plaque
2nd Reserve- \$25 & Plaque
Awards for: BOB and BOJ
Ribbons for 1st -5th places

FREE Rabbit Costume Contest
Prizes for Best



CLUTE BUNNY

ARBA Rules Apply Non Sanctioned
Open to all youth and all breeds
Concession will be available
All Rabbits must be in leak proof cage
Carrier show- No pens provided
Raffle, Prizes and donations appreciated
For more information contact Charlotte Pitts at 806-681-3009 or Moore County Extension Office at 806-935-2594

Non-sanctioned youth rabbit show with comment cards

RABBIT PALOOZA!

October 21, 2017
at the Lampasas County Youth Livestock Showbarn 283 N Hwy 183



COSTUME CONTEST!
Competitor w/Rabbit
and
Rabbit-Only

**100% JACKPOT
SHOWMANSHIP
\$5 CASH ENTRY**

AWARDS!
Best in Show: Groom & Go
Reserve in Show: Wooden Grooming Table
Best of Breed Opposite: Transport Carrier
BOB and BOSB: Rosettes
1st-5th Place Class: Ribbons

**OPEN TO ALL:
CLOVER KIDS
SHOWMANSHIP ONLY
4-H MEMBERS
FFA MEMBERS**

GET THE ENTRY FORM:
<http://counties.agrilife.org/lampasas/files/2015/06/Rabbit-Palooza>

ENTRY FEE:
\$4/rabbit pre-entry
\$5/rabbit day of show

Sponsored by
Lampasas 4-H

JUDGES
Jessica Dorn
Victoria Buckner
Rod Freeman

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For more information contact:
Becca Dishman 512/556-8271 ext.140 becca.dishman@ag.tamu.edu

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 29
Entries must be received
by the Extension office

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 21
6 am - BARN OPENS
7 am - CHECK-IN
8 am - Showmanship starts
with Clover Kids age
division
9 am - Judging

Poster Design by Susan Tamers, Burnet, Texas



NATIONAL 4-H WEEK

OCTOBER 1-7, 2017

SHOW YOUR 4-H PRIDE!

National 4-H Week - Photo Challenge

SUNDAY

**What 4-H Means
to ME.**

MONDAY

Who Helps You!
(Volunteer, Agent, Parent)

TUESDAY

My 4-H Project!
What is your favorite 4-H Project

WEDNESDAY

National 4-H
Science Day

**Technology I Use
in 4-H!**

THURSDAY

Throwback Thursday
How have you grown in 4-H

FRIDAY

Family Friday
Show Us Your 4-H Family

SATURDAY

Service Saturday
How are YOU making a difference

One Day
4-H

USE THE HASHTAGS

**#Texas4H
#4H**



WHAT CAN YOU DO IN ONE DAY?

Join Texas 4-H members as they make a difference in their community on
Saturday, October 7, 2017
for a day of state-wide community service.



To learn how you can make a difference and to register your project:
texas4-h.tamu.edu/events/oneday

TSC TRACTOR SUPPLY CO.

 **PAPER CLOVER**

OCT. 4 - OCT. 15

**FOR 4-H CAMP
& LEADERSHIP EXPERIENCES**

DONATE \$

AT CHECKOUT

**SEND KIDS IN YOUR STATE
TO 4-H CAMP & OTHER LEADERSHIP EXPERIENCES**

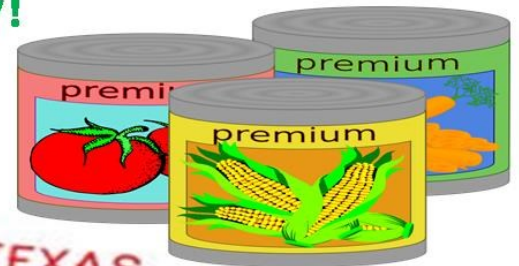
No endorsement by 4-H is implied or intended. Use of the 4-H name and emblem is authorized by USDA.
4-H is the youth development program of our nation's cooperative extension system.



Canned Food Drive

Due October 9, 2017 @ CEO

All Cans will be donated to the North Texas Food Bank on October 10th at the State Fair of Texas Ag Awareness Day!



STATE FAIR OF TEXAS
AG AWARENESS DAY
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 10, 2017

Henderson County



Shotgun Sports

Fall

Check In 8am

Orientation 8:30am

Shooting Begins 9am

FUN SHOOT

\$140/shooter

European Rotation

BBQ Sandwich Plate/Concessions on Site

www.hendersoncountysportgunshots.org

NEW DATE October 7, 2017

100 Sporting Clays + 50 Bird SC Challenge

TEAM HOA/IND HOA &

Caney Creek Lodge

1ST-3RD YOUTH & ADULT DIV

Teague, TX

Register online at

Cash & Prizes

www.winscoreonline.com

Sponsored by Winscore

150 birds



October 9, 2017



FCS Field Trip

Time: ALL DAY– Leave CEO Approx. 7:00am and be back 7:00pm

Where: Meet at CEO & Car Pool to Waco, TX

Who Can Attend: Intermediate & Senior age 4-Hers who participate in FCS projects: Food & Nutrition, Interior Design, or Clothing & Textiles

Cost: \$8/ 4-Her; plus money for souvenirs, breakfast (bakery-optional), and lunch (or bring a sack lunch).

RSVP to cassie.ferguson@ag.tamu.edu **by 4:00pm on September 29, 2017!**

Only open to 15 4-Hers! First Come First Serve!

Tentative Schedule

Magnolia:

- Q & A with Food Truck Vendors
- Tour the Magnolia Shirt Company
- Meet with a Fixer Upper Interior Designer
- Tour the Magnolia Silos

Dr. Pepper Museum

- Tour the Dr. Pepper Museum
- Make your own soda
- Enjoy a Dr. pepper Float



October 5-14, 2017

<http://www.hotfair.com/>



<https://bigtex.com/>

Rabbit Clinic

Where: Williamson County Extension Office Training Room

When: October 11, 2017 at 5:30pm

Presenter: Mr. Michael Heaton with Heaton Rabbits

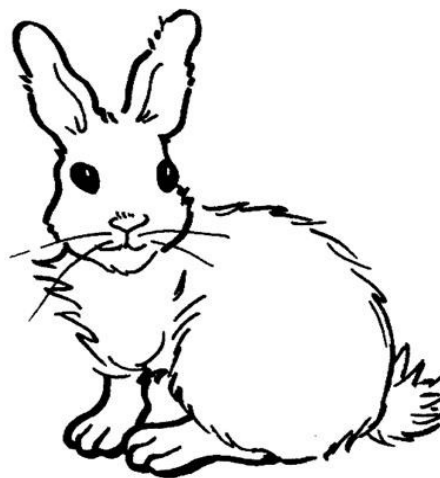
Who Can Attend? 4-H and FFA students interested in a Rabbit Project

RSVP to cassie.ferguson@ag.tamu.edu by October 10, 2017

(You can still attend if you don't RSVP)

Learn About:

- ⇒ Selecting A Breeder
- ⇒ Ordering Process
- ⇒ Cages
- ⇒ Feeding
- ⇒ Selecting Your Pen
- ⇒ Preparing For the Show
- ⇒ MISTAKES NOT TO MAKE



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Buda Vo~Ag's Buda Buckle Bash



2 Rings

28 Buckles, Cash & Prizes

Showmanship Shootout

Saturday October 14, 2017

Dripping Springs Ranch Park

Dripping Springs TX.

Barns opens ~ 5am

Cards Due ~ 8:30

Show Starts ~ 9am

RING A ~ 60% CASH PAYOUT

RING B ~ BUCKLES & 40% CASH PAYOUT

RIBBONS & PRIZES IN BOTH RINGS

****MUST SHOW IN RING A TO BE
ELIGIBLE FOR RING B ****

Goats ~ 4 Division Format

Lambs ~ Breed Format

Judges ~ Jess Yeaman & Kevin Newsom

"SHOWMANSHIP SHOOTOUT"

ALL 3 GOAT WINNERS & ALL 3 LAMB WINNERS

BATTLE IT OUT FOR THE

SHOOTOUT CUP

Show Contacts

Anthony Hernandez ~ 512-395-5541

Ty Clark ~ 512-781-6626

\$20/HEAD PER RING

Cotton Country Classic

RMB Fairgrounds (Horse Arena) -Robstown, TX

Non-Sanctioned Show

Hosted by: Nueces County 4-H



Saturday Oct. 21st - Lambs & Goats



Official Weigh-In: 7:45 - 9am

Showmanship: Pee Wee, Junior, Intermediate, & Senior - Starts @ 9:15 am

Two Rings for both species - Both sheep & goats will show at same time

\$30 Ring A or \$50 both rings

Judges: TBA



Sunday Oct. 22nd - Steers & Heifers



Official Weigh-In: 7:45 - 9am

Showmanship: Pee Wee, Junior, Intermediate, & Senior - Starts @ 9:15 am

Two Rings for both species - Both steers/heifers will show will at same time

\$30 Ring A or \$50 for both Rings

Judges: Sam Womble, CEA - Bexar Co. & TBA

Awards:

Grand & Reserve Grand:

Ring A - Banners

Ring B - Buckles

Division Winners:

Ring A - Banners

Ring B - Show Sticks & Blankets

Classes:

Ring A - None

Ring B - Halters

Please Take Notice:

Please bring your own generator if you want/need electricity. Outlets are limited & there's **NO GUARANTEE** that there will be electricity available!!!

Early arrival allowed

Please let us know if arriving early

ENTRIES:

Accepted day of show

For More Information:

Nueces Co. Extension Office

Kyle McManus

361.767.5220-Off

361.255.9500 - cell

- *Lamb show will include a hair sheep/dorper division*
- *Cattle show will include a "mini" class for both steer & heifer shows*

26TH ANNUAL HOLIDAY CLASSIC

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Beef, Lamb,
Goat & Swine
Clinic and
Prospect Show

November 4-5, 2017 @
Bell County Expo Center
301 W LOOP 121, BELTON, TX 76513

What is Holiday Classic?

The Holiday Classic Clinics and Prospect Shows are intended to provide an educational opportunity for new families participating in the livestock project area.

The main purpose is to teach the basic principles of livestock management as they relate to facility maintenance, selection, nutrition, animal health, handling, showmanship, and transportation.

"Quality Counts" programs are discussed to ensure the safe and legal use of drugs or medications to facilitate the ethical care, development, and exhibition of livestock.

For More Information:

Contact your local County Extension Office, the Bell County Extension Office at 254-933-5305 or visit us online at <http://agrilife.org/d84h/events-and-activities/holiday-classic/>

Saturday, November 4th

- 12:00 p.m. All livestock in place
- 1 - 4 p.m. Individual Specie Clinics
One (1) set of clippers will be given away at conclusion of each session. Must be present to win!
- 4:30 p.m. Cattle, Goat, Swine, Lamb Showmanship
- 6:00 p.m. Dinner provided by Holiday Classic

Sunday, November 5th

- 7:15 a.m. Nondenominational Church Service
- 8:00 a.m. Beef prospect show
(steers followed by heifers)
- Lamb Show
- Swine Show (no boars over 120lbs)
- Goat Show

NO ENTRY FEES!

Open to all youth in Grades 3-12

NO PEEWEE EXHIBITORS!

- ♦ Youth must attend Saturday clinics to participate in Sunday showmanship and prospect shows.
- ♦ Free Saturday evening meal. Concession stands available.





Junior Leadership Retreat

November 10-12, 2017

Texas 4-H Center
Lake Brownwood, Texas



Dance Theme: Super Heroes

Sessions led by Texas 4-H Council Members

- Outdoor Cooking
 - Community Service
 - Robotics
 - Duds to Dazzle
 - Wildlife Education
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- Registration includes lodging and meals
 - To register, visit the Texas 4-H Center web site:
texas4hcenter.tamu.edu
 - Click on the "Register Now" link
 - \$120 for youth in 3rd-8th grade, \$90 for adults
 - Early Registration is open from Sep. 1- Oct. 27, 2017
 - Late fees apply after Oct. 27
 - Each county is responsible for providing adult chaperones



The members of Texas A&M AgriLife will provide equal opportunities in programs and activities, education, and employment to all persons regardless of race, color, sex, religion, national origin, age, disability, genetic information, veteran status, sexual orientation or gender identity and will strive to achieve full and equal employment opportunity throughout Texas A&M AgriLife

Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service requests that animal supply donors and truckers call into the phone bank at Texas A&M University 979-845-7800



The gulf coast region of Texas has experienced massive damage and destruction from Hurricane Harvey. In times like these we see the good in countless individuals who wish to lend a hand and help comfort those in need.

In response to the disaster on the coast many local 4-H clubs are hosting supply drives where items can be delivered quickly and efficiently to the storm zone. The Texas 4-H Youth Development Program and the Texas 4-H Youth Development Foundation are facilitating a monetary campaign to directly support 4-H club and county programs in the hurricane zone.

HOW YOU CAN HELP:

Give On-Line

- 1 Go to the Texas 4-H Foundation website at:
texas4hfoundation.org
- 2 Click on link at the top right:
GIVE NOW
- 3 Complete the online form (*Gift Designation Box please type "4HSupportsTexas"*) and payment information. Once complete, click the submit button.

By US Mail

You can also send a check or money order to:
Texas 4-H Youth Development Foundation
Attn: 4HSupportsTexas Fund
PO Box 11020
College Station, TX 77842

Please make checks to "Texas 4-H Foundation" and write "4HSupportsTexas" in the memo section of your check/money order.

**Your donation will be
tax deductible.**

If you are part of a 4-H club/group (Texas or across the country) that is hosting a supply drive we would like to know the impact you are making. Once your drive is over please report your impact at:

<https://fs4.formsite.com/state4h/harvey/index.html>



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Williamson County Youth



December 4-7, 2017

Showcase your talents in Woodworking, Photography, Art, Crafts, Horticulture, Baking, Sewing and SO MUCH MORE!

Entries accepted through November 7

Contact the Extension Office for more information at 512-943-3300 or <https://williamson.agrilife.org/williamson-county-youth-fair-2/>

2018 MAJORS DATES TO REMEMBER



FORT WORTH STOCK SHOW & RODEO

JAN 12—FEB 3



SAN ANTONIO STOCK SHOW & RODEO

FEB 2- 18



SAN ANTONIO STOCK SHOW & RODEO

FEB 8—25



HOUSTON LIVESTOCK & RODEO

FEB 27- MAR 18

RODEO AUSTIN

MAR 10- 24



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