WashCo 4-H News

February Newsletter

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Washington County 4-H Roundup and Fashion Show

Monday, February 29th at the Blinn Student Center

Registration 5:30pm Opening Announcements 6:00pm

Entry Paperwork Due To The Extension Office by February 12th

Join us on Monday, February 29th at the Blinn Student Center for the Washington County 4-H Roundup and Fashion Show. 4-H members will be competing in Educational Presentations, Public Speaking, Share-The-Fun, Fashion Show and Photography Judging Contests. These contests are a great way to grow and enhance your ability to present in public. Rules, Guidelines, and Entry Forms for the County 4-H Roundup are available for download *here.* Additional information regarding the Fashion Show is available at *http://fcs.tamu.edu.*

Washington County 4-H Photography Contest

County Photography Contest: All photo entries are due by email to CLSeely@ag.tamu.edu by Friday, February 12th at 5:00pm. Members can only enter ONE PHOTO PER CATEGORY! Please read through the rules and guidelines available at our *website.* Entries will be judged and photos will be displayed at County 4-H Roundup.

4-H... the POWER of YOUth

Washington County Fair Meeting Dates

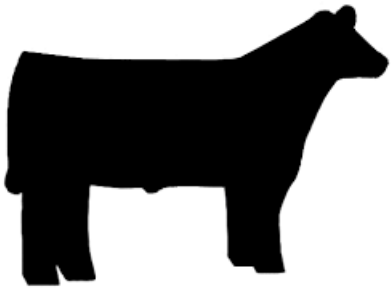
JLA Market Steer Meeting
Tuesday, February 9th
6:30pm Upstairs Sales Facility
Orientation and Rules
Online Registration Process

Market Goat Meeting
Tuesday, February 9th
6:30pm Downstairs Sales Facility
Facilities and Breeders

Rabbit Project Meeting
Sunday, February 21st
5:00pm Sales Facility
Orientation

Commercial Heifer Tag-In
Saturday, February 27th
Washington County Fairgrounds
Families will be notified of their specific tag-in time. You MUST adhere to that time.

Commercial Steer Meeting
Sunday, February 28th
6:00pm at Fairgrounds
Orientation



2016 Washington County Fair Goes Showorks

Starting in 2016, all Commercial and Junior Livestock Entries will be entered by families into the online livestock show management program, Showorks. This year, the fair will also be taking a paper version along with having families enter through the Showorks program. Many of the species meetings will have sessions on how to enter your projects through the Showorks system.

Project Help

It is that time of year to discuss what projects you want to become involved in for the 2016 Washington County Fair. If you have questions about where to go to look for animals, or what to look for, come by or call Charles at the County Extension Office. We want you to have a great experience and will be happy to help you get started on the right track.

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.

Livestock Judging

Practices

February 11th

March 8th

March 29th

April 5th

April 12th

April 19th

Upcoming Contests

San Antonio - Feb. 28

Houston - March 14

Austin - March 24

TAMU Clinic - April 2

District—April 23

Beef Quiz Bowl Practices

Beef Quiz Bowl Practices will be held the following dates and times:

February 1st	**6:00pm**	**Extension Office**
February 8th	**6:00pm**	**Extension Office**
February 15th	**6:00pm**	**Extension Office**
March 1st	**6:00pm**	**Extension Office**

Washington County Fair Meeting Rules

Please be aware that in order to exhibit an animal in the 2016 Washington County Fair, returning 4-H members must attend at least 5 Community 4-H Club Meetings. Families have an opportunity to attend another club's meeting one time during the year. First time exhibitors must attend at least HALF of their community 4-H club meetings once they have registered for 4-H in order to be eligible to exhibit an animal in the fair. This is in addition to attending the minimum number of species meetings required by the Fair Species Chairman.

District 11 Food Show and Food Challenge Contest

The District 11 4-H Food Show and Food Challenge Contests will be held on Saturday, February 6th at the La Grange Randolph Recreation Center in LaGrange, TX. The theme for this year's Food Show and Food Challenge are "Picnic Perfect".

Time Schedule

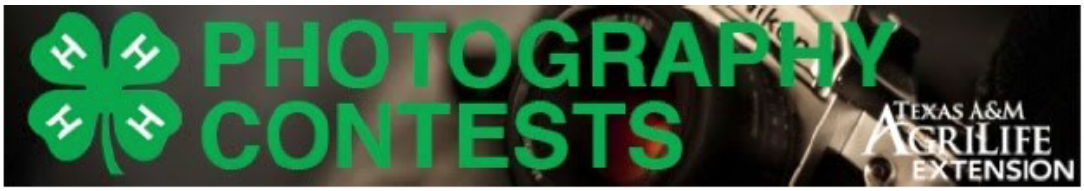
Food Show	*Food Challenge*
12:30 P.M. - Participants Arrive	**8:00-8:20 A.M. - Registration**
1:00 P.M. - Judging Begins	**8:30 A.M. - Orientation**
	8:40-9:20 A.M. - Cooking Time
	9:20 A.M. - Judging

For more information regarding the District 11 4-H Food Show and Food Challenge, please consult the following resources:

District 11 4-H Website: *http://d114-h.tamu.edu*

FCS 101 Website:*http://fcs.tamu.edu*

Texas 4-H Website:*http://texas4-h.tamu.edu*



2016 Texas 4-H Photography Contest

Theme: For 2015-2016 the theme is "4-H, Ribbons, Awards and Recognition". This year the theme will focus still life arrangements of 4-H awards, ribbons and recognition. The arrangement and positioning of items will be strongly evaluated as well as the quality of the photo. Photo should create emotion and have impact!

Changes to rules for 2016. A statement related to the fact that all photos must be the original work of the 4-H member submitting the photograph. No photograph can be submitted which has been taken by other 4-H members, a family member, or any printed/digital source. All photos will be scanned through a reverse image search.

Entry Period: April 1, 2016 to April 15, 2016 through 4-H CONNECT

2015-16 Texas State Preservation Board 4-H and FFA Photography Contest

The Texas State Preservation Board in partnership with the Texas 4-H Youth Development Program are pleased to present an annual photography contest for members of the Texas 4-H and FFA Programs. This photography contest allows 4-H and FFA members to showcase Texas Agriculture through photos.

A select number of the photographs will be displayed in the Texas State Capitol Agriculture Museum starting in early 2016. Selected photographs will feature a place card with the photographer's name, city, and age. Photos will remain on display for one year in the Agriculture Museum.

Entry Period: September 24, 2015 to December 10, 2015

Entry Location: http://tx4-h.tamu.edu/photo

All contests resources are posted online at: texas4-h.tamu.edu

If you have any questions please feel free to contact the Texas 4-H Office at 979-845-1212 or Toby Lepley at t-lepley@tamu.edu.

Texas 4-H Roundup Vet Science Skill-A-Thon

There will be an invitational Vet Science Skill-A-Thon held at the 2016 Texas 4-H Roundup in College Station on June 9th. The contest is open to all intermediates and senior aged 4-H members. The contest will be limited to the first 25 applicants at each level.

The Veterinary Science Skill-a-thon is a competitive event designed to test the knowledge and skills that a 4-H member can gain through his or her involvement in a Veterinary Science project. There are several components to the contest. The Written Exam is to test the participant's subject matter knowledge. The Skills Exam tests the hands-on or experiential learning and is the largest component of the contest. The Identification (ID) Exam will include Veterinary Instruments, Breeds (cattle, horses, sheep, goats, swine, dogs, and cats), Parasites, and Internal Organs. Finally, the Communication portion of the contest helps to develop research and public speaking skills.

Applications will be available on the Washington County Extension Office Website.

(*Washington.agrilife.org*) They must be emailed to Joe Mask at joe.mask@ag.tamu.edu before March 25th.

County Council and Parent Association Meetings

March 7th May 2nd July 5th

Meetings start at 6:30pm in 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.

4-H Scholarships

If you need extra incentive to apply for the Washington County 4-H Gold Star Award, please note that all Gold Star Recipients are awarded a $500 scholarship. Beon the lookout for scholarships sponsored by the Washington County Extension Service Program Area Committees.

Washington County TEEA Scholarship

The local TEEA 4-H Scholarship will be award two $1,000 scholarships to graduating Seniors who have been active in the past three years, and have completed a 4-H Recordbook for the past three years. Applications are due to the Extension Office by February 12th. Tentative date for interviews will be February 18th.

Houston Livestock Show Exhibitor Scholarship

The Houston Livestock Show offers thirty $18,000 Scholarships specifically for exhibitors. Scholarship applications can be found at www.rodeohouston.com underneath the scholarship area. The online scholarship application is due by Feb. 8th, and the supplementation packet must be mailed or hand delivered on or before Feb. 18th.

Archery Practices

Archery Practices are from 6:00-7:30pm on Tuesday nights at the Fairgrounds Pavilion.

February Archery Practices: 2nd, 9th, 16th, 23rd

Air Rifle Project Leader: Deborah Wynans dwynans@gmail.com

Coke Tabs For Ronald McDonald House

Starting at the January Club Meetings, the County Council will be sponsoring a community service competition between all of our 4-H Clubs. Start collecting coke can tabs in milk jugs and bring them to your club meetings, or by the Extension Office. At the end of May, we will weigh all of the coke can tabs and the club who donated the most will have pizza delivered to their June or July club meeting, compliments of the County 4-H Council. These tabs will be donated to the benefit of the Ronald McDonald House for Charity.

Photography Meeting

There will not be a photography project meeting in February. For questions about the photography project, contact project leader Mary Schulze at marykschulze@gmail.com .

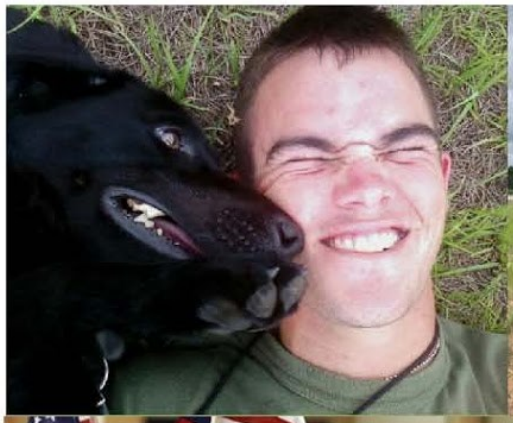
Consumer Decision Making Practice

CDM practices will be held at Brenham Junior High School Wing S-6 at 5:00pm on the following dates:

February 2nd, 11th, and 16th

Soil Judging Team Meeting

The Soil Judging Team will be meeting on Sunday, February 7th at 3:00pm in the Brenham Junior High Science Wing Rm. #7. They will be discussing practice and contest schedules for this year's judging season. If you have any questions, email Allison Bentke at abentke@brenhamk-12.net or Trey Boeker at trey_boeker@sbcglobal.net.



Eli's Fund

A Memorial for Lance Corporal Colton Rusk and Eli, his service dog

November 2015 – June 2016

Eli, a bomb-sniffing military working dog was assigned to US Lance Cpl. Colton Rusk. In December, 2010, Lance Cpl. Rusk was killed by sniper fire in Afghanistan. Eli, ever faithful to his handler was left depressed and alone. He would not leave Lance Cpl. Rusk's cot at the base for several weeks. In February 2011 Lance Cpl. Rusk's family in South Texas was allowed to adopt Eli. The Texas Veterinary Medical Foundation (College of Veterinary Medicine, CVM) has pledged to cover all of Eli's veterinary care for the rest of his life. The CVM established Eli's Fund as a source of financial support for active duty service men and women, medically retired veterans' service animals and retired military animals.

Goal: $15,000

How to Donate

- From November 2015 through Texas 4-H Roundup in June 2016, Texas 4-H Council challenges all 4-H members and families to financially donate to Eli's Fund.
- 4-H clubs can collect donations, have a bake sale, a car wash or other event; the collected funds would then be donated online

http://vetmed.tamu.edu/giving/opportunities/elis-fund

To read more about Lance Cpl. Rusk and Eli
http://news.nationalgeographic.com/news/2014/05/140523-dogs-war-canines-handler-military-marine-labrador-afghanistan-family-mourn/

- Tell others about Eli's Fund and encourage them to donate.
- To track the donations made on behalf of Texas 4-H, in the *Additional comments or instructions* box of the online donation form include : **#Texas4H and your County**
- All donations go directly to the Texas A&M Foundation. A minimum $25 donation is required.
- To GIVE NOW, you can scan the QR Code

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SET Poster Competition

Discover Science Method Research Poster Contest—2016 Texas 4-H Roundup

Thursday, June 9, 2016

The Discover Science Method Research Poster contest will allow youth to apply the scientific method to subject matter of interest or that they have learned through 4-H projects. The scientific method is a process for formulating and testing hypotheses through experimentation and research. Scientists use the scientific method to explore relationships in nature. The poster contest gives youth an opportunity to display and demonstrate how they applied the scientific method to research, experiment, and formulate results for their project.

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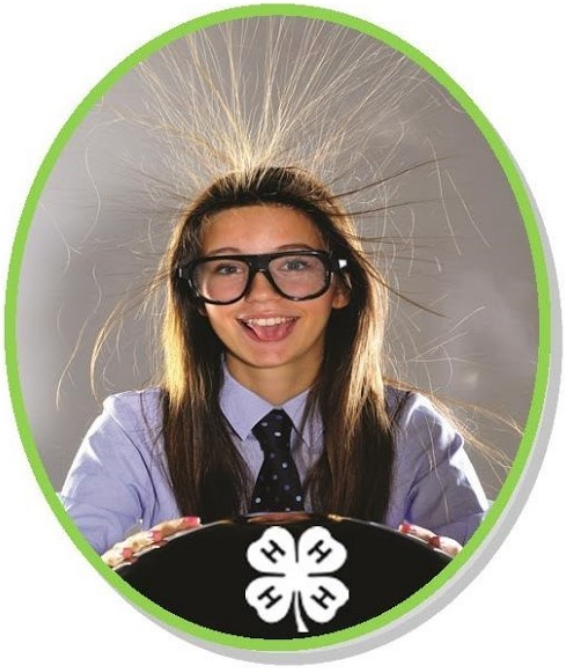
4-H SET Science, Engineering & Technology

A $1,000 Scholarship will be awarded to 1st place of each category in the Senior Age Division

Awards will be given in the Intermediate Age Division by category



Contest Categories include :

- Biochemistry/Microbiology/Food Science
- Environmental Science/Chemistry/ Earth Sciences
- Animal Science
- Plant and Soil Science
- Engineering/Physics
- Consumer Product Testing

For more information about the contest contact :

David Smith at dwsmith@ag.tamu.edu

Or visit **http://texas4-h.tamu.edu/events/roundup/** for contest guidelines

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THE 2016 4-H ROUND UP

4-H National Anthem Competition

Texas 4-H Roundup will showcase three 4-H members or groups of 4-H members each day for the singing of the National Anthem during the General Assemblies. Information for the applicant is below.

HOW TO ENTER

Submissions must be uploaded to https://fs4.formsite.com/state4h/NationalAnthem/index.html

- All submissions MUST BE POSTED TO YouTube (All links made public).
- Entries may be submitted on an individual basis or as a group.
- Groups cannot be made up of more than four (4) members. Three individuals/teams will be selected to perform one at each assembly held on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday.
- Individuals/teams will be announced May 9, 2016.
- Open to all 4-H members grades 3 - 12 (based on September 1, 2015 4-H Year).
- 4-H member does not have to be a contest participant of Texas 4-H Roundup.
- YouTube Video must be of the individual or group (up to four 4-H members) singing the National Anthem.
- Singing must be in a capella style (no music).
- If selected to sing during Texas 4-H Roundup, performance will be done a capella.
- Videos will be evaluated by a panel of judges with music experience.
- If selected to sing participants must be registered on 4-H Connect.
- Roundup staff will be selecting the nights that the individuals/groups will be performing.

Deadline For Submission:
May 2, 2016

Texas 4-H Roundup

June 7-9

Texas A&M University

4-H HAS TALENT

DO YOU HAVE WHAT IT TAKES TO BE A STAR?

Sing a song, do a dance, tell a joke or just do something unusual!

Get the chance to show your skills on stage in front of 4,000 fellow 4-H members, parents, volunteers, and county agents.

Deadline April 1, 2016

- Videos must be uploaded to YouTube and made public for viewing
- Maximum Length: 5 minutes
- Links must be submitted online at https://fs4.formsite.com/state4h/4HHasTalent/index.html

- **Submissions must be appropriate for 4-H youth.**
- **Intermediate and Senior aged 4-H members are allowed to participate in this contest.**
- **Teams may be one age category or a combination of both intermediates and seniors.**
- **An individual and/or team (max seven members) may only submit one video.**
- **Five finalists will be selected by an expert panel of judges.**
- **The five finalists will perform during Texas 4-H Roundup on Tuesday, June 7, 2016 during the evening assembly.**
- **After all performances, the audience will have the opportunity to vote via text messages to select the winner.**
- **Top two entries selected at Roundup will win cash awards.**

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For questions contact Jana Barrett at 979-845-6533 or jcbarrett@ag.tamu.edu

February 2016

Printable 4-H Calendar!

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2 Archery CDM Practice	3	4 Sandy Hill 4-H	5	6 D-11 Food Show and Food Challenge
7 Soil Judging Meeting	8 BQB BCA 4-H Burton 4-H Washington 4-H	9 Archery Zionsville 4-H	10	11 LJP CDM Practice Salem 4-H	12 Deadline for Roundup, Fashion Show and Photography Contest	13
14	15 BQB Gay Hill 4-H	16 CDM Practice Bluebonnet 4-H	17 Prairie Hill 4-H	18	19	20
21	22 BQB	23 Archery	24	25	26	27
28 SALE Judging Contest	29 County Roundup					

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