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Easter Community Service & CDM

The Colorado County 4-H Council will sponsor the annual Easter Community Service Project with the help of the 4-H Clubs in the county. We will provide the WCJC Senior Citizens program with Easter bags for their clientele. We will meet to assemble 100+ bags at 6:30 p.m. on Monday, March 19, 2018 prior to the Council and Leaders meetings. We need a variety of toiletry items and ask each club to donate 100 of one item to fill the bags. **At the present time clubs have volunteered to bring the following items: 4-H Horse Club—toothbrushes and toothpaste, Eagle Lake—pens/pencils, Frelsburg—bar soap, Wild Clover—razors, Shooting Sports—lotions and Whispering Oaks—Deck of Cards.** Other suggested items include tissue packs, shampoo, antibacterial wipes, and other toiletry or personal items. Please contact the Extension Office to let us know what item your club will provide. Items need to be brought to the Extension Office on or before March 19th.

One team and one individual participated at the S.A.L.E. Consumer Decision Making Contest on February 17, 2018. This contest is a competitive event that enables 4-H members to practice making decisions based on information about a situation and four available marketplace options. The Senior team of Amelia and Robert Stavinoha and Laurece Silcox placed 8th with Amelia placing 5th high individual. There were 43 teams and 146 contestants. In the Junior division Jack Dudensing placed 11th out of 57 participants. Thanks to coaches Joan Trojacek and Patti Glaeser and all other parent/leaders who assisted. The next CDM contest will be the District 11 contest on April 6th in Victoria.



2018 Texas 4-H Ambassador Programs

Livestock Ambassador Program is looking for senior age 4-H youth that have exhibited a superior level of ambition regarding their livestock projects; that have an interest in animal science, animal production and advocacy that have shown leadership qualities and a willingness to help others; and are in the top 25% of their class. Students selected for this program will attend one of two Livestock Ambassador Short Courses: Texas A&M University July 16-19, 2018 or Texas Tech University/West Texas A&M University July 23-26, 2018. The cost of each course is \$250. Applications can be found at https://tamuag.az1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_309MuXE8KeGj1sh and the deadline to apply is June 1, 2018. Livestock Ambassadors are required to commit at least 40 hours of service annually. They conduct educational livestock project clinics, speak to civic groups, assist with livestock shows, and advocate for livestock and agriculture across Texas.

Equine Ambassador Program has been ongoing for the past 6 years. Twenty-five senior age 4-H youth will travel to Gainesville June 24-27, 2018. Students selected will need to exhibit a superior level of ambition regarding their horse project; show a profound interest in equine science and the horse industry in Texas; show leadership qualities and a willingness to help others; and be in the top 25% of their class. Applications are due April 15, 2018 and can be found at https://tamuag.az1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_esuzimQv1FSJcVf. Cost for the program is \$250.

Water Ambassador Program provides high school age 4-H members and youth an opportunity to gain advanced knowledge and practice leadership skills related to management of water in Texas. Two youth from each of the 16 Texas Regional Water Planning Areas are selected to participate in the 4-H20 Youth Leadership Academy and commit service hours annually in a variety of ways. The academy is a 10 day tour of Texas exposing youth to a wide diversity of water resources, water uses, policy, planning and management. Water Ambassadors will commit 40 hours of service over a 12 month period. The academy will be held July 21-28, 2018. Applications must be submitted online at <https://fs4.formsite.com/state4h/water/index.html> by May 20, 2018. Cost for this program is \$250. The Colorado County Farm Bureau is willing to sponsor a youth wanting to attend and become a Water Ambassador.

State 4-H Roundup

Plans are underway for State 4-H Roundup. Senior 4-H members who place in the top three in any District 11 Spring Spectacular contest will advance to State Roundup June 11– 14, 2018 at TAMU. The only exception is Share-the-Fun contests and the top two will advance in those competitions. Information on contests and events for State Roundup can be found at <https://texas4-h.tamu.edu> in the upcoming events. State Roundup will be posting information weekly on Wednesdays on a newly created Texas 4-H Roundup blog to allow you to keep up with the latest information. The blog address is <https://texas4hroundup.blogspot.com/>. Recent information released includes hotel room blocks that have been set up for Roundup. Other information on the blog includes the Texas 4-H Roundup T-shirt Design Contest, the 2018 Texas 4-H Theme Reveal! Are You Ready? and the Roundup guidelines and contest rules.

Projects & Contests

Roundup Contests

County, District and State Roundup contests include the following:

Educational Presentations teach or demonstrate a topic by an individual or a team of up to five members. Visuals, such as computers, projectors, easels and screens, may be used and should contribute to the presentation. The list of presentation topics includes Beef, Clothing & Textiles, Companion Animals, Health, Horse, Open, Open—Ag Natural Resources, Open—Family & Consumer Sciences, Promote 4-H, Safety & Injury Prevention, and Sheep and Goat. The time limit for this contest is 12 minutes.

Public Speaking is limited to an individual who presents a 5—7 minute persuasive speech. No props or visual aids are allowed. The speech should persuade others regarding a youth issue or concern.

Share-the-Fun is a good contest for first time participants. All of the categories can have 1 to 9 participants and they all have 4 minutes for set-up and breakdown and a maximum of 6 minutes for the presentation. Categories include:

Celebrate 4-H—a skit based on a 4-H story line, promoting 4-H, community service, a project or activity

Choreographed Routines—This act requires choreography (no speaking) demonstrated through twirling, jump rope teams, basketball exhibitions or dance.

Dramedy is an acting category that combines elements of comedy and drama. 4-H related material or theme can't be used in this category.

Musical—Instrumental—Musical presentation using musical instruments (band)

Poetry/Prose—Acts showcasing poetry or prose. Poetry is characterized by structured meter and rhyme. Prose has a greater variety of rhythm and has a closer resemblance to patterns of everyday speech. Material should be memorized.

Vocal—presentation may be done acapella or with an accompaniment CD/tape.

SET Poster Contest is basically a science project. Team of 2 must give an explanation/interview about their project. Contact Stephen for more information

Ag Product ID—Contact Stephen

Consumer Decision Making — project begins in Fall and runs through Spring

Fashion Show & Clothing & Textiles Project need to begin in the Fall at the beginning of the 4-H year in order to be completed and participate in the Roundup events. Contact Sharon if you are interested in these projects

Duds to Dazzle and the Storyboarding contests are part of the Clothing and Textiles project and also need to begin in the Fall.

The Guidelines for all these events can be found at: <http://d114-h.tamu.edu/district-4-h-spring-spectacular/> or at <https://texas4-h.tamu.edu>.

Colorado County Fair Happenings

The 2018 Colorado County Fair has been set for Wednesday, September 5, 2018 through Sunday, September 9, 2018. Tag-ins for individuals planning to exhibit an animal in the 2018 Fair will begin in April. **Exhibitors may order, tag-in, validate and show animals in one or two departments of the Junior Market Livestock and Poultry show, but may only sell one project.** Each exhibitor will be permitted to tag-in two animals in a department. A \$10.00 per animal tag-in fee will be collected at time of tag-in with the exception of Scramble Heifers whose fee will be \$15.00. At project tag-ins where there are more than one family member exhibiting, and multiple entries are made, all animals may be tagged in under the name of the family. In such cases, this will require the identification of each animal to a given exhibitor at the time of official weigh-in on September 5th. Market steers, commercial heifers, pen of three and scramble heifers will be tagged in at Colorado Valley Veterinary Services, 1391 Hwy 71 Business, Columbus. Market hogs, goats, lambs and rabbits will be validated at the Colorado County Fairgrounds.

Livestock entries must be submitted to the Colorado County Extension Office between the dates of August 6 through August 17, 2018. This includes open show entries. Record books are mandatory for market animals and will be turned in to the division chairman at the time of weigh-in on September 5, 2018.

Tag-in dates are as follows:

April 21, 2018—Market Steers, Scramble Heifers, Pen of Three Heifers and Commercial Heifers—8:00—10:00 a.m.

June 9, 2018—Market hogs tag-in 7:00-9:00 a.m.; Market Goats and Lambs tag-in 8:00-10:00 am

June 15, 2018—Deadline to place order for broiler chicks. Chicks must be ordered through Colorado County Extension Office. Chicks will be \$1.74 each or \$43.50 per box of 25. Chicks will be picked up on **July 27, 2018**.

August 4, 2018—Validate Rabbits, 7:00–10:00 am. There will be a \$20 validation fee for each pen of rabbits. Breeding rabbits can be tattooed at this time.

Pen of Three Heifers, including fourth heifer will be weighed at Colorado Valley Vet Service, 1391 Texas 71 Business, Columbus on Wednesday, August 29, 2018 from 5:00 to 6:00 pm. Exhibitor must designate the three head that will show at this official weigh-in. Heifers must come from the same lot—no mixing of two different pens. A mandatory interview and written exam will be conducted on Saturday, September 1, 2018, at the Colorado County Ag Complex Fairgrounds at 1:00 pm. All entrants are required to participate in the interview and exam to be eligible to show in this division.

Colorado County Fair clean-up days have been designated as Saturday, September 1, 2018 beginning with a 8:00 am roll call and continuing until clean-up is complete and exhibitor packets are handed out; and Sunday, September 9, 2018 at 8:00 a.m. and will continue to all areas are cleaned.

The Colorado County Livestock book is available on the Colorado County Fair website at <http://www.coloradocountyfair.org/> and at <http://colorado.agrilife.org/>.

District 11 and State 4-H Happenings

Texas 4-H Congress is a 4 day mock legislative experience for 4-H members in grades 9—12 set for July 22-25. 4-H members attending Congress for the 1st time assume the roles of House or Senate members. In addition to these legislative members there are also lobbyists and press corps members. Colorado County is allowed to submit one delegate and one alternate for this prestigious event. Participants are required to submit a complete bill for consideration. You can refer to the Texas 4-H publication “Understanding the Texas Legislative Process, A Guide for Participating in Texas 4-H Congress” found on the Texas 4-H website to learn about what a quality bill is, how to write one, and then submitting the bill on-line. 4-H members will need to submit a short essay explaining why they want to attend Congress along with a list of their qualifications to the Extension Office by March 30, 2018. The cost for this event is \$350.

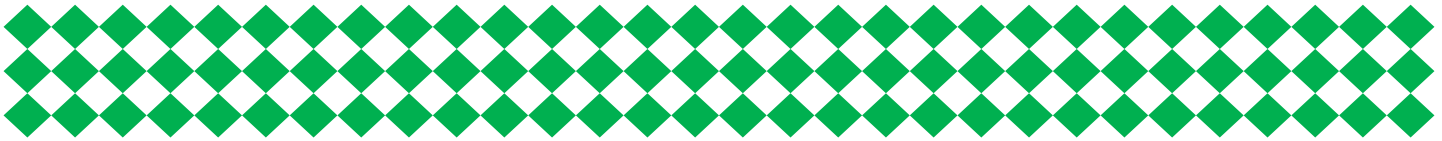
2018 Poultry Institute for Youth will be held June 10-12 at Texas A&M University in College Station. This is a 3 day camp for youth with an interest in a career in the poultry industry and who will be a high school junior or senior or a college freshman in the Fall 2018 semester. Applications to attend can be found at <https://posc.tamu.edu/wp-content/uploads/sites/20/2018/01/2018-PIFY-Application.pdf> and must be submitted by May 10, 2018. Applications may be submitted through mail, fax or email. Registration fee for this camp is \$50 once accepted to the program. The U.S. Poultry and Egg Association sponsors this camp.

2018 Texas 4-H Outdoor Challenge is scheduled for June 22-24 at the Seguin Outdoor Learning Center. The events for 2018 are Shotgun, Off-road Biking, Archery, Fishing, Climbing, Kayaking, Rifle, Biologist Skills, Gear Judging, and Outdoor Safety. Registration will be conducted from May 1–30, 2018 on 4-H Connect and is limited to the first 50 teams to have both team members registered. Cost is \$35 per team member. The Outdoor Challenge rules and resource guide can be found in the “contest” section at <https://texas4-h.tamu.edu/projects/outdoor-education-living-skills/>.

The Wildlife Conservation Camp is scheduled for July 23-27 at the H.E. Sproul Ranch in Fort Davis. This camp is sponsored by the Texas Chapter of the Wildlife Society and is designed for high school students who have completed the 9th grade. Hands-on, outdoor activities such as wildlife and plant ID, habitat management techniques, land stewardship, hunter safety, shooting sports, fishing, wildlife research and more led by wildlife professionals. Cost for this camp is \$350 and sponsorships may be available through Farm Bureau. Applications can be found at <http://www.wildlifecamp.tx.org> and must be submitted by May 1, 2018.

Scholarships

ATTENTION Graduating Seniors—The Colorado County 4-H Council Scholarship application has been emailed to you and is also available at the Extension Office. The deadline to submit the application is March 29th. The Colorado County Row Crop Scholarship application is available at your school’s counselors office. Any graduating senior can also request an application from the Extension Office.



COUNTY PHOTOGRAPHY





Happy Easter!

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4-H updates and current happenings in Colorado County will be posted to the "**Colorado County 4-H TEXAS**" page as they occur. You can find the page by searching the quotes or going to: <https://www.facebook.com/pages/Colorado-County/161170703915573>

Colorado County Extension (ANR and FCH) updates and current happenings will be posted on the "**Colorado County Extension**" page. Find the page by going to: [pages/http://Colorado.agrilife.org](http://Colorado.agrilife.org).

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If you need any assistance or help is needed with any livestock projects, please call the office at 979-732-2082 to schedule a project visit. Call 979-732-2530 for other project information and/or assistance.

AgriLife Extension Office hours:
 Monday-Friday 8am-5pm
 Close 12-1pm for lunch

Important Websites

Colorado Co. 4-H <http://colorado.agrilife.org/>

District 11 4-H <http://d114-h.tamu.edu>

Texas 4-H <http://texas4-h.tamu.edu/>

4-H Connect <https://texas.4honline.com>

Texas 4-H Alumni and Friends
<http://texas4hfriends.org>

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Record Book Information

It is time to begin preparing to complete a 4-H Record Book. Record book forms may be downloaded from the Texas 4-H website at <http://texas4-h.tamu.edu/recordbooks>. 4-H members planning to submit a record book are reminded that the books must be turned in to the Extension Office no later than June 8, 2018. They will be sent to be judged on June 12th. Members should note that a record book must be submitted in order to apply for the Bronze, Silver or Gold Star awards. Please call or come by the Extension Office to receive a handout that will give you step by step directions on completing the 2018 record book. You may also set up an appointment to have Stephen or Sharon review and offer suggestions for your book.

Officer Elections

Officer elections will be held at the May 21st meeting of the 4-H Council. The meeting will begin at 6:30 p.m. and we will also begin making plans for the annual 4-H banquet at that time. The guidelines for Council officers say that a member must have represented their club on council for at least one year. **Any qualified youth wishing to run for any or all Council offices will need to fill out an Officer Application and turn it in to the Extension Office by May 14th. Applications will be available at the March meeting or may be requested from the office. Offices will be voted on by secret ballot individually beginning with the Chairman. Members may only serve two (2) terms in any office.**