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Easter Community Service & Rodeo's

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 50+ bags at 6:30 p.m. on Monday, March 21, 2022 prior to the Council and Leaders meetings. There will be a variety of toiletry items that will be donated such as—toothbrushes, toothpaste, pencils, straws, soap, condition, shampoo, and lotion.

The Colorado County 4-H Council meeting will also be held March 21st at 6:30pm, following the community service project. During this meeting members will learn the roles of the 4-H Council Officers and gain knowledge a proper parliamentary procedure.

Congratulations to the Consumer Decision Making team of Colorado County for placing 5th overall at the San Antonio Livestock Show & Rodeo contest. Great job to Brooke Wanjura, Kase Weishuhn, Jack Dudensing, Jase Rau and Jagar Rau. Jagar also was 2nd high point individual! Special Thanks to coaches Barbara Weishuhn, Jessie Rau, and Leah Dudensing all other parent/leaders who assisted. The next CDM contest will be the District 11 contest on April 6th in Victoria.

Colorado County 4-Hers earned the honor of 20th High Point Junior 4-H Team at the San Antonio Livestock Judging Contest. Congratulations to Colton Koy, Lana Potter, Taylor Eichelberger and Wade Hoffman

Congratulations to Trey Silcox for raising and showing his Market Broilers at the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo.

Kensi Berger, Salah Berger, Taylor Eichelberger, Aiden Glueck, Colson Glueck, Wade Hoffman, Lana Potter, and Jakelyn Primrose competed in the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo Livestock Judging Contest.



2022 Texas 4-H Ambassador Programs

JUNIOR MASTER PHOTOGRAPHER AND PHOTOGRAPHY AMBASSADOR PROGRAMS

Full details about these two youth leadership programs will come out later in the summer. However, training dates for JMP workshops have been set and you are encouraged to promote those. JMP Workshop 1 – September 24. JMP Workshop 2 – December 3. Both workshops will be held in Dallas. To become a Photography Ambassador, youth must first complete both JMP workshops, which are only offered once a year. If youth came to workshop 1 in a previous year, but missed workshop 2, they only have to come back for the latter. Regardless of prior knowledge and skills, this is the only pathway to becoming an ambassador. Until summer, you can view more information about these two programs in the leadership section here: <https://texas4-h.tamu.edu/projects/photography-video/>

4-H Water Ambassadors: Applications close May 15 for the 2021/2022 cohort of Texas 4-H Water Ambassadors. Now in its fourth year, the 4-H Water Ambassadors Program continues to grow in number and is gaining recognition and support from the Texas water industry. To date, 110 youth have participated in the Program representing more than 65 counties. We are looking forward to another successful year as we recruit up to 30 new youth. A goal of the Program is to equip youth to assist county extension with water education events. To learn more about the 4-H Water Ambassadors Program visit www.texas4hwaterambassadors.com.




Texas 4-H Live-stock Ambassador Booth with Colorado County 4-Her Brooke Wanjura! (left)

Makenzie Thames

FAVORITE AMBASSADOR MEMORY:
USING MY CATTLE AS A TEACHING TOOL TO SPEAK WITH THE PUBLIC ABOUT THE SHOW INDUSTRY, LIVESTOCK INDUSTRY, AND 4-H/FFA. I LOVE WHEN PEOPLE ASK IF THEY CAN PET OR TAKE A PICTURE WITH MY ANIMALS BECAUSE IT GIVES ME AN OPEN DOOR TO ADVOCATE FOR AGRICULTURE.

ADVICE FOR NEW 4-HER:
BE CONFIDENT AND GO FOR IT! IF YOU THINK SOMETHING IS INTERESTING THEN TRY IT! I ALWAYS PUSH FOR 4-H NEW AND EXPERIENCED TO COMPETE IN PUBLIC SPEAKING EVENTS BECAUSE I HAVE MASTERED SOME EXTREMELY IMPORTANT LIFE SKILLS THROUGH THOSE EVENTS.

FUTURE PLANS:
ATTEND TEXAS TECH OR TEXAS A&M TO MAJOR IN ANIMAL SCIENCE. LATER, PURSUE A DVM.



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May Council Elections!

Officer elections will be held at the May 16th 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 13th. Applications will be emailed to individuals upon request or may be picked up from the Extension office. Offices will be voted on individually by secret ballot beginning with the Chairman. Members may only serve two (2) terms in any office. **MUST HAVE 2 VOTING DELEGATES FROM EACH CLUB.**

Validation Update

Summer 2022 Major Show Validation Tag Order

If you plan on exhibiting steers or heifers at the fall 2022 or spring 2023 major shows, it is time to order tags for the Summer 2022 Texas Livestock Validation.

Market Steers

The deadline to order tags for steers Thursday, April 21st, 2022. Payment is due at the time of order for steers tags. Amount due: Steers - \$23 per tag. Tag orders may be placed to your AST, or to the County Extension Office.

Breeding Animals - Heifers

Once a heifer is validated, she is eligible until the end of her show career unless she changes breed or ownership. If a previously validated heifer has changed breed or ownership she must be validated again. Please notify your AST or CEA if you plan to validate heifers this summer. Validation for breeding heifers is \$18.00 per heifer due at the time of validation.

The physical validation event for major show steers, heifers and State Fair lamb and goats will be held in June 2021. More information regarding the June validation date will be available soon. If there are any questions regarding the Texas Livestock Validation process please contact your agricultural science teacher, or the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Office in Colorado County at 979-732-2082.

State Fair Lamb and Goat Validation Tag Order

If you plan on exhibiting market or breeding lambs and/or goats at the Fall 2022 (State Fair of Texas) major shows, it is time to order tags for validation.

Validation tags order for lambs and goats are \$18 per tag. Tag order requests are due to the Extension office or AST by March 30th, 2022. Tags requested after this deadline will be assessed a late fee.

Reminders:

- The State Fair of Texas is requiring validation for registered breeding sheep, registered breeding goats, wether/commercial dams, and wether/commercial does.
- In 2021, Texas Lamb and Goat Validation announced the introduction of the Roll-over Breeding Sheep and Breeding Goat program.
- ♦ Any BREEDING animal validated during the Fall 2021 validation period is eligible to be exhibited by that exhibitor through the Fall 2024 show season.
- ♦ **IF OWNERSHIP CHANGES, THEN THE ANIMAL MUST BE RE-VALIDATED.**
- o **THIS DOES NOT APPLY TO MARKET LAMBS AND GOATS!!!**

2021-2022 Colorado County Photography



Community Service Event!



Columbus Trash-Off Day

Saturday

April 2, 2022

You Can Help

Join The City of Columbus
& Columbus Garden Club

Clean Up Anytime in March through May to be a Part of this Event

*Pick Up Litter Adopt a Spot Clean Our Parks & Streets
Adopt a Highway Paint a Fence Clean a Flower Bed
Mow a Vacant Lot Plant Trees & Flowers*

Volunteers Welcome

Individuals, Groups, Students & Organizations

**PLEASE
KEEP COLUMBUS BEAUTIFUL**

Large Item Disposal March 30 – April 2

Columbus Citizens may bring items between 8-5 Wednesday – Friday, 8-12 Saturday.
No Hazardous Items or Tires Please.

Free Limb Chipping April 4 – 8

Call City Hall 979-732-2366 to Schedule Your Curbside Chipping

Clean Up & Litter Pick Up Supplies Available for Volunteers

Call 979-733-4343 to Reserve Your Trash Bags, Gloves, Safety Vests

Call or Text Marian (Columbus Garden Club) for Details 979-733-4343



*****4-H Membership Reminder*****

Colorado County Fair and 4-H Enrollment:
Just as a reminder all 4-Hers who intend to show at the Colorado County Fair must comply with fair rules.

Entries in this Division are open to members in good standing of 4-H, FFA, and Jr. FFA clubs in Colorado County, and who live in or go to school in Colorado County at the time of tag in. All 4-H, FFA, and Jr. FFA members must have been enrolled by January 1 and must have attended at least four (4) meetings prior to the fair. The only exceptions will be for those youth who will be entering the 3RD grade in September or a youth who moves to Colorado County after January 1 or except where specified in Division Rules.

Please be sure that you are regularly attending your 4-H Club Meetings. County Council meeting attendance will also count toward the minimum 4 meeting requirement.

If you have questions about how many meetings you have made please contact your local 4-H Club Manager. Our office will work with club managers prior to the county fair to check meeting requirements.



Happy Easter!

"LIKE" OUR FACEBOOK PAGES!

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 Online <https://v2.4honline.com>
 Texas 4-H Alumni and Friends
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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 in June. 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 2022 record book. You may also set up an appointment to have Ja'Shae or Laramie review and offer suggestions for your book.

Club Officer Elections

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A green poster for a 4-H Council Meeting. At the top, it says "4-H COUNCIL MEETING" with a small 4-H clover logo. Below that, in large, bold, black letters, is "GAME NIGHT EDITION". The date and time are "Monday, March 21 6:30pm". The location is "AgriLife Extension Office (316 Spring Street)". The topics are "Easter Bag Community Service Project", "Learn the steps of a Parliamentary Procedure", and "Learn the roles of being a 4-H leader". It says "Open to ALL 4-H members! Open to ALL 4-H Clubs!" and "PIZZA will be provided!!!". At the bottom, it says "RSVP by March 18, 2022" and lists "Ja'Shae Horn Family and Community Health /4-H Coordinator 979-732-2530". A small disclaimer at the very bottom states: "The members of Texas A&M AgriLife will provide equal opportunity 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."