TEXAS A&M AGRILIFE EXTENSION

The Clover Connection

April '16

April Calendar of Events

1st	Walker County Fair Baked & Canned Good Show
4th	Walker County 4-H Round-Up 12-5pm at the WCF
5th	Horse Judging Team Practice 5:00-6:00pm
8th	District 4-H Roundup Entries Due to the office or on 4-H Connect (Food Show, Fashion Show, Consumer DM, Educational Presentations, Food Challenge, Quiz Bowls, Share-the-Fun, Duds to Dazzle, Fashion Story Board)
8th	Horse Club Paperwork Due to CEO
8th	SFT Lamb/Goat Tag Orders due
8th	SFT/Major Show Steer Tag Orders due
11th	1st Horse Club Practice with Horse at the WCFG Pee Wee at 6:00pm, Novice & Advanced at 7:00pm
12th	Shotgun Club Blue/White groups Dry Fire at CEO
13th	Shotgun Club Green/Red Groups shoot at Able's
13th	Beef Quiz Bowl Practice 4:45pm at CEO
14th	Dog Club Meeting 5:30pm at CEO
14th	Rifle Club Meeting 4-6pm location TBA
15th	Deadline to validate horses for the $10 fee
16th	District 9 Horse Judging Contest in College Station
19th	Record Book Workshop 6pm at CEO
19th	Shotgun Club Green/Red groups Dry Fire at CEO
20th	Shotgun Club Blue/White groups shoot at Able's Green group Dry Fire at CEO
20th	Beef Quiz Bowl Practice 4:45pm at CEO
21st	Rifle Club Meeting 4-6pm location TBA
23rd	District 9 Livestock Judging Contest in College Station
25th	2nd Horse Club Practice with horse at WCFG Pee Wee at 6:00pm, Novice & Advanced 7:00pm
26th	Shotgun Club Blue/White groups Dry Fire at CEO
27th	Beef Quiz Bowl Practice 4:45pm at CEO
27th	Shotgun Club Green/Red groups shoot at Able's
28th	Dog Club Meeting 5:30pm at CEO
28th	Rifle Club Meeting 4-6pm location TBA
29th	Deadline to validate horses *All horses must be owned by 4-H member or immediate family member & validated by this date*
29-30	Big Time in D9 4-H Roundup, Lone Star College in the Woodlands

Walker County —4-H Round-Up

Monday, April 4, 2015 from 12:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.
Walker County Fairgrounds Main Building
Educational Presentations, Share the Fun, Consumer Decision Making Contest, Ag Product Identification Contest, Wildlife Contest, Duds to Dazzle, Food Challenge
Come see what its all about!!

Congratulations to all the HLSR Participants!!

Three teams participated in the Houston Food Challenge Contest where they made Grilled Chicken and Soup, Sweet Potato Pancakes and a Vegetable Medley. Great job to all of the teams!

All of the Beef Quiz Bowl teams (pictured left) did a great job competing in Houston!

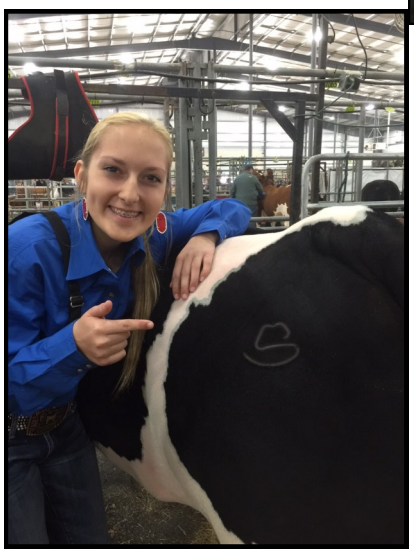
Several teams went on to play 3 or 4 rounds. Congratulations to Jacob McLerran, Joshua Cramer, and Maggie McCarthy for placing 6th overall at the contest.

Everyone had a great time at the Ag Product ID Contest (pictured right). Congratulations Jarrett Conner for placing 15th and Bailey Lamb for placing 17th overall individual!

The team made up of Jarrett Conner, Bailey Lamb, Jonah McGinty and Killian Grawe placed 7th overall!

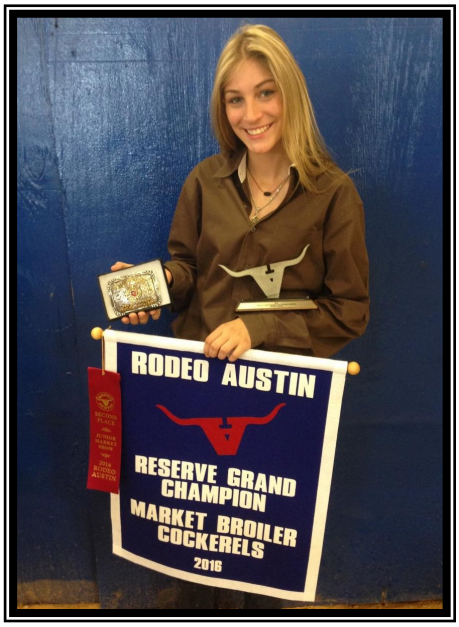
The Livestock Judging teams did great in Houston! The senior team made up of Luke Yargo, Kathryn Giese, Shelby Lepley, and Paige Tegeler placed 6th overall! Paige placed 23rd overall individual and Shelby received one of the 30 Scramble Heifer Certificates!!

Kendyll Williams placed 6th in Houston and 5th in Austin with her Steers! Good work!



Brynn Thompson placed 5th with her steer in the Maine-Anjou class at San Antonio landing her a spot in the premium sale! Great job Brynn!

Rodeo Austin 2016



Sydney Paul received Reserve Grand Champion with her Cockerels at Rodeo Austin! Way to go!

Sadie Madden placed 15th with her Turkeys in Austin and 5th overall in Houston!

Congrats to Sydney Beverly on placing 2nd in her class with her steer in Austin!

Record Book Workshop

Why is it important you keep a record of your 4-H activities? Because, by recording your activities you can remember all the fun you've had so far, and set future goals! Keeping records of 4-H projects could help you when you apply for college scholarships too! 4-H Recordbooks are books you make to record your annual projects. More information is provided here: http://texas4-h.tamu.edu/recordbooks/

To learn more about Record Books and how to put one together we will be holding a workshop on **Tuesday, April 19th at 6pm at the Extension Office**. We hope to see everyone there.

D9 Leadership Lab

District 9 Leadership Lab is scheduled for **June 28-30th** in Galveston, TX!

The purpose of Leadership Lab is to prepare teens for leadership positions. The hope is that participants will take information back from lab and share it with members back in Walker County. You must be 14 years and older to be a part of this event.

Tons of fun activities are in the works so you don't want to miss out!

The registration fee is $255 which will cover lodging, meals, t-shirts, insurance, curriculum and activities. The deadline to register is May 15th through 4-H Connect. If you have any questions please call us at the office 435-2426.

Validations

Horse Validation

Horse Validation takes place on 4-H Connect. The Deadline to Validate your horse for $10 is **April 15th**.

From **April 16th-April 29th** the fee is $20

Remember to turn in all of your horse club paperwork by April 8th. This will also earn you Clover Points!

Heifer & Steer Validation

If you have not validated your heifer before, or if the heifer has been validated and changed ownership then you **MUST** validate your heifer this year if you plan to show it.

Call the office to let us know you will have a heifer to validate and go to Gibbs Ranch on **June 27th** for the validation process.

June 27th is when all of the Steers, Heifers, and State Fair of Texas animals will be validated.

Remember to buy your tags!!

Call the office if you have any questions at 936-435-2426

Happy Birthday To You!!!

2nd Jesse McMahon
3rd Mandi Haller
5th Micah McKeever
Skylar Stanton
9th Shelby Lepley
Emily Lamb
15th Grady Riley
17th Alana Pitrucha
18th McKinley Yargo
John Dudley
20th Grace Olivares
Davin Sockwell
Avery Smith
Terry LeCompte-Lynn
22nd Brooke Munoz
25th Klaire Williams
Keaten Davidson
26th Alexandra Hall
27th Hannah Hendricks
Savannah Jensen
Bryce Jensen
29th Jacob French
Samuel Hanagriff
30th Kayla Atkins

2016 State Fair of Texas Major Show Tags

If You Plan on Showing Steers at any of the 2016 Major Shows or the 2015 State Fair of Texas...

Now is the time to order steer tags. Please call or stop by the Extension office (435-2426) to order your 2015 State Fair of Texas/2016 Major show steer tags . The deadline to order tags is **April 10th**. Tags will cost $12.00 each. **ALL TAGS MUST BE PAID FOR BY THE TAG ORDER DEADLINE ON April 10th!!! THOSE TAGS LEFT UNPAID WILL NOT BE ORDERED!!!**

Time to Order State Fair of Texas Swine Tags!!!

Please call or stop by the Extension office (435-2426) to order your swine tags for the 2015 State Fair of Texas. The deadline to order tags is May 1st. **ALL TAGS MUST BE PAID FOR PRIOR TO THE ORDER DEADLINE ON MAY 1st!! THOSE TAGS LEFT UNPAID WILL NOT BE ORDERED!!!**

Time to Order State Fair of Texas Lamb & Goat Tags!!!

Please call or stop by the Extension office (435-2426) to order your Lamb and/or Goat tags for the 20145 State Fair of Texas. The deadline to order tags is April 10th. Tags will cost $12.00 each. **ALL TAGS MUST BE PAID FOR BY THE TAG ORDER DEADLINE ON April 11th!!! THOSE TAGS LEFT UNPAID WILL NOT BE ORDERED!!!**

*****Validation for all of these animals is June 27th at Gibbs Ranch*****

Round Up

Walker County

http://walker.agrilife.org/4h/

AG PRODUCT ID

20 Texas agricultural products are selected and exhibited at separate stations. Contestants select the correct identification of each product from four possible answers. Following, the product identification, each station has one multiple choice question pertaining to the product on display. Contestants are given 40 seconds at each station to answer both questions.

FASHION SHOW

The fashion show recognizes **individual** 4-H members who have excelled in clothing projects and exhibit skills in the application of knowledge of fibers and fabrics to wardrobe selection, clothing construction, or comparison shopping, fashion interpretation and understanding of style, good grooming and poise in front of others, and modeling and presentation of themselves and their garments.

Buying categories: Business/Interview attire, Fantastic Fashions under $25, Semi-formal to Formal, and Special Interest

Construction categories: Everyday Living, Refashion, Semi-formal to Formal, Theatre/Costume Natural Fiber: Wool/Mohair or Cotton. http://fcs.tamu.edu/clothing/4h/packet/

EDUCATIONAL PRESENTATIONS

A 4-H educational presentation is a demonstration of your knowledge and skills in a certain project area. This presentation is done in a way that is most comfortable to you. It can be accomplished using props (method demonstration), posters or media presentations (illustrated talk), or it can be you just speaking and convincing, or simply educating, with words alone (public speaking). **1 to 5 members.** Up to 12 minutes.

Categories:

Beef	Horse
Clothing & Textiles	Open—Agriculture & Natural resources
Companion Animals	Open—Family & Consumer Sciences
Health	Open

CONSUMER DECISION MAKING

Good consumer skills can help you get more for your money. Consumer Decision Making gives youth the opportunity to make wise decisions when shopping. Consumer Decision Making is a judging contest designed to teach kids to observe, compare and make consumer based decisions based on facts. 4-Hers use their consumer knowledge to rank similarly based products to fit a given scenario. Kids learn to organize their thoughts and to defend their decisions in oral reasons.

3 to 4 member teams

http://d94-h.tamu.edu/eventsandcontests/bigtime/consumer-decision-making/

DUDS TO DAZZLE

Duds to Dazzle gives youth the opportunity to work as a team to demonstrate their sewing skills. Teams are made up of 3-5 members and will be randomly assigned a category to construct an item out of supplies given on the contest day. Categories include: Wearable, accessory, and non-wearable.

http://fcs.tamu.edu/clothing/4h/packet/

FASHION STORY BOARD

The 4-H Fashion Storyboard is an industry-inspired method of displaying of original designs. The best storyboards create vivid visual images that are interesting and appealing to viewers. The storyboard "tells the story" of the designer's idea. The storyboard includes original illustrations and flats, as well as, additional materials (such as photos from the internet or magazines, paper, fabric swatches, patterns, etc.) that have influenced the unique design. The purpose of the Fashion Storyboard contest is to give 4-H members an opportunity to create a storyboard of their original design. It also provides the members an opportunity to gain knowledge of the career responsibilities of a fashion designer and illustrator, enhance creativity and originality, and develop visual communication skills.

2016 Design Brief : #4HFashionStoryboard

#4HFashionStoryboard2016 Social media has become a stage to not only set fashion trends, but to launch designers. Social media outlets such as Facebook, Pinterest, Twitter, and YouTube are easily accessible, and conversation in nature. Fashion trends are created through social media, trend is not "imposed" on the audience, but instead, it is made available for the audience, and the audience will have the freedom to adopt it or grasp onto part of it.

FOOD CHALLENGE

The 4-H Food Challenge is a contest that allows 4-H members to demonstrate their culinary knowledge and skills. From a set of predetermined ingredients provided, teams of **3 to 5 4-H members** must develop a recipe and prepare the dish within 40 minutes. Teams then make a presentation to a judging panel, explaining the preparation steps, serving size, food safety concerns, nutrition value and cost of the dish.

FOOD SHOW

The 4-H Food Show gives youth the opportunity for educational and personal development and recognizes members who excel in the 4-H Food and Nutrition Project. The Food Show is an **individual** contest in which a 4-H member prepares a dish in one of the contest categories and presents it to a panel of judges. During the presentation and interview with the judges, 4-H members exhibit the knowledge and skills gained through the 4-H Food and Nutrition Project, such as preparation steps, nutrients found in the dish, the functions of various ingredients, personal dietary needs, healthy substitutions, and cost analysis. Picnic Perfect is this years theme!

http://texas4-h.tamu.edu/projects/food-nutrition/

PIT MASTER FOOD CHALLENGE for adults and members

(District only)

Categories: Brisket Spare Ribs 1/2 Chicken Pinto Beans NEW—**Hamburger cook off!**

HEALTHY LIFESTYLES

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.

LEADERS 4 LIFE

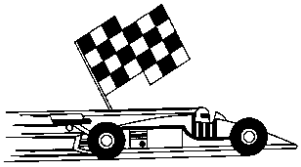
The Leaders 4 Life Skill-A-Thon is a competitive event designed to challenge county 4-H officer teams in their leadership skills, parliamentary procedure, and service learning. **4-6 member teams** compete in two age divisions senior or junior/intermediate. http://texas4-

PHOTOGRAPHY JUDGING

The Texas 4-H Photography Judging Contest allows 4-H members to demonstrate skills in the evaluation, selection, and placing of photographs based on industry standards and expectations. 4-H members participating in the contest will judge six class of photographs and two classes of problems testing both the participants knowledge and skills in the photography project. For a complete set of rules and practice classes, go to:

http://texas4-h.tamu.edu/projects/photography-video/

PINEWOOD DERBY CONTEST (District only)



Come out and try the first ever Pinewood Derby Contest at Big Time in D9!

It will be a county vs. county contest. Each county will work as a team to build their own car and bring it to compete for the top spot. Parts to build a car will be available on site.

There will be 2 chances to win!

Practice followed by official races on Friday as well as a 2nd chance of practice followed by races on Saturday.

Kits will also be available for purchase for $5 a piece so you can make your own pinewood derby car.
Come try it out!

QUIZ BOWLS (District & State only)

A Quiz Bowl helps 4-H members enhance and demonstrate their knowledge and skills in a competitive setting. The Quiz Bowl involves teams of three or four members. Two teams compete against each other at one time, answering questions related to the subject matter with the use of an electronic buzzer system. **3 to 4**

NUTRITION QUIZ BOWL

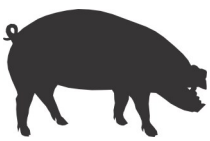
This contest helps participants increase their knowledge of basic nutrition, consumer information, food and kitchen safety, food preparation skills and storage, and nutrition and health.

BEEF QUIZ BOWL

Beef Quiz Bowl is an exciting, fast paced opportunity for youth to display their knowledge of the beef industry and the science surrounding beef cattle. The bowl is played as a double elimination tournament with teams of three to four players going head-to head for

SWINE QUIZ BOWL

Swine Quiz Bowl will be an opportunity for junior, intermediate, and senior age 4-H'ers to compete in a game like atmosphere to show their knowledge in a team competition about the Swine Industry.



http://texas4-h.tamu.edu/projects/swine-2/

HORSE QUIZ BOWL

Horse Quiz Bowl will be an opportunity for junior, intermediate, and senior age 4-H'ers to compete in a game like atmosphere to show their knowledge in a team competition about the Equine Industry.

http://texas4-h.tamu.edu/projects/horse/

4-H SET: RESEARCH POSTER CONTEST

The Research Poster Contest is designed to help youth identify a question or problem, then focus learning and solving the problem using scientific method. The research poster contest will afford youth the opportunity to showcase their accomplishments. Judging will be based on the interest and understanding of the research layout which should include a good combination of text, graphics, and photos. Topics can cover any field as long as it is research oriented, and may include humanities or social sciences that meet the research criteria. **Teams of 2 or individuals** may participate.

WILDLIFE CHALLENGE

Wildlife species include mammals, birds, fish, amphibians, reptiles, insects and more. All wildlife depends on native plants to complete their habitat requirements. In today's natural world, most wildlife habitat requires management due to the changes occurring steadily since our country began. Developing an appreciation and understanding of our natural world at an early age increases the likelihood that wildlife habitat will continue to be managed properly to support an abundance of wildlife species throughout the country. This is the ultimate wildlife challenge.

http://texas4-h.tamu.edu/projects/wildlife-fisheries/

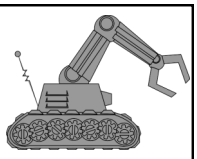
SHARE THE FUN

Provides an opportunity for 4-H youth to develop a spirit of cooperation through working together to develop self confidence through public appearance.**1 to 9 team members** 6 minute limit.

Categories:

- Dramedy
- Poetry Prose
- Vocal
- Musical

ROBOTICS



The field of robotics is expanding at a rapid pace, and Texas 4-H is poised to help lead young people into this exciting field. You will learn how to design, build, and program robots in an exciting and hands-on project.

http://texas4-h.tamu.edu/projects/robotics/

Walker County 4-H Round Up

April 4, 2016

Entries due **March 29, 2016**

To enter call the Extension Office

Big Time in D9

April 29-30, 2016

Lone Star Community College– Montgomery Campus

In The Woodlands, TX

Register on 4-H Connect by April 8, 2016

State 4-H Roundup

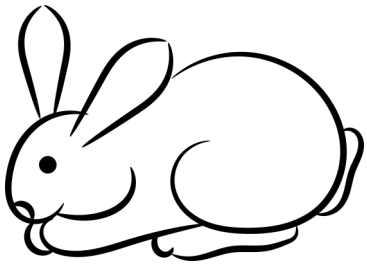
June 6-10, 2016

Texas A&M University, College Station, TX

Register on 4-H Connect by May 20, 2016

WCF Rabbit Tattooing

4-H families tattooing their rabbits for the Walker County fair in April



2016 Scholarship Opportunities

Walker County Master Gardener Scholarship

Attention 2016 seniors if you plan on majoring in a Horticulture or an Environmental Science related field you are eligible to apply for the Walker County Master Gardener Scholarship. Scholarship applications are available at the Extension Office. Deadline for turning in the application is April 15th.

Huntsville Ag Booster Scholarship

Walker County 4-H seniors and FFA seniors are eligible to apply for the Huntsville Ag Booster Scholarship. The application and questionnaire can be downloaded from the HISD website. Completed applications must be postmarked by April 15th. Don't miss this great opportunity.

Wesley & Wilma Sherrill Memorial Scholarship

Walker County 4-H members that will be graduating from high school this spring are eligible to apply for the Wesley & Wilma Sherrill 4-H Memorial Scholarship. This $1000.00 scholarship was established in memory of Wesley & Wilma Sherrill. Mr. Sherrill was a County Extension Agent in Walker County from the 1950's until his retirement in 1980. Applications are available at the Extension Office. The deadline for turning in applications is April 22nd.

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