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Important Dates

Specific Meeting Information (location and times) may be found under the respective section of the newsletter. Just click the project in the table of contents and it will flip right to it.

- ****Now is the time to begin thinking about securing animals for county show (minus steers). Give Charlie a call at the office for help locating your livestock projects.*** 817-598-6172*
- *February 1st - Parker Co. 4-H Food and Nutrition Project Meeting (see Food and Nutrition to RSVP)*
- *February 1st - Parker Co. 4-H Entomology Project Meeting (see Entomology to RSVP)*
- *February 8th - Parker Co. 4-H Food and Nutrition Project Meeting (see Food and Nutrition to RSVP)*
- *February 12th - Parker Co. 4-H Fashion Show Entries Due (see Fashion and Interior Design Project)*
- *February 14th - Parker Co. 4-H Dog Project Meeting (see Dog Project to RSVP)*
- *February 14th - Parker Co. 4-H Show Bird Project Meeting (see Livestock Project to RSVP)*
- *February 15th - Parker Co. 4-H Rabbit Project Meeting (see Livestock Project to RSVP)*
- *February 15th - Texas 4-H Foundation Scholarship Application Deadline (see Parker Co. 4-H)*
- *February 15th - Texas Extension Education Association Scholarship Application Deadline (see Parker Co. 4-H)*
- *February 19th - Parker Co. 4-H STEM Project Meeting (see STEM Project to RSVP)*
- *February 26th - Parker Co. 4-H Photography Entries Due (see Photography Project)*
- *February 26th - Parker Co. 4-H Fashion Show*
- *March 4th - Parker Co. 4-H PLA @ 6PM @ the Extension Office*
- *March 4th - Parker Co. 4-H Council @6PM @ the Extension Office*
- *March 7th - Parker Co. 4-H Entomology Project Meeting (see Entomology to RSVP)*
- *March 7th - Parker Co. 4-H Food and Nutrition Project Meeting (see Food and Nutrition to RSVP)*
- *March 13th - Parker Co. 4-H Sewing Day (see Fashion and Interior Design to RSVP)*
- *March 18th - Parker Co. 4-H STEM (see STEM Project to RSVP)*
- *March 21st - Parker Co. 4-H Rabbit Project Meeting (see Livestock Project to RSVP)*
- *March 25th - Parker Co. 4-H Fashion and Interior Design Project Meeting (see Fashion and Interior Design to RSVP)*

A Word from Kayla

An oldie, but still very relevant...

Yep, I'm going to say it... a 4 year university isn't for everyone, and that's totally okay.

Dating myself just a bit for this one..

I received my acceptance letter from Texas A&M University early December 2000. Back in the early 2000's, we actually had to wait for an envelope to be delivered in the mail! I graduated from Sweetwater High School in Sweetwater, Texas May of 2001 (18th out of 127), headed to College Station to begin my education at Texas A&M University August 2001, and by golly I was GOING to be a veterinarian.

I was the first person in my immediate family to attend a major university. My parents did not have the money to pay for me to attend A&M and I had received maybe \$2K in scholarships, so I did have to take out student loans. I graduated with a MAg from A&M with \$22K in student loans, considering that was over 6.5 years, I fared pretty well compared to students these days. Mind you I did work 18-25 hours a week to help pay my expenses.

College ate my lunch! I was smart in high school, took all the AP and dual credit classes offered at that time, news flash, no matter how smart you are in high school, college is a completely different animal, and there are a lot of smart people at A&M. I was pretty close to transferring to Tarleton after my first semester but my best friend and roommate talked me out of it. I quickly realized that I would not have the grades for vet school, ended up changing my major 3 times (extending my time an extra semester), and graduated with a 2.7 undergrad. I had absolutely no clue what I wanted to do with my life my final semester of undergrad. I did have a good paying job, so I figured what the heck? Let's try grad school. Thankfully I was accepted even with my 2.7 GPA, I figured out what I wanted to do with my life, carried a 4.0 all through grad school, and the rest is history.

So why am I telling you all of this? Given the opportunity, I don't know that I would do it all over again, knowing what I know now. Don't get me wrong, I loved my time at A&M and I love my job but knowing the opportunities available, I'm not sure that I would follow the same track. I am a firm believer in continuing your education, but who's to say that education has to be a 4 year university? Yes, obviously, if you want to pursue a career that requires a 4 year degree, your options are to get a 4 year degree.

When I graduated from high school, the mindset was that you "had" to get a 4 year degree to become a successful and contributing member of society. I will stand toe to toe with anyone that still has that mindset and gladly show them that is not the case. If you want to get a 4 year degree, AWESOME! If you want to go to truck driving school, AWESOME! If you want to apprentice under someone to learn a skill, AWESOME! If you want to go to cosmetology school, AWESOME! If you want to go to auctioneer school, AWESOME! If you want to become a personal trainer, AWESOME! If you want to go to any kind of trade school, AWESOME! If you want to join the military, AWESOME! You will have my support as long as you are continuing to learn in some form or fashion.

College was not for my husband. If we put all of the classes that he actually passed, together, he might have what equates to an associates degree. Mind you, a lot of money was spent on classes he did not pass. Adam is mechanically minded and likes to be a leader. Once he realized that, the sky became the limit. He is the provider for our family. The salary and benefits that I have with 2 degrees (2 degrees were required for my job, at the time I applied), doesn't come close to matching the salary and benefits he has without a degree.

I'll put it in print one more time...a 4 year university isn't for everyone, and that my friends, it totally okay.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Kayla Neil". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Kayla" and the last name "Neil" clearly distinguishable.



PARKER CO. 4-H

Parker Co. 4-H Council (all Parker Co. 4-H parents are welcome to attend)
Monday, March 4th @6PM @ the Extension Office

JUNE
17-21
2024

EXPLORE
*Stephenville, &
San Angelo
Areas*

Mission

PROVIDE HIGH SCHOOL
YOUTH AN OPPORTUNITY
TO EXPLORE CAREER AND
LEADERSHIP
OPPORTUNITIES IN A
DIVERSE GLOBAL
ECONOMY AS WELL AS
LEARN ABOUT POST-
SECONDARY DEGREE
INSTITUTIONS ACROSS
TEXAS



One of the goals of the CORE Academy is to bring awareness to an assortment of possible careers. These careers do not focus on any one discipline. Career tours can be anything from hospitality, tourism, manufacturing, STEM, criminal justice, culinary arts, agriculture & natural resources, to marketing and promotions. The objective is to expose the youth to careers and businesses that they may have never considered.

\$250
With
Application

Check and Credit Card
Accepted

April
15th

Registration
DEADLINE

GOALS

- 5 Day exploration program
- Experience higher education and career choices
- Meet with industry and business professionals to expose youth to variety of career paths.



Core4H

**CLICK
HERE**

Register
NOW

Participants that are not selected for the 2024 CORE Academy will be refunded their \$250.

HEALTHY TEXAS YOUTH AMBASSADORS

Become trained and recognized as
a student health and wellness
leader in your community!



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WHO CAN JOIN?

Membership is open to all youth entering at least 9th grade regardless of socioeconomic level, race, color, sex, national origin or disability. Ambassadorship is a 12-month commitment, beginning June 2023 to May 2024.



WHEN IS TRAINING?

During the summer, ambassadors will attend a state-wide "Building Healthy Youth to Build a Healthy Texas" Summit. This Summit will lay the foundation for ambassadors to implement health, wellness, nutrition, and safety programs across the state.



WHERE WILL YOU SERVE?

Once training is complete, youth ambassadors will provide 40 hours of service to their community. Hours can be earned through peer-to-peer education, school programs, community programs, and service learning opportunities.



WHAT IS IT ALL ABOUT?

This program is designed for high school age youth who have a passion for health and wellness. Youth will be trained at the local & regional level to become youth health experts who can motivate others to make changes in their lifestyle and improve overall health. More importantly, ambassadors will assist local county extension agents with program efforts, project activities, and much more!

WHY CHOOSE US?

Become a trained student assistant to Texas A&M AgriLife Extension agents, helping to provide leadership with programs.

Become knowledgeable and skilled in the healthy lifestyles subject matter.

Learn to coordinate and present educational events that will encourage better health in your community.

Give 40 hours of service to improve the health of your community.

For more information please contact your local county extension agent or visit the website below.

<https://healthytexas.tamu.edu/resources/youth-ambassadors/>



2024 INFORMATION 2025 HANDBOOK

PROGRAM PURPOSE

The Healthy Texas Youth Ambassador Program aims to develop youth healthy lifestyle leaders to serve as a source of outreach in communities and schools throughout Texas.

More specifically, the purpose is to:

- Assist County Extension Agents in providing leadership to the youth components of Healthy Texas, Texas 4-H, and Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service
- Serve as a leader to implement health programs and lessons in local schools and communities
- Become knowledgeable and skilled in the healthy lifestyles subject matter
- Assist with and coordinate educational events that will encourage better health in communities.
- Be a role model for healthy living!

For more information please contact your local county extension agent or visit the website below.



<https://healthytexas.tamu.edu/resources/youth-ambassadors/>

APPLICATION CHECKLIST

All applications must be completed online on or before:

April 1, 2024

Use the following checklist to ensure your application is submitted correctly.

STEP 1



Do you meet all requirements?

- at least 9th grade
- submit application by deadline
- join Texas 4-H

STEP 2



Did you read, understand and agree to abide by all guidelines set forth in the ambassador handbook?

STEP 3



Did you receive your application confirmation email?



24-25 ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

Healthy Texas Youth Ambassadors must meet certain requirements to be considered for selection as an Ambassador. The requirements are as follows:

- Be in at least the 9th grade at beginning of the 2024-2025 school year
- Submit completed application online by April 1, 2024
- Applicants do not have to be a current member of Texas 4-H, but must agree to become a 4-H member (\$25 annual membership fee due September 1, 2024) if selected to participate in the HTYA program

24-25 MEMBER REQUIREMENTS

Those selected as a *Healthy Texas Youth Ambassador* **must** fulfill the following obligations. Failure to do so may result in dismissal from the program.

- Attend the statewide *Healthy Texas Youth Ambassador* Summit. All fees related to this training will be the responsibility of the *Healthy Texas Youth Ambassador* and/or county program.
- Must be a member in good standing with any other state ambassador programs where membership is held.
- Complete and report 40 hours of leadership, program efforts, or community service annually.
- Attend required continuing education trainings offered face-to-face and/or online.
- Ambassadorship is a 12-month commitment, beginning in June. Ambassadors who fulfill the minimum (40) hours of service will be invited to reapply for the following year.
- Organize at least one community health event during the year with the local *Healthy Texas Youth Ambassador* team and County Extension Agent.

24-25 ATTENDANCE EXPECTATIONS

Healthy Texas Youth Ambassadors must make every effort possible to attend all activities and meetings. If attendance is not possible, notice must be given to the County Extension Agent in charge, in advance, at which time agent(s) will determine if it is an excused absence.

24-25 STATEWIDE SUMMIT

Attendance at the *Healthy Texas Youth Ambassador* summit **is not** optional.
No virtual or alternative options offered.

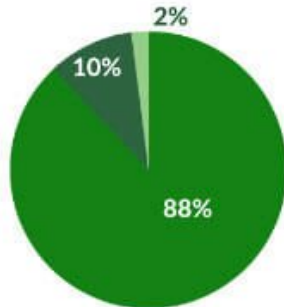
State-wide Summit | June 2-3, 2024 | College Station, TX

Join us Sunday and Monday before Texas 4-H State Roundup in College Station for the 2024 Healthy Texas Youth Ambassador summit.

*Registration will open in May 2024 for all accepted ambassadors.
Youth ambassadors will be responsible for their own lodging.*

Online Application link | <https://healthytexas.tamu.edu/resources/youth-ambassadors/>

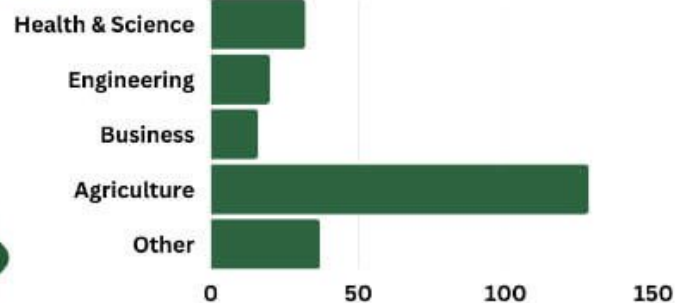
Texas 4-H Foundation Opportunity Scholarship 2023 Annual Report



TYPE OF SCHOOL RECIPIENTS ATTENDED

- Home School
- Public School
- Private School

TOP MAJORS OF RECIPIENTS



AVERAGE GPA OF RECIPIENTS

95.2

TOP 5 UNIVERSITIES RECIPIENTS ARE ATTENDING

94

recipients
attending
TEXAS A&M
UNIVERSITY

37

recipients
attending
TEXAS TECH
UNIVERSITY

21

recipients
attending
WEST
TEXAS A&M
UNIVERSITY

13

recipients
attending
TARLETON
STATE
UNIVERSITY

9

recipients
attending
PRIVATE
UNIVERSITY

54%

female
recipients



46%

male
recipients



SCHOLAR SPOTLIGHT



LANCE HOLLOWAY

"Holloway said that receiving this scholarship meant that everything he did paid off in the end; that "it was all worth it."

Holloway is currently a freshman at Texas A&M University, majoring in Business with hopes of going into the supply chain management field. "I'm not quite sure what my future will hold yet, but after graduation, I want to get a job somewhere back in the east Texas area, in hopefully the agriculture field, or just a business career in general," Holloway said. "I'm also on the trap and skeet team, which, from what I've learned in 4-H, I've kind of carried that over into the team for Texas A&M."

Holloway is thankful for his time in 4-H and recognized that the many opportunities presented to the youth in the Texas 4-H program would not be possible without the support of the many donors. "First off, I want to tell them thank you for contributing to one of the best programs for kids. I think 4-H is an amazing thing for meeting friends and learning valuable things that you can take with you throughout your life," Holloway said. "What I would say to the donors is just thank you for donating to such an organization that is helpful to so many youth in Texas."

TEXAS 4-H OPPORTUNITY SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

ABOUT:

The Texas 4-H Foundation Opportunity Scholarship Program awards academic scholarships each year to applicants based on their academic record, 4-H experience, and financial need. Thanks to our generous donors, we are able to award scholarships to 4-H members through Baccalaureate, Collegiate, Courageous Heart and Technical Scholarships. The goal of the scholarship program is to provide scholarship opportunities for 4-H members to attend a Texas college or university, to pursue a broad range of academic majors. Texas 4-H Youth Development has a proud history of providing young people with opportunities in leadership, citizenship, community service, and personal growth. The Texas 4-H Foundation Opportunity Scholarship Program began in 1959 with a \$1,000 scholarship. Since that time, our scholarship program has experienced tremendous growth, currently awarding over 220 scholarships totaling more than \$2.7 million annually.

INVEST IN THE FUTURE:

Any donation to the scholarship program makes a difference in the future of a young person. Supporting the Texas 4-H Foundation Opportunity Scholarship Program will ensure that deserving 4-H youth are able to expand their educational goals in preparation to become future leaders of our communities, state, country, and world.



TYPES OF SCHOLARSHIPS:

Baccalaureate:

Awarded to students who wish to pursue a Bachelor of Science or Bachelor of Arts degree from an accredited Texas College or University.

Collegiate:

Designated for former Texas 4-H members who have been graduated from high school for at least one year, at time of awarding, and have completed a minimum of 30 hours of college credit at a grade point average of at least a 2.7.

Courageous Heart:

Awarded to Texas 4-H members that are pursuing either a Baccalaureate or Technical degree and have had to overcome an extreme obstacle while staying active in both 4-H and school.

Technical:

Awarded to students who wish to pursue technical certification in a recognized and approved major or course of study.

TEXAS 4-H

FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIPS

2023 Texas 4-H Foundation Opportunity Scholarship Important Dates

- November 1, 2023 – Application will be available online
- December 2023 - Complete FAFSA by Mid December
- February 15, 2024, by 11:59 PM – Deadline to Apply
- April 2024 – Interviews in College Station
- May 2024 – Award Notifications
- June 2024 – Scholarship Banquets in College Station

COMPLETED FAFSA REQUIRED TO APPLY

You must complete your FAFSA (The Free Application for Federal Student Aid) before submitting your scholarship application at <http://www.fafsa.gov/>. This is required for Baccalaureate, Technical, and Courageous Heart scholarships. Please complete this before mid-December.

If you wait, you may not have time to get the FAFSA paperwork submitted and receive the SAR report before the Texas 4-H Opportunity Scholarship application deadline. This is a required document to be attached to your application, without this you will not be able to apply.

Resources and Helpful Links

- [TEXAS 4-H FOUNDATION WEBSITE](#)
- [SCHOLARSHIP HANDBOOK](#)
- [SCHOLARSHIP PORTAL FAQ](#)
- [TEXAS 4-H FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIP PORTAL](#)

TEXAS EXTENSION EDUCATION 4-H SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

TEXAS EXTENSION EDUCATION ASSOCIATION 4-H SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

The Texas Home Demonstration Association was organized in August, 1926 by 399 women attending a Farmer's Short course at A&M University. One of the purposes for organizing was to establish a scholarship for a deserving 4-H girl. This original scholarship of \$200 has grown to 12 in 2002, given annually at \$1000 each (\$500 Fall; \$500 Spring); however, in 1997, only four \$100 scholarships were given due to lack of funds. Funding of these scholarships began with a 5 cent donation per member in 1926. Scholarships are now funded through the annual TEEA budget and awarded to a 4-H boy or girl, one per District. The twelve \$1500 TEEA State scholarships are open to any qualifying 4-H'er in the respective District where the youth lives, regardless of there being a TEEA or no TEEA in the county.

SCHOLARSHIP SUBMISSION PROCESS

The following is due to the Parker Co. Extension office by 5PM February 15, 2024...

- Envelope labeled with the applicant's name and county.
- Only a black and white copy of Texas 4-H Recordbook from the previous year's Texas 4-H Recordbook judging deadline of August 31 accepted.
- Official high school transcript with ACT and/or SAT scores included.
- Completed TEEA 4-H Scholarship Application.
- Two letters of recommendation: one from a county Extension agent or 4-H club manager and one from a teacher, employer, or community leader (not a relative).

[Click here for TEEA 4-H Scholarship Application and Guidelines](#)



PARKER COUNTY 4-H

RECORD BOOKS

4 - H RECORDBOOKS

County Record Books Due: Tuesday, June 18, 2024

Helpful Links

- [Family Guide to the Texas 4-H Record Book](#)
- [Record Book Score Sheet](#)
- [Record Book Categories](#)
- [Record Book Forms](#) (under General Information)
- Kayla's Road to the Record Book Short Instructional Videos
 - Please note...the record book format has changed since I filmed these videos, however I feel they are still very helpful in how to break down the process of completing your record book.
 - [Road to the Record Book #1](#)
 - [Road to the Record Book #2](#)
 - [Road to the Record Book #3](#)
 - [Road to the Record Book #4](#)
 - [Road to the Record Book #5](#)
 - [Road to the Record Book #6](#)
 - [Road to the Record Book #7](#)
 - [Road to the Record Book #8](#)
 - [Road to the Record Book #9](#)

Parker Co. Parent Leader Association

We Need You!



WHAT WE DO

- Support the Extension Office
- Raise funds for camp sponsorships
- Cash for Clovers Scholarship Fundraiser



4-H Parents of Parker County, all are welcome and encouraged to join!

Going to have a senior soon? Come find out more about the PLA 4-H scholarship opportunities!

JOIN US:

1st Monday of each
month @ Extension
office 6pm

MORE INFORMATION

FACEBOOK: PARKER COUNTY 4-H PARENTS
GROUP



PCLIA NEWS

CURRENT INFORMATION REGARDING THE
2024 PARKER COUNTY STOCK SHOW

YOU ARE ENCOURAGED TO FOLLOW THE PCLIA FACEBOOK PAGE
FOR THE MOST UP TO DATE INFORMATION

[PCLIA RULE BOOK](#)

[YOUTH FAIR RULE BOOK](#)

[PCLIA FACEBOOK](#)

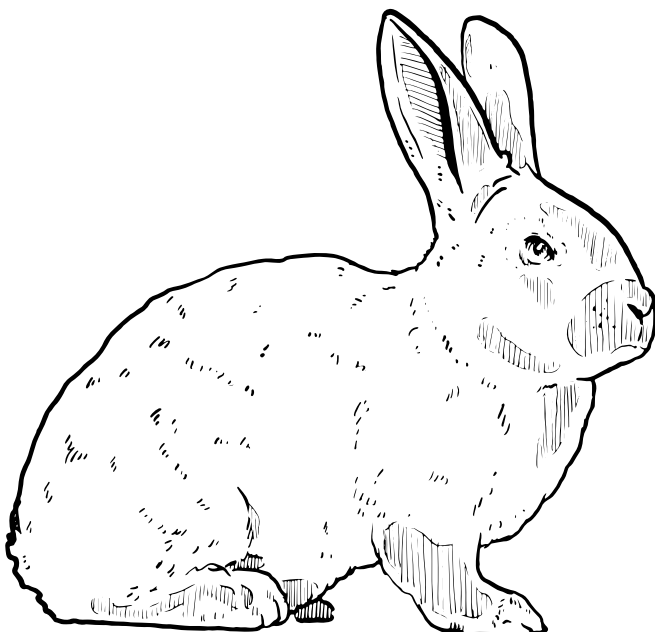
- ******Now is the time to begin thinking about securing animals for county show (minus steers). Give Charlie a call at the office for help locating your livestock projects.*** 817-598-6172***
- February 19th - Market Rabbit Breeding dates
- May 4th - 7AM-9AM - Market Rabbit Tag-In

PCLIA MARKET RABBIT INFORMATION

- For specific question regarding the show, contact the PCLIA Rabbit Superintendent, Lynn Sowders 817-564-3704.
- Market Rabbit Breed Date - February 19th
- Market Rabbit Tag-In May 4th 7AM-9AM at the PCLIA Show grounds
- Rabbits must be 70 days old the day of show, Market Rabbit show is May 29th.

PCLIA RABBIT BREEDER LIST

- Gordon and Happy Carver - Californias and Satins, Weatherford, TX 817-946-8473
- Wyatt and Shelly Hampe - Californias, Springtown, TX 817-291-8331
- Phil Liles - Californias and New Zeland's, Bridgeport, TX 817-401-6755
- Duane Coleman - New Zeland's, Californias and Champagne, 870-949-1073
- Mallory Goldman - Californias and New Zeland's, Alvarado, TX 214-796-2356
- Brian Brodash - Californias and New Zeland's, Waller, TX 713-806-2172



PCLIA 2024 SCHEDULE

ALL TIMES ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE***ALL PENS MUST BE CLEANED WHEN REMOVING ANIMALS AFTER SHOWING.

Monday, May 27

5PM	Exhibitor Arrival.....	EAST SIDE NEW BARN
6PM	"The Greatest Show on Earth" Opening Ceremonies.....	EAST SIDE NEW BARN

Tuesday, May 28

7AM	Breeding & Dairy Heifers & all Longhorns Move In.....	CATTLE BARN
7AM	Breeding & Market Sheep Move In.....	ASSIGNED PENS
7AM	Market Poultry Check-In.....	NEW RING
8AM	Market Poultry Show.....	NEW RING
9AM	Fancy Birds in Place.....	NEW RING
9AM	Longhorn Show: Heifers followed by Steers.....	OLD RING
10AM	Fancy Bird Show.....	NEW RING
11AM	Meat Skillathon	POSSE BLDG
3PM	Project Fair	POSSE BLDG
1PM	Heifer Check In. Last Call Will Be 2PM.....	OLD RING
3PM	Sheep Weigh In. Last Call Will Be 4PM.....	NEW RING

Wednesday, May 29

7AM	Market & Breeding Rabbit Check-In.....	EAST SIDE NEW BARN
8AM	Breeding Heifer Show followed by Dairy Heifer	OLD RING
8AM	Market Rabbit Show Followed by Breeding Rabbit Show.....	EAST SIDE NEW BARN
8AM	Breeding Sheep Show Followed By Market Lambs.....	NEW RING
3PM	Breeding & Market Goats Must Be In Place.....	ASSIGNED PENS
3PM	Market Goat Weigh In. Last Call Will Be 4PM.....	NEW RING
4PM	The Maverick Showmanship.....	NEW RING
5PM	Pigs Can Begin Moving In.....	ASSIGNED PENS

Thursday, May 30

8AM	Dairy Goat Check-In.....	OLD RING
8AM	Steers Can Begin Moving In.....	ASSIGNED PENS
8AM	Ag Mechanics begin Arrival.....	EAST SIDE NEW BARN
8AM	Breeding Goat Show Followed By Market Goats.....	NEW BARN
9AM	Dairy Goat Show.....	OLD RING
3PM	Swine Must Be In Place.....	ASSIGNED PENS
3PM	Crops Must Be in Place.....	POSSE BLDG
4PM	Crop Show.....	POSSE BLDG
4PM	Steer Weigh In & Must be in Place. Last Call will be at 5PM.....	OLD RING
5PM	Market Swine Weigh In & Classification.....	NEW RING
8PM	All Ag Mechanics must be in place.....	EAST SIDE NEW BARN

Friday, May 31

8AM	Ag Mech Show.....	EAST SIDE NEW BARN
8AM	Breeding Gilt Show followed by Market Swine.....	NEW BARN
4PM	Steer Show.....	OLD BARN
7PM	Master Showman at Conclusion of Steer Show.....	NEW BARN

Friday, June 7

9AM	Awards.....	OLD BARN
10AM	Premium Sale Of Champions.....	NEW BARN SALE RING



DISTRICT 3 4-H

This section will contain links and general information related to District 3 4-H information including District 3 4-H contests and activities

[D3 4-H Events Link](#)

Calendar

2024

***Events with a "Q" require county qualification

January

Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa	Su
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	31				

February

Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa	Su
			1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29			

March

Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa	Su
				1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
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January 2024

1st – Reg. Opens Duds to Dazzle (Q)
 1st – Reg. Opens Fashion Show (Q)
 1st – Reg. Opens Fashion Storyboard
 1st – Reg. Opens D3 Round-Up
 1st – Reg. Opens Photography (Q)
 1st – Reg. Opens Record Book (Q)
 1st – Reg. Opens Rifle Pistol
 15th – Reg. Opens Horse Judging Contest
 15th – Reg. Opens Consumer Decision Making
 15th – Reg. Opens Meat Judging

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March 2024

16th – Reg. Closes: Meat Judging
 17th – Reg. Closes: Duds to Dazzle
 17th – Reg. Closes: Fashion Show
 17th – Reg. Closes: Fashion Storyboard
 28th – Meat Judging (in Lubbock)
 29th – Reg. Closes: Horse Judging Contest

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April 2024

Trap Reg TBA
 Archery Reg TBA
 6th – Reg. Closes: Rifle/Pistol
 6th – Fashion Show, Duds to Dazzle and Fashion Story Board (Archer City)
 12th – Horse Judging (Vernon)
 17th – Reg. Ends: D3 Round-Up
 17th – Reg. Ends: Photography
 20th – Rifle/Pistol Contest (Wichita Falls)
 23rd – Reg. Ends: Consumer Decision Making

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May 2024

4th – Trap Contest
 6th – Quiz Bowl Contests (Vernon)
 8th – D3 4-H Roundup (Vernon)
 18th – Archery Contest

June 2024

3rd-6th – State Roundup (College Station)
 13th-15th – Teen Leader Lab
 19th-21st District 3 Horse Show (Decatur)



4-H CONSUMER DECISION MAKING

Do you like to shop?

Learn how to save money while shopping in the consumer decision making project. You'll learn how to compare prices, test for quality and make purchases based on facts and research.

In this project you will learn how to compare prices, test for quality and make purchases based on facts and research. You will also improve your: Money management skills, Smart purchasing skills and Decision-making skills.

This section will have practice consumer decision making classes and reasons examples to help you prepare for the District 3 4-H Consumer contest in the spring.

Activewear

Scenario

Camille purchased her new running shoes, but she needs new low or no-show socks!! She MUST avoid blisters, so she needs socks that will pull the moisture away from her feet and dry quickly. She also wants socks that stay put, don't slide down, and that will resist bad smells.

Camille wants to spend no more than \$12 per pair of socks.

Item #1

Merino 10 Ultra Light No Show Tab



We combined Targeted Compression and anatomical design with a distinct blend of Merino wool and Tencel fibers to create a more advanced merino sock.

- Targeted compression at the arch where it's needed most.
 - Anatomical design enhances fit, delivering maximum comfort and protection by eliminating blisters.
 - Ultra thin construction takes up minimal room inside the shoe.
 - Merino 10 insulates when wet—keeping your feet warm in wet, cool conditions.
 - The Perfect Toe® (No irritating toe seam.)
 - No Show Tab height sits below the ankle for maximum versatility.
- Conforms to left and right structure of the foot providing enhanced fit and reduced risk of blisters.

\$33 for a pack of 3



Item #2

KONY 6 Pairs Women's Cotton Cushion Running Athletic Low Cut Ankle Tab Socks

- 98% combed cotton / 2% polyester
- **【FEATURES】** 6 pairs / Breathable Mesh Knit / Thick Cushion Sole & Non Slip Heel Tab Design / Moisture Wicking and Air Ventilation / No deformed & No fade.
- **【ARCH SUPPORT SPORT SOCKS】** Help relieve pain & discomfort on the running. And boost your performance for any sport activity. Our low cut athletic socks would perfectly matches with any sport shoes, running shoes, climbing shoes and casual shoes. Stretchable band for added support and stability
- **【CUSHIONED SOLES & TAB DESIGN】** Soft sole cushioning enhance the air permeability of sport socks, reduce the foot pressure caused by the beat. Extra gear on the heel provides abrasion protection. Protecting your achilles tendon from injury due to shoes friction. Featuring mesh knitting on top of socks, these no show socks will keep your feet fresh, odor-free and cool all day long.

\$15.99 for a 6-pack

Item #3



Balega Hidden Comfort No-Show Running Socks

Super soft and stretchy, but amazingly they resist slipping when they're on your foot. While the bottom is cushioned, the top is nearly see through so you'll stay cool on any run. Available in a slew of fun hues and with a low cut that barely peeks out of your shoe, the sock offers a pop of color.

No show cushioned running sock provides comfort and performance during extended training and activity

- Proprietary Drynamix wicks moisture away from skin, and specially constructed, reinforced microfiber mesh ventilation panels keep feet dry, preventing blisters.
- Hand linked seamless toe box minimizes friction, preventing chafing on top of the foot; reinforced heel and toe for durability
- High heel tab and extra deep heel pocket prevent socks from slipping down: enhanced Elastane provides additional no slip security
- High volume impact resistant cushioning and plush 200 needle count fabric offer race tested foot protection

\$20 for 2 pair

Item #4



Farm to Feet Raleigh Lightweight Sport Low Socks

- 53% Merino Wool/44% Nylon/3% Lycra Spandex
- Made in US
- Machine Wash
- Merino wool is soft, itch-free, naturally odor and bacteria resistant, cool in the summer and warm in winter
- Advanced construction creates a smooth exterior and a low-profile fit that is ideal for technical and sport socks
- Half-density cushioning to adds softness and wicking performance without dramatically affecting sock thickness
- Compression from the top of the sock through the arch creates a comfortable fit that helps support the foot throughout the day
- To ensure long-lasting comfort and fit, Farm to Feet socks should be machine washed cold and laid flat to Dry

\$18 (each pair)

It's Your Turn

Submit a chart and a set of reasons (handwritten) by February 20th and the highest scores will be entered into a drawing for a \$100 Amazon/Target/or Walmart gift card. Only open to currently enrolled Parker Co. 4-H members.

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#4									

CLASS PLACINGS -

I placed this class of

In my top pair I placed



4-H DOG PROJECT

Wednesday, February 14th @6PM @ Extension Office
RSVP Required

[Click Here to RSVP for February](#)

Please RSVP by Noon the day before the meeting
for planning purposes.

[2024 Texas 4-H Dog Show Rules](#)

THE BRAZOS COUNTY 4-H K9 CLUB

Presents...

BRAZOS COUNTY 4-H DOG SHOW

Open to all Texas 4-H Members

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 17, 2024

CHECK IN: 8AM

SHOW: 9AM

Louis Pearce Pavilion

555 George Bush Drive W.
College Station, TX 77840

EARLY REGISTRATION FORMS MUST BE POSTMARKED BY:

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 5, 2024

Late registration fee of \$25 will be apply

COMPLETE ENTRY FORM ONLINE:

<https://forms.gle/aoTaH5cRashESGwR7>

QUESTIONS:

brazoscountydoggclub@gmail.com

Brazos County 4-H K9 Club

Attn: Wendy Hall

10501 Dogwood Trail

College Station, Texas 77845

-OR-

via Venmo QR code:

Venmo: @BrazosCo4HK9



PLACEMENT ROSETTES AND AWARDS WILL BE PRESENTED FOR 1ST THROUGH 5TH PLACE:

Best In Show Purebred, Best In Show Non-Purebred, Best Junior Handler,
High in Trial Photography, High in Trial Obedience, High in Trial Rally,
High in Trial Tricks & High in Trial Costume

BUCKLES AWARDED TO:

All-Around Champion and All-Around Reserve



All Class descriptions and rules will follow the *Texas State 4-H Dog Show Rule Book*.

Copy of the rules can be found on the *State 4-H Website*.



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TEXAS A&M
AGRI LIFE
EXTENSION



Save the Date



Tarrant County 4-H Dog Show

Saturday April 6th, 2024

held in Fort Worth

Hawaiian Themed.

Events include.

Obedience Rally Tricks
Individual Drill

If interested contact Renee at
Evpooodle@gmail.com or 682-344-7581.

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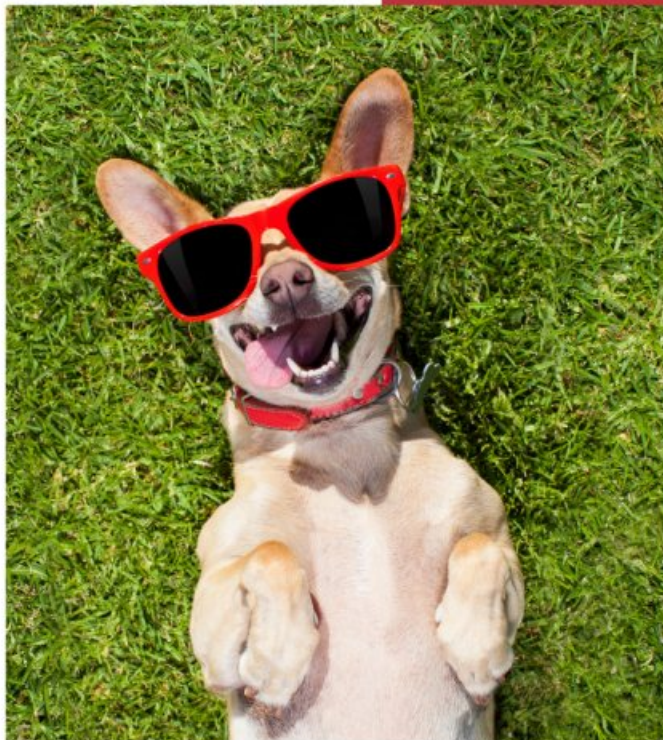
4-H DOG PROJECT



- September 13th - Introduction to Dog Project, Equipment and Etiquette.
- October 11th - Routine Dog Veterinary Care and Nutrition.
- November 8th - Walking on a Leash and the Confirmation Ring
- December 13th - Sit and Down, Dog Validation Requirements, Rally Basics, Dog Identification
- January 3rd - Parker Co. Animal Shelter Tour
- January 10th - Texas 4-H Dog Validation Due, Routine Dog Grooming and Review of Tricks Class.
- February 14th - Dog Olympics
- March 8th - Rally Pattern
- April 10th - Obedience
- May 8th - Dog Project Showcase and Graduation
- July 11th - 13th - Texas 4-H Dog Show location TBA

TEXAS 4-H DOG SHOW CLASSES AT A GLANCE

Note: The 2023-2024 Texas 4-H Dog Show Rules have not yet been released. The information below is based off of the 22-23 Rules and is subject to change.



Canine Good Citizen

- The Canine Good Citizen testing is a non-competitive opportunity for exhibitors to demonstrate their dog's basic good manners and earn the Canine Good Citizenship certificate through AKC. Started in 1989, the CGC Program is designed to reward dogs who have good manners at home and in the community. The CGC Program is a program that stresses responsible pet ownership for owners and basic good manners for dogs. All dogs who pass the 10-step CGC test may receive a certificate from the American Kennel Club. Testing is subject to certified judge availability.
- The 10 Steps are...
 1. Accepting a friendly stranger
 2. Sitting politely for petting
 3. Appearance and grooming
 4. Out for a walk (walking on a loose lead)
 5. Walking through a crowd
 6. Sit and down on command and staying in place
 7. Coming when called
 8. Reaction to another dog
 9. Reaction to distraction
 10. Supervised separation

TEXAS 4-H DOG SHOW CLASSES

Photography

A detailed description of categories, size requirements and the photo submission process will of course be included in the 23-24 Rule Book.

- Dog - Still Life
- Dog - Active
- Storyboard
- Theme
- Funny Dog

Costume

Divided into age divisions - Junior, Intermediate and Senior. Judged on...

- Creativity - produce or create (not purchase) something unique, new and original.
- Showmanship - Personality, poise, confidence, expression and stage presence.
- Costuming - Appropriate for age and youth audience.
- Material Chosen - Appropriate for audience and the ability of the performer.
- Audience Appeal - Evokes reaction from audience that is desired from the performance.

Conformation

- Dog is judged on breed standards
- Shown in group classes
- Purebred dogs do not have to be registered
- Non-purebred dogs will be shown by weight

Showmanship

- Exhibitor is judged on ability to handle a dog
- Patterns may be directed
- Exhibitors may be asked questions regarding: dog anatomy, breeds, health and nutrition and 4-H trivia (resources found on Texas 4-H Dog Project page)
- Broken into age divisions and skill levels

TEXAS 4-H DOG SHOW CLASSES CONTINUED

Rally

- A series of signs give instructions for exhibitor to follow
- More relaxed than obedience
- May give hand and voice commands
- Broken into skill level and age division

Obedience

- A series of commands (signs or verbal, depending on level of experience) will provide direction to exhibitor
- Must choose between hand or voice commands, cannot use both
- Broken into skill level and age division

Drill

- Dog/Handler teams choreographed to music
- Exhibit obedience commands
- 5 minute routine

Freestyle Drill

- Props are allowed
- 1-3 or 4 or more members

Traditional Drill

- No props
- Minimum 3 members

Tricks

- Set list of tricks and point values
- Exhibitors handle dogs through 4 tricks from the list

Dog Skill-a-thon

Consists of a series of stations that are designed to test the exhibitor's dog science knowledge and skills.

- Individual contest
- Age divisions
- Don't have to show a dog to compete
- Stations formatted as matching, multiple choice, short answer etc.
- Topics include but not limited to:
 - animal behavior, care, safety and restraint
 - health and disease
 - anatomy, physiology and conformation
 - breed id
 - famous dogs/ working dogs / dog sports
 - nutrition and feeding
 - housing, facilities and training
 - genetics, reproduction and management of breeding animals
 - records management

Dog Olympics

Olympics is designed to encourage participation in the dog project and attend state dog show even if they are not yet ready to participate in the other higher level events.

- Push ups - the goal is for the dog to perform as many "push ups" as possible in 1 min. A push up begins with the dog sitting, then lying down, and coming back up to a sit.
- Marathon Sit - the goal for this event is for the dog to sit and stay for as long as possible.
- Treat Toss - the dog that can catch as many treats as possible in 1 min.
- Tail Wagging - for the dog to wag their tail as many times as possible in 30 seconds.
- 20 Yard Dash - for the dog to run as fast as possible to their owner 20 yards away.



4-H ENTOMOLOGY PROJECT

Thursday, February 1st @6PM@ the Extension Office
RSVP Required
[Click Here to RSVP](#)

Thursday, March 7th @6PM @ the Extension Office
RSVP Required
[Click Here to RSVP](#)

Please RSVP by Noon the day prior to the project meeting



Parker Co Entomology

FEBRUARY 1

**READY TO PIN? MAKE SURE YOUR
INSECTS ARE RELAXED FIRST!**



**PLEASE VISIT PARKER COUNTY 4-H
ENTOMOLOGY PROJECT ON FACEBOOK TO
SEE EXACTLY HOW TO MAKE A RELAXING
CHAMBER IN THE PINNED VIDEO.**

Teen Leader: Emma Hauprich

Adult Leader: Tiffany Beasley



4-H FASHION AND INTERIOR DESIGN PROJECT

Parker County 4-H Fashion Show
Monday, February 26, @6PM @ Extension Office

[2024 Fashion Show Rules and Guidelines](#)

[Click Here to Enter the 2024 Parker Co. 4-H Fashion Show](#)

Wednesday, March 13th 4-H Sewing Day - Bring your sewing projects and come sew with us. This is NOT a structured camp and is NOT a learn to sew. This is a come and go day to work on your sewing projects and catch up on your bag. Sewing hours will be 9AM-3PM.

[Click HERE to RSVP](#)

Fashion and Interior Design



January Meeting

Thanks for coming to the January Meeting! Everyone who participated was able to learn how to thread their machine and wind their bobbin.

Everyone was able to continue making their bags and anyone who wasn't there was able to start cutting out fabric. So don't think that it is too late to come to the fashion meetings. Next month will be our county fashion show and even if you aren't competing we hope to see you there to support our other competitors!



**NEXT MEETING IS
FEBRUARY 28TH!**

Valentines Day Gifts

Hand Warmers

We also learned how to make hand warmers at our January Meeting. These are great gifts for Grandparents, Moms, Dads, or anyone who likes to stay warm!

Instruction:

1. Cut out two pieces of fabric (It doesn't matter what size but they do have to be the same)
2. Place the two pieces right sides together and sew around 3 sides.
3. Flip inside out and fill with rice.
4. Sew the hole up.
5. Heat up in the microwave for 10-30 seconds and enjoy!

Valentines Cards

Cards from the store are great and easy but when you make cards they are extra special! Think of a design and draw, decorate with stickers, or anything you love!





23-24 Sewing Projects

Enjoy life while you're still young!



September- Hair clips, which we will be donating to Operation Christmas Child.

October- We will be sewing fall tree pillow cases.

November- We will be make some ornaments that would be great for Christmas gifts or to hang on your tree.

December- (No meeting)

January- We will be making Valentines Day handwarmers to keep you warm in the cold winter.

February- Parker County Fashion Show!

March- Duds to Dazzle practice.

April- For the last meeting we will be making a lip balm holder that would be great for teacher gifts!

*All year long we will be working on reading a pattern and individual projects



"Smiles are always in fashion"



4-H FOOD AND NUTRITION PROJECT

MEETINGS AT THE EXTENSION OFFICE
(CLICK THE MEETING TO RSVP)

RSVP IS REQUIRED

- \$5 will be collected from each participant to cover the cost of supplies when you sign up
- Sign-up will close the Monday before the meeting by Noon
- We will not be able to offer refunds so don't sign up unless you know for sure you can attend
- Click the date of the meeting you'd like to sign up

Thursday, February 8th - Clovers and 4-H'ers @6PM @ Extension Office

Thursday, March 7th - Clovers and 4-H'ers @6PM @ Extension Office



- QUICK BREAD 101 -

What is a quick bread?

A bread recipe made without yeast.

How does it rise?

Uses baking soda or baking powder, combined with an acid to make bread rise.

Tips for Making Quick Bread

- Heat oven to proper temperature before mixing batter.
- Mix dry ingredients well to distribute leavening agent.
- Do not mix wet ingredients with dry ingredients until ready to go in the oven. The rise reaction happens as soon as they mix.
- Mix thoroughly by do not over mix.

Source: Michigan State University



honey whole wheat quick bread



Honey Whole Wheat Quick Bread

JANUARY 17, 2024 BY [DINNER TONIGHT](#)

Do you want fresh bread but are in a time crunch or overwhelmed at the thought of using yeast? This Honey Whole Wheat Quick Bread recipe can be ready in about an hour and is a delicious, fiber-packed addition to your meal!

Instructions

1. Preheat oven to 300 degrees Fahrenheit.
2. Spray a 9" x 5" loaf pan with non-stick spray.
3. In a large mixing bowl, whisk together whole wheat flour, all-purpose flour, flax seeds, baking soda and salt. Set it aside.
4. In a medium bowl, whisk together buttermilk, honey, and oil.
5. When oven is preheated, Combine the wet ingredients into the dry ingredients and mix only until combined with a wooden spoon. Do not overmix.
6. Place batter into prepared loaf pan. Smooth the top of the batter.
7. Sprinkle the slivered almonds and chia seeds on top, and gently push down into the dough to get them to stick.
8. Bake for 55 minutes or until done.
9. Remove from the oven and let cool on wire rack for about 10 minutes before removing bread from the pan. Cool completely before slicing. Slice less than one half inch to get 14 slices.

Ingredients

- 2 cups [whole wheat flour](#)
- 1 cup [all-purpose flour](#)
- 2 teaspoons [baking soda](#)
- 1/4 teaspoon [salt](#)
- 2 cups [low-fat buttermilk](#) room temperature
- 1/4 cup [honey](#)
- 2 1/2 tablespoons [olive oil](#)
- 2 tablespoons [ground flax seeds](#)
- 2 tablespoons [slivered almonds](#)
- 2 tablespoons [chia seeds](#)

Nutrition Facts

14 slices servings per container
Serving size 1 slice (74g)

Amount per serving

Calories **160**

% Daily Value*

Total Fat 4.5g 6%

Saturated Fat 0.5g 3%

Trans Fat 0g

Cholesterol 0mg 0%

Sodium 290mg 13%

Total Carbohydrate 26g 9%

Dietary Fiber 3g 11%

Total Sugars 7g

Includes 5g Added Sugars 10%

Protein 5g

Vitamin D 0mg 0%

Calcium 57mg 4%

Iron 1mg 6%

Potassium 135mg 2%

*The % Daily Value tells you how much a nutrient in a serving of food contributes to a daily diet. 2,000 calories a day is used for general nutrition advice.



4-H HORSE PROJECT

PARKER CO. 4-H MOUNTED HORSE PROJECT MEETINGS

- Must provide your own horse
- Participants must be 8 and in the 3rd grade
- Must be currently enrolled in Parker Co. 4-H

RSVP IS REQUIRED TO RECEIVE ADDRESS

Current Proof of Negative Coggins is Required at Every Meeting

Novice Horse Project Meetings: For youth new to horse project, limited riding experience, and have never competed in a horse show.

Advanced Horse Project Meetings: For youth that have experience in horse competition settings and have shown, can comfortably lope/canter and can consistently identify and pick up the correct lead.

Important Dates

Novice Horse Project Meetings - February

- Every Tuesday @5PM @ the Youth Center

Advanced Horse Project Meetings - February

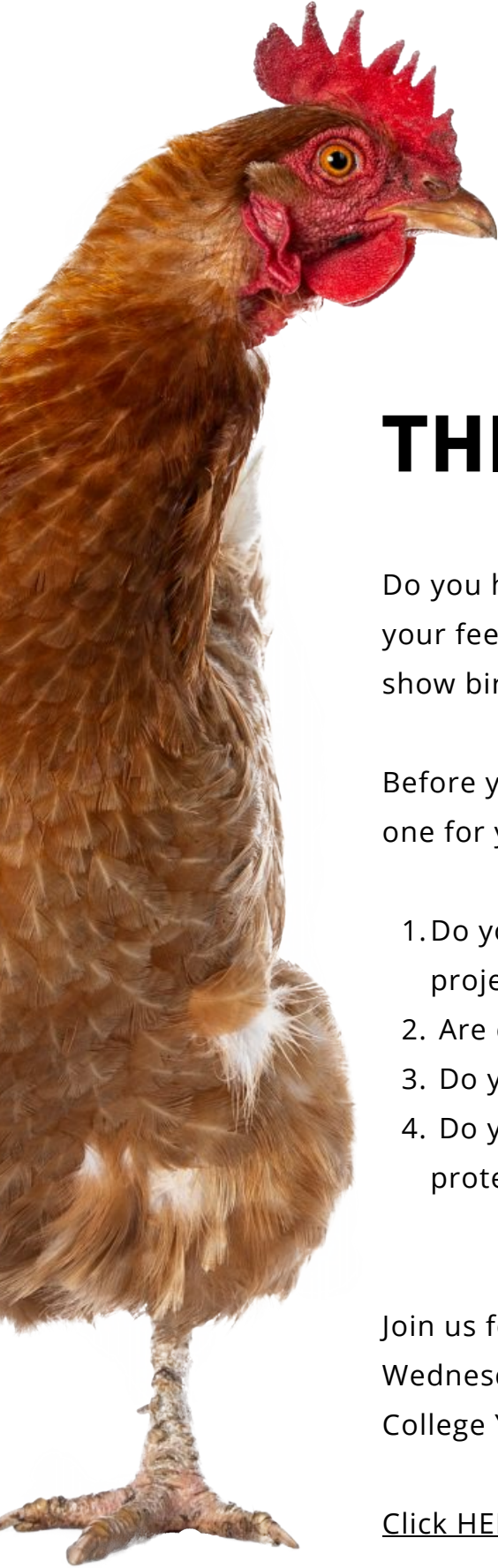
- February 6th @6PM
- February 20th @6PM

- *****NEW*** 2024 Texas 4-H Horse Show Rules and Guidelines**
- April 1 - Horse Validation Deadline for Parker County 4-H Horse Show
- April 20 - Parker County 4-H Horse Show



4-H LIVESTOCK

- **February 14th** - Show Bird Project Meeting @ 7PM @ Youth Center on Tin Top [RSVP Here](#)
- **February 15th** - Rabbit Project Meeting @ 6PM @ Youth Center on Tin Top [RSVP Here](#)
- **February 19th** - PCLIA Market Rabbit breed date
- **May 4th** - 7AM-9AM PCLIA Market Rabbit Tag-In



4-H SHOW BIRD PROJECT

THINK ABOUT IT

Do you have backyard chickens? Are you looking to get your feet wet with a great starter livestock project? The show bird project just might be for you.

Before you decide that the show bird project is the right one for you, answer these questions with your family.

1. Do you have the time and money to care for your project?
2. Are chickens allowed where you live?
3. Do you have a place for the coop?
4. Do you have a way to make sure your chickens are protected from other animals in the area?

Join us for our first Show Bird Project meeting on Wednesday, February 14 @ 7PM @ the Weatherford College Youth Center on Tin Top.

[Click HERE to RSVP](#)

February 2024

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Rabbit Project



Breed Spotlight: Flemish Giants

The Flemish Giant rabbit is the largest breed of domestic rabbit. Flemish Giants are historically a utility breed used for their fur and meat. They are often kept as pets as they are known for being docile and patient when being handled. Believed to have originated in Flanders, Belgium, the Flemish Giant was bred as early as the 16th Century. The docile personality of the Flemish Giant has earned it the nickname "Gentle Giant", and its varied use as pet, show, breeding, meat, and fur have made it a universal rabbit. – The Flemish Giant, often tip the scales at over 20 lbs.



Market Rabbit:

Why should you eat rabbit meat? You could just eat chicken, beef, or pork. Rabbit meat is protein-packed, lean, and low in cholesterol. You can even use it as a replacement for chicken in any recipe. Aside from the health benefits of rabbit, they are one of the most efficient animals to produce. They take up very little space and can be processed once they reach 10–12 weeks of age. Rabbits have a high feed conversion ratio of about 2–3:1, meaning that for every 2–3 lbs of feed they ingest, they will produce 1 lbs of meat. Overall, rabbit meat is one of the healthiest and most efficient meats to consume.

Upcoming Dates:

Next meeting dates: All Meetings will be held at 2752 Tin Top Road, Weatherford at 6 pm. Please RSVP!

February 15th - Planning for County Show

March 21st - Basic Rabbit Care

April 18th - Showmanship

May 16th - Record keeping

Show Deadlines

PCLIA Market Breed Date - 2/17

PCLIA Market Tag-in - 5/6

PCLIA Market & Breeding Show - 5/29

Parker County Rabbit

Project Facebook Page:

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/1053251702715660>



4-H MARKET BROILER PROJECT

THINK ABOUT IT

Though it's not quite time to purchase market broilers for county show just yet. If you are new to the project and you're considering it, you need to get started on housing for your birds now. Market broilers respond best to a controlled environment that can be heated and cooled. They should not be kept with your backyard laying hens. Below are some things to keep in mind for market broiler housing.

Information compiled using the [Texas 4-H Poultry Explorer Guide](#)

Housing

Housing Structure The most ideal structure for housing your chickens is one that can be fully enclosed so that it can protect your chickens from any dramatic changes in temperature, but can also allow natural light and air in. You can easily set up a pen in a barn, garage, or workshop as long as you have the ability to regulate temperature along with ventilation. A good rule of thumb is to provide at least two square feet of floor space per chick. An existing storage shed can make a great place to house your birds. Source: <https://aglifesciences.tamu.edu/posc/wp-content/uploads/sites/20/2012/08/EPS012-How-to-Produce-Broilers-andRoasters-for-Show-1.pdf>

Bedding:

By selecting the right bedding for your birds, you can ensure that they are raised in a healthy, clean environment which will have a positive impact on their growth performance. Before you bring your birds home, make sure to set up their pen. The bedding will provide your chicks warmth, as well as cushion, for their feet and breast when they lay down. A few examples of good bedding for your poultry project are: rice hulls, wood shavings, or coarse, dry sawdust.

Make sure to lay down at least 4 inches of bedding on the floor of your chick's pen. It is essential to make sure the bedding is kept dry by cleaning out the pen on a regular basis. Wet bedding can harbor diseases and can cause respiratory problems in your birds. A good way to determine if the bedding is too wet is by grabbing a handful of bedding and squeezing it together. If it sticks, it is too wet and you need to replace it with dry, clean bedding.

Temperature Control:

Just like other animals, poultry have a thermoneutral zone, which is when the temperature feels just right to them. If the temperature is above their thermoneutral zone, then the birds are susceptible to heat stress, whereas if the temperature is below, the birds will use more of their energy in order to stay warm.

Using fans in your poultry house can assist in keeping your birds cool during the hot months. The best type of fan system would be to use fans that are controlled by timers or thermostats. It is important to remember that you need to allow fresh air to enter the poultry house through doors or windows. If you don't have the ability to install fans with timers, stir fans can be setup in the house to help cool off your birds. The fans need to be placed 2 to 3 feet off the ground which will allow for the cool air to blow across the birds.

Air conditioners can be useful (and honestly are necessary for a county show our time of year) in your poultry house during the warmer months. You must be careful when using air conditioners because your birds can get acclimated to the cooler climate, then can become heat stressed when you take them to a show where they will be housed in a non-air-conditioned environment. It is important to note that excessive heat stress can kill your birds, so you need to keep this in mind when setting up your ventilation system in your poultry house.

Lighting:

By providing 24 hours of natural or artificial light to your poultry project, you can help improve their feathering along with their weight gain. After you remove the heat lamps, you can hang a 40-watt bulb 6 feet above the birds to provide them with artificial light.

Temperature Guideline for Broilers and Turkeys

Age (Days)	Broilers (F)	
	Day	Night
0-4	88	90
4-8	86	88
8-14	84	86
14-21	82	84
21-30	80	82
30-35	78	78
35 and older	76	78

<https://www.uaex.edu/publications/PDF/FSA-8004.pdf>

Below are a few very helpful videos created by former Parker Co. 4-H Ambassador, Breck Spikes, to help 4-H'ers get ready for their broiler projects.

Breck's dad, Brennon has offered to share his knowledge with anyone interested in the market broiler project. Just give him a shout with questions you might have 817.694.1259

- [Broiler Project Basics - When You First Get Your Birds](#)
- [Broiler Project Basics - Bedding, Bird Spacing and Feeding and Waterer Spacing](#)
- [Broiler Project Basics - Feed Transition, Temperature and Water](#)
- [Broiler Project Basics - Feed and Final Culls](#)



Texas Pork Producers Summer Internships

APPLICATION MATERIALS ARE DUE TO THE TPPA OFFICE BY MARCH 15, 2024

The purpose of this internship is for the selected student(s) to become involved in the pork industry by actively engaging in the daily functions of the Texas Pork Producers Association. Intern(s) will not only work to enhance the development & delivery of program activities, but also assist in providing communications & educational opportunities for producers, youth and the public about the pork industry.

RESPONSIBILITIES

1. Observe the functions of an agricultural organization.
2. Gain communications and public relations experience.
3. Learn about producer and youth educational programs.
4. Learn about marketing, promotional & public relations programs.
5. Be involved in the development & implementation of said programs.
6. Represent TPPA in a professional & positive manner throughout the internship

SCHEDULE

10-12 week internship during the summer, with details, will be determined on an individual basis. The intern will be actively involved in various activities and tasks, including but not limited to the following:

1. Represent TPPA at industry events.
2. Assist with marketing & pork promotion; design advertisements, build web content.
3. Prepare, organize & carry out functions of the Texas Pork Industry Conference & Youth Symposium, Texas Pork Leadership Camp, and more.
4. Be involved in the writing of press releases and feature stories for the Producer Connection magazine and TPPA website.
5. Perform daily office tasks including: answering phones, filing, data entry & assisting membership.

SELECTION CRITERIA

Position(s) is available to any student, but preference will be given to those meeting the following criteria:

1. A Texas resident.
2. A full-time college student with an agricultural-related major that has experience in communications, marketing and journalism.
3. A student in good scholastic standing with excellent written & oral communication skills.
4. Exhibits a genuine interest in animal agriculture.

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

The intern will be paid on an hourly basis to help cover expenses during the summer and/or a scholarship will be paid directly to their college institution. Details will be discussed prior to the beginning of the internship.

APPLICATION PROCESS

To apply, [CLICK HERE](#). Applications must be submitted by March 15th.



4-H PHOTOGRAPHY

- **February 26th** - Parker Co. 4-H Photography Entries Due

[23-24 Parker County 4-H Rules and Guidelines and Helpful Photography Links](#)

[23-24 Parker Co. 4-H Photography Entry Link](#)



4-H STEM PROJECT

[Monday, February 19th @6PM @ Extension Office](#)

Click the meeting date to RSVP. Please RSVP by Noon the day before the meeting for planning purposes.

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STEM NEWSLETTER

BY: FINLEY VAN DYK

What is Ag Engineering

Agricultural Engineering is a field of engineering that focuses on the design, development, and improvement of agricultural machinery, equipment, and technology to increase a farm's productivity. Their main objective is to make farms more sustainable and eco-friendly. They evaluate and solve problems such as pollution control, management of natural resources, sustainable agriculture, the environmental impact of intensive agriculture, and how farms manage agricultural products after harvest.

Agricultural Engineering typically focuses on the design and construction of agricultural land and agricultural equipment, but may also be involved in the development and construction of other types of agricultural infrastructure, such as warehouses, water storage tanks, and dams. It is a multidisciplinary field of engineering that integrates new technology, such as artificial intelligence, with agricultural principles. It combines mechanical engineering, civil engineering, electrical engineering, and chemical engineering. In this industry there are BOTH degreed and technical educational pathways.

Careers

Careers for Agricultural Engineers

- Agricultural production engineers
- Agricultural research engineers
- Biosystems engineers
- Conservation engineers
- Farm equipment engineers
- Research agricultural engineers
- Architectural and Engineering Managers
- Biomedical Engineers
- Civil Engineers
- Environmental Engineers
- Hydrologists
- Industrial Engineers
- Mechanical Engineers



Upcoming Meetings!

The next meeting is February 19th at 6 pm. The topic is Geology, Oil & Gas and we will have a special guest speaker and hands-on activities! Please RSVP!

Please visit our STEM Project Facebook page for special announcements, interesting articles, and fun experiments! <https://www.facebook.com/groups/3503112219909914>



4-H CLUB NEWS

Join the Club

February 2024

Aledo 4-H Newsletter

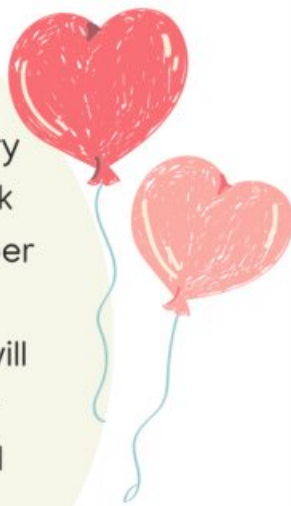


Member Spot Light

This month's Member Spotlight is about Luke Roach! Luke has been in Aledo 4-H for 2 years. He is 13 years old and enjoys showing Swine. He also participates in Livestock Judging. Luke likes 4-H because of all the friendships he is able to make and all the fun he has at our meetings.

Community Service: February 2nd at 10:00 am Bearcat Park clean up – bring a trash grabber if you have one.

Valentines for Seniors – we will be making valentines at our February meeting for a local senior community.



Upcoming Dates:

Our next meeting will be on February 12th at the Aledo Community Center. 6:30 for Clovers and Officers and the General meeting at 7:00 pm.

February 2nd Community Service Bearcat Park 10:00 am

February 15th Rabbit Project at 6 pm

February 19th STEM Project Meeting at 6 pm

The Flower Power Fundraiser has started and will end in May. Please share the Flower Power website with all your friends and family for Spring flowers. All proceeds go to fund our community service projects and our scholarships.

<https://www.flowerpowerfundraising.com/index.php/marketplace/seller/profile/shop/aledo4hclub>



WEATHERFORD DAY

JANUARY/FEBRUARY NEWS UPDATE



MAIN MEETING

- *We voted to get new flags.
- *Mrs. Brittany Parsons spoke to us about upcoming Round-Up and Consumer Decision Making.

CLOVER MEETING

- *The clover kids had Shelby Hampe do a presentation on rabbits.
- *Kids asked questions, pet rabbits, and colored.

FEBRUARY MEETING UPDATE & SNACKS

- *February 15th meeting program will be a presentation on floral arranging by a local florist!
- *Bring your favorite Valentine's Day snack-something unexpected, savory, sweet, spicy, or even salty snacks!
- *Community Service will be a Size 5 Diaper and Wipes Drive for Grace House Ministries.

Clover Mtg-2 Regular Mtg-2:30 @4-H Office



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