

## JEFFERSON COUNTY 4-H NEWS

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### Note from your County Extension Agent

This year we have over 330 4-H'er's enrolled in the Jefferson County 4-H program. If you are new this year, or you've been in 4-H for a while we want your experience to be a very positive one. Everyone should have at least one project, and if the project you are interested in is not offered in your club, please call the office so we can see what we can do. If your club meeting dates or times don't fit your schedule, we have other clubs that you can look in to, just let us know so we can help.

There are several projects to be involved in. Some of the county projects are county-wide and anyone can participate in these projects. Feel free to call and find out what is available or check your monthly newsletters.

Remember, when projects, activities, events and contests are mentioned in the newsletter, and you are a little interested, please call the office, 409-835-8461, to find out more and any other questions you might have. Please let us help make your 4-H experience all it can be!

### Record Books and Star Awards

 In order to apply for a Star Award you must do a record book. Record books are due to the Extension office by **June 17th**. Star Award applications are due on **July 15th** as well as, Club Scrap Books and Secretary Books.

Star Award interviews will be scheduled at a later date. We encourage everyone that is interested in applying for a Star Award, please do a record book even if you are not participating in District competition. **Star Awards are:**

- 4-H Rookie of the Year is to recognize a 4-H'er for outstanding accomplishments their 1st year in 4-H, regardless of age.
- 4-H Bronze Star—9-10 years old as of Aug. 31st of the current 4-H year.
- 4-H Silver Star—11-13 yrs. Old as of Aug. 31st of the current 4-H year.

- I Dare You Award must be at least 14 on Aug. 31st of current 4-H year.
- 4-H Gold Star—Must be at least 15 on Aug. 31st of the current 4-H year.

#### **Club Awards:**

- Club Scrapbook—Clubs use their creativity to prepare a scrapbook depicting the involvement of their membership during the current 4-H year. One cash prize will be awarded to Club winner to use as they deem appropriate.
- Club Secretary Records—keeping of accurate, neat club meeting records provides an opportunity for Club Secretaries to submit their records for an award and their records will also be displayed at the annual County recognition program.





## Club's Corner.....

**Youth Council News**— The next Youth Council meeting will be held on April 18th, at 6:30 pm. We will have officer applications available for anyone interested in running for an office. In order for you to run for an office for Youth Council you will need to be President, Vice President, Council Delegate or Teen Leader of your

club for the upcoming 2016-17 4-H year and be able to fulfill Youth Council duties.

**Grace 4-H**— collected shoes for Orange residents effected by the floods and made blankets for the horses at Stable Spirit.

**HLSR**— Congratulations to Savannah Westbrook of Hamshire-Fannett 4-H and Bailey Branef, of

Amelia 4-H for catching calf's at the Calf Scramble. Both will be given a \$2000 certificate to purchase a steer to show next year at HLSR. Also, Amelia 4-H Club member, Blayne Branef, placed 10th out of 66 steers with her steer, Bolt at the Fort Worth Stock Show & Rodeo, and sold him at the FWSSR Sale of Champions.

## County Dog Show

On March 12th, we held our 2nd Annual Dog Show. This year we had 10 participants! The categories and participants were: Addison Caraway; Cassie Cormier; Dallas Crabtree; Mallory Crabtree, 1st in Obedience, 2nd in Showmanship & Costume; Anthony Holliday; Christopher Holliday; Colton Key, Most Improved; Helen Moore, 3rd Obedience, 3rd in Rally, 1st in Showmanship & Best in Show; Elsie Morris Thomas, 2nd Obedience, 2nd Rally, 3rd Showmanship & Best in Show; Kyra Sobutka, 1st in Rally, 3rd in Costume. Congratulations to all our participants!



## County Fashion Show

Our County Fashion Show was held on February 27th. We had nine 4-Her's and 1 Clover Kid participating. Listed below are the names and categories:

**Clover Kid:** Vallie Deville; **Juniors/Construction:** Peace Msengi, Everyday Living, 1st; **Intermediate/Construction:** Maggie Landry, Everyday Living, 1st; Hope Msengi, Everyday Living, 2nd; **Intermediate/Buying:** Miriam Simpson, Special Interest, 1st; **Senior/Buying:** Lairen Cal-

houn, Fantastic Fashions Under \$25; Elsie Morris Thomas, Semi-Formal/Formal; Noah Landry, Special Interest, 1st place;

**Senior/Construction:** Jayme Deville, Semi-Formal/Formal, 1st place; Naamah Baaheth, Semi-Formal/Formal, 2nd place;

Thanks to our judges for their time and assistance. If you are going to participate at District the deadline is April 5th to submit your paperwork and online via 4-H Connect by April 10th.

## BBQ Fundraiser & King/Queen Contest



This is a fund raiser to support the activities and events of Jefferson County 4-H. The date of the event is April 16, 2016, and we will put the dinners together. We hope your pre-sales are going well or better than last year.

We will also have a 4-H BBQ Queen and/or King from each club and then an overall BBQ Queen and King will be chosen. Rules:

4-H clubs should select their candidates (1 boy &/or 1 girl) to the Royal Court according to the highest total of individual ticket sales. Every year each club is represented during ticket sales by their queen/king candidate. There are no age requirements. They must have completed at least one (1) project to be eligible to

serve as candidate. Clubs Queen/King Candidates name & all ticket sales must be turned in by April 4, 2016 to the Extension Office. Again, this year's King/Queen will each receive a buckle along with a monetary gift.

Also there will be a drawing for a BBQ grill with cover. The cost of the ticket for the drawing is \$1. Thanks to Tubal-Cain Industries for donating the grill this year. This will be a huge fundraising effort which will require everyone's help and cooperation. So mark your calendars for April 16, 2016 to help during the event and sell those tickets.



## District Horse Show & Validation

If you are planning to participate in the District Horse Show you will need to validate your horse(s) by April 15th. The cost is \$10.00 per horse, \$20 after April 15th to April 30th. The District Horse Show is scheduled for June 20-22, 2016 with on-line entries due by June 1st. You will need to upload pictures in 4-H connect if this is your first year competing. Please call the 4-H office if you need help with 4-H Connect or more information.



## County Rifle match



The County Rifle Match will be held on April 9th at the Golden Triangle Gun Club. Anyone who is planning to participate in this event will need to: *1) have a membership form on file; 2) paid their \$10 project fee.* Please call the Extension office or let Mr. Maxwell know if you will participate as you will need to turn in a eligibility form (pink form) before participating in the event. The District Rifle Match will be held on May 7th in Rosenberg. You will need to let Mr. Maxwell know if you will participate by April 15th. Also, will need to register via 4-H Connect by April 24th and the fee is \$15.00 per person, per contest.

## Major Show Validation Tag Orders

*It's that time of year again for major show tags. Remember payment must accompany orders:*

**Swine:** If you are interested in showing pigs in **Dallas** you will need to order validation tags in by **April** Please call if interested.

**Lamb/Goat:** If you are interested in showing a lamb or goat in **Dallas** you will need to order validation tags by April 15th and the cost is \$10.00 per tag.

**Steer:** If you are planning to show steers in **ANY** of the major shows, Houston, Fort Worth, San Antonio, Dallas, etc., you will need to order steer tags. The cost of each tag is \$10.00 and due when you place your order. The deadline to order tags is **April 15th**.





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3	4	5 Vet Science meeting 6:00	6	7	8	9 County Rifle Match
10 District Roundup entry deadline	11	12	13 Tractor Supply Clover Campaign starts	14	15 Horse validation deadline State Photo. deadline	16 BBQ Pickup Day
17	18 Youth Council meeting 6:30	19 Vet Science meeting 6:00	20	21	22	23 Dist. Judging Contests
24	25	26	27	28	29 District Roundup →	30

# MAY

<i>Sun</i>	<i>Mon</i>	<i>Tue</i>	<i>Wed</i>	<i>Thu</i>	<i>Fri</i>	<i>Sat</i>
1	2	3	4	5	6	7 District Rifle Match
8	9	10	11	12 State Roundup Registration/fees	13	14
15	16	17 Adult Leader Task Force Mtg. 6:30	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30 Holiday/ Extension Office Closed	31				

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