

Cherokee AgriLife News

SPRING 2018

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May 15—Breakfast CEU Series (1 CEU Hour), Rusk
June 19—Breakfast CEU Series (1 CEU Hour), Alto

Master Gardener Spring Plant Sale

Saturday, April 14th

8:00 am—2:00 pm

Ruth B Nichols Arboretum

1015 SE Loop 456 Jacksonville, TX

For additional information contact Kim

Benton at 903-683-5416

Forestry & Wildlife Field Day

Thursday, April 26th, 8:30 am—1:30 pm

I.D. Fairchild State Forest

2028 US Hwy 84 W

Rusk, TX 75785

FREE Registration with lunch provided

RSVP to zgates@tfs.tamu.edu

Landowners from Cherokee & Anderson Counties are welcome to attend the 2018 Annual Forestry & Wildlife Field Day. The day will begin with a history of the I.D. Fairchild State Forest by District Forester, Jason Ellis. Then throughout the day, attendees will travel to four field sites (on hay covered trailers) to learn about forestry & wildlife management. During lunch, Adrian Van Dellen, current chair of the Texas Black Bear Alliance, will give a presentation.

Site #1: Understory Management Techniques to Provide Wildlife Habitat - Annie Ferrell, District Wildlife Biologist, National Wild Turkey Federation
Donna Work, Biologist, Texas A&M Forest Service

Site #2: Shortleaf Pine Restoration
Dr. Eric Taylor, Silviculturalist, Texas A&M Forest Service
Jeff Brister, Soil Conservationist, NRCS

Site #3: Wildlife Habitat Management Practices
J.B. Wynn, Region 9 Quality Deer Management Assoc. for LA, OK & TX
Reuben Gay, Wildlife Biologist, Texas Parks & Wildlife

Site #4: Native Understory Plant ID & Pollinators
Kim Benton, Cherokee CEA-Horticulture



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4-H Headlines



Willie Arnwine, CEA—4H/YD

Experience Texas Government in Real-Time!
Austin, Texas

Join Texas 4-H in Legislative Process as you submit, debate, and decide the fate of legislation affecting Texas!

Save the Date: July 22-25, 2018
Sheraton Austin at the Capitol

Open to 4-H members in 9th to 12th grades

4-H Youth participate as members of the House of Representatives/Senate, Press Corps, or Lobbyist!

Registration Timelines:

Legislative Bill Submission:	February 12th - May 15th
Lobbyist Applications Open:	February 12th - March 23rd
Press Corp Applications Open:	February 12th - March 23rd
Early Bird Registration:	April 1st - April 30th
Regular Registration:	May 1st - May 31st
Late Registration:	June 1st - June 15th

All 4-H members attending are required to submit an individual legislative bill!

To learn more about Texas 4-H Congress, Submit Bills, and Apply for Press and Lobbyists Corps, visit:
texas4-h.tamu.edu/events/congress/

Texas 4-H Congress...

This is a great opportunity for Senior 4-H members to take a first-hand look at how laws are made. Participants take on the roles of senators and representatives as they sponsor and present bills on the floor of the Texas State Capitol Building. These kids will sit in the same desks where our real lawmakers have sat for nearly 200 years. They will walk the same hallways, eat in the same chambers and use the same committee rooms to debate their bills as the do our State Congressmen and women. Several will play the role of press-core, others will play the role of lobbyist. Regardless of the role played, these kids will have an opportunity to learn more than can be taught in any classroom. They will become part of the process and also part of history itself. Suits and business attire are the required daily dress, as these kids will be fully immersed in their role as a lawmaker. This opportunity is only offered in even numbered years. For more information, contact: Willie Arnwine (903)683-5416.

Texas 4-H State Roundup

Several of our 4-H members have already qualified to compete at the State 4-H Roundup by advancing through the District 4-H Round up. However, did you know that there are invitational competitions available for intermediate and senior members to participate in as well? There is no previous advancement qualifications to compete in these contests. **The following contests are open to all 4-H members who are in the 6th – 12th grades as of the September 1, 2017 school year:** • Agriculture Product Identification • Archery • Discover Scientific Method Research Poster • Entomology Identification • Healthy Lifestyles • Hippology • Invitational Livestock Judging • Invitational Meat Judging and Identification • Livestock Skill-a-thon • Photography Judging • Poultry Judging • Soil Judging • Swine Quiz Bowl • Robotics Challenge • Vet Science Skill-a-thon • Wildlife Challenge

<https://texas4-h.tamu.edu/events/roundup/>

Cherokee Co Soil & Water Conservation District #427 Invitational Forestry Workshop & Judging Event

WEDNESDAY APRIL 18, 2018

I.D. FAIRCHILD STATE FOREST

8:00 – 8:30 REGISTRATION AND CHECK IN
9:00 WORKSHOP BEGINS
11:00-12:00 LUNCH
12:30 CONTEST BEGINS

ENTRY FEE: \$40.00 PER FFA/4-H TEAM OR \$10.00 PER INDIVIDUAL (INCLUDES LUNCH)

PRE-REGISTER BY APRIL 13TH

<https://www.judgingcard.com/Registration/Info.aspx?ID=7924>

June 11-14, 2018
College Station, TX

COUNTY REGISTRATION INFORMATION AND INSTRUCTION MANUAL

This event will be an educational opportunity to review the basics of the Forestry CDE and familiarize students with the contest. The afternoon event will be an actual contest to help prepare students for the event. This event will precede the State Forestry CDE which will be held on Thursday, April 19, 2018. Texas A&M Forest Service staff will be in charge of the workshop as well as the contest and will be available to answer questions. For more information and directions contact the NRCS office at 903-683-4669 (ext 3).

4-H Fishing Camp



June 20-22, 2018
Texas 4-H Center
Lake Brownwood, Texas



Fishing Camp participants will have the opportunity to learn everything they need to know about fishing in Texas waters, from creating lures to permit laws. They will also participate in their favorite events from the Texas 4-H Center such as challenge course, dances, and team challenge.

Fishing Camp is open to youth that have completed 2nd grade-11th grade

Registration Information

Registration Fees
\$220/youth participant
\$110/adult Chaperone
Through June 2nd
Late fee added 10% after
June 3rd

Go to:
texas4hcenter.tamu.edu
and click on the "Register Now" Button

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Mission Possible 2018



July 2nd-July 4th
Texas 4-H Center
Lake Brownwood, Texas



Registration February 1st- May 31st \$175/camper

An inclusive camp for youth with medically diagnosed disabilities.

3rd-12th grade
Up to age 21

Mission Possible is:

- A unique co-educational and inclusive traditional camp experience
- Provide an inclusive, camp environment for youth with and without disabilities.
- Raise awareness and educate 4-H members about the disability community.

- Registration covers all meals, lodging, health care, programming fees and T-shirt.
- Registrations accepted on a first come first served basis until May 31st.
- Please note any food allergies or special meal requests on the registration form.
- Initial registration can be made with a \$25 non-refundable deposit through May 31st.
- All payments/balance must be received by June 14th.

For an application contact:

Cari Snider
325.784.5482

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County Camp I & II 2018



County Camp I: July 5- July 7
County Camp II: July 9- July 11



County Camps are a tradition dating back over 40 years to when the 4-H Center was first built. They are a perfect fit for a first time or returning camper, someone that wants to try it all, or someone that wants to spend time with people their age and make new friends. Programs are age based and include traditional camp activities such as:

- Archery
- Rifle
- Challenge Course
- Swimming
- Crafts
- Sport Fishing
- Kayaking
- Dancing
- Team Challenges
- Field Games
- and more!



Registration Fee: \$180/youth, \$90/adult
Early bird (prices shown) thru June 14
Late fee additional 10%

Register Online texas4hcenter.tamu.edu
click the "Register Now" button

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County Camp III 2018



Outdoor Adventure
July 11-13, 2018



County Camp-Outdoor Adventure is returning for the second year! We will focus on outdoor education and activities. Campers will learn about the outdoors through exciting new programs.

Activities may include:

- Sport Fishing
- Paddling
- Arrow Making
- Muzzle Loading
- Wildlife/Hunter Education
- Kayaking
- Knot Tying
- Challenge Course
- Skills Trails
- Dancing



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Aaron Low, CEA-AgNR

CEU Breakfast Meetings

Those in need of CEUs for their Pesticide License can join us each month for our Breakfast CEU Meetings. Each meeting will be a Dutch treat breakfast and those in attendance will receive one hour of Pesticide CEU credits.

There will be a one-time \$10 fee for attending the yearlong Breakfast CEU Series.

The following dates, times and locations have been set.

(Notice the 7 a.m. start time for the June Meeting)

April 17 th	6:30 a.m.	Beverly's Café—Jacksonville
May 15 th	6:30 a.m.	Whataburger—Rusk
June 19 th	7 a.m.	Mollie's Diner—Alto

East Texas Wild Pig Seminar

Friday, April 20, 2018

Texas A&M AgriLife Research & Extension Center
1710 N FM 3053—Overton, TX
Additional Information Call: (903) 236-8429

- 8:30 Registration, Coffee & Donuts
- 8:50 Welcome, Larry Pierce—Regional Program Leader, East Region Agriculture & Natural Resources
- 9:00 Biology, Damage, Economic Impacts & Toxicant Updates, Dr. Aaron Sumrall, Newton CEA—Ag/NR
- 10:00 Disease, Laws & Regulation Updates
Tuffy Hale, Texas Animal Health Commission—Gilmer
- 11:00 Trapping Demonstrations
Dr. Aaron Sumrall, Newton CEA—Ag/NR
- Noon Seminar Wrap Up & Evaluation

2 CEU Hours for Texas Dept. of Agriculture Pesticide License Holders
(1 Laws & Regs and 1 IPM)

Registration Fee of \$10.00 payable at the door.

Program Sponsor: Rozell Sprayer Manufacturing

TSCRA Ranch Gathering

Who: TSCRA members & local ranching community are welcome to attend.

What: Update on TSCRA activities & other issues facing ranchers

Where: Cavender's Neches River Ranch
Neches River Road—Jacksonville, TX

When: Thursday, April 19, 2018

RSVP: Call 800-242-7820 ext. 192 or register online at
<http://tscra.org/ranch-gatherings/>

Tri-County Beef & Forage Workshop

Friday, April 27, 2018

Cherokee County Showbarn
611 SE Loop 456—Jacksonville, TX

- 8:30 Registration
- 9:00 Restricted vs. Non-Restricted Herbicides, Pasture Weed and Brush I.D. and Control (1 General)
Clint Perkins
- 10:00 Common Health Problems in Cow Herds (1 IPM)
Dr. Jason Cleere
- 11:00 Keep vs. Cull vs. Value Added
Dr. Jason Cleere
- 12:00 Lunch
- 12:30 Pasture Weed and Brush I.D. and Control Continued (1 General) Clint Perkins
- 1:30 Adjourn

3 CEU Hours for Texas Dept. of Agriculture
(2 General and 1 IPM)

Please **RSVP by Monday, April 23rd**, for meal planning, to
903-683-5416

Registration fee of \$10.00 with checks/money orders made payable to:
Cherokee Beef and Forage

Sponsors Include: Heritage Land Bank, Red River Specialties, East Texas Seed Co., Shelby Savings Bank, Rozell Sprayer Manufacturing Co.

How the Omnibus Spending Bill Impacts Agriculture...

*Tiffany Dowell Lashmet
Assistant Professor & Extension Specialist
Agricultural Law*

Congress passed and President Trump signed the \$1.3 trillion omnibus spending bill, formally called the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2018. [View full text [here](#).] What you might not have realized is that there are a number of provisions included within that bill that will significantly impact agriculture.

“Grain Glitch” Fix.

When Congress passed the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act bill back in December, there were provisions giving additional advantages in form of deductions to producers who sold grain to cooperatives that did not exist for farmers selling to independent buyers. When this was discovered, numerous Congressmen said this was an inadvertent error that would be remedied. The spending bill corrected this “grain glitch” in Division T, Section 101, which essentially does away with the deduction advantaged given to coops under the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act. For more detail, read articles [here](#) and [here](#).

CERCLA Air Emissions Reporting.

You may recall that last year, a federal court found a provision excluding agricultural operations from reporting air emissions from manure to be illegal. [Read prior [blog post](#).] Thus, the clock was ticking and it was expected that producers would be required to report emissions of hydrogen sulfide and ammonia from manure as of May 1, 2018. However, in Title XI of the spending bill, Congress passed the Fair Agricultural Reporting Method (“FARM”) Act. This provision states that the reporting requirements of CERCLA do not apply to the application, handling, or storage of a FIFRA registered pesticide by an agricultural producer or to air emissions from animal waste at a farm. A “farm” is defined as a site or area (including structures) used for the production of a crop, or the raising or selling of animals and produces at least \$1,000 in agricultural products per year. [Read article [here](#).]

ELD/HOS Enforcement Delay for Livestock and Insect Haulers.

The spending bill includes language in Division L, Section 132 prohibiting funding being used by DOT for enforcing the FMCSA regulations related to electronic logging

devices for livestock and insect haulers through September 30, 2018. “Livestock” in this context is defined as “cattle, elk, reindeer, bison, horses, deer, sheep, goats, swine, poultry (including egg-producing poultry), fish used for food, and other animals designated by the Secretary that are part of a foundation herd or offspring or are purchased as part of a normal operation.” Between now and September 30, 2018 the agency is set to further review the new regulations and offer additional guidance on how this applies to the livestock industry. [Read article [here](#).]

Meanwhile, separate from the spending bill, a second 90-day waiver is in place not just for livestock, but for all agricultural haulers, through June 18, 2018. We are currently working on updating our fact sheet on these regulations and I will re-post when those revisions are complete. [Read article [here](#).]

Dairy Labeling Requirements.

You may recall from [this prior blog post](#) that there has been discussion in Congress about dairy labeling standards when certain foods and beverages are plant-based rather than animal based. The House included an instruction in their Report to the FDA to develop a standard of identity for dairy products and to issue guidance to the industry on how to implement this standard. This language builds on the Dairy PRIDE Act, previously introduced in the House and Senate. [Read article [here](#).]

Elimination of SAM/DUNS Requirements.

The bill includes language that exempts farmers and ranchers from the System for Award Management “SAM” and Data Universal Numbering System “DUNS” reporting requirements when enrolling in conservation programs with USDA. Prior to this bill, farmers and ranchers were required to obtain a SAM registration and a DUNS number before they could apply. By doing away with this requirement, Agriculture Secretary Sonny Perdue said the spending bill “clears away red tape for participants on conservation programs” which were not intended for farmers and ranchers, but instead for “billion-dollar government contractors.”

For more information on any of the previously mentioned programs contact: Aaron Low at 903-683-5416 or arlow@ag.tamu.edu.



Garden of Learning

Cherokee County Horticulture Newsletter

Kimberly Benton, County Extension Agent—Horticulture

kim.benton@ag.tamu.edu

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It is Springtime again, and the landscape is refreshed after a long winter nap. There is beauty around every corner now, with explosions of azalea blooms, and wildflowers on the roadside. When most of us see it, we want to bring some of it home with us. If you decide to do that with wildflowers, use scissors, not a shovel. Many people believe it is illegal to pick wildflowers, but that isn't the case. There are no laws against picking them—HOWEVER—there are laws against defacing public property and right-of-ways, which is what you are doing when you dig them up. Also, please be a good steward—if the plant you are thinking about picking is the only one around, please don't. It needs those blooms to make seed for next year. If you see one of our native bluebells blooming, pick it with your camera (and share it)! Those are rare in Cherokee county. Keep an eye out for some flowers that are native particularly to East Texas, like pale purple coneflower (*Echinacea pallida*) and sandyland bluebonnets (*Texensis subcarnosis*), both of which I have seen already this spring.

If you want to bring that wildflower meadow home, there are several seed mixes available for purchase from quality seed companies that will be a native mix. We plant the seeds in October/November, and enjoy the beauty in the spring.

Speaking of azaleas, you can bring those home too, providing you have a loose humusy soil to grow them in (they won't live in clay.) They love water because of their shallow roots, so maintaining them through the summer months can be a labor of love, but you will be happy you did it, come the spring.



Indian blanket (*Gaillardia*) and horsemint (*Monarda citriodora*)



Coreopsis, Tradescantia, Indian paint brushes, wine cups, Baptisia, crimson clover



Sandyland bluebonnets



Prairie nymph (*Herbertia lahue*)



Blue cornflowers, blue tansy, California poppies, Gaillardia

Spring is nature's way of saying, 'Let's party!' - Robin Williams

2018 Cherokee County Junior Livestock Show

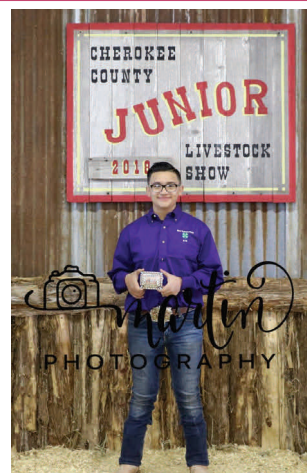
There were a number of rule changes this year, including new showmanship categories for junior and senior levels, and the kids really stepped up to show off their hard work on the plants. (photos courtesy of Kim Herman, the McCown's, and Martin Photography)



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Many thanks to the following sponsors who made the horticulture contest possible:

P's Plant Farm, Jeff Parsley Plant Farm, Darby Greenhouses, Williams Plant Farm, Jones Plant Farm, and GloFlame Butane

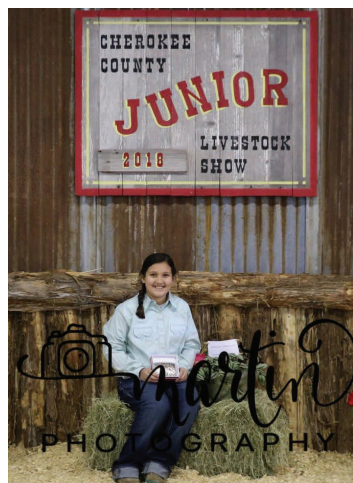


Daniel Suarez—Sr Showmanship

Grand Champion Individual—Addie Vickers
Reserve Champion—Caitlin Herman

Grand Champion Group
New Summerfield 4H

*Agriculture is the foundation of civilization and any stable economy.
- Allan Savory*



Gracie Threadgill
Jr Showmanship



Jennifer Pearman

CEA-Family & Community Health

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Texas Department of State Health Services accredited food handlers program is offered here in the extension office the first Monday of every month from 9:00 am-11:30 am. This class is required for all food service employees to help promote the service of safe food. This class is a basic overview of food safety practices that are necessary to ensure you serve safe food at your establishment. The cost for this class is \$20 and must be paid with a check or money order made payable to: FPM Account # 230202.



The 2-Day Food Manager Certification Program will be offered June 5-6, 2018 from 8:30 am—4:30 pm. It will teach managers about food safety and sanitation, food flow and HACCP, and managing the operation. The cost for this course is \$125 and must be paid with check or money order to Food Protection management Training Act. 230202. The registration deadline for this class is May 22, 2018.

SAVORY BEEF STICKY BUNS

Course: Breakfast, Kid Friendly

Servings: 8

Prep Time: 20 minutes

Cook Time: 20 minutes

Ingredients:

- 3/4 lb. Extra Lean Ground Beef
- 1/2 teaspoon Rubbed Sage
- 1/4 teaspoon Crushed Red Pepper Flakes
- 1/2 teaspoon Garlic Powder
- 1/4 teaspoon Salt
- 2 cups Baby Spinach
- 1/2 cup Onions, chopped
- 1/2 cup Mushrooms, sliced
- 1-13.8oz Refrigerated Pizza Crust (Whole Grain)
- 1/3 cup Low Fat Sharp Cheddar Cheese



Nutrition Facts	
8 servings per container	
Serving size	(124g)
Amount per serving	
Calories	190
% Daily Value*	
Total Fat 3.5g	4%
Saturated Fat 1.5g	8%
Trans Fat 0g	
Cholesterol 30mg	10%
Sodium 420mg	18%
Total Carbohydrate 25g	9%
Dietary Fiber 1g	4%
Total Sugars 3g	
Includes 0g Added Sugars	0%
Protein 15g	
Vitamin D 0mcg	0%
Calcium 63mg	4%
Iron 3mg	15%
Potassium 189mg	4%

*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.

Instructions:

1. In a large skillet, brown ground beef & add sage, red pepper flakes, garlic powder and salt until internal temperature reaches 160°F. Set aside.
2. In the same skillet, add onions, mushrooms and saute until tender. Add the meat mixture back to the skillet with mushrooms & onions. Add spinach & let wilt for 2 minutes. Set aside and let cool.
3. Preheat oven to 425°F. Roll out your pizza dough to a large rectangle. Leave 1/2 inch on the short side & place beef & vegetable mixture on the dough. Top with 1/3 cup of cheddar cheese.
4. Roll the dough with the beef mixture.
5. Cut 8 sections of the roll & place on a baking pan. Bake for 17-20 minutes. Remove from oven & let cool.

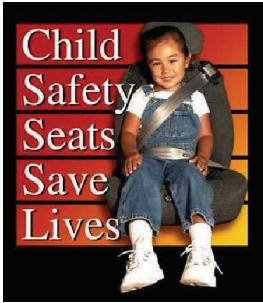
Notes: Adapted from the Texas Beef Council

Source: <https://dinnertonight.tamu.edu/recipe/savory-beef-sticky-buns/>



Learn, Grow, Eat & Go! is in full swing at Alto Elementary and the Caddo Mounds Historic Site. Students are learning all the ins and outs of gardening and what plants need to grow and thrive. They are also learning the importance of good nutrition and physical exercise. Fresh vegetables have been tasted and recipes that incorporate these vegetables have been demonstrated.

During the LGEG program at the Caddo Mounds, the students are learning the way that the Caddo gardened and prepared foods. They are also experiencing some physical activities the Caddo did on a daily basis such as hunting with the Atlatl and walking to forage for food.



The Passenger Safety Team from Texas A&M AgriLife Extension will be in Cherokee County on **May 17, 2018** from 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm to conduct a Child Safety Seat Check-Up at the Cherokee County Exposition Center (Show Barn) located at 611 TX-456 Loop in Jacksonville, Texas. Free replacement seats may be given to those with out-of-date car seats and the child present to insure proper fitting (while supplies last).

Eat Healthy While Staying Within Your Budget

Most of us face the challenge of staying within our monthly budget. When it comes to buying food, particularly healthy food. It can seem overwhelming to get the things that are best for our families while keeping an eye on our food dollars.

Are the rumors true?

The Center for Science in Public Interest (2013) found that the average shopper believes that fruits and vegetables are more expensive than snack foods like potato chips and cookies. Many also believe it is cheaper to buy fast food than to buy and prepare more nutritious foods in the home. However, the facts don't bear this out.



The USDA provides some interesting facts about the actual cost of buying healthier foods in comparison with junk foods.

A few highlights:

- Substituting a 1/4 cup of dried raisins for a 1-ounce chocolate-chip cookie saves 14 calories and only costs 3 cents more.
- Replacing 1.1 ounces of potato chips with 1/2 cup of strawberries saves 142 calories and adds only 14 extra cents.
- Instead of 4.1 ounces of ready-to-eat pudding, you can have 1/2 cup of baby carrots and save 130 calories for only 19 cents more.
- A 30-ounce frozen dinner can cost about \$7. The same money buys a loaf of whole grain bread, a package of lean meat, fruit and vegetables.

These highlights illustrate that there isn't much difference in the price you pay when choosing between healthier snack foods and junk foods. more importantly, substituting fruits and vegetables for high-fat snacks may reduce the risk of the onset of chronic disease in adults in your hoe and you'll reduce the likelihood of the onset of childhood obesity in your children.

Eating healthier while staying within your budget is possible. You can do it!

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

April

- 14 Spring Master Gardener Plant Sale—Jacksonville
- 16 East Texas Pecan Conference & Field Day—Palestine
- 17 Breakfast CEU Series—Jacksonville
- 18 Cherokee Co Soil & Water Conservation District #427 Invitational Forestry Workshop & Judging Event
- 19 TSCRA Ranch Gathering—Cavender's Neches River Ranch
- 20 East Texas Wild Pig Seminar—Overton
- 26 Forestry & Wildlife Field Day—I.D. Fairchild State Forest
- 27 Tri-County Beef & Forage Workshop—Jacksonville
- 28 CCJLS Thank-you letters due to Show Barn

May

- 7 Food Handler Course—Rusk
- 15 Breakfast CEU Series—Rusk
- 17 Child Safety Seat Check-Up—Jacksonville

June

- 4 Food Handler Course—Rusk
- 5-6 2-Day Food Manager Certification Program—Rusk
- 19 Breakfast CEU Series—Alto
- 28 Horticulture Field Day—Texas A&M AgriLife Research & Extension Center, Overton

CHEROKEE COUNTY 4-H CALENDAR OF EVENTS

APRIL

- 15 Early State Horse Validation Deadline (\$10)
- 20 District Shotgun Games Entry Deadline (late 4/24)
- 21 Judging Contests @ College Station (Livestock, Meat, Horse, ID)
- 23 County 4-H Council Meeting (Discuss Summer Event & Camp)
- 24 County 4-H CVLA (Discuss Recordbooks & Summer Events)
- 27 County Record Book Due in the County Extension Office (as per CVLA)
- 28 District Rifle Contest in Trinity Co.

MAY

- TBA County 4-H Awards Banquet (Date pending by CVLA)
- 1 Late State Horse Validation Deadline (\$20)
- 5 Extreme Late State Horse Validation Deadline (\$250)
- 5 District Shotgun Games
- 25 D5 Leadership Lab Registration Deadline (4-H Connect)

JUNE

- 8-9 D5 Virtual Catfish Tournament
- 11-14 State 4-H Round Up @ College Station
- 15-16 D5 Virtual Catfish Tournament
- 21-22 Leadership Lab @ Pine Springs Baptist Camp (ages 13-18)
- 22-23 D5 Virtual Catfish Tournament
- 25 District Recordbook Judging
- 28-30 D5 Horse Show in Athens



EAST TEXAS PECAN CONFERENCE & FIELD DAY

Monday, April 16, 2018

Morning Session—Ben E Keith, 2019 W. Oak Palestine, Texas

Afternoon Session—Texas Pecan Lakes Ranch, 3131 ACR 2101 Palestine, TX

7:45 a.m. Registration

8:30 a.m. Program Begins

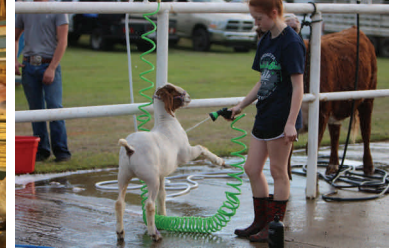
Speakers Include:

Monte Nesbitt, *Program Specialist—Texas A&M AgriLife Extension*

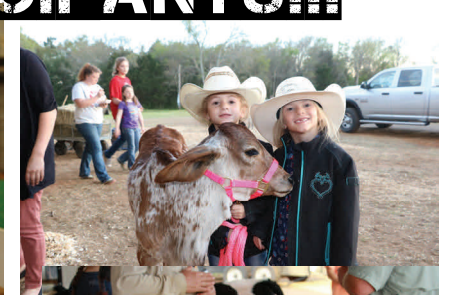
Bill Ree, *Extension Program Specialist*

Truman Lamb, *Anderson CEA-Ag/NR*

Cost is \$20 and includes lunch. 2 Texas Department of Agriculture CEU Hours (1 IPM and 1 General) are offered to current applicator license holders. Please pre-register with the Anderson County Extension Office by Friday, April 13th at (903) 723-3735.



CONGRATS TO ALL OF THE CHEROKEE COUNTY JUNIOR LIVESTOCK SHOW PARTICIPANTS!!!



CHEROKEE COUNTY 4-H FACEBOOK LINKS

County 4-H CVLA: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/1518771381669100/>

County 4-H Council: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/433495770042911/>

New Summerfield 4-H: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/188329818018475/>

Lookout 4-H (Jacksonville): <https://www.facebook.com/lookout4hclub?fref=ts>

Blue Bonnet 4-H (Rusk): <https://www.facebook.com/groups/557544861033114/>

Footbridge 4-H (Rusk): <https://www.facebook.com/groups/247255537798/>

Cloverleaf 4-H (Alto): <https://www.facebook.com/Cloverleaf-4H-Club-318924631466867/timeline/>

Wells 4-H: <https://www.facebook.com/Wells-4-H-265964240080484/timeline/>

4-H Vet Science: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/766206336839421/>

Cherokee 4-H Shooting Sports: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/c4hss/>

Cherokee 4-H Clay Crushers: <https://www.facebook.com/Cherokee-County-4H-Clay-Crushers-598186273622227/timeline/>

4-H PROJECT LINKS

2018 Food/Nutrition Projects & Contests - <http://texas4-h.tamu.edu/projects/food-nutrition/>

2018 Fashion Projects & Contests - <http://texas4-h.tamu.edu/projects/clothing-textiles/>

2018 Consumer Decision Making - <http://texas4-h.tamu.edu/projects/consumer-education/>

2018 Photography - <http://texas4-h.tamu.edu/projects/photography-video/>

2018 Entomology - <http://texas4-h.tamu.edu/projects/entomology/>

2018 Robotics - <http://texas4-h.tamu.edu/project-category/engineering/>

2018 Animal Projects - <http://texas4-h.tamu.edu/project-category/animals/>



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