

Brazos County 4-H Connection

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Monthly Club Bulletins

Archery Club

- Next Meeting September 26th
- Officer installation in May of 2013
- Had members compete at the 4H State Games over the summer.

Contacts

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Wixon Valley

- Club kickoff party held on August 11 at Adamson Lagoon. They had 100 members and guests attend.



Southwood

- Held Officer installations and kick off party in August & they had 77 members and guests attend.
- Have 4 new adult volunteers

Contacts

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North Brazos

- 1st meeting is September 17th @ Wixon Valley City Hall

Contacts

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Monthly Club Bulletins

Sportsmans Club

- Held open house on Monday August 12th at the Shotgun Range
- Had 24 kids attend State Shooting Sports Games
- New shooters classes begin in September

Contact

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mens@txcyber.com

Equestrian Club

- Had members compete at County, District and State Horse shows.
- Held officer installations in June
- Next meeting is September 2nd

Contacts

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Pawfect Pals Dog Club

- Next meeting September 3rd

Contacts

River Valley

- Next meeting September 17th
- The club is looking to expand to other 4H activities/ projects

Contacts

Monica Porras— mporras16@yahoo.com



Monthly Club Bulletins

St. Joseph

- Held club officer training this summer
- Club is volunteering at the Brazos Valley Fair

Contacts

Stacy Colvin– jastacy@hotmail.com

Runtin' N' Gruntin'

- Held club officer training in August
- Next meeting September 10th

Contacts

Lisa Casey– lcasey@gsiog.net

Thumpers & Jumpers

- Next Meeting September 10th

Contacts

Beth Lawrence– bj.lawrence@verizon.net

Men of Distinction

- Held club awards banquet
- Had members attend Cooperative Extension programs Leadership LAB

Contact

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Monthly Club Bulletins

Praising Y

- Newly Chartered 4H club
- Focusing on photography, leadership, gardening, and animals.

Contacts

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Exchange Club

- Last group visited Washington DC in July
- New group just started in August
- Elected officers at August meeting

Contacts

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Brazos Adult Leaders

- Next meeting– October 15, 2013 @ Brazos Center

Vet Science Program

- New program meeting September 23rd at the Brazos County Extension office at 6PM



COUNTY COUNTDOWN

2013 State Record Book Results

- Stephen Kocmoud– 10th place in Communication & Expressive Arts
- Cody Kocman– 6th place in Consumer Education
- Montana Hammack– 1st place in Food & Nutrition
- Garret Carstens– 1st place in Gardening & Horticulture
- Lauren Carstens– 1st place in Housing & Home Environment
- Ryan Bouse– 6th place in Sheep
- Jonathan Kocmoud– 3rd place in Science, Engineering & Technology



Sheep and Goat Validation

Date: October 21, 2013

Location: Brazos Expo Center

Time: 5-7 PM

Packets will be available to pick up and have all the paperwork filled out prior to that evening.

If you have an issue with this date please contact us prior to October 20, 2013

2014 Swine Tag Orders

Major Show and BCYLS tags are \$10.00 and BCYLS only tags are \$3.00

Please return form to Brazos County Extension office by September 23, 2013

Validation will be November 25, 2013 for Major show barrows and December 9th for BCYLS only barrows

If you have any questions please contact us here at the office.



BCYLS only and Commercial Steer Validation

Date: October 13, 2013

Location: Bryan Auction Barn

Time: 2:00 pm



COUNTY COUNTDOWN

Brazos Valley Fair

September 5-8, 2013

Brazos County 4-H is once again having a booth at the Brazos Valley Fair Sept. 5-8. This year we will be making playdough in a bag, then making animals out of the playdough. Ashley Skinner will be making a list on joiners.com for everyone to sign up on.

Also at the Brazos Valley Fair, the county council is having a fundraiser. They are selling tickets to win a chance to ride in Eleanor from "Gone In 60 Seconds". Or people can take a photo with the car for \$1. The booth will be set up inside, each club has the opportunity to make money for their own club. Each club will receive half of the money they raise while working the booth. Sign up times will be posted on joiners.com.

Contact: Ashley Skinner
Email: adfink@ag.tamu.edu
Phone: 979-823-0129
979-777-2892

Pizza Ranch October 9 & 10 at the Brazos County Expo

Students will travel through educational "pizza slice"

SCHOOLS register your 4th graders by September 10, 2013

Contact the Brazos County Extension office at 979-823-0129.



WIN A CHANCE TO RIDE IN ELEANOR
from "Gone in 60 Seconds" at The Brazos Valley Fair
Sept. 5-8. There will be 5 chances to WIN! Or stop by
to take a photo with the car. Drawings will take place
@ 12:00PM on the 8th. Rides will begin at 1:00PM

All proceeds are going back to the Brazos Co. 4-H Clubs & County Council

Tickets

1-\$1
6-\$5
12-\$10
25-\$20

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Hightail'n it for Heifers Scholarship 5k Fun Run/Walk

Saturday, Sept. 7th, 2013 Brazos County Expo Fairgrounds

5827 Leonard Rd Bryan, TX

Race Starts @ 8:30AM



Entry Fee: \$25 register before 9/4 (T-shirt guaranteed on race day if registered by 8/24)

\$30 the morning of race registration starting at 7:00-7:45

Registration Includes: T-shirt, bib number, 1 day pass to the Brazos Valley Fair (\$10 Value),
1 raffle ticket, local coupons & lots of FUN!

For more information & online registration visit: brazosvalleyfair.com

Email: heiferfunrun@gmail.com

Contact: Terry Boriskie 979-574-3129

2013 4-H Awards Banquet

Join us in celebrating our Brazos County 4-Hers annual achievements!!!

Date: September 15, 2013

Location: Brazos County Expo

Time: 4 p.m.

Theme: "4-H on the Wild Side" Dress to the theme

Guest tickets are \$10 and can be picked up at County Extension office.



4-H Connect Membership Enrollment for 2013-14

August 15, 2013 starts a new 4-H enrollment year on 4-H Connect! All profiles will change to INACTIVE ON AUGUST 31ST and you will be required to re-enroll for the 2013-14 4-H year. All 4-H members and adults need to complete both a family and individual profile for membership and to be able to register for events.



If you are re-enrolling and already have an existing profile, do not create a new profile, UPDATE your existing one with **new email, physical addresses and phone numbers**.

An annual participant fee is necessary for each 4-H member starting with the 2013-2014 4-H year on August 15, 2013. This participant fee of \$25, or \$20 if enrolled from September 1st to October 31st, will ensure that the Texas AgriLife Extension Service can continue to deliver the highest quality 4-H program possible.



COUNTY COUNTDOWN

County Council is selling T-shirts this year for \$8.50. They come in adult & youth sizes. Checks may be payable to Brazos County Council and will be sold at the County Extension Office. Come pick yours up today they are going fast!!!



Brazos County 4-H Clothing & Textile Project Meeting

Learn more about the 4-H clothing and textiles project, create a floral headband.

Fee \$3

Meeting Monday September 2nd @ State 4H Office from 6:00-7:30PM



Food Quiz Bowl Anyone?



It is time for food and nutrition quiz bowl. Also, Healthy Lifestyles Teams are now forming! If you are interested participating in or coaching food and nutrition quiz bowl, or a Healthy Lifestyles team, please email Flora Williams at fewilliams@ag.tamu.edu. For more information about the team competition for intermediate and senior 4-H members visit

http://texas4-h.tamu.edu/healthy_lifestyles.



COUNTY COUNTDOWN

Texas 4-H Night

Sept 14, 2013 - 7:05PM

Houston Astros Vs. Los Angeles Angels

Counties will earn \$4.75/ticket sold.
Order deadline is September 11, 2013.



144th Washington County Fair Open Junior Steer & Heifer Show

September 14, 2013– Washington Co. Fairgrounds

Open to all Texas 4-H & FFA members

Rings: A -\$25.00 B- \$15.00—Late entries accepted at time of check in on Friday & Saturday

Late Fee \$10.00 per entry per show. Early entries must be postmarked by Sept. 1st.

For official open show rules, entry forms or general fair info visit:

www.washingtoncofair.com

Texas 4-H Night

Sept 28, 2013 - 7:05PM

Texas Rangers Vs. Los Angeles Angels



Counties will earn \$3.00/ticket sold. Commemorative t-shirts will be offered again this year, sponsored by the Texas Farm Bureau Insurance. Order deadline is August 31st.

Washington County

4-H & FFA Dairy & Livestock Judging Contest

Saturday, September 21

Registration: 7:00AM-7:45AM

Registration Fee: \$8.00 per contestant

Orientation: 7:45-8:15AM

Judging Contest Begins: 8:15AM

Awards Presentation: 1:00PM



Please plan to arrive early enough to allow for adequate time to register. This is especially important for larger 4-H Clubs and FFA Chapters. Official placings and reason will be given immediately following the Dairy & Livestock judging contests.



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A&M Garden Club Youth Contest for 2013-2014



A&M
Garden Club



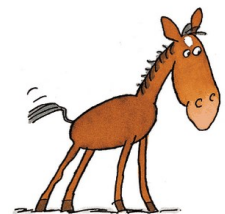
Contest include: Poetry, U.S. Forestry Smokey Bear/ Woodsy Owl Poster Contest, Sculpture Contest, Essay Contest, Texas Poster Contest, SCR Poster Contest, Speech Contest, Distinguished Service Projects, and Scholarships.

The deadline for all these contests is October 9, 2013
Local winners will be invited to a Garden Club event to be honored

For more information contact A&M Garden Club Youth Committee
Jane Cohen– 979-690-3500 or j-cohen@aggienetwork.com
<http://www.gardenclub.org/youth/contests>

Montgomery County 4-H Horse Judging Contest

Contest: October 26, 2013
Entries due: October 10, 2013
For more information contact
Michelle Mihalek @ 936-539-7823



Brazos County 4-H One Day

Date: October 12, 2013
Location: Grandview Cemetery, which is right off Highway 6 and Highway 21.
Time: TBA

For more information contact the Brazos County Extension office.



Brazos County Vet Science Program

New students wishing to attend informational meeting
Date: September 23, 2013 @ 6PM
Location: Brazos County Extension Office
For more information please contact Jerod Meurer





STATE COUNTDOWN

4-H Shooting Sports Ambassador Applications Available



Texas 4-H Shooting Sports Ambassadors represent 4-H specifically 4-H Shooting Sports for public relations purposes at special events such as a donor/supporter functions and with general public, peers groups, 4-H groups, community service groups, schools and media contacts. They serve as spokespersons for the 4-H Shooting sports program, helping to make 4-H shooting sports programs more visible.

Applications due September 23, 2013

To find all the details and complete an application go to:

<http://texas4-h.tamu.edu/shootingsports#ambassador>

Calf Scrambles at the 2014 Major Livestock Shows For Entry Process: Contact County Extension Office

Fort Worth Stock Show and Rodeo—<http://www.fwssr.com/>

- Entries Due: November 15, 2013 (Major Show Entry night 6-8 PM @ Brazos Center)
- Purchase certificate value of \$500
- Certificates used to purchase a breeding beef or dairy heifer

San Antonio Stock Show and Rodeo—<http://www.sarodeo.com/>

- Entries Due: November 15, 2013 To County Extension Office
- Purchase certificate value of \$800
- Certificates used to purchase an animal in these Junior Breeding Departments – Beef, Dairy, Swine, Sheep, or Goat.
- Must show the animal in the 2015 San Antonio Stock Show

Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo—<http://www.hlsr.com/>

- Information will be available towards the end of Sept. & the first part of Oct.
- First come first serve process.
- Purchase certificate value of \$1,500
- Certificates used to purchase a breeding beef or dairy heifer or market steer
- Must show the animal in the 2015 Houston Livestock Show

Rodeo Austin -<http://www.rodeoaustin.com/>

- Information will be available towards the end of Sept. and the first part of Oct.
- First come first serve process.

*STATE COUNTDOWN***National 4-H Week****October 6-12 2013**

The county council will be going in front of the Brazos County Commissioners court on September 24th to request for Proclamation of National 4-H week and have them fly the 4H flag in front of the Courthouse

Stand Up and Speak!

Objective: To provide youth an educational opportunity to better prepare for public speaking engagements and 4-H events such as 4-H public speaking and educational presentations.

Date: October 5, 2013 (Saturday) 9 am – 3 pm

Location: Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Research and Extension Center (10345 Hwy 44 Corpus Christi TX 78406)

Cost: \$25.00 registration fee for ALL youth participants

\$10.00 registration fee for ALL adult participants (to cover lunch)

Onsite registration will be available - \$50

Registration

Registration will be conducted via 4-H Connect under District 11 Stand Up & Speak workshop. Registration will open September 1 and close September 27, 2013

**2014 Texas 4-H Photography Contest
Rules & Guidelines Updates****Categories for 2014**

Animals, Catch All, Details & Macro, Digital Darkroom, Dominant Color, Elements of Design, Food, Marine/Aquatic, Nature & Landscape, Night Photography, People, Plant/Flora, Storyboard, and Theme. This years theme is "What is Your WHY?". It will focus on WHY you are part of 4H.

For more information and details about each category please visit <http://texas4-h.tamu.edu/>





Let's Cook Something!!!

Canned Tomato Salsa



What you need

- Can opener
- Medium mixing
- Knife
- Cutting Board
- Measuring Spoons

Prep time: 10 Minutes

Chill Time: 30 Minutes

Cost per Serving: \$0.12

Ingredients

- 1/2 medium yellow onion, finely chopped*
- 1 green bell pepper, finely chopped*
- 2 tablespoons cilantro, chopped
- 1 tablespoon lime juice or juice of 1/2 lime*
- 1 can (15 ounces) diced tomatoes, drained, liquid reserved
- 1/2 teaspoon cumin

My Pyramid

1/4 cup of Vegetables

*WIC Approved Food Package

What to do

1. Wash your hands and clean your cooking area
2. Clean the tops of canned food items before opening them
3. Wash and cut onions, pepper, cilantro, and lime
4. Combine the above ingredients in a bowl
5. Add some reserved tomato liquid to thin salsa
6. Cover and refrigerate 30 minutes to 24 hours to allow flavors to blend
7. Serve with low fat tortilla chips or vegetable sticks

Nutrition Facts

Serving Size– 1/4 Cup
Serving Per Container– 8
Calories per serving– 20
Sodium per serving– 85mg
Total Carbs per serving– 4g
Sugar per serving– 2g
Dietary Fiber per serving– 1g
Protein per serving– 1g

Note: you can increase or decrease the amount of any ingredient to adjust the flavor to your liking

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As always Better Living for Texans (BLT) can provide food stamp eligible and other low income families with nutrition, food safety, and food resource management information. So for more information or any questions, contact Teresa Rivera at the Brazos County Extension Office: 979-823-0129 or email at trivera@ag.tamu.edu. In accordance with federal law and U.S Department of Agriculture's policy, Better Living for Texans Food Stamp Nutrition Education Program is prohibited from discriminating on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, age, religion, political beliefs, or disability.

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Brazos County 4 H Calendar September 2013



Brazos County



4-H Connection

Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

1 Washington Co. Fair entries due	2 Holiday	3	4	5 BV Fair & Expo Comm. Heifer Check In	6 BV Fair & Expo -Beef & Forage Comm. Heifer Judging	7 BV Fair & Expo
8 BV Fair & Expo Comm. Heifer Sale	9	10	11	12	13	14
15 4-H Award Banquet	16	17 County Council mtg. @ Extension Office	18	19	20 SA/Star of TX Show Scramble entries due -D9 Gold Star/ Outstanding Leader apps due	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30					

Color Legend:
Black—County
Blue—District
Green—State

NOTES:

Pecan/Peanut Sale or-
ders begin this month

Major/BCYLS Swine
Tag orders due-TBA

Brazos Valley Fair &
Expo:
September 5—8

West Texas Fair:
September 5—14

State Fair of Texas:
September 27—October
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