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pril 2019 Focus



Tractor Supply Spring Clover Campaign continues through April 7th. Work at either the Temple or Killeen locations. Great way to obtain national, state, and county leadership! This brings funds back into our own county to support the projects and events that we are able to provide to our youth!



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County Council & Ambassadors



County Council Meeting

WHEN: Thursday, May 2nd **WHERE:** County Extension Office (CEO)

START TIME: 6:30 pm

The Bell County 4-H Council will be electing officers for the 2019-2020 4-H year during the May 2nd meeting. To run for an officer position, you must submit an Intent to Run form to the County Extension Office on or before **April 26, 2019.** The Intent to Run form can be found on the Bell County 4-H website, http://agrilife.org/bell4h/4-h-clubs-and-councils/4-h-county-council/

Ambassadors Applications for 2019-2020

The 4-H Ambassador Program aims to project a clear and accurate image of the Texas and Bell County 4-H Program. The program helps older youth develop leadership and communication skills, help the public understand the full scope of the 4-H program, and recruit new members from diverse backgrounds. Bell County 4-H Members must meet the following requirements to be considered for selection as a Bell County 4-H Ambassador: Be at least 14 years of age as of August 31st on the year of application. **Submit a complete application**, **due on May 3**, 2019. A formal interview will be given after all applications have been submitted. Members will be notified for interview times. Interviews will be formal dress.

RENEWAL OF AMBASSADORS:

Meet all activity requirements and minimum points by the **application deadline**, **May 3**, **2019**, of the current 4-H year to be considered for renewal. (Recordbook is also a requirement and is due **June 7**, **2019**)

Please turn in point sheets with renewal application!

For applications go to: http://agrilife.org/bell4h/4-h-clubs-and-councils/ambassadors/

4-H Club Managers

Membership Advisory Board Committee Meeting (By-Laws, Finance Guidelines and Nominations)

When: April 9, 2019 **Where**: CEO **Time**: 6:00 pm

This meeting will not only nominate new officers for President and Treasurer, but we will also review the MAB by-laws and review the Finance Guideline. All parents and leaders are also invited to attend.

Membership Advisory Board Meeting

When: May 23, 2019 **Where**: CEO **Time**: 6:00 pm

This meeting will elect new officers for President and Treasurer, vote on the MAB by-laws changes and vote on the Finance Guideline changes. All parents and leaders are also invited to attend.

Contact Sheryl Long if you have any questions.

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Awards



ADULT LEADER AWARDS

Bell County 4-H volunteer leaders and Bell County 4-H County Council will solicit nominations and vote to select two individuals to be recognized at the Annual 4-H Banquet for "Distinguished Service." One will be chosen by the MAB and one chosen by 4-H members. 4-H volunteer leaders who are chosen for this award include outstanding club managers, leaders, project leaders, workshop leaders and volunteer leaders who go above and beyond their leader capabilities.

OUTSTANDING LEADER AWARD- The Outstanding Leader Award chosen from the 4-H member requires an essay no longer than 1 page. **The ESSAYS ARE DUE May 3, 2019!** The essay should include the following:

Name of Person Making Nomination

Leader Nominated

Date

Why do you think this leader is an outstanding leader?

What does this leader do that is outstanding?

How has this leader helped you?

How has this leader helped others?

Nominations should be emailed to Sheryl.Long@ag.tamu.edu

Bell County 4-H Awards

All 4-H members applying for awards (Gold, Silver or Bronze Star; Rookie, Honor Roll, All-Star Letterman; Danforth, Senior Awards Outstanding Community Service, must submit the appropriate paperwork and applications by May 3, 2019. Award Interviews will be later in May at the Bell County Extension Office. Record books for county competition will be due on June 7, 2019. Awards age based on 4-H Grade as of August 31, 2018

Graduating seniors for the 2019 year, who are members of 4-H, may apply to receive a Senior Award, to be presented at the Bell County 4-H Awards Banquet. Seniors must have been active and meet the requirements listed on the application.

Other descriptions and awards information is available on the Bell County 4-H Website by going to: http://agrilife.org/bell4h/4-h-activities/4-h-awards/

4-H Award Interviews

When: June 2019, date TBD **Where**: CEO Board Room

We will schedule interview times for those members that applied to receive an award.

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Summer Fun Activities



Camps for 2019

Interested in participating in a camp this year? Keep checking the Bell County 4-H website for more information http://agrilife.org/bell4h/4-h- activities/campinformation/

Texas 4-H Conference Center Summer Camps @ Brownwood

4-H Fishing Camp—June17-19, Cost \$240

Mission Possible – July 1-3, Cost \$175

County Camp I—July 4-6, Cost \$200

County Camp II—July 8-10, Cost \$200

County Camp III-Outdoor Adventure—July 10-12, Cost \$200

Prime Time I (Grades 5-8)- July 14-17, Cost \$250

Prime Time II (Grades 3-5)- July 17-20, Cost \$250

To register, go to Texas4Hcenter.tamu.edu website "Camps" page and click on REGISTER NOW button.

- Member must be 3rd Grade and up
- Camp is based on grade in 2019-2020 school year
 - Pay deposit by June 14th or pay full amount
 - Late fee \$50
- All adult volunteers must enroll as a 4-H volunteer, have verified background check, and complete child protection training in 4-H Connect PRIOR to attending camp

District 8 Leadership Lab

Date: June 19-21 **Location:** Texas 4-H Center, Brownwood

Cost: TBD **Deadline**: Friday, May 24, 2019

The completed, signed release forms will need to be **scanned as a pdf and uploaded** to 4-H Connect during the registration process. The forms require a copy of the participant's **insurance card**.

If you are interested in becoming a District 8 Council Advisor, you must attend this camp to run for an office.

More details to come in May.

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Upcoming Events



~Upcoming District 8 4-H Contests~

If you want to participate in any of the following Spring District 8 Contests, you must notify the CEO by **Monday, April 1, 2019**:

* Livestock Judging

*Meat Judging

*Soil

Contact the team coach or Whitney or Sheryl to sign up BEFORE April 1st!

Bell County Round UP

The Bell County Roundup includes 3 different contests. Public Speaking, Educational Presentations and Share The Fun. County Roundup will be held April 4th at the Bell County Extension Office.

It is too late to enter this contest if you have not done so already.

Bell County Safety Day

When: Wednesday, May 8th Location: Bell County EXPO! Center Time: 9 am-2 pm

GROUP LEADERS NEEDED! If you are interested in serving as a group leader for Safety Day this year, please RSVP to Sheryl Long NO LATER THAN May 1, 2019! Ambassadors this is a great way to get those last minute hours in or even to boost your hours totals! Eligibilities will be sent to schools for those volunteering so that an excused absence will be given.

REQUIREMENTS: Must be academically eligible. Must be at least 13 years of age.

Bell County Record Books



Due: June 7, 2019 to the CEO **Where**: CEO by 5pm

If you would like Sheryl to review your recordbook BEFORE the June 7th FINAL submission date, then please give her your recordbook ASAP. We will trade record books with McLennan and Williamson counties on June 14th for those who want to help us judge. We will be judging in Bell County.

District 8 Record Books will be judged on July 11th in Williamson County. We will need 3 volunteers to help us judge this event as well.

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Upcoming Events



Graduating Seniors

Scholarship applications are becoming available. Make sure and watch the newsletter and the Bell County 4-H Website for scholarship application deadlines. The website is always being updated with new scholarships and deadlines.

Bell County Youth Fair—**April 5, 2019**District 8 TAE4-HA Scholarship— **May 24, 2019**

Don't hesitate to ask for help if you have any questions regarding scholarships.

Ag Product ID Practices

Ag Product ID practices will be held on the following dates at 6:00 pm at the First Baptist Church 702 House:

April 1st, 8th, and 22nd

Upcoming contests:

District Contest (Stephenville) - Friday, April 5, 2019 - Registration has closed

Leon County – Monday, April 15, 2019 – Registration will be on site. I will need to know ASAP who will attend in order to set up teams.

4-H State Roundup (College Station) – June 11, 2019. This is an invitational contest open only to Intermediate and Senior level members. I will be asking for participant names ahead of the registration deadline. Stay tuned...

Please contact Michael Canales at 541-6293, or guajeman1@gmail.com, if you have any questions.

Clover Kids Meeting Schedule May 18th

2-4 pm. @Temple Public Library McLane Room
Clover Kid Fair—June 15th at 10 am at First United Methodist Church
Clover Kid Summer Camp—July 20th from 1-4 pm. at Temple Public Library
Contact Dawn Brown at bc4hcloverkids@yahoo.com for more information.

Leaders 4 Life (Parliamentary Procedure)

Leaders 4 Life Practice, 6:00-8:00 pm

April 12—First United Methodist Church Gym, Belton

April 19—TBD

April 26—First United Methodist Church Gym, Belton Contact Gage Bass for more information, cchsgabass@gmail.com.

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FCH Project News



4-H FCH Coalition Meeting

Tuesday, May 21st at the County Extension Office. Meeting will start promptly at 6:00 pm

District 8 Fashion Show

The District 8 Fashion Show takes place on **Tuesday, April 16th** at the Bell County Expo Center. Good luck to all Bell County 4-H members participating in this contest!

Food Challenge Practice for State

Food Challenge Practice for State Roundup, 6:00 pm First United Methodist Church Gym, Belton

April 2, 23 & 30

Leadership opportunities available for anyone needing it, please contact Barbara Wood at woodbtwice@gmail.com.

Nutrition Quiz Bowl Practice for State

Nutrition Quiz Bowl Practice for State Roundup, 7:00 pm, First United Methodist Church Gym,

April 2, 23 & 30

Leadership opportunities available for anyone needing it, please contact Barbara Wood at woodbtwice@gmail.com.

Consumer Decision Making Practice for State

Consumer Decision Making Practice for State Roundup, 6:00 pm First United Methodist Church Gym, Belton **April** 2, 23,& 30

Leadership opportunities available for anyone needing it, please contact Barbara Wood at woodbtwice@gmail.com.

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Photography Project



Bell County 4-H Photography Contest Winners Advancing to the District 8 Contest

<u>JUNIOR</u>	<u>Winner</u>	<u>INTERMEDIATE</u>	<u>Winner</u>	<u>SENIOR</u>	<u>Winner</u>
Animals Domestic	Caroline Wood	Animals Domestic	Ashley Mersch	Animals Domestic	Austin Castillo
Animals Wildlife	Wyatt Graham	Animals Wildlife	Ashley Mersch	Animals Wildlife	Austin Castillo
Catch All	Wyatt Graham	Catch All	Amelia Castillo	Catch All	Margaret Wood
Details & Macro	Wyatt Graham	Details & Macro	Ashley Mersch	Details & Macro	Margaret Wood
Dominant Color	Wyatt Graham	Dominant Color	Ashley Mersch	Dominant Color	Austin Castillo
Elements of Design	Wyatt Graham	Elements of Design	Ashley Mersch	Elements of Design	Christian Coffman
Enhanced		Enhanced	Amelia Castillo	Enhanced	Margaret Wood
Food	Morgan Manalang	Food	Ashley Mersch	Food	Christian Coffman
Landscape & Nature	Wyatt Graham	Landscape & Nature	Amelia Castillo	Landscape & Nature	Christian Coffman
Motion/Action		Motion/Action	Amelia Castillo	Motion/Action	Christian Coffman
People	Kate Higgins	People	Emily Anderson	People	Sarah Wood
Plant/Flora	Wyatt Graham	Plant/Flora	Ashley Mersch	Plant/Flora	Margaret Wood
Sports		Sports	Ashley Mersch	Sports	Austin Castillo
Theme	Wyatt Graham	Theme	Ashley Mersch	Theme	Christian Coffman
Travel & Place	Wyatt Graham	Travel & Place	Amelia Castillo	Travel & Place	Christian Coffman

Seniors winning their division will also advance to the Texas 4-H Photography contest. Sheryl will handle entering those photos in the contest.

For your RECORDBOOKS!

*The NATIONAL Photo Note Card Community Service project held on March 2nd in Washington D.C. was a huge success. 4-Hers made a record 606 cards to be distributed to churches, nursing homes, friends and family. This is the highest number of cards made by any 4-H group! Thanks for sharing your time and talents.

*25 4-Hers/4-H families attended the 2-day Dallas Photography Field Trip. 4-Hers learned about architecture photography, zoom abstracts, shutter priority photography (in butterfly enclosure), and light trails. This trip concluded our 2018-2019 scheduled photography field trips. I'm open to ideas on locations for future field trips. Email Elizabet Coffman your ideas!

Congratulations to Bell County 4-Hers: Christian Coffman, Mackenzie Nowell, and Margaret Wood for representing Texas, helping Mrs. Coffman present 6 summit sessions AND for presenting our Texas 4-H Photography programs at the capstone event at the National 4-H Photography Summit. Thanks to Mrs. Nowell for serving as the Texas delegation chaperone!

April 25 (Thursday): Photography Community Service-"Night of Champions", 6-8 pm @ Western Hills Church of Christ. Calling all 4-H photographers to help take photos at the end of year ceremony honoring Temple ISD special needs students. We will have a formal photography booth, so you will gain valuable experience photographing families portrait style as well as candid photography during the evening's events. RSVP by April 24th so Elizabet Coffman can create a rotation schedule.

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Photography Project



April 30th (Tuesday): Applications for Texas 4-H Photography Ambassador 2019-2020 are due. This date is for 4-Hers reapplying for Ambassador as well as new Ambassadors. Applications are by invitation only due to pre-requisite Texas 4-H Junior Master Photographer (JMP) certification.

June 8th (Saturday): State 4-H Photography Community Service-"Women in the Outdoors", 7:30 am – 4:00 pm (can come for part of the day if desired). This is a fantastic day of photography, covering kayaking, fly fishing, shooting sports, drone flying, ATV, campfire cooking, and much more. After photographing the class, instructors allow 4-Hers to try the activities. Open to all ages including clover kids (must have a parent present and some activities have age limits, such as ATV).

June 10th (Monday): Texas 4-H JMP pinning and Texas 4-H Photography Ambassador induction ceremony, Reed Arena (room TBD) Texas 4-H Roundup @ College Station (time TBD).

June 11th (Tuesday): Texas 4-H Photography Judging Invitational Contest, Open to all Intermediate and Senior age 4-Hers. No qualifying contest, so why not try it? Materials are available on the state 4-H website under photography.

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Outdoor Project News

District 8 Rifle Contest

Save the date! If you are interested in competing in the District 8 Rifle Contest that will take place on **Saturday, May 11th,** in Buffalo. Entry deadline is **Friday, April 26, 2019** on 4-H Connect. The 2 categories are Competitive Rifle Match & Provisional Light Rifle Match. More information will be posted on the Bell County 4-H website. Contact Sheryl Long if you have any questions regarding this contest.

Outdoor Challenge

What: The 4-H Outdoor Challenge is a contest consisting of 10 activities set up for teams of two to compete within their age division. The activities could cover basic skills and knowledge in outdoor safety, outdoor skills, swimming, paddling, shooting, wildlife and habitat, biologist skills, fishing, first aid, outdoor gear consumer education, off road bicycling, and climbing.

When: June 26-28, 2019

Where: Texas 4-H Center, Lake Brownwood

Who: 4-H members of all ages are eligible to prepare and participate. Participants will compete in a team of two within 4-H age divisions. All participants must have training and experience in all activities posted for the current year's event. Team members must be from the same county 4-H program.

Registration:

Contest – 4-H Connect (https://texas.4honline.com), April 15-May 19, 2019; Participation is limited to the first 50 full teams that register. Registration will be \$50/participant.

Lodging & Meals – Optional Lodging and Meals at the 4-H Center are available by reserving on https://texas4hcenter.tamu.edu/during same timeframe as Contest Registration.

Texas 4-H Water Ambassadors

The Texas 4-H Water Ambassadors Program provides high school age 4-H members and youth an opportunity to gain advanced knowledge and practice leadership skills related to the science, technology, engineering, and management of water in Texas. By connecting with water professionals, Water Ambassadors will gain exposure and recognition as youth leaders, learn about internship opportunities, and explore the diverse career paths in the water industry. The Texas 4-H Water Ambassadors Program is led by Texas 4-H and Texas A&M AgriLife Extension, and supported in part by the Texas 4-H Youth Development Foundation.

Each year, up to (32) individuals are selected to join the Texas 4-H Water Ambassadors Program. Those selected will participate in a summer 4-H2O Youth

Applications open to youth entering 9th-11th grades for '19-'20 school year.

Deadline to apply is May 15, 2019.

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Livestock Project News



Vet Science Meeting

The next Vet Science Meeting will take place at the County Extension Office on the following dates.

The meeting will start at 6:30 pm.

April 3rd & 17th

Contact Casey and Travis Swanson at tswanson01@hotmail.com for more information.



Tag Orders due April 15th!

It is time to order:

BCYF/STATE MARKET STEER TAGS

2020 BCYF, 2019 State Fair of Texas, and 2020 Spring Major shows (Fort Worth, San Angelo, San Antonio, Houston, and Austin)



REGISTERED BREEDING HEIFER VALIDATION BARCODES

2020 BCYF, 2019 State Fair of Texas, and 2020 Spring Major shows (Fort Worth, San Angelo, San Antonio, Houston, and Austin)

2019 STATE FAIR OF TEXAS MARKET LAMBS, MARKET GOATS, & MARKET BARROWS

Bell County validations require all 4-H and FFA members to order and pay for their tags prior to validation. **ALL ORDERS MUST BE HANDLED THROUGH THE CEO.**

COSTS OF TAGS PAYABLE TO THE BELL LIVESTOCK COALITION

STEERS: \$20 / tag ordered
HEIFERS: \$15 / barcode ordered
LAMB: \$20 / tag ordered
GOAT: \$20 / tag ordered
SWINE: \$20 / tag ordered

Deadline to have orders in the Extension Office WILL BE <u>APRIL 15, 2019!</u>
ORDERS NOT PAID, WILL NOT BE ORDERED.

NEW FOR 2019!! We will now state validate purebred, registered gilts for the State Fair of Texas.

All gilts showing in the 2019 State Fair Youth Purebred Gilt Show must be validated. Animals must be owned by and registered in the name of the exhibitor(s)* no later than June 30 of the current year. Registration papers must be uploaded to the validation website by the swine validation committee. *Gilts for the 2019 State Fair of Texas Youth Purebred Gilt Show may be family registered and validated (ex. Jane, John, James Smith) provided all owners/exhibitors are individually listed and eligible.

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Livestock Project News



Texas 4-H Livestock Ambassador

The Texas 4-H Livestock Ambassador program strives to provide high school aged 4-H members the opportunity to develop and practice advanced leadership skills related to mentoring other youth, and to become advocates for animal agriculture.

Selection Criteria:

- Senior age (14-18) 4-H youth that have exhibited a superior level of ambition regarding his/her livestock projects
- Students with a profound interest in animal science, animal production and advocacy
- Students have shown advanced leadership qualities and a willingness to help others
- Top 25% class rank

Application Process:

Applicant goes to: https://agrilife.az1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV 5C2Px[597FTPIFL]

- a. A two-minute YouTube video will be required (instructions can be found within the application)
- b. Student will complete the application and enter the contact information of supervising County Extension Agent
- c. CEA will be automatically emailed a recommendation survey
- d. A selection committee will review the applications and accept up to 25 participants per university
- e. Applications are due May 15, 2019
- f. Applicants will be notified by June 1, 2019 regarding application result

2019 Texas 4-H Livestock Ambassador Short Courses:

Texas A&M University – Kingsville June 17-20, 2019
Texas A&M University – College Station July 8-11, 2019
Texas Tech University/West Texas A&M University – Lubbock/Canyon July 22-25, 2019
Cost: \$250.00 (includes food and lodging)

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Livestock Project News



AMBASSADORS

Texas 4-H Equine Ambassadors

The Texas 4-H Equine Ambassador program strives to provide high school aged 4-H members the opportunity to develop and practice advanced leadership skills related to mentoring other youth, and to become advocates for the equine industry in Texas.

Objectives:

- Prepare youth to serve in leadership capacities in Horse projects and programs across Texas.
- Prepare youth for the experience of the university setting, through intensive science based instruction and experiences.
- Prepare and provide opportunities for youth to serve in advocacy roles for the Equine Industry, 4-H, and the horse programs.
- Develop a heightened awareness of career opportunities in the equine industry and advocacy.

Selection Criteria:

- Senior age (14-18) 4-H youth that have exhibited a superior level of ambition regarding horse projects
- Students with a profound interest in equine science and the horse industry in Texas
- Students have shown advanced leadership qualities and a willingness to help others
- Top 25% class rank

Application Process:

- Applicants go to http://tamuag.az1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV esuzimQvlFSJcVf
 - -Student will complete the application and enter the contact information of supervising County Extension Agent
 - -CEA will be automatically emailed a recommendation survey

Applications are due May 1, 2019.

Horse Validation

Its that time of year to validate your horse(s) for the District 8 Horse Show and Texas 4-H Horse Show! Some of the fields within the system have been updated, so families with existing horse profiles will need to update some of their information when validating. Validation will be open

March 1st - April 15th at \$10 per validation and \$20 from April 16 until May 1.

REMINDERS:

- Horses must be validated in 4-H Connect every year.
- Only one validation per horse each year is necessary
- If the horse is registered then the registration papers must be uploaded during validation. The owner must be listed as the 4-Her, or a member of the 4-Hers immediate family (parent, sibling, grandparent, legal guardian).
- If the horse is grade (unregistered) then the field designated for the upload of registration papers should be left blank.
- Pictures need to be a visual representation of the horses color and markings (head and legs must be visible in right and left profile images and lighting should be sufficient to determine coat color)

State 4-H Horse Show

Goat Tying and Freestyle Reining have been added to the class roster for the State 4-H Horse Show!

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mportant Dates

Apríl 2019

April 30: Food Challenge Practice

April 30: TX 4-H Photography Ambassadors Due

April 30: NQB & CDM Practice

April 1: Ag Product ID Practice May 1: TX 4-H Equine Ambassador Apps Due **April 1: District 8 Contest Deadline** May 1: Last Day to Validate Horses **April 2: Food Challenge Practice May 2: County Council Elections April 2: NQB & CDM Practice** May 3: Bell County Ambassador Applications Due **April 3: Vet Science Meeting** May 3: BC Adult Leader Nominations Due April 4: BC Round Up & Share the Fun, CEO May 8: Bell County Safety Day **April 5: BCYF Scholarship Deadline** May 11: D8 Rifle Contest, Buffalo **April 5: D8 Contests, Stephenville** May 15: TX 4-H Livestock Ambassador Apps Due **April 8: Ag Product ID Practice** May 15: TX 4-H Water Ambassador Apps Due **April 9: MAB Committee Meetings** May 18: Clover Kids Meeting **April 12: Leaders 4 Life Practice** May 19: Outdoor Challenge Deadline **April 14: Duds to Dazzle Workshop** May 21: 4-H FCH Coalition Meeting April 16: D8 Fashion Show, Belton May 23: MAB Meeting **April 15: BCYF & State Market Steer Tag Orders** May 24: D8 Leadership Lab Deadline May 24: D8 TAE4-HA Scholarship Deadline April 15: BCYF, State Fair & Spring Major Registered Breeding Heifer Validation Orders April 15: SF Lamb, Goat and Barrow Tag Orders April 15: Last Day to Validate Horses for \$10/head June 2019 April 16: Horse Validation goes up to \$20/head **April 17: Vet Science Meeting** April 19: Leaders 4 Life Practice **June 7: BC Record Books Due April 22: Ag Product ID Practice June 8: Photography Community Service April 23: Food Challenge Practice** June 11: TX 4-H Photography Judging Contest April 23: NQB & CDM Practice June 19-12: District 8 Leadership Lab, Brown-**April 25: Photography Community Service** wood June 26-28: Outdoor Challenge, Brownwood **April 26: County Council Intent to Run Forms Due** April 26: Leaders 4 Life Practice **April 26: D8 Rifle Contest Deadline**



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