



Brazoria County 4-H November 2014 News



[Brazoria County 4-H 2014-2015 Calendar](#)

Dates have moved on the Calendar. Be sure to check for updated items!



2014-2015 Texas 4-H and FFA Heifer Validation Program – November 1, 2014!!



As many of you may or may not have heard, we will be validating any breeding heifers that will be entered or substituted for the Texas Major Shows (Fort Worth, San Antonio, Austin, San Angelo, and Houston). We will be collecting the following:

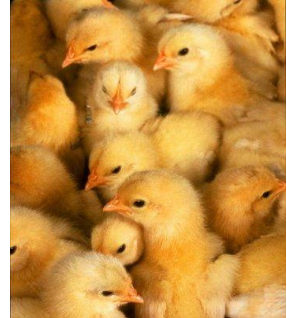
- Hair DNA sample from heifer.
- Signed ethics policy forms.
- Signed and completed Validation forms.
- Scan of the ORIGINAL heifer registration paper.

November 1, 2014 at the Brazoria County Fairgrounds. **Cost is \$12 per heifer** validated and we will collect that at the validation site. You may bring your heifer papers to the 4-H office to be uploaded prior to the validation date but we will have a scanner onsite at both validations. If parent/guardians cannot make the validation date, please let me know so that I can send you a form to complete. **We will be verifying the permanent ID on the heifers, so please make sure they are on the animal.** We will have a tattoo gun onsite if any need tattoos completed. Brands must be visible on the heifers.



[Pecan Sales Fundraiser](#).... Pecan sales are under way! Get with your Club manager or Sales Committee Chair to get all the latest information. Remember that the second sale gets them in before Christmas, due November 5th to the 4-H office. We have a wide variety this year. Check out the sales [brochure](#). Can't wait to taste them for myself!

Interested in showing Market Broilers and Roasters? We've got just the workshop for you! On **November 4th** learn from a veteran in the field who regularly judges for fairs across the country. Keith Staggs will lead you through your best practices step by step. Cost is only \$15.00 for your entire family. Contact Kimberly at 979- 532-3310 or email her at Kimberly.johnson@ag.tamu.edu to reserve your spot. Workshop will be held at the Wharton County Fairgrounds 6:30 pm. For more details please see the attached [flyer](#). This is a great opportunity for Brazoria County 4-H, we're grateful to Wharton county for the invitation. Don't let it pass you by if you plan on getting into broilers and roasters.



Fort Worth entries are due in the 4-H office by **November 6, 2014** by 4PM. Applications can be found on our [website](#) or at Fort Worth [website](#)



Calf Scramble forms for the Fort Worth Stock Show and Rodeo, San Antonio and the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo can be found on our [website](#).

Fort Worth accepts entries on a first come first serve basis so in order to insure spots for our members' entries will be due to the 4-H office by **November 6th** or when the first six are received. Review the rules before making the decision to enter. When signing read General rule #2 carefully – both parents must sign form.

Information and forms for the *San Antonio Stock Show and Rodeo*, *Houston Livestock Show & Rodeo* and *Star of Texas Fair and Rodeo (Austin)* can be found on our [website](#). If Brazoria County 4-H has limited entries for the calf scramble, once the number of qualified and complete entries are received in the county office they will be sent on to the Major Shows. Entries for these shows will be taken at the Major Show entry night **November 18 at 3:00 pm**. There will be a notary available at the 4-H office for those forms that need to be notarized.



What can you do in one day?

4-H members are needed to run the activities and hosts the guests LOTs of great activities this year!!

Come be a part of this wonderful day. ☺

Saturday, **November 8th**, Brazoria County 4-H will host its One Day event - at Westside Elementary in Angleton (1001 W. Mulberry). For the fifth year we will host "[A Very Special Fall Festival](#)" This will be a free event for children with special needs and their families. Brazoria County 4-H will children host their One Day event on November 8th since fair activities fill the month of October for many members. The day will begin with set up at 12 noon for 4-H members and concluding with clean up at 4pm. Guests will be invited to attend from 1-4pm. Members are needed to run the activities.

Just in from the District Office!... Apply for Scholarships and get training at College Station on Saturday, November 8, 2014.

The Texas 4-H and Youth Development Program and the Texas 4-H Youth Development Foundation is once again pleased to offer to our senior high school 4-H members and current college students the opportunity to apply for an Opportunity Scholarship through the Texas 4-H Program.

The application and the instructions are separate documents for easier completion and direction

What is new for 2015:



1. A 4-H member can apply for a Texas 4-H, Texas FFA, and Texas FCCLA scholarships. The scoring matrix for 4-H scholarships has changed for 2015
2. Scholarships will be presented over three nights at the 2015
3. Texas 4-H Roundup. Applicants, if receiving a scholarship(s) will be told what group of scholarship they will be receiving and what night(s) to be present. With the pre-notification of scholarship groups 4-H members will be able to be recognized at end-of-year school assemblies and ceremonies as a scholarship honoree.

Due to a continued increase in incomplete and the incorrect completion of the scholarship applications from applicants, any incomplete or incorrect application submitted will not be considered. It is the responsibility of the 4-H member and parent/guardian to ensure all information is correct and complete prior to submitting. Absolutely no follow up or updates will be allowed once submitted.

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Due dates and deadlines for 2015 Scholarship process are as follows:

October, 2014	Release of 2015 Application
November – January	Scholarship Trainings
November – December	Applicant complete FAFSA and receive report
Set by County Office	Application due to County Office
February 6, 2015	Applications due to District Office
February 20, 2015	Applications due to State 4-H Office
April 10, 2015	Interview selection notification
May 1-3, 2015	Interviews (Austin, TX)
June 9, 10, &/or 11, 2015	Awards Assemblies/Banquets (College Station, TX)

Requirements for the Baccalaureate, Technical, and Courageous Heart Scholarships

All applications MUST meet the minimum requirements/criteria to even be considered for judging (see guidelines for complete details). Those applications not meeting the requirements should not be submitted to the county Extension Office and/or Agent.

Trainings: Check with your District 4-H Specialist to see about any district based training(s) which will be held in your or surrounding districts. Additionally, the Texas A&M Collegiate 4-H Club will be hosting a [fund-raising scholarship training in College Station on Saturday, November 8, 2014](#). This event hosted by the TAMU Collegiate 4-H will be focused for both junior and senior high school youth and parents in order to learn more about the 4-H Scholarship process and the completion of a 2015 application. A flyer/registration form is attached for their event.

[FAFSA Instructions and Examples](#)
[2015 Opportunity Scholarship Application Examples](#)
[Rules and Guidelines](#)
[Texas 4-H Opportunity Scholarship Application](#)
[Texas 4-H Collegiate Scholarship Application](#)
[College Station Scholarship Training Flyer](#)



November 10th Ambassador meeting be here at 6:00.



The first point Horse Show for the 2014-2015 year will be on **November 15-16, 2014** at the Brazoria County Fairgrounds Arena. Be sure to [enter online](#) by **November 10th** or a late fee will be assessed. The Horse Advisory Committee will meet Monday, November 10th at 6:30 p.m. at the 4-H office. Rules & forms are on the [website](#)

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November 11th is Veterans Day. The 4-H Office will be closed. On this day, remember to thank a Veteran for the sacrifices her or she has made to preserve our countries freedoms!

Midway 4-H Heifer Fall Showdown

Midway 4-H is hosting a heifer show on November 15 at the Brazoria County Fairgrounds. There will be 4 sanctioned rings and multiple prizes to win! See [flyer](#) for more info.



Major Show entry night

Major Show Entry night will be **November 18, 2014** from 3-8 PM as a come and go. Please remember, tag orders, validation, turkey, and broiler order does not enter you in the show. You must still go through that process. This will be for the Spring Major Shows such as, Fort Worth, San Antonio, Houston, San Angelo, Austin. If you have any questions, call the 4-H office at (979) 864-1554, ext. 114 or visit our [website](#) for the most up-to-date information where you will also find out [Brazoria County's Major Show Guide to 2015](#).

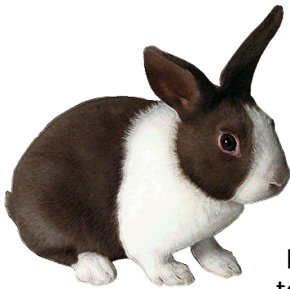


Online 4-H Volunteer Conference November 19th and 20th, 2014. Visit <http://texas4-h.tamu.edu/volunteer-conference> for the latest information and details.



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Are you ready for the next step? Project leaders are needed **Rabbit Mentor training** set for Saturday, **December 6** at the Brazos County Expo in Bryan, Texas. This workshop is for rabbit project leaders that you feel are ready to take the next step to become Rabbit Mentors. These mentors will be trained in not only rabbit project care and management but also in the skill of planning and delivering project training for 4-Hers and serving as you in rabbit project supervision. Managers, chose wisely, those leaders that are truly ready to assume greater responsibility, well-versed in rabbit husbandry and care, and with a heart to help others and you. Please guide your recruits to the 4-H connect website to register. Deadline to register is **November 20th**. Registration is \$100 and includes lunch, refreshments, educational resources such as the American Rabbit Breeders Association's *Standard of Perfection* and the *Guidebook to Raising Better Rabbits and Cavies*, and a Rabbit Judge's coat. See the [Flyer](#) for more information!



Major Show Swine validation will be on Monday, **November 24, 2014**. If you have already ordered validation tags, please call the 4-H Office to make arrangements for validation. This will be for the Spring Major Shows such as, Fort Worth, San Antonio, Houston, San Angelo, Austin. You must have already ordered your tags to validate an animal.

Market Days November 22 & 23, 2014



4-H members bring your hand sewn blankets, knitted scarves, craft items, extra canned pickles, salsa and jelly. It can be anything made by the 4-H member. We will sell it in the Clover Corner Booth during Angleton Market Days. Bring all those extra home economics projects and we will sell them for you. Anything that does not sell will be returned to the 4-H member.

Members can sign up to work a 3 hour shift on either Saturday or Sunday and receive 100 % of their sales OR Brazoria County 4-H will take 10% of the sale price, and the 4-H member keeps the rest. Please bring all labeled and priced items by the 4-H office during the week of November 17-21 and complete your [inventory log](#).

[Market Days Flyer](#)



Any questions call Courtney (979) 864-1558 x115 or clatour@ag.tamu.edu



November 27th and 28th - The 4-H Office will be closed to celebrate Thanksgiving.

Did you Know?.... **Thanksgiving Day** became an official Federal holiday in 1863, when, President Abraham Lincoln proclaimed a national day of "Thanksgiving and Praise to our beneficent Father who dwelleth in the Heavens".
Thank you Wikipedia for the info!

Kick off the holidays at the Winter carnival! The Brazoria County 4-H Council will meet on **December 15th** at 7pm. Club officers and leaders come dressed in your ugly holiday sweater and participate in some fun leadership activities. All clubs should send at least 2 officers/representatives to each meeting. Any 4-H member that has a desire to improve and their leadership skills and expand their 4-H experience can attend. The knowledge you gain at this meeting will not only help you more effectively serve your club, but also develop your communication and leadership skills. The Adult Leaders Association will also meet concurrently in the Conference Room. Any parents or adult leaders are welcome to attend.





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Bell Ringers – Is your club ready for a new community service project?.....

It's that time of year again and The Salvation Army is kicking off the Christmas season. They are looking for volunteers to help with their bell ringing program. This year they are using online website to schedule volunteers. If you or your club would like to volunteer please visit www.registertoring.com for a list of locations and available dates. For more information or help with the website please 979-233-5420. We look forward to seeing you with a bell in hand!



Quality Counts verification will still be required for all youth exhibiting livestock (market and/or breeding) at major livestock shows in Texas (including the Ft. Worth Livestock Show, San Antonio Stock Show & Rodeo, Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo, Star of Texas Fair in Austin, San Angelo Livestock Show, Sandhills Stock Show in Odessa, State Fair of Texas in Dallas, and Heart O' Texas Fair in Waco). The verification process will require junior exhibitors to pass an online test that measures their knowledge on quality assurance and character education content items. You only need re test if your child has moved into the senior age category (14). If you have never tested before, go to the link below to become verified. You may take the exam as many times as necessary to obtain an 80% grade. To learn more about Quality Counts including the verification process, please visit: <http://qualitycounts.tamu.edu/>



Chenango Stellar 4-H Holiday Playday at the Brazoria County Fairgrounds- December 6, 2014. Books open at 8:00, playday begins at 11:00. For more information, view the [flyer](#) or contact Dixie Smith 979-215-6711.