



Brazoria County 4-H News September 2014

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[Brazoria County 4-H 2014-2015 Calendar](#) – This year we're trying to go electronic. For club managers who want to pass out hard copies, we will print them for you by request.

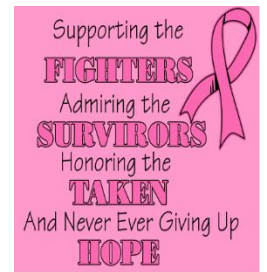
September Reminders - This month's reminder is being sent to all 4-H families that were registered on [4-H Connect](#) for the 2013-2014 year. Re-enrollment began August 15th. If your membership status is pending you are in good shape. Your membership status will become "**Active**" once your club manager and then the county program both confirm your membership. The fee is \$20 until October 31, 2014. The fee will increase to \$25 November 1st. Need help with enrolling in Connect?.... [Instructions](#) on the second page!



A few things to keep in mind when you are enrolling:

- Make sure that you have the correct school listed.
- If you have a resubmit status, check your email for the instructions.

Midway is now taking orders for Breast Cancer Awareness shirts. Orders are due by September 1st. Contact Shari Wilson at 979-248-9161 for more information. Check out the [flyer](#) and order today!



All exhibitors must be Quality Counts certified. 4-H members that turned 14 years old before September 1, 2014 will now need to take the senior test. Go to [Quality Counts website](#) - click on *Texas Trail* for the tutorial then *Verification* to take the test.



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Heart O' Texas Fair & Rodeo – if you are planning to enter the HOT Livestock Show please contact the 4-H office by September 4th.

Brazoria County Fair entries are turned in by club September 5th – contact your club manager for club deadlines and more information. Rabbit validation is September 13, 2014. The Brazoria County Fair will be held October 10-18, 2014.



The Brazoria County Fair 4-H Home Economics contest has a **new** name and a **new** division for 2014:

The contest is now the **Junior Creative & Culinary Arts** Department. The contest is open to 4-H and FFA members in Brazoria County. In addition, a Horticulture division has been created. The Horticulture Division includes the traditional classes of potted plants, cactus, terrariums, seedlings, and lawn/garden decorations along with new class “Miniscapes”.

Miniscapes can be designed and planted by individuals or teams. At the designated time, teams/individuals will bring their plants and equipment and create a miniscape that will be displayed on the grounds during the fair. Additional details for the Miniscape class 108 can be found in the Divisions and Class Descriptions document.

The fair catalog has incorrect information – disregard pages 95-96 of the 2014 Fair Catalog. The correct contest information is on pages 97-98.

Entry forms are due in the 4-H office by September 12th. Complete rules and forms are available at the 4-H office or on our [website](#). **Online registration is now available!!**



[12th Annual Texas Cattle Showdown](#) hosted by Alvin Stock-n-Stuff 4-H September 6, 2014 at the Brazoria County Fairgrounds. Four sanctioned TCCA Rings and Non-Sanctioned Commercial Class. Breed Champion Buckles in Ring D plus a jackpot Showmanship!

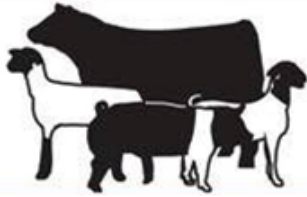
[Pecan Sales Fundraiser](#).... Pecan sales are under way! Get with your Club manager or Sales Committee Chair to get all the latest information. Remember that the first sale guarantees the pecans come in before Thanksgiving, and the club sales are due to the 4-H office on October 1st. Second Sale gets 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!



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4-H Ambassadors will meet September 8th at 6pm at the 4-H office. If you are an intermediate or senior 4-H member looking for more to do in 4-H then this group is for you. The 4-H Ambassadors represent 4-H at community events throughout the county. Upcoming event: Alvin Depot Days (August 30)



Livestock Judging – If you would like to be a part of the Brazoria County 4-H Livestock Judging Team that will train for the District and State contests, a meeting has been scheduled for September 11th, 2014 at 6:00 p.m. at the 4-H office. Try it out! We'll have meetings every Thursday to help guide you along the way. Be part of this growing and successful Brazoria County 4-H program.



4-H members interested in participating in the San Antonio Livestock Expo and Rodeo CALF SCRAMBLE notify the Brazoria County 4-H office by September 11, 2014. Things to keep in mind about San Antonio:

- Participant must have reached his or her 12th but not their 18th birthday on January 1, 2015 and not enrolled beyond their junior year in high school.
- Each participant is only eligible to be awarded a scramble certificate one time during their show career.
- Each potential participant is required to complete a Calf Scramble Application, SALE Release and Indemnification Agreement, and Medical Questionnaire as part of the nomination process.

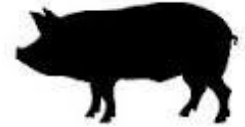


Major Show Broiler Order due September 11, 2014 – It's time to order Broilers for the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo, San Antonio Stock Show and Rodeo and the Star of Texas Fair and Rodeo. The standard order is increments of 25 broiler chicks up to a maximum of 75 broiler chicks per exhibitor. The cost per box of 25 is \$31.25. Mail or bring payment with the following information to the 4-H office.

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Major Show Swine Validation Tag orders are due September 18, 2014. Tags are \$12 each. Validation will take place on November 24th. Complete this [form](#) and return with payment to the 4-H office.



Where is Brazoria County 4-H going?..... Be part of the solution. Every 4th Monday at 7:00 pm, the Adult Leaders of Brazoria County 4-H meets to discuss where we're headed. Be part of this exciting team where the parents and leaders come together from all the various clubs in the county to discuss how best to help out our 4H'ers in our program. All are welcome to come to help lead us into the future. Next meeting September 22nd.

County Council will meet on Monday, September 22 at 7pm at the 4-H office. All 4-H members are welcome. This month's theme is Bikers & Surfers, so dress up and show us who you most identify with and a chance to win prizes. Each club should send at least 3 representatives to each council meeting. Those that attend will leave with tools to provide programs and leadership at their club meetings. Plus have FUN! with fellow county members. A light supper is included.



TSC Paper Clover Campaign begins October 8 and runs through October 19th. If your

club would like to host a promotional table at either store in Brazoria County, please contact the store manager to set a date and time, and then let the 4-H office know so we can provide you with some 4-H promotional items. In this campaign, customers are offered to purchase a clover for \$1 to support the Texas 4-H program. Sixty cents of each dollar will be returned to the county program and the rest goes to the state program.

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Your heard right! Alvin's 4-H club has expanded! 🏹🏹 **ALVIN' 4-H ARCHERY** – Every **Sunday (except holiday weekends) from 6:00 pm – 7:00 pm**. No archery experience needed to join. Learn with a certified archery instructor how to shoot a bow in a safe environment. Bows and arrows are available to utilize for 4-H members. Contact Jeff Weber Archery Coach at 281-658-6882 if you have any questions. 🏹🏹



2014-2015 Texas 4-H and FFA Heifer Validation Program



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:

1. Hair DNA sample from heifer.
2. Signed ethics policy forms.
3. Signed and completed Validation forms.
4. Scan of the ORIGINAL heifer registration paper.

We have set two dates to validate heifers, October 16, 2014 and November 1, 2014 at the Brazoria County Fairgrounds. The October 16, 2014 date is during the Brazoria County Fair and will be **ONLY** for cattle that are already on the grounds. Any cattle that are purchased or did not go to the Brazoria County fair will need to come to the November 1st date. **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.

[Pre-register here to get a jump start!](#)

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