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TARRANT COUNTY 4-H LEADERSHIP

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Delegate-Melinda Maynard

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Educational programs of Texas AgriLife Extension Service are open to all people without regard to race, color, sex, disability, religion, age or natural origin. The Texas A&M University System, U. S. Department of Agriculture, and the County Commissioners Courts of Texas cooperating.
The 4-H Youth County Council meetings are open to 4-H members age 9 and older. Meetings provide opportunities for youth to meet, share ideas, plan, and implement activities with other youth throughout the county. Each club is encouraged to send 2—3 representatives to each meeting. Club representatives typically include the President and 1—2 Council Delegates.

The youth have voted to meet on a monthly basis on the 4th Monday evenings.

The next County Council Meeting will be Monday, November 28, 2011, at 6:30 p.m. Please note the time change that will be in effect throughout 2011-2012.

Likewise, the Adult Leader Association meetings provide an opportunity for adult volunteers to meet, discuss ideas, and plan and implement activities that support the youth of the county. Each club is encouraged to send up to 3 adults to serve as voting representatives.

The next meeting scheduled for Adult Leaders is on November 28, 2011 at 7:15 p.m.

All 4-H members & families are invited to a 4-H Christmas Party, sponsored by the County Council. The festivities will be on December 9, 7:00 p.m., at the Extension office.

This is a great opportunity to meet youth throughout the county. The food for the evening is pot-luck and each family is encouraged to bring something to share. Go to this link to sign up for the food item that you will be bringing. http://www.doodle.com/grrvnrtsuh6wfr4d

For those who would like to participate, there will be a “White Elephant Gift Exchange”. The value of the “gift” should not exceed $5.

As a service activity, youth may bring a pair of gloves/mittens for the “Warm Hands…Warm Hearts” activity. The collected gloves/mittens will be donated to families/children in need, as they prepare for the cold winter weather ahead.

Happy Thanksgiving From Tarrant County 4-H

He who thanks but with the lips Thanks but in part; The full, the true Thanksgiving Comes from the heart.

J.A. Shedd
Food Challenge Contest

The 4-H Food challenge is another way 4-H members can exhibit their knowledge and skills they gain in the 4-H Foods & Nutrition Project. The Food Challenge is modeled after competitions such as the Food Network’s Iron Chef. Teams create dishes using only a predetermined number and amount of ingredients. From these ingredients team members must develop a recipe and prepare the dish. Teams then make a presentation to a judging panel, explaining the preparation steps, serving size, nutritional value, and cost of the dish.

Teams must provide their own equipment, as specified in the Food Challenge guidelines. At the start of the contest, each team is given a set of ingredients and a clue to help them determine what dish to prepare. In addition to preparing the recipe, team members must also research the nutrients in the dish, determine the benefits of these nutrients, and analyze the cost of the dish. Teams have 40 minutes to do this.

Teams then make presentations to the judges. At least three team members must have speaking roles in the presentation. Judges may also ask questions of the team members.

Our Tarrant County Food Show Challenge will be conducted at TCU on Saturday, November 5th. The entry forms are due October 7th. Cost is $12 per team. Entry forms and information are on the Tarrant County 4-H website under Current Events.

The District 4 Contest will be at TAMU-Commerce on February 25. Entries are due by November 11th. Registration is done through 4-H Connect for the District Contest.

County Photography Contest

Photography encourages communication through visual media. With growing popularity of the project, additional classes have been added to this year’s contest. Photo entries are due to the 4-H office by November 7, 2011.

2011 Classes:
- People
- Animals/Wildlife
- Animals/Domestic
- Marine/Aquatic
- Elements of Design
- Nature/Landscape
- Nature/Landscape
- Details & Macro
- Digital Darkroom
- Theme (Trains)
- Night Photography
- Food
- Dominant Color
- Catch All
- Storyboard

Basic Rules:
- All photos must have been taken since June 12, 2011
- Limit: 1 entry per class
- Size: true 8 x 10, mounted on thin foam board or mount board
- Must be able to provide original digital format file upon request
- The 4-H office reserves the right to refuse inappropriate entries.
- Blue, red, and white quality awards will be based on score sheet criteria.
- Each entry must have completed label affixed to the center back of photo.

Please refer to the Tarrant County 4-H website for complete Rules.
**County Food Show Contest**

The Tarrant County 4-H Food Show, where members showcase their food & nutrition entries, provides a unique opportunity for youth. In this contest, members prepare a favorite dish, display it, and tell the judges about it.

This contest will be held **November 19, 2011** at the Extension office from 9:30-1:30 p.m. Entries are due to the 4-H office by **November 7, 2011**.

Entry forms are posted on the Extension 4-H website under Current Events.

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**Quiz Bowl Contests**

4-H Quiz Bowl contests help members enhance and demonstrate their knowledge and skills in a competitive setting while practicing teamwork. Team members learn critical-thinking abilities, develop poise, and learn to express themselves concisely.

Each Quiz Bowl team consists of 3 – 4 members from the same age division. During the contest, two teams compete against each other, answering questions on subject matter topics. Three types of questions may be involved: individual, toss-up, and bonus. In the toss-up round, the moderator asks a question and members “buzz in” when they know the answer. The first person to press the buzzer has the opportunity to answer the question. At the end of the contest, the team with the highest score is announced as the winner.

As members study project materials and practice for the contest, they encourage and motivate each other as they strengthen their teams.

4-H has a variety of quiz bowl contest opportunities from which members may choose. Examples include: Nutrition Quiz Bowl; Horse Quiz Bowl; or Beef Quiz Bowl. The district contests are on the same day, so youth must select the one team on which they would like to participate.

**Nutrition Quiz Bowl:** The Nutrition Quiz Bowl helps participants increase their knowledge of basic nutrition, consumer information, food and kitchen safety, food preparation skills and storage, and nutrition and health.

**Horse Quiz Bowl:** The Horse Quiz Bowl helps members increase their knowledge of basic care, nutrition, safety, anatomy & physiology, showing, etc.

**Additional Information:**

Tarrant County teams are forming now. If you are interested in either of these opportunities, speak with your club manager. If there are not enough youth (of the same age division) to form a club team, contact the 4-H office to see if there is a county-wide team forming. Meanwhile, begin studying.

Additional information may be found on the website. The registration deadline for the district contest is **November 11**. The actual contest will be in Commerce on **December 3**.
CONSUMER DECISION MAKING

The Consumer Decision Making Contest is a competitive event that enables 4-H’ers to practice making decisions based on information about a situation and four available marketplace options. This contest is an opportunity to practice marketplace knowledge and skills and to compare personal decisions with the decisions from a panel of judges who are knowledgeable about today’s marketplace and its various goods and services.

There are two parts to the Consumer Decision Making Contest. The first part is to place or rank order the options. There will be four articles or options of one kind to rank. This group of items is called a class. Study guides will be available at http://fcs.tamu.edu/money/your_money/cdm/index.php. These study guides will provide research and factual information about the classes.

For each class, a buying problem or situation is presented. Contestants assume the role of consumers in the situation. Contestants will base their decision on information learned through the study guides, their participation in the 4-H Consumer Life Skills Project, and other background knowledge and consumer experiences.

One product in each class will best meet the consumer needs described or assumed by the situation statement; another product will be almost as desirable, and the other two will meet the standards to a lesser degrees. Ranking four items in order, according to how well they meet the situation, is called placing.

The second part of the contest will have individual contestants explain why they decided on a certain placing. This is called giving oral reasons.

The District CDM contest will be on February 25, 2011 at TAMU in Commerce.

For more information regarding this contest please contact Marian Ross at 817-884-1294.

JUNIOR LEADERSHIP RETREAT

The Junior Leadership Retreat will be held on November 11-13, 2011 at the 4-H Conference Center in Brownwood. Registration is open and can be accessed from the 4-H Center website texas4hcen-ter.tamu.edu. Just click on the Register Now button. Deadline to register is November 4.

Junior Leadership Retreat is the epitome of “youth teaching youth”. Members of the Texas 4-H Council serve as the coordinators of the weekend leadership retreat and facilitate all of the concurrent workshops. Junior and Intermediate level 4-H members have an opportunity on a state-wide basis to begin networking with other 4-H members while learning about new and exciting 4-H projects and opportunities. This year’s focus will be on Healthy Lifestyles, Outdoor Challenge, Record Keeping, Housing and Agricultural Products.

State 4-H Council members take pride in showcasing their creativity at the Saturday Night Theme Dance-stay tuned for the announcement! You will definitely want to bring a costume.

The cost is $105 for youth, and $70 for adult chaperones (includes two nights lodging, four meals, two evening snacks and program fees.)
One Day Service Cheers (One of Many)

4-H youth and families are known for many things, but one of the most prominent is that of service. Throughout the year, groups and individuals are willing to lend a helping hand to help others.

Recently, during the state-wide “One Day of Service”, several clubs organized events designed to meet community needs.

Congratulations and THANK YOU to those who participated in these events, as well as other events which may not have been reported to our office.

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<td>Active Duty Military Personnel</td>
<td>Countryside 4-H</td>
<td>Several 4-H families participated in Operation Appreciation for military service men &amp; women. The group met at DFW to express appreciation and well wishes as active duty personnel departed to return to their foreign tour of duty.</td>
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<td>Senior Citizens</td>
<td>Keller 4-H</td>
<td>4-H youth conducted an event called “A Day of Wisdom” for residents of Keller nursing home. They organized fun events such as bingo and other games for residents and collected items such as lotion, socks and other items to use as prizes for the bingo games. The club also made fleece blankets which were used as the grand prizes for the residents.</td>
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<td>Families &amp; Community</td>
<td>Paws-A-Plenty</td>
<td>The dog project 4-H club hosted a game booth in support of Nash Farm at the Fall Roundup Family Day. The Nash Farm Fall Roundup is a day of family fun at the farm with old-timey game booths and activities for the community.</td>
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<td>Children with Special Needs</td>
<td>Texas Wranglers 4-H</td>
<td>The Texas Wranglers 4-H Club hosted “Down on the Farm” for children with special needs. There were pony rides for the children, games, petting animals, gathering eggs in the chicken coop and more!</td>
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<td>Senior Citizens</td>
<td>Voyage 4-H</td>
<td>4-H youth and families from the Voyage 4-H Club created an afternoon of fun for Senior Citizens by doing crafts with them and conducting a fun sing-a-long.</td>
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<td>Animal Shelter</td>
<td>Western Outlaws 4-H</td>
<td>The Western Outlaws 4-H Club hosted a supplies drive for the local animal shelter. The donations of food, cleaning supplies, and other necessities was greatly appreciated.</td>
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<td>Homeless Shelter</td>
<td>Western Outlaws 4-H</td>
<td>The Western Outlaws 4-H Club collected new and gently used clothing for the Arlington Mission. With the changing of seasons and cooler weather approaching, the donations were warmly received.</td>
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<td>Families in Need</td>
<td>Westside 4-H</td>
<td>The Westside 4-H Club collected canned goods which were donated to the State Fair Food Drive, benefitting multiple food banks serving families in need. The donation from the Westside 4-H Club was so large that it received a 2nd place recognition for the State Fair Food Drive.</td>
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**Barn Talk with Ken**

**TCJLS Broiler Order**

If you plan on participating in the poultry contest of the Tarrant County Junior Livestock Show it is time to order your broilers. Orders for broilers are due on **Monday, November 14, 2011**. The cost is $1.50 each with a minimum order of 10 broilers per exhibitor payable by check or money order (NO CASH). Please make payment out to **Tarrant County Junior Livestock Association**.

If you have any questions regarding the TCJLS broiler order please contact Ken Johnson at 817-884-1946 or by e-mail at kd-johnson@tamu.edu.

**Rabbit Breeding Date & Validation**

The Rabbit Breeding date is **November 9, 2011** and validation for Rabbits will be on **January 18, 2012** from 6-8 p.m. at the Crowley FFA Barn. For more information contact Rebecca Bucholtz at rebeccabucholtz@sbcglobal.net

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**Important 4-H Livestock News**

Starting in 2012, Quality Counts verification will be required for all 4-H and FFA members exhibiting livestock-market and/or breeding animals at major livestock shows in Texas.

The shows that will require the verification in 2012 are Fort Worth, San Antonio, Houston, Star of Texas in Austin, San Angelo, Sandhills in Odessa, State Fair and Heart O’ Texas Fair in Waco.

The verification process requires that an exhibitor pass an online test that measures their knowledge on quality assurance and character education items. Online learning modules and the verification test are available at [http://qualitycounts.tamu.edu](http://qualitycounts.tamu.edu).

Upon passing the verification test the youth exhibitor will be given a unique verification number. This number is required at the time when making an official entry into a Texas major stock show for 2012. So beginning with the livestock entry day in November if you plan to enter any of the major spring shows you must have been verified and received a number.

If you have any questions please contact Ken Johnson at 817-884-1946 or kd-johnson@tamu.edu.

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**Tarrant County JR. Livestock**

Members, start thinking about the Tarrant County Junior Livestock Show. Rules and guidelines and entry forms will be posted on the county 4-H website as they become available.

For this show, members turn in their entries and fees to their club manager, who turns in all the club’s entries, along with a single check or money order payable to Tarrant County Junior Livestock Show. **There will be no paper entries accepted this year.** Online entries are due on **January 9th** along with payment, summary sheets, and code of conduct form.

Members will need to check with their club manager for the deadline date for their club.

Club Managers will be submitting entries directly to the Tarrant County Junior Livestock Show for their club members. No entries will be accepted at the 4-H office.

For all questions regarding the TCJLS entries please contact Jeff Newcomb at j.a.newcomb@netzero.net.
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Individuals with disabilities who require an auxiliary aid, services, or accommodation in order to participate in meetings or events are encouraged to contact Cindy Bryant CEA-4-H at 817-884-1291 ten days prior to the event.