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Cochran 4-H Club Meeting March 10th Whiteface HS Library 4 p.m.

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Cochran Adult Leader & Ag Scholarships Due March 30th

Cochran County



Meeting Dates & Contacts:

Cochran 4-H Club

2nd Tuesday of month
Whiteface Library 4
p.m.

Cochran 4-H Gun Club

TBA

Please welcome our new Ag Agent in Cochran

Kendra Bilbrey

Kendra started on
Monday, December 15th.

Kendra grew up in Cochran County and is a product of the 4-H and FFA program.

She graduated from Tarleton State University in August and interned with Texas AgriLife Extension in Wilson County the summer of 2014.

Her mentor is Cochran IPM Aent,
Kerry Siders.

Cochran County Stock Show Schedule:

Jan 14th goat & lamb weigh in 2 p.m.

Jan 15th swine weigh in 2 p.m., lamb show 6 p.m. followed by goat show

Jan 16th swine show begins 9 a.m. , rabbit weigh in 9:30 a.m., steer weigh in 11 a.m., rabbit show 1 p.m., heifer & steer show 3 p.m.

Jan 17th Ag Mech show 8 a.m., meal 12 p.m. MISD Cafeteria, sell 1:30 P.M.

Contest Results

Sandhills Stock show:

Jordan Albus 1st place beef

Nash Willingham 3rd place beef



4H Adult Leader & Management Corner:

Equal Opportunity Notification for Educational Programs & Non-Discrimination Policies

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Need help fundraising.....but,

*"My County doesn't have a TSC store", **no problem.** "Stripes Convenient stores are not located in my County", **no problem.** "Arlington is a bit of a far drive for my county to attend a Texas Rangers Baseball game", **no problem.** Texas 4-H Friends and Alumni hosting 4-H membership drive. Can go to <http://texas4Hfriends.org/alliances> for more information.*

TEXAS 4-H CENTER WEBSITE

While you are surfing the web, don't forget to visit the Texas 4-H Center's website: <http://texas4h-ctr.tamu.edu>

COCHRAN COUNTY 4-H ON-LINE

Now has the 4-H newsletter as well as various other sources of information at: <http://cochran-tx.tamu.edu>

Other 4-H Web-sites

Glory Be Collectibles You might want to check out the neat 4-H items at www.glorybe.com

Clover Corner News Check out the Clover Corner News, 4-H's national online newsletter, at: www.4hblogs.org/ccn.

Check out this Website : <http://texas4-h.tamu.edu>

D-2 Events

D-2 Food Challenge February 24th



YOUTH PROTECTION STANDARDS UPDATE

Courtney Dodd, Extension Program Specialist

A reminder at the start of this 4-H year - all volunteers are to be re-screened every three years. For 4-H volunteers, the need for re-screening is determined on a 4-H year basis. For example, a volunteer screened any time between September 1, 2008 and August 31, 2009 needs to be re-screened at the beginning of this 2011-2012 4-H year. More information on volunteer screening is located online at: http://texas4-h.tamu.edu/agents/agent_yps/agents_yps.php

Volunteer \$5 Application Fee Plan

What:

Upon setting up or reactivating their 4-H CONNECT profile each year, adults will be assessed an annual \$5 volunteer application fee.

- This fee will pay for screening, which will continue to be conducted every three years, even though the \$5 volunteer application fee will be assessed annually.

Who:

All 4-H volunteers will be assessed the volunteer application fee

Volunteers that provide proof of screening through other entities will still be assessed the fee

Stock Show Tips:

Diet: Watch and control your animals diet. Inconsistent feeding can lead to problems in consumption and growth.

Always watch your animals diet. 45-30 days out from the show, look to see if your animal on track. Do they need to gain more weight, loose weight or do you need to hold them? The answers to these questions will help you determine if it's time to cut back on feed, increase it or introduce supplements to their diet.

Coat Care: Your animals coat and skin condition are an important part of their show ring success. Know what the requirements are your animal and make sure they are clipped correctly.

Organization is key! Be prepared to answer questions the judges may ask you. Know your animal's weight, breed & feed. Once at the show, know your schedule and class.

Showmanship: The time you spend working with your animal now will pay off in the show ring. Be prepared to answer questions on animal care, feeding strategies, weight, and breed. Dress appropriately and neat! Judges look at you as well as the animal. Nice shirts, clean jeans, and belts to hold up those pants. Be polite and respectful.

Judges: Each judge is different. Find out who the judge is, the information is available to you via the county extension office or the show rule book. Find out what is important to them. Understand their preferences, do your homework.

Be prepared: If you are traveling to an event consider putting together a check list for you and your animal. What do you need to bring with you and what should you do to get ready? When at the show, make a list of what you should do to prepare you and your animal. Keep all your equipment and show supplies together. A little preparation goes a long way in easing the stress for you and your animal.

Ask questions: The road to show ring success is long and requires discipline. You are bound to have a question along the way regarding care and feeding of your animal. Ask questions, it's the best way to learn. Talk to your Ag teacher, local feed store or county agent, they are wealth of information and are happy to help.

Taken by: Agvantage Farm & Ranch Supply
<http://www.agvantagefarmandranch.com>



Calendar 2014:

There's Always Something To Do! Important 4-H Dates

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Reminders and/or Suggestions:

Re-enrollment is required for each new program year. Enrollment or re-enrollment can be completed by going to 4H Connect website located on 4honline.com. Please also remember that all 4-H Volunteer working directly with youth must have also submitted a volunteer screening form. These, also, may be completed online on 4H Connect. **There will be a membership fee of \$20 each for enrollment, or re-enrollment, between Aug 15th—Oct 31st. \$25 each for the same after October 31st. There will be an adult enrollment fee of \$5. Contact office re: any questions you may have. website: <http://tx4-h.tamu.edu/4hconnect/index.html>**

Link for enrollment is: <http://tx4-h.tamu.edu/4hconnect/index.html>

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Texas 4-H homepage, go to: <http://texas4-h.tamu.edu/> for all upcoming event and state 4H info.