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Web-site: <http://cochran-tx.tamu.edu>**

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Meeting Dates & Contacts:

Cochran 4-H Club

*2nd Tuesday of month
Sept—May otherwise
rescheduled.*

Cochran Gun Club

TBA

STILL AVAILABLE:

**COCHRAN COUNTY STOCK SHOW SCHEDULE OF
EVENTS 2021**

Wednesday, January 6, 2021

4 p.m. LAMB Weigh-in
GOATS Weigh-in after

Thursday, January 7, 2021

2:00-4:00 pm BARROW Weigh-in
6:00 pm LAMB Show
GOAT Show immediately after
Followed by

Lamb & Goat Showmanship

Friday, January 8, 2021

9:00 am GILT SHOW

BARROW SHOW immediately after

Followed by Swine Showmanship

11:00 am STEER weigh-in & 3:00 pm HEIFER Show

STEER Show immediately after

Followed by Cattle Showmanship

Saturday, January 9, 2021

8:00 am—Ag Mechanics Show
& Rabbit weigh in

9:00 AM Rabbit Show

12:00 pm—Meal at Morton ISD Cafeteria 500 W. Champion in Morton

1:30 pm—Awards Presentation

Followed by

PREMIUM SALE

BARN SET UP January 2nd 9:00 a.m.

Cochran 4-H T-shirts for sale.
\$20.00 each. For

More info contact our
office 806-266-5215 or come by

200 –B W. Taylor



4H Adult Leader & Management Corner:

Equal Opportunity Notification for Educational Programs & Non-Discrimination Policies

Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service Cochran County does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, disability, or age in its programs and activities. The following person has been designated to handle inquiries regarding the non-discrimination policies: Requests for accommodation of a disability should be directed to Shay Butler, Office Manager, 806-266-5215. Educational programs of the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service are open to all people without regard to race, color, sex, disability, religion, age, or national origin.



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 Educational Presentations

D-2 Public Speaking & Share the fun



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 \$10 Application Fee Plan

What:

Upon setting up or reactivating their 4-H CONNECT profile each year, adults will be assessed an annual \$10 volunteer application fee.

- This fee will pay for screening, which will continue to be conducted every three years, even though the \$10 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

Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service's *Watch UR BAC* program is a free, statewide program to promote alcohol and other drug awareness, the dangers of impaired driving, and friends watching out for friends.

The members of Texas A&M AgriLife will provide equal opportunities in programs and activities, education, and employment to all persons regardless of race, color, sex, religion, national origin, age, disability, genetic information, veteran status, sexual orientation or gender identity and will strive to achieve full and equal employment opportunity throughout Texas A&M AgriLife.

Stock Show Corner Tips:

Start Setting Goals

Before you rush to sign up for your first stock show competition, it's helpful to establish a few goals first. Is your goal to improve your skills as a breeder or to improve the overall quality of your stock? Maybe you just want to be a better person and improve your future employment prospects. Those are noble goals as well. Some of the qualities that you can expect to develop over the course of your experience include patience, diligence, determination, and influence. Hopefully, one of your goals is to have fun because these competitions can be a blast!

Choosing Your Membership

As a stock show competitor, it's a tremendous help to have a membership in an agricultural extension service. Your two main choices are FFA and 4-H. FFA stands for Future Farmers of America, but the organization has a wide agricultural focus as opposed to just "farming." Members of FFA study subjects related to food sciences, horticulture, aquaculture, wildlife management, and even engineering. While FFA is a formal education program sponsored by many local schools, 4-H is an after school program in local communities. Some programs work together, and the membership you choose should be based on both personal preference and the availability in your area.

Choosing Your Animal

If you're going to participate in a stock show competition, you'll need an animal to show. Several common choices include sheep, cattle, hogs, and goats. Once you choose the type of animal, it's time to select your show animal. Among the selection criteria that you'll want to use are such things as breed, age, skeletal/muscle structure, and price. For example, if you decided to show a pig, most shows limit weight to between 200 and 260 pounds.

Feeding Your Animal

Once you've selected your animal, determine the standard show requirements for that animal and use those standards to put together a proper feed program. When the stock show competition date arrives, you want your animal to look fit and healthy as opposed to fat and sleepy. Designing the right schedule to manage weight gain and growth will help you and your animal accomplish this goal.

Training Your Animal

Show requirements will vary depending on what type of animal you choose. Learn those requirements and then begin training your animal. For example, a calf will need to learn how to stand correctly and lead on a rope. To do this, you will need to halter break the calf, which takes both time and patience. In order to properly train and control the animal, you'll need to have a trusty tool set.

Showing Your Animal

Now that you and your animal are sufficiently trained, it's time to make a debut at your first stock show competition. Find a small show to start, preferably a county or jackpot show. This will give you the opportunity to get exposure to showing your animal in a show atmosphere and allow your animal to acclimate to the fun as well.



Calendar 2021:

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

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Reminders and/or Suggestions:

Sept 1st 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.

Link for enrollment is: <https://v2.4honline.com/#/user/sign-in>

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