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**On-line Cochran 4-H
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Star of Texas Stock Show Mar 16th– 30th

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Cochran County



Meeting Dates & Contacts:

Cochran 4-H Club

2nd Tuesday of month
Sept–May otherwise
rescheduled.

Cochran Shooting Sports to begin TBA

Sundays at 2 p.m.
Cochran Shoot Range

STILL AVAILABLE:

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 to check them
out.

If you are interested, we are taking enrollment for the Cochran 4-H for shooting sports. Meetings will begin in later part of March or early part of April. Get a jump start and add your name to the list.



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 Natalie Silhan, 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

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State Upcoming Events:

4H Day @ The State Capitol:

When Mar 14

National 4-H Conference: when Apr 6 - Apr 11

State 4-H Roundup: when Jun 10 - Jun 1

State Dog Show: when Jul 12 - Jul 14

Shooting Sports State Games: when Jul 12 - Jul 20

State 4-H Horse Show: when Jul 21 - Jul 27

The Benefit of the 4-H Livestock Project

What is the benefit of the 4-H Livestock Project? I am sure it is different for every 4-H'er depending on their goals and personal situation.

As I write this short article, I could give you the typical answer of it

builds character, creates discipline, teaches youth about agriculture, teaches sportsmanship, etc., etc. While all of that is true and right on point, I am not sure that it does justice to the core of what the 4-H Livestock Project can and does do for our youth.

To me one of the greatest values of the 4-H Livestock Program is that it allows 4-H'ers the opportunity to gain confidence in themselves by caring for something that is 100% dependent on them. I remember a young 4-H'er who was uncomfortable getting in a pen with the heifer that was to be his show heifer that year, but he had to because without him the heifer could not eat or drink and could not have a clean place to live. Over time, he gained the confidence he needed to complete the project. In the years since that heifer he has showed steers at our county show and major shows. Today, he no longer shows cattle, but is routinely asked to show for other exhibitors when they have multiple animals in the same class. While this 4-H'er learned how to show cattle, the important life lesson is the self-worth and confidence he gained that will help him get through tough spots in his life and challenges that lie ahead.

The other major value I see in the 4-H Livestock Project can be said in one word "Family". When it is done right there is no better activity that promotes family time and the opportunity for a family to work side by side on a common goal. As surveys and reports keep pointing out the fact that families spend less time together, families that participate in 4-H Livestock Projects together have the opportunity to spend time together.

As a 4-H dad I love Saturday and Sunday mornings feeding with my son and just sitting there watching animals eat. What better time to talk about school, his dreams, goals, and problems. Finally, as the project year comes to an end and we put his animal on the truck I get to help celebrate our success and also comfort him through the loss of a friend, just one more life lesson that will stick with our 4-H'ers throughout their life.

By Marty Vahlenkamp





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Calendar 2019:

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

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Persons planning on attending can request the need for special accommodations relating to hearing impaired or any other special need. *Texas A&M AgriLife Extension is an equal opportunity employer and program provider.*

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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. **There will be a membership fee of \$20 each for enrollment, or re-enrollment, between Sept 1st—Oct 31st. \$25 each for the same after October 31st. There will be an adult enrollment fee of \$10. 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.