

NACOGDOCHES COUNTY 4-H

NEWSLETTER



Regents Academy 4-H Member, Mary Kate Hill and Beef Project Leader, Dr. Erin Brown, were recognized at the 2023 D5 4-H Gold Star and Award of Excellence Banquet, receiving the highest awards that a 4-H member and volunteer can achieve on the county level for their many years of service and commitment to Nacogdoches County 4-H.

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REMINDERS



Want to become a 4-H **Hunting Project leader?** December 16 - 17, 2023, Texas 4-H will be offering a **4-H Hunting Project Coach Training** which will include a Texas Hunter **Education Instructor** Certification for those who need it.

Registration closes on 4HOnline on November 27th

Registration Fee -\$150; includes 3 meals during training and educational materials. Training runs from 9:00am Saturday, after supper into the evening, and continues Sunday morning to approximately 3:00pm. Extension Agents/Program Assistants.

Registration Open: September 29, 2023-November 27, 2023

Contact Larry Hysmith at Ihysmith@tamu.edu for questions

Although this is not a 4-H program, it is one that several of our 4-H members have had the opportunity to participate in and have found value in.

For more information, visit

www.texasbrigades.org.





HIGHLIGHTS

State Fair of Texas



Nine members of the Regents Academy 4-H Club competed in teams of three in the Floral Design Contest at the Pineywoods Fair.



Brady and Kimber Allen, Emma and Emory Work participated in the Market Goat Show at the Dallas State Fair of Texas Livestock Show.

HLSR 2024 Archery Contest



Sibilings Abigail and Jackson Little competed in the 2024 Houston Livestock Show & Rodeo Archery Competition. Abigail won 1st place - Grand Champion in Junior Division - Female NASP, and Jackson won 3rd place in Junior Division - Male NASP Genesis!

Fall Festival



Regents Academy 4-H Club hosted their 6th annual Fall Festival fundraiser event.

The Great American Pumpkin Patch



Nacogdoches & San Augustine County 4-H members celebrated National 4-H Week by teaching families in the community about 4-H at The Great American Pumpkin Patch.

First Archery Practice



The newly established Archery Project met for its first practice last month.

Want one of your shining moments to be featured in the next newsletter? Email 1 - 2 photos of you and/or your fellow 4-H members in action with a statement explaining the subject of the photo(s) to brianna.lugo@ag.tamu.edu by the 27th day of the month.



HIGHLIGHTS

Fashion & Interior Design Project Meeting



"The Fashion & Interior Design project began [last] month with a great turnout! The community service project Quilts of Valor [began meeting in October]. If you would like to join us, a Saturday meeting will be held on November 11th at the Nacogdoches County Extension Office."
Nacogdoches 4-H Club Reporter, Callie Whitworth

Dog Care & Training Workshop



At the introductory Dog Care & Training Project Workshop, members learned basic dog care needs, anatomy, and how to identify different breeds of dogs.

Regents Academy Club Meeting



Following their October club meeting, Regents Academy 4-H members participated in mock Food Challenge contest.

Rabbits & Crafts | Pineywoods Fair



Jackson and Abigail Little both got Best of Breed 1sts in each of their rabbit classes at the Pineywoods Fair, and they both did well in arts and crafts. Jackson got 1st in Woodworking for his homemade rope ladder. Abigail crocheted a doily and got 2nd in crochet.

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IMPORTANT DATES

Dog Care & Training Project Meeting

Date: November 9 | Time: 6:30 p.m. | Location: SFA Beef Cattle Pavilion

Quilts of Valor Sew Day

Date: November 11 | Time: 9:00 a.m. | Location: Nac. Co. Extension Office

Food & Nutrition Project Meeting

Date: November 14 | Time: 6:00 p.m. | Location: Nac. Co. Extension Office

Horse Project Interest Meeting

Date: November 21 | Time: 6:00 p.m. | Location: Nac. Co. Extension Office

Major Livestock Show Validation (Swine)

Date: November 28 | Time: 4:00 p.m. | Location: Nacodoches Expo Center

Record Book Training Workshop

Date: November 30 | Time: 5:30 p.m. | Location: Nac. Co. Extension Office

UPCOMING EVENTS

DATE	EVENT		
November 1	4-H Foundation Opportunity Scholarship Application opens		
November 6	Nacogdoches 4-H Club Meeting	SFA Beef Cattle Pavilion	
November 9	Dog Care & Training Project Meeting	SFA Beef Cattle Pavilion	
November 10	Extension Office Closed - County Holiday		
November 11	Quilts of Valor Sew Day	Nacogdoches County Extension Office	
November 11-12	East Texas Show Star Series	Rusk County Youth Expo - Henderson, TX	
November 12	Archery Project Practice	Meadow Ridge Outdoors	
November 13	4-H ALPA & County Council Meeting	Nacogdoches County Extension Office	
November 13	Beef Cattle & Livestock Judging Project Meetings	SFA Beef Cattle Pavilion	
November 13	Shotgun Sports Practice	Pines Sporting Clays - Lufkin, TX	
November 14	Food & Nutrition Project Meeting	Nacogdoches County Extension Office	
November 18	Robotics Project Training	Gregg County Extension – Longview, TX	
November 21	Horse Project Interest Meeting	Nacogdoches County Extension Office	
November 23-24	Extension Office Closed - County Holiday		
November 24-28	National 4-H Congress	Atlanta, GA	
November 27	Beef Cattle & Livestock Judging Project Meetings	SFA Beef Cattle Pavilion	
November 28	Food & Nutrition Project Meeting	Nacogdoches County Extension Office	
November 28	Major Livestock Show Validation - Pigs	Nacogdoches Expo Center	
November 30	4-H Record Book Training Workshop	Nacogdoches County Extension Office	
December 2-3	Angler Certification (Sportfishing Project) Training	Gus Engling WMA - Palestine, TX	
December 4	Nacogdoches 4-H Club Meeting Nacogdoches County Extension Office		
	4-H EVENTS KEY		
	County 4-H Events State 4-H Events		

National 4-H Events

District 4-H Events

UPCOMING EVENTS

	EVENT	LOCATION		
DATE	EVENT	LOCATION Necessaries County Extension Office		
December 5	Food & Nutrition Project Meeting	Nacogdoches County Extension Office		
December 6	Regents Academy 4-H Club Meeting	Regents Academy		
December 8	County Food Show Contest	Nacogdoches County Extension Office		
December 11	Beef Cattle & Livestock Judging Project Meetings	SFA Beef Cattle Pavilion		
December 11	Shotgun Sports Practice	<u>Pines Sporting Clays</u> - Lufkin, TX		
December 12	Fashion & Interior Design/Quilts of Valor Meeting	Nacogdoches County Extension Office		
December 14	Opportunity Scholarship Training	Virtual – Zoom		
December 15	State Natural Resources Photography entries due	Virtual – Submittable		
December 15	D5 Fall Foliage ID & Photography entries due	Virtual – Submittable		
December 18	4-H ALPA & County Council Meeting	Nacogdoches County Extension Office		
December 19	Food & Nutrition Project Meeting	Nacogdoches County Extension Office		
December 25-26	Extension Office Closed - County Holiday			
January 1	Extension Office Closed - County Holiday			
January 3	Regents Academy 4-H Club Meeting	Regents Academy		
January 6	County Food Challenge Contest	Nacogdoches County Extension Office		
January 8	Nacogdoches 4-H Club Meeting	Nacogdoches County Extension Office		
January 9	Food & Nutrition Project Meeting	Nacogdoches County Extension Office		
January 11	Dog Care & Training Project Meeting	Nacogdoches County Extension Office		
January 12	District 5 Food Show Contest	Henderson Civic Center - Henderson, TX		
January 15	Extension Office Closed - County Holiday			
January 16	Fashion & Interior Design/Quilts of Valor Meeting	Nacogdoches County Extension Office		
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NACOGDOCHES 4-H CLUB



MEETING SCHEDULE 3



2023 - 2024



SEPTEMBER 11

6:00 P.M.

Location: Nacogdoches County Extension Office Kick-off & Welcome - Ice Cream Social



OCTOBER 2

6:00 P.M.

Location: Nacogdoches County Extension Office

Celebrate National 4-H Week



NOVEMBER 6

6:00 P.M.

Location: SFA Beef Cattle Pavilion, 442 County Road 123,

Nacogdoches, TX 75965

Hunter Safety



DECEMBER 4

Location: Nacogdoches County Extension Office **Annual Holiday Decorating Competition**

6:00 P.M.



DISCOVER

JANUARY 8 6:00 P.M.

Location: Nacogdoches County Extension Office Garden & Landscape Design - Community Service



6:00 P.M.

Location: Nacogdoches County Extension Office Forestry Education & Opportunities



MARCH 4

6:00 P.M

Location: SFA Beef Cattle Pavilion, 442 County Road 123,

Nacogdoches, TX 75965

Grow Your Own Food - Community Service

APRIL 8

Location: Nacogdoches County Extension Office

Leadership - What it Takes to be a Leader 6:00 P.M.



MAY 6

6:00 P.M.

Location: Nacogdoches County Extension Office Officer Elections & End of Year Celebration

Contact Laurie Fuller, Club Manager, for more information at: fullerl@garrisonisd.com

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WHAT TO BRING:

Donations for Godtel Ministries:

New or gently used:

- Toys
- Winter Clothes (for kids or adults)
 - Long sleeve shirts
 - Jackets/Coats
 - Sweeters
 - Gloves
 - Hats
 - Scarves
 - Socks
 - Boots, etc.





NACOGDOCHES COUNTY 4-H

FOOD & NUTRITION PROJECT MEETING

TIME:

6:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

LOCATION:

Nacogdoches County Extension Office

If you/your child need any type of accommodation(s) to participate in this event or have any questions about the physical access provided, please contact Brianna Lugo at 936-560-7711 by November 10th.



NOVEMBER 14, 2023

RSVP TO ATTEND:

https://forms.office.com/r/GVGTAGtxQx



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Department of Agriculture, and the County Commissioners Courts of Texas Cooperating.

RSVP TO ATTEND BY NOVEMBER 13TH:

https://forms.office.com/r/GVGTAGtxQx



DOG CARE & TRAINING



INGLUDES -WEEK DOG TRAINING

2023 - 2024 PROJECT MEETING SCHEDULE

DATE:	TIME:	LOCATION:	TOPIC:
November 9	6:30 p.m 7:30 p.m.	SFA Beef Cattle Pavilion	Grooming w/ Audrey Kirk
January 11	6:00 p.m 7:30 p.m.	Nac. County Extension Office	Vet Care w/ Dr. Lucas
March 21	6:00 p.m 7:30 p.m.	Pecan Acres Park	Dog Training
March 28	6:00 p.m 7:30 p.m.	Pecan Acres Park	Dog Training
April 4	6:00 p.m 7:30 p.m.	Pecan Acres Park	Dog Training
April 11	6:00 p.m 7:30 p.m.	Pecan Acres Park	Dog Training
April 18	6:00 p.m 7:30 p.m.	Pecan Acres Park	Dog Training
April 25	6:00 p.m 7:30 p.m.	Pecan Acres Park	Dog Training

Starting March 21, 2023, the group will begin a <u>6-week dog training class</u> led by a professional dog trainer which will include obedience, Canine Good Citizenship, and agility training. The cost for this class will be \$40 per child. This project is open to all enrolled 4-H members & Clover Kids.



Join us for our **Quilts of Valor Sew Day** on Saturday, **November 11, 2023**, from <u>9 a.m. - 3 p.m.</u>, at the Nacogdoches County Extension Office! In honor of Veterans Day, members and volunteers will spend the day sewing quilts that will be awarded to local veterans at the 2024 Nacogdoches Blueberry Festival. Come and go as you wish. Light snacks will be provided; however, plan to bring a lunch if you will stay the entire day.



Robotics Workshop

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Career Exploration Tour

Saturday, November 18, 2023 9:00 a.m.— 4:00 p.m.

Location: Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service 405 E Marshall Ave Ste 101 Longview, TX 75601

To register by November 13, 2023, go to: https://forms.office.com/r/U0kCMpT7A3

Scan QR Code to Register





In the robotics project.

In the robotics project, you can:

DEVELOP an understanding of basic science concepts related to robotics.

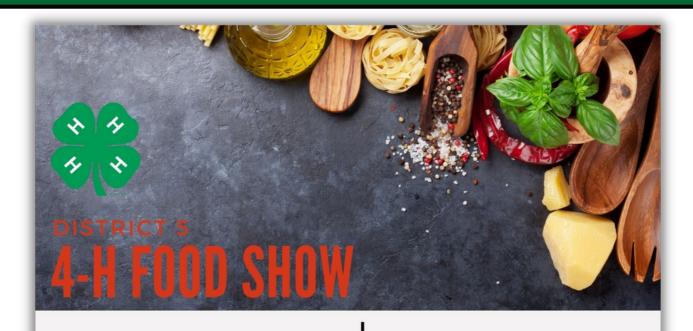
APPLY the processes of scientific inquiry and engineering design.

BUILD skills in science, engineering and technology.
USE the tools of technology to enhance their learning.
EXPLORE related careers in these fields.

APPLY the skills and knowledge they are developing to new challenges.



Individuals with disabilities who require an auxiliary oid, service, or accommodation to participate in this exhibit are encouraged to contact Texas A&M Agricife Extension Service-Gregg County at (903) 236-8429 for assistance, at least one week prior to the marketed education program. Extension programs serve people of all ages, regardless of race, color, sociaeconomic level, religion, disability or national origin. The Texas A&M University System, the U.S Department of Agriculture, and the County Commissioners Courts of Texas cooperating.



OPEN TO ENROLLED DISTRICT 5 4-H MEMBERS

- Junior/Intermediate Age
 Division prepare dish AT
 HOME and bring to contest to be judged
- Senior Age Division prepare dish onsite to be judged

2023-2024 Theme:

Cooking Through the Decades

Categories:

- Appetizer
- Side Dish
- Main Dish
- · Healthy Dessert

Prep and judging schedule to be released at a later date Placings announced onsite at close of event

Register at v2.4honline.com \$20 entry fee November 8 - December 8, 2023

> Late entry \$40 December 9 - 12, 2023

Complete District Contest Rules at D54h.tamu.edu

FOOD SHOW CONTEST: FRIDAY, JANUARY 12, 2024 HENDERSON CIVIC CENTER, HENDERSON, TEXAS

Food Show is a qualifying event at the county level. Contact your local County Extension agent for more information.

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All Members wishing to compete in the District 5 Food Show contest MUST qualify on the county level by competing in the <u>County Food Show Contest</u> on Friday, <u>December 8, 2023</u>. More information will be sent out later this week.



OPEN TO ENROLLED DISTRICT 5 4-H MEMBERS, CLOVER KIDS AND ADULTS

UPLOAD COLORFUL TEXAS FALL LEAF PHOTOS NOVEMBER 15 - DECEMBER 15, 2023 VIA SUBMITTABLE Register at v2.4honline.com \$10 entry fee Clover Kids are free October 16 - December 15, 2023

Complete District Contest Rules at

How Colorful Foliage ID Contest Works

- Take and submit up to 10 photos of 10 different tree leaves that have changed to their Fall colors that are found in Texas (green doesn't count!)
- · Earn points by correctly identifying tree by common and scientific names
- Photos judged on quality, originality, and overall reflection of Fall color foliage
- Ribbons awarded each age division based upon point system
- Results announced at Come Alive in D5 on May 4, 2024

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District 5 4-H Photography Contest

OPEN TO ENROLLED DISTRICT 5
CLOVER KIDS, 4-H MEMBERS,

UPLOAD PHOTOGRAPHS FEBRUARY 1 - MARCH 1, 2024 VIA SUBMITTABLE

2024 THEME: ABANDONED PLACINGS ANNOUNCED AT COME ALIVE IN D5 ON MAY 4, 2024

Register at v2.4honline.com \$10 entry fee Clover Kids - FREE October 16, 2023 - March 1, 2024

Complete District Contest Rules and photography categories at D54h.tamu.edu

Reminder: Entry into District Photography contest is NOT a state qualifying event



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COLORFUL FLOWERS

ID & Photography Contest

OPEN TO ENROLLED DISTRICT 5 4-H MEMBERS, CLOVER KIDS AND ADULTS

UPLOAD COLORFUL TEXAS FLOWER PHOTOS MAY 15 - JUNE 15, 2024 VIA SUBMITTABLE Register at v2.4honline.com \$10 entry fee Clover Kids are free March 1 - June 15, 2024

Complete District Contest Rules at D54h.tamu.edu

How Colorful Foliage ID Contest Works

- Take and submit up to 10 photos of 10 different flowers found in Texas
- Earn points by correctly identifying plant by common and scientific names
- Photos judged on quality, originality, and overall reflection of spring and summer flowers
- Ribbons awarded in each age division
- Results announced and flower photography show on District 5 Facebook page July 2024

CONTACT YOUR LOCAL COUNTY EXTENSION AGENT FOR INFORMATION





OPEN TO ENROLLED DISTRICT 5 4-H MEMBERS, CLOVER KIDS AND ADULTS

UPLOAD TEXAS INSECT PHOTOS FEBRUARY 1 - MARCH 1, 2024 VIA SUBMITTABLE Register at v2.4honline.com \$10 entry fee Clover Kids are free October 16, 2023 - March 1, 2024

Complete District Contest Rules at D54h.tamu.edu

How Entomology ID & Photography Contest Works

- Take and submit photos of 10 different adult insects found in Texas
- Earn points by correctly identifying insect by common name and ORDER
- Photos judged on quality, originality, and insect in its habitat
- Earn points for scientific name
- Ribbons awarded for each age division
- Results announced at Come Alive in D5 on May 4, 2024

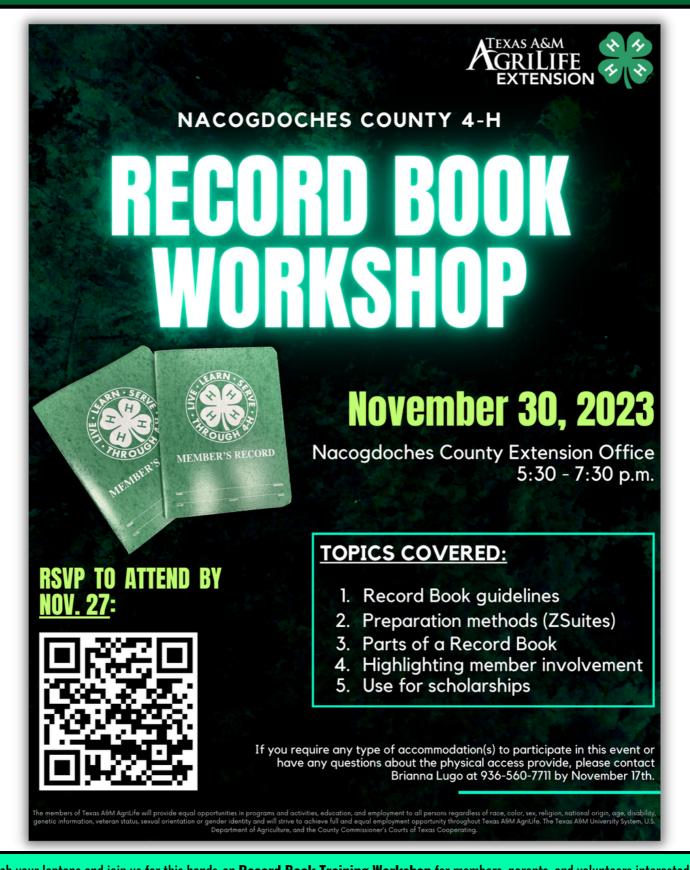
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FOR MORE INFORMATION ABOUT UPCOMING DISTRIC 5 4-H PHOTOGRAPHY CONTESTS, VISIT:

https://d54-h.tamu.edu/2023-2023-district-photography-contests/





Grab your laptops and join us for this hands-on **Record Book Training Workshop** for members, parents, and volunteers interested in learning how to put together a quality 4-H Record Book. A <u>Texas 4-H Record Book</u> consists of information that a 4-H member records over the course of a 4-H year that documents his/her goals, knowledge and skills gained, leadership experiences, awards earned, and service in his/her community. Those experiences are recorded into forms, narratives, and a story/photo portfolio written by the 4-H member that can be submitted for contests and used for scholarships.



On Saturday, January 6, 2024, from 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m., we will have our <u>County Food Challenge</u> contest at the Nacogdoches County Extension Office. <u>All teams wishing to compete in the District 5 Food Challenge contest must qualify on the county level by competing in the teams they will be in for the district event.</u> One person from each team (or a team coach) must complete the contest entry form by <u>December 22, 2023</u> to participate; please do so by using the QR Code or link below.

TEAM ENTRY FORM: HTTPS://FORMS.OFFICE.COM/R/ERGYIN6QHB



High school seniors,

Texas 4-H Opportunity Scholarship applications are now open! These scholarships are open to students who wish to pursue a Bachelor of Science or Bachelor of Arts degree from an accredited Texas College or University.

DEADLINE TO APPLY: FEBRUARY 15TH AT 11:59 PM – LATE APPLICATIONS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED.

Training Opportunities:

If you are interested in applying and would like to receive the D5 4-H Opportunity Scholarship training video from last year, please let me know! Otherwise, there will be another virtual district training opportunity on **December 14, 2023**. Additionally, it may also be helpful to attend the county Record Book Training Workshop on November 30th for tips on how to put together and fine tune your Texas 4-H Record Book.

SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION:

<u>APPLY HERE</u>



Join Texas 4-H as we support Souper Bowl of Caring!

4-H groups are asked to collect food and/or monetary donations for local food pantries or hunger relief organizations during January 1-February 11, 2024. 4-H groups will organize efforts that best fit their community needs and local hunger relief agencies or food pantries. No donations will be sent outside the county....all efforts are LOCAL so you are helping the people of your county who are in need. Be creative! Think of unique ways to fill the shelves of your local food pantries!

To participate, download the official TACKLE HUNGER CHALLENGE PLAYBOOK at https://tacklehunger.org/our-programs/souper-bowl-of-caring

Here's how to play!

- · Select your food charity
- · Choose a creative way to collect donations
- Register your campaign with Tackle Hunger so you get credit for helping others
- Utilize Souper Bowl of Caring resources such as posters, PSAs, etc.
- · Report your success on the website where you registered

For more information, contact: Dr. Julie Gardner julie.gardner@ag.tamu.edu







tacklehunger.org



Texas Farm Credit is offering multiple scholarship programs with awards ranging from \$1,000 in grants to \$5,000 postsecondary scholarships to future Ag leaders across the state of Texas.

SCHOLARSHIPS:

Ag Champs

Each Texas Farm Credit branch location will select one local student who will be awarded a \$1,000 academic grant and the title of Ag Champ. There will be 19 Ag Champs in all. In addition, each Ag Champ will also have a \$1,000 contribution made in their honor to their FFA chapter or 4-H club.

Marsha Martin Scholarship

Texas Farm Credit will present \$5,000 postsecondary scholarships to ten future ag leaders. Winners will be announced in May. The annual scholarship program is named in honor of Paris, Texas native Marsha Pyle Martin, a strong advocate for youths and agriculture who passed away in 2000 following a 30-year Farm Credit career.

ELIGIBILITY:

- Be a high school senior scheduled to graduate in 2024 (Children of employees or directors are not eligible)
- Be a member of FFA or 4-H
- Reside in Texas Farm Credit's 100-county territory
- Submit a current high school transcript (official or unofficial)
- Submit a 2023 application. Incomplete applications will not be accepted.
- Submit a resume
- Submit an essay (see application for essay topic)

To learn more and apply, visit:

https://texasfarmcredit.com/our-story/community/scholarship-programs/