



# Gateway to 4-H

## Hill County 4-H Newsletter April 2011 Edition

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#### Fort Worth Livestock Show Results

**Heifers:** Jason Brown –1st Place  
Madison Brown –7th Place  
Alexis Hargrove –5th Place  
Shea Mackey - 3rd Place  
Tyler Mackey-3rd Place  
Miley Miller –9th Place

#### San Angelo Livestock Show Results

**Steers:** Kennedy McFarland -Participant  
Katy Warren -Participant  
**Goats:** Shane Campbell –Participant  
Blake Pustejovsky -Participant  
Brock Pustejovsky -Participant  
**Heifers:** Jason Brown –3rd Place  
Madison Brown –Reserve Champion Shorthorn  
Alexis Hargrove –1st Place  
Shea Mackey - 5th Place, 18th Place  
Heifer Futurity  
Tyler Mackey-2nd Place, 6th Place  
Heifer Futurity  
Miley Miller –1st Place, 2nd Place

#### Houston Livestock Show Results

**Steers:** Jason Brown –5th Place  
Mackenzie Flynt –Participant  
Chase Hancock –Participant  
Payton Kimbrell –Participant  
Kennedy McFarland –1st Place  
Katy Warren –Participant  
Grace Young –Participant  
Roy Young –Participant  
**Lambs:** Hanna Sumrall –16th Place  
**Goats:** Shane Campbell –Participant  
**Heifers:** Jason Brown –3rd Place  
Madison Brown –8th Place  
Kaci Cargile –16th Place  
Alexis Hargrove –Reserve Calf Champion  
Shea Mackey –5th Place  
Tyler Mackey –Reserve Champion Simmental

#### Star of Texas Livestock Show Results

**Steers:** Payton Kimbrell –Participant  
Katy Warren –Participant  
**Lambs:** Hanna Sumrall –Participant

# District 8 Consumer Decision Making Contest

Emily Henson—10th Place Senior  
Mark Byrd—49th Place Senior

Congratulations Participants!!



## 4-H Updates



It is time to turn in your Texas Extension Education Association Scholarship and Hill County 4-H Scholarship Applications. The deadline is April 1, 2011 in the Extension Office. No late applications will be accepted! Make sure everything is completed and get them turned in!

District 8 4-H Roundup, Fashion Show and Share-The-Fun is right around the corner! The District 8 Contest will be on the Tarleton Campus in Stephenville on April 15 & 16, 2011. Student eligibility will be checked on all participating. Good luck to all the participants.

We will have our next County Council Meeting on Monday, April 18th starting at 6:30! We will be discussing upcoming contests as well as planning summer activities. Please encourage your club members to participate! See you then!



Be getting your Record Books ready! The District 8 Contest will be held on July 7, 2011. This means you have a little over 2 months to get ready! The Hill County entry deadline will be June 10th. This will allow time for me to review every record book to make adjustments and corrections before the District 8 Contest! Check out this website for all the pages required in your book:

[http://texas4-h.tamu.edu/library/files/report\\_pdf.pdf](http://texas4-h.tamu.edu/library/files/report_pdf.pdf)

Use this site for my clarification:

[http://texas4-h.tamu.edu/library/files/Record\\_Improvement\\_Guide.pdf](http://texas4-h.tamu.edu/library/files/Record_Improvement_Guide.pdf)

Contact me if you have any questions or need one on one help

**CORRECTION!!** Attention all senior 4-H'ers (ages 14-18), entries for this year's State 4-H Photography Contest are due in the County Extension Office by **APRIL 6TH**. The photo's will be judged at the county level and winning photos will then be submitted to state. Photos may be entered in both Color and Black & White . All Media includes color emulsion/digital, and black and white emulsion/digital. **THIS IS NOW A DIGITAL PHOTO CONTEST**. Email me or bring in your photo on a CD for us to download it on our computer. A complete contest packet is available in the County Office or online at: <http://hill-tx.tamu.edu>



Attention 4-H members! We will be hosting a new summer program for July 19-21, 2011. The day camp will consist of a variety of activities: fashion storyboard, rug weaving, kitchen 101, and tours of businesses and industries. Bring a friend who might be interested in learning about 4-H to share the fun! More information to come! Save the date!

It is time to nominate/assign new members for the Parent Adult Leader Association. This group will help set the 4-H council budget, assist with concession preparation, and help with programming ideas. This group will meet quarterly. We would like to have our first meeting on June 9, 2011. The meeting will start at 5:30 p.m. at the extension office. We encourage all club managers to attend.

## Livestock Project News

The deadline to validate your horse project for District and State contests is set for April 21, 2011. Horses not validated before this date will not be eligible to compete in the District Contest, which will be held on May 27th in Belton. The cost is \$10 per horse and each horse can be validated by more than one sibling.  
Contact me for more details.



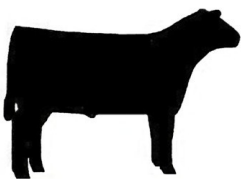
It is time to practice Livestock Judging again and to get ready for the spring contests! I have scheduled 2 practices to get ready for contests: April 5th and April 19th all starting at 6:00 p.m. at the extension office. We will be practicing as well as discussing upcoming contests.

The Worldwide 4-H Invitational Livestock Judging Contest is coming up on Saturday, April 9th at Tarleton State University in Stephenville. This is no longer the District 8 Contest but it will be a great practice for District. You will have to give reasons as well! We will need to be in Stephenville before 8:00 a.m. so be ready to leave early! I will need some parents to help drive judges to the contest.

We have a new location for the District 8 Livestock Judging Contest! This year it will be held at Texas A&M University in College Station. The contest will take place on Saturday, April 30th. Juniors will not talk reasons, Intermediates will talk 2 sets, and seniors will talk 4 sets. We will need to be College Station by 7:00 a.m. so be ready to leave early! I will need some parents to help drive judges to the contest.



## IMPORTANT VALIDATION DATES



If you are planning to show a steer next year, it is time to purchase your State Validation Tag. Cost is \$8 per tag. The deadline to order tags is April 11, 2011. Tags will cost \$8 per tag. Validation will not take place until June 28th but you have to order those tags now! Tag orders not paid by April 11th will not be ordered! **NO EXCEPTIONS!**

If you are planning on showing a lamb or goat at the 2011 State Fair, you will need to purchase a State Fair Validation Tag. The deadline to order tags is April 11, 2011. If you do not purchase a validation tag for the Sate Fair, you can not participate at that show. Cost is \$8 per tag. If you are planning on showing a pig at the 2011 State Fair, you will need to purchase a State Fair Validation Tag. The deadline to order tags is April 8, 2011. Cost is \$8 per tag. So don't be late! Regular State Validation Tag orders will be placed at a later date. Contact the Extension office to place your order or if you have any questions.

# Shooting Sports News

Archery practice will take place on Tuesday nights. Practice takes place in Hillsboro at the Hill County Exhibit Building from 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

The District 8 Rifle Contest is going to be held in Buffalo on Saturday, April 30th. Registration deadline is Friday, April 8th in my office. There will be 2 categories: competitive rifle and lite rifle. Please get back with me ASAP if your child wants to participate.

Ellis county is hosting a 4-H Shotgun Fun Shoot on April 16, 2011. Entry deadline is set for April 14th. Entry forms are available on the Hill County 4-H website.

Johnson county is hosting their 12th Annual Shotgun Sports Fandango Buckle Shoot on May 21st and 22nd. Competition flyer is posted on the Hill County 4-H website.



## 4-H Updates



Bell County 4-H is hosting a statewide photography workshop on June 17 & 18. This will take place at the Bell County Expo. Registration is \$20 per adult and youth participant. The 1st day will be about new and basic photography techniques. The 2nd day will be a field trip to the antique tractor fairgrounds where you will take pictures of tractors, old buildings, people in costumes, and horses. Contact the extension office for an entry form. Registration deadline is June 6th.

Join the excitement of the medical, health, and safety world! Participate in the MASH Camp on June 28-30 at Texas A&M University. This camp is open to 7th through 9th grade students. Registration fee is \$175. This camp is a hands-on learning experience that allows any youth in Texas to learn about the medical, safety, and health career fields. Activities will include participation with the Texas A&M Athletic Department, Texas A&M College of Veterinary Medicine, and the Texas A&M Health Service Center. Participants will stay on campus in the dorms. Contact the extension office if you are interested. Registration opens on April 1.

### Howard College Lamb & Goat Camp    Aggieland Lamb & Goat Camp

Howard College Lamb & Goat camps will be held in June at Howard County Fairgrounds in Big Spring, Texas. These camps are a great learning opportunity for youth 9-18 years old.

Cost: \$85.00 per person for each camp. Add \$20 if the college provides you with an animal. This includes meals, and awards. Each entrant will receive a camp cap or tee shirt. Slots for these camps go fast!!! Only 200 slots available.

Lamb & Goat Camps - a 3-day program dedicated to teaching parents and students the fundamentals of feeding, nutrition, health, facilities, selection, and showmanship.

Lamb Camp - July 15-17

Goat Camp - July 22-24

College Station, TX

\$100 per camper and \$80 per adult

Anyone ages eight years-old and older



# Important Dates



## April

- 1 TEEA Scholarship deadline
- 1 Hill County 4-H Scholarship deadline
- 2 Callahan County 4-H Shooting Contest
- 5 Livestock Judging Practice
- 6 State Photography Deadline
- 9 Tarleton State Livestock Judging Contest
- 15 District 8 Fashion Show, Stephenville
- 16 District 8 Round Up & Share the Fun, Stephenville
- 18 County Council Meeting
- 19 Livestock Judging Practice
- 21 Horse Validation Deadline
- 30 District 8 Livestock Judging Contest, College Station
- 30 District 8 Rifle Contest, Buffalo

## July

- 7 District 8 Record book Judging, Waxahachie
- 8-10 Multi-County Camp, Palestine
- 19-21 4-H Summer Fun Camp
- 23-30 Texas 4-H Horse Show, Abilene

## May

## June

- 13-14 Texas 4-H Roundup, College Station
- 17-18 Statewide Photography Workshop, Belton
- 20-21 District 8 Horse Show, Belton
- 22-23 District 8 Leadership Lab, Brownwood

~Look For More Important Dates To Come~



Dear Texas 4-H Families:

Thank you for being an integral part of the largest youth development program in Texas, and the largest 4-H Program in the world. Texas is proud to boast the largest 4-H membership enrollment, total 4-H participation, and the largest 4-H volunteer base in the United States.

In saying that, we are also compelled to tell you that this is indeed a challenging economic time for everyone. The Texas AgriLife Extension Service and 4-H is no different; however, we remain committed to ensuring a strong 4-H and Youth Development Program for our families.

To maintain the level of programming and opportunities in the Texas 4-H and Youth Development Program, an annual participant fee is necessary for each 4-H member starting with the 2011-2012 4-H year on September 1, 2011. This participant fee of \$25, or \$20 if enrolled from September 1st to October 31st, will hopefully ensure that the Texas AgriLife Extension Service can continue to deliver the highest quality 4-H program in the world. A recent national research study shows:

- Members reporting better grades, higher level of academic competence, and an elevated engagement at school.
- Two times as many members likely to plan to go to college than non-members.
- Members that reveal significantly lower drug, alcohol and cigarette use than their peers.
- Members that are three times more likely to actively contribute to their communities when compared with youth that do not participate in 4-H.

Quite simply, we are convinced that this participation fee is an investment in the youth of Texas. The Texas AgriLife Extension Service is committed to the youth of Texas and it is critically important that each 4-H family knows we are dedicated to continuing to provide the best program worldwide. As we all go through a transition period, we ask each of you to partner with us in creating a positive environment for all our 4-H members.

Thanks for all you do and thanks for **MAKING THE BEST BETTER!**

The Texas AgriLife Extension Service and the Texas 4-H and Youth Development Program



*4-H equipped me with the tools needed to build a successful future. It taught me how to be personable, work efficiently in teams, and how to be a kind leader. Most importantly the relationships that were built during my time in 4-H are priceless and I will treasure every memory made.*  
Former 4-H Member & Current Texas A&M University Student



**We teach life skills  
We instill values  
We build leaders  
WE ARE TEXAS 4-H!**