



Gateway to 4-H

Hill County 4-H Newsletter December 2011 Edition

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Congratulations to our 4-H members who competed at the Hill County Food Challenge and Food Show Contest!

Bynum Cookin' Chix—Praise Hopson, Emily Vanderzwardt, Sherrolyn Waller

Itasca 4-H—Jerrod Sparks, JoAnna Sparks, Jasmine Sparks, John Wesley Rhea

Junior Cookers—Allen Fine, Brock Pustejovsky, Trena Pustejovsky, Chloe Rangel, Allison Wolf

Whitney 4-H—Cloey Edwards, Wyatt Basham, Brazos McPeek

Blake Pustejovsky—1st Place Sr. Food Show

We want to wish our Food Challenge Teams Good Luck at the District 8 Contest!

Bynum Cookin' Chix

Junior Cookers



4-H Updates



4-H ANNUAL PARTICIPANT FEE

Since this year is the first year for 4-H participation fee, everyone will have to sign up for 4-H on the 4-H Connect Website www.4honline.com. This will be strictly enforced this year. You will have to pay your participation fees on this site. If you need help with this, feel free to come by the extension office for assistance. Membership dues cost \$25 after October 31st. If you do not remember your password for this site, we can reset it for you. This has to be done for your child to be a bona fide 4-H member. Thank you for understanding the reasoning behind this change in 4-H. Let's stay committed to giving our full support to the 4-H program!



It's PARTY time!! On Sunday, December 18, there will be a 4-H Christmas Party at the Annex Building. We will meet at the Extension Office at 1:00 p.m. We will have snacks while participating in a Christmas gift exchange. Be sure to bring a non-gender Christmas gift for the exchange costing no more than \$10. Anyone can participate in the gift exchange. We will then travel to Town Hall Nursing Home to Christmas carol to the residents, so please bring a couple of Christmas cards to pass out. Parents, please bring a snack item of some sort, such as: soft drinks, finger foods, chips, or cookies. I will provide all the cups, plates and napkins.

Hope to see you there!

Attentions parents! Now that we are done with all the validations, we will start conducting more project visits. Please let me know where your animals are located and if you have any dogs I should be aware of.
Thanks!

HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS~ There will be a 4-H scholarship training on December 19th at the Hill County Extension Office. This training will start at 6:00 p.m. District 8 4-H specialist Laura Huebinger will educate you on the Texas 4-H Scholarship application. This is your opportunity to receive a lot of college funds! Please let me know if you would like to attend.

On December 4th, the Lake Whitney Junior Livestock Association is hosting their annual fish fry and silent auction. Lunch will start being served at 11 AM. This will be held at the Whitney High School. This is a fundraiser to purchase animals of Whitney 4-H and Whitney FFA members at the Hill County Fair.
Come show your support!

Shooting Sports News

The Crossbow Archery Club has teamed up with Bosque County 4-H to host the Hill/Bosque Archery Tournament on December 3, 2011. If you would like to assist with the contest, please contact me or Brandon Sulak.

There will be no archery practice on December 6, 20 & 27. We will be taking a Christmas break from shooting during the holidays.



FCS News



Interested in learning about making good consumer choices? How about eating healthier? Join us during your Christmas Break on Monday, December 19 starting at 10AM to learn more about Consumer Decision Making and Nutrition Quiz Bowl. Bring a sack lunch.
 Parents are welcome and encouraged to join us. The second will be on January 10, 2012.
 This practice will take place at 4 PM.

Hill County Fair Creative Arts & Education entries will be due Wednesday, January 11, 2012. Items received will be Monday, January 23. Items released Friday, January 27-after auction ends & Saturday, January 28-29 to 11 am. ALL ITEMS MUST BE PICKED UP OR WILL BE DISPOSED OF!!! Volunteers are greatly needed! Complete catalog is now available online.

FCS 4-H Coalition will be having a meeting on Tuesday, December 13th at the Extension Office. The meeting will start at 5:30 p.m. Hope to see you there!

Livestock Project News

The entry deadline for the 2012 Hill County Fair Livestock Division has been set for December 1. This means in my office by this date! No late entries will be accepted. Entries must be accompanied with payment. Entry forms can be found on the Hill County Website or in our office. You must be a PAID 4-H member to sign up for the fair!

Save the date! If you ordered broilers for the 2012 Hill County Fair, plan on picking up your Hill County Fair Chicks at the Hillsboro Ag Shop on December 14th after school hours.



If you need help trimming your animal for the Hill County Fair, you must contact me by January 13th to set up a time. Clipping is not allowed at the fair so all animals must be clipped prior to arrival on the fair grounds. There are no exceptions!

January 25-28

Hill County Fair

January 13-February 4

Fort Worth Livestock Show & Rodeo

February 9-26

San Antonio Livestock Show & Rodeo

February 16-26

San Angelo Livestock Show & Rodeo

February 28-March 18

Houston Livestock Show & Rodeo

**They will only give us a set number of parking passes depending on the number of entries we have, so we will have to make arrangements on who will get a parking pass. Everyone will communicate and SHARE passes!

March 9-24

Star of Texas Livestock Show & Rodeo

We will not mail out passes! You must come by the office and sign for your passes. I will not bring your passes to the show if you do not come pick them up.



Hill County Fair



PREP DAY—We will have the Hill County Fair Prep Day on January 17, 2012. Concession Stand clean up will begin at 4:30 p.m. We need all the help we can get to prepare the concession stand. Remember that the county now owns the facilities so it should not be as dirty as it has been in the past! Once the concession stand is clean, we will assist Creative Arts with their set up.

The fair takes place January 25-28, 2012. The sale of champions will be January 28. This year the sale will start at 2:00 p.m. The 2012 Hill County Fair Rules for the livestock division and the creative arts division are available in the Extension office or online at hill.agrilife.org. For help trimming your animal for the show, please contact me by January 13th to set up a time. Lets have a good time and remember that this is all about the kids! If you have any question, feel free to contact the Extension office.

Every club will be getting a sign-up sheet to work the concession stand at the Hill County Fair. Club managers please contact the Extension office with names and work times periodically so we can update the master copy. Remember, **THIS IS OUR ONLY FUNDRAISER!** I hope everyone will contribute their time helping the 4-H raise money to support our youth. We will be requiring all 4-H families to donate one 12-pack of soda that is designated for their club to the concession stand again this year. This is one 12-pack per family. Club assignments are as follows:

- Abbott 4-H—Dr. Pepper
- Aquilla 4-H—Diet Dr. Pepper
- Bynum 4-H—Dr. Pepper
- Itasca 4-H—Coke
- Livestock 4-H—Diet Coke
- Whitney 4-H—Coke

Please bring your 12-pack to the scheduled clean up day or to the Extension office. If you have any questions, comments, or concerns, feel free to contact me.

Everyone at the Texas AgriLife Extension Office wishes you and your family a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!





Important Dates



December

- 1 Hill County Fair Entries Due
- 3 District 8 Archery Tournament
- 6 NO ARCHERY PRACTICE
- 8 D8 Food Challenge
- 14 HCF Broiler Pick Up
- 18 Hill County 4-H Christmas Party
- 19 CDM & Nutrition Quiz Bowl Practice
- 19 4-H Scholarship Training
- 20 NO ARCHERY PRACTICE
- 27 NO ARCHERY PRACTICE

January

- 10 CDM Practice
- 11 HCF Creative Arts Entries Due
- 13 FCS 4-H Coalition Meeting
- 17 HCF Prep Day
- 25-28 2012 Hill County Fair

~Look For More Important Dates To Come~