



# Gateway to 4-H

## Hill County 4-H Newsletter January 2012 Edition

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**We wish everyone participating at the 2012  
Hill County Fair Good Luck!!**

The 2012 Hill County Fair Rules for livestock and creative arts are available on the Extension website [hill.agrilife.org](http://hill.agrilife.org)

**January 23:**

10:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m. CAE item check in

**January 24:**

Creative Arts & Education judging

**January 25:**

12:00 p.m. Fair opens to the public

4:00 p.m. All Market Animals in place and weigh-in begins

12-7:00 p.m. Creative Arts auction sign up

6:30 p.m. Creative Arts best of category pictures

6-8:00 p.m. Paper Checks on all breeding animals

**January 26:**

9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. CAE auction sign up

8:00 a.m. Lamb Show - Breeding, Market, Showmanship

9:30 a.m. Goat Show - Breeding, Market, Showmanship

3:00 p.m. Swine Show - Breeding, Market, Showmanship

8:00 p.m. Kids Events

**January 27:**

7:30 a.m. Broiler Chickens & Rabbits in place

9:00 a.m. Broiler Show

9:30 a.m. Breeding Heifers must be in barn

10:00 a.m. Rabbit Show

10:00 a.m. Steer Show

Born and Bred Steer Show

Thirty minute break after steer show

Heifer Show

Born & Bred Heifer Show

Cody Allen Showmanship

Scholarship Fundraiser

6:00 p.m. Creative Arts & Education Auction line up

6:30 p.m. Creative Arts & Education Sale

**January 28:**

9:00 a.m. Horse Show

10:00 a.m. Dairy Show

9:00-11:00 a.m. Creative Arts item pick up

1:45 p.m. Sale participant check in

2:00 p.m. Livestock Auction

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# Hill County Fair



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!

Hill County Fair Creative Arts & Education entries will be due online by Wednesday, January 11, 2012. Items will be received 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.

**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.

Every club will be getting a sign-up sheet to work the concession stand at the Hill County Fair. Please contact us the Extension office with names and work times periodically so we can update the master copy.

Email Karen at [kljunman@ag.tamu.edu](mailto:kljunman@ag.tamu.edu). 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.

The fair takes place January 25-28, 2012. The sale of champions will be January 28th. 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](http://hill.agrilife.org). 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.

## Shooting Sports News

There will be no archery practice on January 14th & 24th due to the Hill County Fair. Please contact me or Brandon if you have any questions. Thanks!



# 4-H Updates



Congratulations to the Bynum Cookin' Chix (Praise Hopson, Emily Vanderz wart, and Sherrolyn Waller) and the Junior Cookers (Allen Fine, Brock Pustejovsky, Trena Pustejovsky, Chloe Rangel, and Allison Wolf) on their win at the District 8 Food Challenge Contest. The Bynum Cookin' Chix placed 3rd in the Intermediate Nutritious Snacks Category. The Junior Cookers placed 6th in the Intermediate Breads & Cereals category. Way to go everyone!

The next County Council Meeting will be January 17th at the Extension Office. Start time is 6:30 p.m. We will discuss the Hill County Fair and upcoming events. I hope everyone can attend!



The Hill County Round-Up has been set for April 16th. This will take place at the Extension Office along with the Hill County Fashion Show. Entry deadline is April 9th. Winners at the County level will advance to the District 8 Contest. District 8 4-H Roundup is right around the corner! The District 8 Roundup will be held on May 5, 2012. Categories are: Educational Presentations (Method Demonstration), Public Speaking, Horse Quiz Bowl, Beef Quiz Bowl, and Share-The-Fun. Some categories have changed this year so please go to the Hill County Website for more details. If you want to participate or have questions, contact the Extension office.

Its time for Share-The-Fun Contest! There are five categories to compete in: Poetry/Prose, Vocal, Musical or Band, Choreographed Routines, and Celebrate 4-H. 4-H'ers may not enter the same category in which they have previously been part of a first place entry at State, but may choose one of the other categories. First and Second place winners will advance to State. The Hill County Contest will take place at the Extension Office on April 16th. The District competition will be held at District 8 Roundup on Saturday, May 5, 2012. Please contact the Extension office by April 9th to tell us what you want to compete in.



## FCS News



Interested in learning about making good consumer choices? How about eating healthier? The second Consumer Decision Making practice will be on January 10, 2012. This practice will take place at 4 PM at the Extension Office. The District 8 CDM Contest will take place in Waco on March 3, 2012.

The Hill County Fashion Show has been set for March 22nd! Entry deadline is set for March 16th in the Extension office. County winners will advance to the District 8 Fashion Show to be held on April 13th in Stephenville. Please inform Karen about your project if you have not done so already!



# Livestock Project News

January 13-February 4

Fort Worth Livestock Show & Rodeo

Passes are available for pick up in the office

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.

## ~Attention Seniors~

**Cody Allen Memorial Scholarship** ~ Awarded to one graduating senior that has participated in the Hill County Fair at least one year and be a graduating senior with at least a C average. The application is posted on the Hill County website [hill.agrilife.org](http://hill.agrilife.org) or come by the office to pick up an application. Entry deadline is January 13th in the Extension Office.

**Hill County TEEA Scholarship** ~ The application is posted on the Hill County website. Application deadline is April 2, 2012 in the Extension Office. Must be an active 4-H member.

**Hill County 4-H Scholarship** ~ Applications must be: active 4-H members for at least the past 4 years, a graduating senior, accepted into a credited college or technical school with attached letter of acceptance, ACT/SAT score, and must include a high school transcript. Application deadline is April 2, 2012 in the Extension Office.

**Texas Extension Education Association (TEEA) Scholarship** ~ The application is posted on the Hill County website. Application deadline is February 15, 2012 in the Extension office. Must be an active 4-H member for the past 4 years, completed a 4-H Record Book, and not passed their 19th birthday.

**Texas 4-H Scholarship** ~ The application is posted on the Hill County website. Application deadline is January 31, 2012 in the Extension Office. Must be an active 4-H member.

All scholarship applications are available on the Hill County website [hill.agrilife.org](http://hill.agrilife.org). Click on the Hill County 4-H link on the homepage to view all upcoming the applications and upcoming 4-H events.



# Important Dates



## January

- 10 CDM Practice
- 11 HCF Creative Arts Entries Due
- 13 FCS 4-H Coalition Meeting
- 13 HCF Clipping deadline
- 13 Cody Allen Scholarship Deadline
- 14 NO ARCHERY PRACTICE
- 17 HCF Prep Day
- 17 County Council Meeting
- 24 NO ARCHERY PRACTICE
- 25-28 2012 Hill County Fair
- 31 Texas 4-H Scholarship Deadline

## April

- 2 Hill County 4-H Scholarship Deadline
- 2 Hill County TEEA Scholarship Deadline
- 13 District 8 Fashion Show—Stephenville
- 16 Hill County Round Up/Share the Fun

## February

- 10 CDM Practice
- 15 TEEA Scholarship Deadline

## March

- 3 District 8 CDM Contest—Waco
- 10 CDM Practice
- 22 Hill County Fashion Show

~Look For More Important Dates To Come~