



Gateway to 4-H

Hill County 4-H Newsletter June 2011 Edition

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Congratulations newly elected 2011-2012 Hill County Council Officers!

President - Zane Stidham
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Congratulations to our District 8 Rifle Contest Winners!

Katie Grantham—Light Rifle &
Competitive Rifle
Aimee Grantham—Light Rifle &
Competitive Rifle

Information Station

Congratulations to our District 8 Livestock Judging Contest Winners!

Junior: 10th Place Team
Teegan Mackey

Intermediate 1: 4th Place Team
Madeline Little
Joel Mackey
Reagan Miller
Blake Pustejovsky

Intermediate 2: 15th Place Team
Chase Hancock

Senior: 7th Place Team
Shea Mackey
Tyler Mackey
Kennedy McFarland
Katy Warren



4-H Updates



Save the date!!! The 4-H Awards Banquet is set for Friday, July 15, 2011. The banquet will take place at the Bynum School Cafeteria starting at 6:00 p.m. The theme this year is "4-H Safari."

Each club will have to bring 2 game ideas to play following the ceremony. We will not be having a dance but will have themed music playing during the games.

I have pictures that I have taken throughout the year but if you have any good pictures to add to the list, please email them to me or bring them by my office. Please RSVP by Friday, July 1st in the office.

The official 4-H year starts in August 2011. I will need all enrollment forms into my office by the end of November in order for the member to be able to participate in the Hill County Fair. This rule has been in effect but not strictly enforced. This means no enrollment forms turned in the week of the Hill County Fair! So please do your best to have yours and your child's enrollment forms into me as soon as they are filled out! This also ensures that you will be getting your monthly newsletter! Don't forget that there will be a participation fee for every 4-H member starting in August.

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.

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
Use this site for my clarification:
http://texas4-h.tamu.edu/library/files/Record_Improvement_Guide.pdf
Contact me if you have any questions or need one on one help.

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!

Our office is offering a great summer opportunity for 4-H'ers! We will be hosting a one day farm tour called "Field to Table." We will take 4-H'ers around to local farms and show them how farming is done at its best! The tour will take place on Tuesday, June 7th. This will be educational and fun!

The Hill 4-H County Council will not be meeting this month. Instead we will be having an officer training on July 26, 2011. This is mandatory for the 2011-2012 County Council officers, but any club officer can attend and is encouraged to attend! The training will last from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. If you are not on council but want to attend, please contact me by July 19.

Quality Counts Verification is now active and ready to be used! Moving forward into the 2011-2012 Major Show Season, Quality Counts Verification will be a part of the process for entry in all major shows. This means youth exhibitors will need to demonstrate their knowledge of the Six Pillars of Character and the Eight Core Concepts presented in the Quality Counts Curriculum. To do this, they will need to pass an online test on the website (<http://qualitycounts.tamu.edu/>) and acquire a Quality Counts Verification number.

Hill County will offer several trainings throughout the fall to train all of our 4-H members on this curriculum. 4-H members must attend these trainings in order to take the verification test. Again, this is required for anyone wanting to participate at any 2012 Major Livestock Show. 4-H members must pass this test in order to even sign up for a major livestock show. The member must retake this test until it is passed.

Things you need to know about Verification:

* 2011 - State Fair of Texas will implement Quality Counts Verification on a voluntary basis.

* 2012 - All Major Livestock Shows in Texas will require Quality Counts Verification at the time of entry - This means youth will need to be verified prior to entry in the fall of 2011.

* A Verification number is obtained by answering 80% of the questions correctly on an online test.

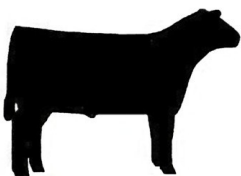
The first Quality Counts Training will take place on Wednesday, August 10th at the Extension Office. Remember, this is required before you can enter any major livestock show for 2012 year. This training will be limited to the first 50 participants to register. You must sign up to take this training by Wednesday, August 3rd.

Shooting Sports News

The Crossbow Archery Club will not be practicing this summer after June 14th. Practice will resume again on Tuesday, September 6th. Practice takes place in Hillsboro at the Hill County Exhibits Building.



IMPORTANT VALIDATION DATES



The 2011 Steer Validation will take place Tuesday, June 28th in Peoria at the Hoot Johnson Construction working pens. We will be tagging from 6:30 a.m. till 9:30 a.m. Be sure not to miss this or you will not be able to show your steer at any major show or at the 2011 Hill County Fair. Feel free to contact me for directions to the site. Do not be late because we **WILL NOT** wait on you!



Important Dates



June

- 4 Coryell County 3D Archery Shoot, Clifton
- 7 Field to Table Tour
- 9 PALA Meeting
- 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
- 28 Major show and county steer validation
- 28-30 MASH Camp, College Station

July

- 1 Banquet RSVP Deadline
- 7 District 8 Record Book Judging, Waxahachie
- 8-10 Multi-County Camp, Palestine
- 15 **4-H Banquet**
- 19-21 4-H Summer Fun Camp
- 23-30 Texas 4-H Horse Show, Abilene
- 26 Officer Training

August

- 10 Quality Counts Training

~Look For More Important Dates To Come~