



Gateway to 4-H

Hill County 4-H Newsletter March 2011 Edition

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Fort Worth Livestock Show Results

Steers: Jason Brown—Participant

Madison Brown—10th Place

Cameron Choate—9th Place

Mackenzie Flynt—Participant

Chase Hancock—Participant

Payton Kimbrell—Participant

Kennedy McFarland—Participant

Katy Warren—Participant

Roy Young—Participant

Grace Young—Participant

Swine: Lyric Richardson—Participant

Alexis Zettler—Participant

Ty Zettler—Participant

San Antonio Livestock Show Results

Beef Quiz: Joel Mackey—6th Place

Shea Mackey—5th Place

Teegan Mackey—2nd Place

Tyler Mackey—1st Place

Goats: Chance Baker—Participant

Heifers: Jason Brown—9th Place

Madison Brown— Champion Senior Heifer

Alexis Hargrove—4th Place

Lambs: Hanna Sumrall—Participant

Steers: Chase Hancock—Participant

Payton Kimbrell—8th Place

Kennedy McFarland—8th Place

Katy Warren—5th Place



Livestock Shows



March 2-21
March 12-27

Houston Livestock Show & Rodeo
Star of Texas Livestock Show & Rodeo

All passes are in and are available to be picked up in the office. If you do not come by to get your passes, you will be out of luck because I will not bring your passes with me to the show. You **MUST** sign them out in my office!

I have received the buyers lists for the 4-H members who made the sale at the 2011 Hill County Fair. I sent out an email on February 18th stating your child's buyer's list. If you did not receive this email or do not have email, come by the extension office to pick up your child's buyers list. Your child must hand write thank you notes for every buyer on that list. Once your thank you notes are written, you must bring them to the extension office to prove that you have written them. You may leave them at the office for us to mail but they must be addressed and contain a stamp. You must do this before we will give you your check! **NO EXCEPTIONS!** Checks are not in yet but you will be notified as we receive them.

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 know this is everyone's busy time of year but I have scheduled 3 practices to get ready for contests: March 22nd, 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.

Navarro County is hosting it's annual Livestock Judging Contest on Friday, March 25th. Registration will take place the day of the contest. Cost is \$25 per team or \$10 per individual. Participants will have to cover the cost of the registration fee but I will be able to take students that want to attend. Please let me know ASAP if you would like to attend. This will make a great practice before the District 8 Contest in April.

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! All teams will have to be registered with me by March 28th. Participants will have to pay \$15 per person to participate. Contest is only open to first 200 contestants so we need to register quickly! Please let me know if you are interested!

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. I hope all of our judges will be able to compete in this contest!



4-H Updates



We will have our next County Council Meeting on Tuesday, March 29th 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!



The Hill County Round-Up has been set for March 28th. This will take place at the Extension Office along with the Hill County Fashion Show. Entry deadline is March 19. 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 on the Tarleton Campus in Stephenville on April 16, 2011. Categories are: Educational Presentations (Method Demonstration), Public Speaking, Horse Quiz Bowl, Beef Quiz Bowl, and Share-The-Fun. If you want to participate, 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 March 28th. The District competition will be held at District 8 Roundup on Saturday, April 16, 2011. Please contact the Extension office by March 19th, to tell us what you want to compete in.

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!

Do you have what it takes to be a star? If so, the 2011 Texas 4-H Roundup 4-H Has Talent Competition is for you. Get the chance to show your skills on stage in front of nearly 3,000 fellow 4-Hers, parents/volunteers, and 4-H faculty. So sing a song, do a dance, tell a joke or just do something unusual! Entry deadline is March 25th. Let me know ASAP if you want to compete!

Attention all senior 4-H'ers (ages14-18), entries for this year's State 4-H Photography Contest are due in the County Extension Office by April 1st. 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. General information: 1. Each photo must be a true 8"x10" 2. All prints must be securely and permanently mounted solid on Photographic Mount Board or a Thin Foam Board no larger than 8"x10". A complete contest packet is available in the County Office or online at:

<http://hill-tx.tamu.edu>



It is time be preparing your 4-H Record Book! I know this is a time consuming project but well worth the effort! The District 8 Record Book Contest will be in July but do not wait till June to start working on it! Please let me know if you want one-on-one help with your book or would like for me to review it.

The Hill 4-H Council has 4-H items for sale:

4-H Caps—\$12

4-H Sport Bottles—\$2

Small 4-H Cups—\$1

4-H Multi-Highlighter—\$1

All proceeds will go into the general 4-H account that benefits every member of Hill County 4-H.

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 Callahan County 4-H Shooting Sports Club is hosting its 4th annual shooting match on Saturday, April 2nd in Clyde, TX. This will be a rifle and archery match. \$35 registration fee for air rifle silhouettes and .22 rifle silhouettes contests. \$20 registration fee for 3D archery contest. Registration deadline is March 12 so decide quickly on whether or not you want to participate! RV spaces are available at the range. More information is available in the extension office.

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.

Wilson County is hosting an invitational rifle match on Friday and Saturday, March 4th and 5th in Floresville, TX. Cost is \$7 per shooter. Entry forms and release forms are available in my office.

Henderson County is hosting a 4-H Whiz Bang Tournament in Tyler, TX, on Saturday, March 19th. This contest includes skeet, trap, 5-stand and sporting clays contest. Pre-registration is required by Monday, March, 12th. Entry forms are available in my office.



FCS News



The Hill County Fashion Show has been set for March 28th! Entry deadline is set for March 21st in the Extension office. County winners will advance to the District 8 Fashion Show to be held April 15 in Stephenville. Please inform Karen about your project if you have not done so already!



Don't Miss Out on all the Great Texas 4-H Summer Opportunities!!!

South East District 8 County Camp

- 2 night/3 day camp
- Counties send youth of all ages (9-18) and adult chaperones to a camp session
- Activities: canoeing, environmental education, swimming, challenge course, crafts, games, dances, and MORE!
- Teen leaders needed!!
- Cost: \$110 for campers and teen leaders, \$75 for adult chaperones
- Registration deadline: May 20, 2011

Session	Dates
Leadership Lab	June 22-24
Mission Possible	July 6-8
SE D8 County Camp	July 8-10
Spectra	July 18-22
Prime Time I age 12-13	July 24-27
Prime Time II age 9-11	July 27-30

Prime Time

- 3 night/4 day camp
- Age Specific; two sessions offered
- Activities: archery, kayaking, environmental education, swimming, challenge course, riflery, crafts, games, dances, and MORE!
- Cost: \$225
- Registration deadline: May 5, 2011

Spectra

- 4 night/5 day camp
- Participants choose their focus area where they receive many hours of instruction to careers in their field.
- Evening activities are geared towards professional development and workforce preparation, recreation and games. Concludes with professional reception and dinner.
- Cost: TBD
- Registration deadline: TBD

Leadership Lab

- 3night/4 day camp
- Age Specific (Senior age 4-H members 13 & up)
- Participants will have hands-on learning that all involve leadership skills and activities
- Activities: Challenge course, etiquette, dancing, and more!
- Great camp for active senior members!
- Cost: TBD

Howard College 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.

Aggieland Lamb & Goat Camp

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



March

- 4&5 Wilson County Rifle Match, Floresville
- 10 District 8 CDM Contest, Waco
- 19 Deadline for Hill County Round Up, Share the Fun & Fashion Show
- 19 Henderson County Whiz Bang, Tyler
- 22 Livestock Judging Practice
- 25 Navarro County Livestock Judging Contest
- 25 4-H Has Talent Deadline
- 28 Hill County Round Up, Share the Fun & Fashion Show
- 29 County Council Meeting
- 1-20 Houston Livestock Show & Rodeo
- 11-26 Star of Texas Livestock Show & Rodeo

- 30 District 8 Livestock Judging Contest
- 30 District 8 Rifle Contest, Buffalo

May

- 27 District 8 Horse Show, Belton

April

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

~Look For More Important Dates To Come~