



Gateway to 4-H

Hill County 4-H Newsletter November 2011 Edition

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Information Station

Congratulations to our 4-H members who competed at the District 8 Photography Contest!

James Bezdek—Domestic Animals—Red, Catch All—Red, Dominant Color—Red, Elements of Design—Red, Food—Blue, Landscape—Blue, Night Photography—Blue

Allen Fine—Catch All – Red, Elements of Design—White

Blake Pustejovsky—Wildlife Animals—Blue, Details—Red, People—Red, Plant—White, Theme—White

Brock Pustejovsky—Domestic Animals—Blue, Wildlife Animals—Blue, Catch All—Blue, Dominant Color—Blue, Aquatics—Red, Landscape—White, People—Red

Trena Pustejovsky—Night Photography—Blue, Plant—Red

Obie Rangel—Domestic Animals—Red, Details—White, Landscape—White, People—Blue, Plant—Red, Theme—Blue,



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. Lets stay committed to giving our full support to the 4-H program!

The official 4-H year starts in August of 2011. I will need all enrollment completed online by the end of November in order for the member to be able to participate in the Hill County Fair. This means completed and membership dues paid. This rule has been in effect but not strictly enforced. This means no enrollment should be completed the week of the Hill County Fair! So please do your best to have yours and your child's enrollment completed and paid for as soon as they are filled out! This also ensures that you will be getting your monthly newsletter! Again, thanks for all of your help and support.



The next County Council Meeting for the new 4-H year will be Monday, November 9th at the Extension Office. The meeting will start at 6:30 p.m. We will discuss upcoming 4-H events and plan the 4-H year. Hope to see all my officers there!

There will be a concession stand meeting on Thursday, November 10th at the Extension office. The meeting will start at 5:30 p.m. Parents and members are invited to bring their suggestions for the menu, prices, hours of operation and any new ideas!

Attentions parents! Now that we are almost 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!

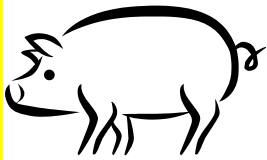
Shooting Sports News

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 Crossbow Archery Club has teamed up with Bosque County 4-H to host the Hill/Bosque Archery Tournament on December 3, 2011. Entry forms are posted on the Hill County Website hill.agrilife.org
Entries are due to the extension office by November 21. Entry fees are \$20.

Livestock Project News

Major Show Entry Night has been set for Thursday, November 3rd. This will be held at the Extension office from 5:30 to 7:30. 4-H members will be able to sign up for Fort Worth, San Antonio, San Angelo, Houston, and Austin. The Houston Livestock Show does require a notary public to witness the parent and child sign the entry form. We will have a notary public at the office on entry night at the cost of \$1 per page. Your child must be a registered 4-H member before signing up for a major livestock show. Sign them up on www.4honline.com. If they are not a bonafide 4-H member, they will not be able to sign up or compete at a major livestock show. If they have not passed the Quality County Verification test, they will not be able to sign up or compete at a major livestock show. Make sure you have all this done before attending this sign up night! This will be the absolute last day to turn in paperwork! NO EXECPTIONS!



The Holiday Classic Livestock Show and Clinic is coming up! It is held at the Bell County Expo Center in Belton. The clinics will take place on Saturday, November 12. Species covered will be beef, swine, sheep and goats. The shows will take place on Sunday, November 13. There will be a showmanship show that will be divided by experience and not by age. This is a FREE event! Saturday night there will be a complimentary steak dinner!

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 14 after school hours.



There are no more Quality Counts Training classes available. Reminder that your child must pass the Quality Counts Verification Test to show at a major livestock show. Your only option available now is to take the course online then then test online. The website is <http://qualitycounts.tamu.edu>. If your child does not pass the test, they will not be allowed to show at a major.

Calf scramble entry deadlines are quickly approaching for the 2012 Major Livestock Shows. Please contact me if your child is interested in participating!

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.



IMPORTANT VALIDATION DATES



Last, but not least, will be the major swine validation! The swine committee will drive to your community to tag your major show barrows. If you have a major show barrow that you purchased a tag for, please contact me so we can arrange the dates for tagging. We try to have them all tagged before Thanksgiving. I will need to know the locations of the barrows.



The Hill County Food Challenge will be on Tuesday, November 15th. The contest will start at 5:30 p.m. Please email Karen Jungman @ kljungman@ag.tamu.edu with a list of team members by November 10. If your team is in need of aprons, please let me know. We have a limited number here, so they'll be first come, first serve. The top 2 Junior/Intermediate teams will advance to District in Belton on December 8.

Interested in learning about making good consumer choices? How about eating healthier? Join us during your Christmas Break on Monday, December 19 from 10AM-2PM to learn more about Consumer Decision Making and Nutrition Quiz Bowl. We will tour the grocery store in the morning to compare products and in the afternoon, we'll learn about Nutrition. Bring a sack lunch. Parents are welcome and encouraged to join us.

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 will be available online soon"

Congratulations to the Heart O' Texas Fair & Rodeo Participants!

Chance Baker ~ Goat participant
 Mackenzie Boyd ~ 5th place steer, 4th place steer, 5th place steer, 5th place steer
 Shane Campbell ~ Reserve Champion Scramble Ewe, lamb participant, 11th place breeding sheep, 9th place goat
 Braelyn Davis ~ 9th place steer
 Nick Davis ~ 2nd place pig, 2nd place pig
 Blake Gant ~ 3rd place steer, 5th place steer
 Karissa Gant ~ 1st place steer
 Payton Kimbrell ~ 1st place steer, 3rd place steer, 8th place steer, 3rd place steer, 5th place steer
 Kennedy McFarland ~ Reserve Champion Simbrah, 3rd place steer, 8th place steer, Reserve Champion Maine, Grand Champion Maine
 Kaci Peters ~ 3rd place heifer
 Brock Pustejovsky ~ 12th place goat, 11th place goat
 Blake Pustejovsky ~ Goat participant
 Hanna Sumrall ~ 3rd Place Lamb, lamb participant
 Ransom Welch ~ 10th place lamb, 9th place lamb

Livestock Judging Contest

Senior Team
 Katy Warren
 Shea Mackey
 Kennedy McFarland
 Blake Pustejovsky

Junior Team
 Teegan Mackey
 Joel Mackey



Important Dates



November

- 3 Major Show Entry Night
- 7 Major Show Broiler Order deadline
- 9 County Council Meeting
- 10 Concession Stand Meeting
- 12&13 Holiday Classic—Belton
- 15 Hill County Food Challenge/Food Show

December

- 1 Hill County Fair Entries Due
- 3 District 8 Archery Tournament
- 14 HCF Broiler Pick Up
- 19 CDM & Nutrition Quiz Bowl Practice

January

- 11 HCF Creative Arts Entries Due
- 25-28 2012 Hill County Fair

~Look For More Important Dates To Come~