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GILLESPIE COUNTY 4-H NEWSLETTER



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OFFICE NOTE



The Gillespie County Extension Office will be closed Friday, April 22, 2011 in observance of Good Friday. We as a staff wish you and your family a Happy Easter!

WELCOME!!

The Gillespie County Extension Office along with the Gillespie County Judge and Commissioners would like to welcome Mr. Micah Walker as our new County Extension Agent - 4-H & Youth Development. He will begin his duties on April 18, 2011.

Throughout high school, Micah was active in 4-H. He received his Associates of Science degree in Animal Science from Connors State College in Warner, Oklahoma. While at Connors State, he was a member of the Livestock Judging team. He earned his Bachelor of Science and Master of Science degrees in Interdisciplinary Agriculture from Texas Tech University in Lubbock. He was a member of the Texas Tech Livestock team and later served as an instructor at Texas Tech University Livestock Judging Camps. Micah also has experience in hay production and management of a beef cattle operation.

Please help us welcome Micah Walker to Gillespie County. Come by the office and introduce yourself and make him feel welcomed.

LIVESTOCK UPDATES

CONGRATULATIONS!



Congratulations to all 4-H members who exhibited their animals at the 2011 major livestock shows. Remember, what is important is what you learn and the accomplishment of seeing your project goals to the finish line. Great job in representing Gillespie County with class and good character!



THANK YOU NOTES FOR BUYERS

All 4-H members that sold an animal in the auction at the Gillespie County Youth Livestock Show will need to send a thank you note to their buyer(s). Notes must be **handwritten**. In order to pick up your check, you must bring your original thank you notes in a **stamped, unsealed envelope** to the Extension Office.



A list of buyers and their addresses is available at the Extension Office. An email will be sent out once checks are received.

EQUIPMENT FOR SALE?

If you are a graduating senior (or anyone not involved in livestock projects any longer) that is looking to sell clippers or other equipment that you have purchased for you livestock projects, please let the Extension Office know. We will put you in contact with someone who is interested in purchasing them.



STEER VALIDATION TAGS

Deadline: Friday, April 8, 2011
Cost: \$10 each

Please let the Extension Office know how many steers you will have on feed for the 2011-2012 show season. Tags will be \$10 each and payment is due at this time. **TAGS WILL NOT BE ORDERED WITHOUT PAYMENT.**

STATE FAIR VALIDATION TAGS

Deadline: Friday, April 8, 2011
Cost: \$8 each

For those interested in showing animals at the State Fair in Dallas this fall, be aware that animals must be validated! Validation for all species (sheep, goats, and swine) will be done in June. **You need to order your tags by Friday, April 8, 2011 by 5:00pm at the Extension Office.** Lamb, goat, and swine tags will be \$8. **Also, note that Steer Validation for ALL SHOWS will be done at this same time in June. TAGS WILL NOT BE ORDERED WITHOUT PAYMENT.**



GILLESPIE COUNTY YOUTH LIVESTOCK SHOW OPEN MEETING

Date: April 19, 2011
Location: Extension Office
Sign-In Time: 5:30pm
Meeting Time: 6:00pm



This meeting is open meeting to volunteers of the show and parents of youth that exhibit livestock at the Gillespie County Youth Livestock Show to voice their suggestions and concerns on how to improve the Youth Show. Sign up will begin at 5:30 pm and end at 6pm when the meeting starts. All participants will have three (3) minutes to speak in the order in which they signed in. After all have been given their turn to speak, the general public will be excused and the Board of Directors will continue with their regular meeting.

SHOOTING SPORTS

SHOOTING SPORTS EVENTS

The Extension Office has received several shootings sports event and activity flyers. We have a list of events posted outside of our office door on the 4-H board. We can make copies of any forms and flyers that you would like. Go try your skill with other 4-H members across the state! Here's a brief list of events that we currently have:

- Wilson County 4-H Invitational Rifle Meet
- Callahan County 4-H Novice Shotgun Shoot
- 4th Annual Charlie Greenway Silhouette Match
- Bandera County 4-H Whiz-Bang Qualifier

CLOTHING & TEXTILES

1 MILLION PILLOWCASE CHALLENGE

Calling all quilters, sewers and crafters! *American Patchwork & Quilting* is challenging you to join our efforts to Make a Pillowcase, Make a Difference. Every pillowcase can make a difference in your community. A pillowcase can provide comfort for a cancer patient, hope for a foster child, encouragement for a battered woman or beauty for a nursing home resident.

To participate, go by Pocketful of Poseys located at 311 E. Highway St to purchase material. Patterns are located on the website for you to download or you can create one yourself. Once your pillowcases are complete and donated locally, go to the website and enter how many pillowcases you made. Help us reach our goal of ONE MILLION Pillowcases.

<http://www.allpeoplequilt.com/million-pillowcases/index.html>



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LEADERSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

4-H ADULT LEADERS ASSOCIATION

Date: Monday, April 18, 2011 @ 7-8pm
Place: Gillespie County Extension Office

The Adult Leaders Association of Gillespie County is open to any adult or volunteer with interest in bettering the Gillespie County 4-H Program. *We will also be electing a new treasurer and vice president.* Please come and check it out! **ALL 4-H VOLUNTEERS AND PARENTS** are encouraged to attend.



COUNTY 4-H COUNCIL

Date: Monday, April 18, 2011 @ 6-7pm
Place: Gillespie County Extension Office



Attention Club Presidents and Council Delegates! Your club has elected you to represent them at a county level. This means you are **STRONGLY ENCOURAGED** to attend the County 4-H Council Meetings. This meeting is open to any 4-H member to attend. You do not have to be a delegate or even an officer to attend. (It's just that Delegates and Presidents are the only ones that can vote!) *We will be electing new officers, deciding on a banquet theme, and selecting award recipients.*

COUNTY 4-H COUNCIL OFFICER ELECTIONS

It's that time of the year again, to start thinking about if you're interested in being a member of the County Council. This is a great leadership position to place on scholarship applications and resumes. It will also teach you some great leadership skills and you can have FUN! To run for an office, you must complete the Council Officer Candidate Form and return it by **Friday, April 15 by 5pm to the Extension Office**. Forms are available at the Office or on our county website. Remember...write neatly on your forms because voting delegates will have a copy of it to review during elections!



DISTRICT 4-H COUNCIL OFFICER ELECTIONS

District 4-H Council officers will be elected again this year at District Leadership Lab held on June 29-July 1. Any 4-Her that has attended Leadership Lab at least one year is eligible to seek office. If you are interested in applying, come by the Extension Office to pick up an application or go to our website at <http://gillespie-tx.tam.edu> → Publications → 4-H. The deadline to apply is **Friday, April 15 by 5pm to the Extension Office**.

SCHOLARSHIPS

SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS

All applications are available in our office as well as on our website - <http://gillespie-tx.tamu.edu> > Publications > 4-H Scholarships. Please let Decky or Shea know if you need any assistance and be sure you plan your time wisely while completing your applications!

SAN ANGELO SCHOLARSHIPS

Postmark deadline: May 1, 2011

Application: www.sanangelorodeo.com



Eligibility requirements and applications are available online. You may also pick up an application and list of requirements at the Extension Office.

GILLESPIE COUNTY YOUTH LIVESTOCK SHOW SCHOLARSHIP

Deadline: Monday, April 18, 2011

Application: Extension Office

The Gillespie County Youth Livestock Show Board will be awarding scholarships to graduation seniors that have participated in the county show. Applications are available at the Extension Office or on our county website.



DAISY 4-H SHOOTING SPORTS SCHOLARSHIP

Daisy Manufacturing is once again offering the Daisy 4-H Shooting Sports Scholarship for 2011. The deadline to apply is May 15, 2011. Please come by the Extension Office for a copy of the application.



SUMMER OPPORTUNITIES

LAMB CAMP

Dates: June 12-14, 2011

Sponsored by: Howard College

Cost: \$85.00

Age: at least 9 or entering the 3rd grade



Topics include: selection, health and management, feeding, exercising, washing and shearing, classifying and showmanship. This is a great chance to learn about lambs and have a great time doing it! **ONLY the first 200 paid entries will be accepted!** More information and registration forms are available at the Extension Office.

April 2011 GOAT CAMP

Dates: June 5-7, 2011

Sponsored by: Howard College

Cost: \$85.00

Age: at least 9 or entering the 3rd grade



Topics include: selection, health and management, feeding, exercising, washing and shearing and showmanship. This is a great chance to learn about lambs and have a great time doing it! **ONLY the first 200 paid entries will be accepted!** More information and registration forms are available at the Extension Office.

LIVESTOCK JUDGING CAMP

Dates: May 27-29, 2011 (Camp 1) - Advanced

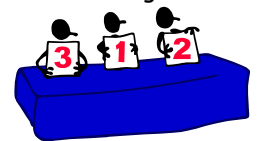
June 24-26, 2011 (Camp 2) - Beginner

Sponsored By: Texas A&M University

Cost: \$300 (includes meals and lodging)

Age: at least 9 or entering the 3rd grade

This camp is designed for 4-H and FFA members interested in building their knowledge of evaluating market and breeding animals, including beef, swine, sheep, and goats. This camp will also focus on improving your oral reasons. For more information, please contact Jake Franke at 979-845-7616 or come by the Extension Office.



M.A.S.H. CAMP

Dates: June 27-29, 2011

Cost: \$175

Age: 7th-9th grade

Registration: April 1 - May 13 on 4-H Connect

Have you ever wanted to be a doctor, nurse or even a first responder? Or maybe a sports trainer? If you answered yes to any of these, M.A.S.H. Camp is for you! This camp is a hands-on learning experience that allows any youth in Texas to learn about the medical, safety and health career fields. **Only the first 100 paid participants will be accepted**



LEADERSHIP LAB

Dates: June 29 - July 1, 2011

Cost: \$220 (Adult Leaders will pay half of this cost)

District 10 4-H Leadership Lab will be held at the Texas 4-H Center in Brownwood. It is open to ages 13-19 and this is where District Officers will be elected. Registration will be held on 4-H Connect from May 1 - May 15, 2011. Let Shea know if you are interested! It will definitely be worth your time to attend!! Check out our website for more information or come by the Extension Office.



TEXAS BRIGADES



The Texas Brigades is a wildlife and leadership development program. Each camp is 4 ½ days and is for high school students. The camps are designed to teach life skills and increase knowledge of wildlife and habitat management. It is fun and exciting!

Anyone 13-17 years old is eligible to apply. Application deadline is April 1, 2011. If you are interested, call the Extension Office for an application or go to www.texasbrigades.org to apply online. Scholarships are available.

Dates for 2011:

South Texas Buckskin Brigade, Carrizo Springs - June 5-9
 Rolling Plains Bobwhite Brigade, Coleman - June 18-22
 South Texas Bobwhite Brigade, Campbellton - June 26-30
 Bass Brigade, Santa Anna - July 11-15
 North Texas Buckskin Brigade, Albany - July 17-21

PRIME TIME

Prime Time is a summer camp held at the Texas 4-H Conference Center in Brownwood. It helps youth learn interpersonal skills and develop lifetime friendships. Programming focuses on educational and recreational experiences, with an emphasis on helping young people understand the opportunities that are available in the future. Activities are almost endless! Registration will need to be done on 4-H Connect. Flyers are available at the Extension Office or online at <http://texas4h-ctr.tamu.edu>. The camps fill up quickly, so register soon!

Prime Time I: July 25-28 ages 12-13

Prime Time II: July 28-31 ages 9-11

Cost for youth: \$210 - includes all meals, lodging, refreshments, health care services, facility and programming fees.



CHEF CAMP

Beginner Dates: June 20-24, 2011

Intermediate Dates: June 27-July 1, 2011

Location: Texas Tech University, Lubbock

Cost: \$600

Age: 14-19



Chef Camp 2011 will provide lessons and activities on plating and presentation to learning about foods from around the world. Campers will explore the world of culinary arts, but at the same time learn many aspects of their own personal style. At the end of the week, the campers will present their skills through a reception for their friends and family.

More information is available at the Extension Office or online at www.chefcampttu.com. Registration deadline is May 1st and only the first 20 paid entries will be accepted.

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DISTRICT EVENTS

DISTRICT HORSE SHOW

Date: Wed & Thurs, June 22-23, 2011

Location: Seguin, Texas



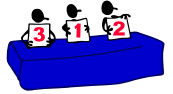
Look under HORSE NEWS for more information!

DISTRICT LIVESTOCK JUDGING

Date: Saturday, April 30, 2011

Time: Registration at 8:30 am

Location: Gillespie County Fairgrounds



DISTRICT MEAT JUDGING

Date: Wednesday, April 20, 2011

Location: San Angelo

Registration: April 1-13th on 4-H Connect



TEXAS 4-H ROUNDUP

Texas 4-H Roundup is an exciting event held annually in College Station on campus at Texas A&M University. This is where senior aged 4-H members that have qualified at the District level compete at a state level. It is open to senior aged 4-H members.

We will not be holding a registration meeting this year. You will need to come by the Extension Office and pick up a packet and register on 4-H CONNECT by **Wednesday, May 11th**. Payment will be made by the Adult Leaders. Do not pay online!!!

HORSE NEWS

VALIDATION/CERTIFICATION FORMS

If you are planning on participating in the District and State 4-H Horse Show, you will need to **certify your horse by Friday, April 15, 2011**. Horses must be owned by the 4-Her, their parent, brother, sister, grandparent, or legal guardian. The appropriate paperwork is available at the Extension Office or online at <http://gillespie-tx.tamu.edu> → Publications → 4-H Livestock Project → Horse Validation/Certification Forms. It is your responsibility to know ALL rules. The District Horse Show will be held Wednesday and Thursday, June 22-23 in Seguin. The State 4-H Horse Show is slated for July 23-30, 2011 in Abilene.

TEXAS 4-H HORSE SHOW RULES & REGULATIONS

All 4-Her's and family members with youth who show horses are required to know the Texas 4-H Horse Show Rules & Regulations. It can be found at <http://animalscience.tamu.edu/academics/equine/state-4h-show/index.htm>. Please come by the Extension Office to pick up a copy if you have trouble.

OTHER 4-H NEWS

RECORDBOOK WORKSHOPS

That time of year again! Three recordbook workshops are being held within the district this April. This is a great way to learn skills in recordkeeping.



- Monday, April 4, 2011 - 6:30-8:30pm
Wilson County Show Barn
435 E. U.S. Highway 97, Floresville, TX
RSVP by March 28th to (830)393-7357
- Thursday, April 7, 2011 - 6:30-8:30pm
D'Hanis ISD Cafeteria
CR 5216 (old Hwu 90), D'Hanis, TX
RSVP by March 31 to (830)741-6180
- Monday, April 11, 2011 - 6:30-8:30pm
Kerr County Extension Office
3655 Highway 27, Kerrville, TX
RSVP by April 4 to (830)257-6568

April 2011 4-H CLUB NEWS

Cross Mtn. 4-H - Will be meeting on Monday, April 11th @ 7pm. Club managers will notify everyone of the place due to a meeting being held at the Extension Office.

Doss 4-H - Will be meeting on Monday, April 11th at 6:30pm.

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