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GILLESPIE COUNTY 4-H NEWSLETTER



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MONTHLY CLUB 4-H MEETINGS

PROGRAM IDEAS

The Texas Forest Service has a new program called Ready, Set Go! This program is to help families prepare in the event of a wildfire. Jan Fulkerson would be honored to come and speak to your club for your program. Please contact the Extension Office for more information.



BYLAW UPDATES

Attention Club Managers: The following topics need to be brought before your club members at your May 4-H meetings and then voted on at your June meetings. Your club is not required to adopt these bylaws - but it is highly suggested.

- Any person elected to an office must complete Club Officer Training by August 31st. If training is not received, 4-H member will forfeit their elected office and the position will be filled by appointment by the newly elected officers.
- Under Membership - New members must complete a 4-H Enrollment Form before being accepted into membership of a club. All members must re-enroll using the 4-H Connect system each year.
- Members are required to pay a participation fee of \$20 if enrolled from September 1st - October 31st of the current year. Thereafter the participation fee will be \$25 starting November 1st of the current year.

4-H PARTICIPATION FEE

To maintain the level of programming and opportunities in the Texas 4-H and Youth Development Program, an annual participation fee is necessary for each 4-H member starting with the 2011-2012 4-H year on September 1, 2011. This participation fee of \$25, or \$20 if enrolled from September 1st to October 31st, will hopefully ensure that the Texas AgriLife Extension Service can continue to deliver highest quality 4-H program in the world. Quite simply, we are convinced that this participation fee is an investment in the youth of Texas. Thanks for all you do and thanks for **MAKING THE BEST BETTER!**

STATE 4-H EVENTS

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 be holding a registration/travel meeting this year. You will need to come by the Extension Office and pick up a packet and register on 4-H CONNECT by **Monday, May 11**. Payment will be due to the Extension Office on May 11, as well. (Do not pay online.)

HORSE NEWS

DISTRICT HORSE SHOW

Date: Wed-Thur, June 22-23, 2011

Location: Seguin, Texas

District Horse Show entries must be made on 4-H Connect no later than Friday, May 13,



2011. Please come by Extension Office to pick up information and rules or you may retrieve them online on our website at <http://gillespie-tx.tamu.edu> → Publications → 4-H Livestock Project → "District 10 4-H Horse Show" or "Texas 4-H Horse Show 2011".

STATE HORSE SHOW

Date: July 23 - July 30, 2011

Location: Abilene, Texas

State Horse Show entries must be made on an entry form available at the Extension Office. Please come by Extension Office to pick up information and rules or you may retrieve



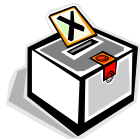
them online on our website at <http://gillespie-tx.tamu.edu> → Publications → 4-H Livestock Project → "2010 Texas State Horse Show". Entries must be received in our office by **Wednesday, June 9th**.

DON'T FORGET!!!

OUTSTANDING LEADER NOMINATIONS

Each club needs to send in the names of two outstanding volunteer leaders from their clubs. Please send those names into the Extension Office by **Friday, July 1st**. We will send the nominees the application form to be recognized at the 4-H Awards Banquet.

CLUB OFFICER ELECTIONS & CLUB MANAGER SELECTION



Now is the time to start thinking about who the new officers & club managers for your club will be! Be sure to think about whom the most is qualified for each position. Please submit your new officers' and club managers' names to the Extension Office by **Friday, July 1st**! If you have any questions regarding elections or need ideas for officer installation, please contact Micah at the Extension Office at (830)997-3452.

4-H AWARDS BANQUET

Date: Monday, October 10, 2011
Time: 6:30pm
Location: Gillespie County Farm Bureau
Cost: donation

This year's theme is "Hollywood 4-H Style". More details will be in the July newsletter.



PICTURES NEEDED

We are looking for pictures of current 4-H members participating in a 4-H related event or activity that are from the 2010-2011 4-H year. We will be putting together a slide show for this year's awards banquet in October. If you have any digital pictures that you would like to contribute, email them to bmazurek@ag.tamu.edu or you may bring them by the Extension Office. If you email them, please put "Banquet Pictures" in the subject line when you send the email. Also, make sure that the pictures you send are appropriate for the occasion.



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RECORDBOOKS & AWARDS

RECORDBOOK ASSISTANCE

It's that time of year again! This year Mrs. Karen Rode will be conducting a recordbook clinic the week of June 20-22 at the Extension Office. If you are interested in participating please contact our office to get your name on the list.



PROJECT PINS

In order to receive a project pin at the annual 4-H Awards Banquet in October, you must complete and turn in a Project Record Form OR a 4-H Recordbook. There are two types of Project Record Forms: one for Animals and Poultry Projects and one for Non-Animal Projects. The forms are available at the Extension Office or online at <http://gillespie-tx.tamu.edu> under the "Publications" link and then under "4-H". Deadline to turn these in will be **Friday, July 1st** by 5:00pm.



SILVER STAR

Silver Star is the highest honor that an Intermediate-aged 4-H member (that's ages 11, 12, or 13 as of August 31, 2009) can receive in Gillespie County. To apply for this award, you complete a (1) 4-H Project Record Form, (2) a Silver Star Application, and (3) a one page 4-H Story Deadline to turn these in will be **Friday, July 1st** by 5:00pm.



GOLD STAR

The Gold Star Award is the highest county achievement award and will be awarded only once in a member's 4-H career. There are minimum requirements that must be met in order to apply.

The member must have exhibited leadership skills by serving as a 4-H officer or committee chairman (club, county, district or state), and/or as a junior or teen leader in an activity or project with or under the supervision of an adult volunteer leader. The 4-H member must have participated in one or more community service activities. Don't forget... you must complete (1) a 4-H Recordbook and (2) a Gold Star Application. Deadline to turn these in will be **Friday, July 1st** by 5:00pm.



CLOTHING & TEXTILES

FASHION STORYBOARD COMPETITION

The 4-H Fashion Storyboard is an industry-inspired method of displaying original designs. The best storyboards create vivid visual images that are interesting and appealing to viewers. The storyboard "tells the story" of the designer's idea. The storyboard includes original illustrations and flats, as well as, additional materials (such as photos from the internet or magazines, paper, fabric swatches, patterns, etc.) that have influenced the unique design. The junior and intermediate



Fashion Storyboard competition will be held in conjunction with the District Junior & Intermediate Fashion Show on July 18, 2011 at Judson ISD. Come by the Extension Office for more information.

FCS BUYING DAY

Date: June 10, 2011

Time: 8:45 am - ~5:00 pm

Cost: \$5 plus lunch & shopping money

This will be a great day of fun! We will start by touring Dillard's Department Store for comparison shopping and also learn about complementary cosmetic colors for your skin. At this time, you may also purchase your garment for the Gillespie County Fashion Show in the buying category. You can call in to sign-up, but will not be guaranteed a spot until you have paid the registration fee. If there are not at least 10 participants, the event will be canceled. **Registration money is due to the Extension office by Friday, May 13th!**



FASHION SHOW/WORKDAY FOR JUNIORS & INTERMEDIATES

Date: Friday, June 24, 2011

Extension Office

County Deadline: Monday, June 13, 2011 by 5pm

District Show: Monday, July 18, 2011

Judson ISD, San Antonio

GARMENT CATEGORIES:

Junior & Intermediate:

Separates, Ensembles, Dresses/Jumpers or Specialty/Formal



Remember there are two divisions: Construction & Buying!

Please let Shea know if you are interested in participating or if you need help starting your project. Paperwork is available at the Extension Office.

PRESERVATION WORKSHOP

Date: Friday, July 15, 2011

Time: 8:30am - 12:00pm

Location: Extension Office **Cost:** \$15



Want to learn about canning and freezing foods? Come join us and you will even get to take home a jar of jelly.

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SEWING 101 WORKSHOPS

Dates: Aug 3-4, 2011

Place: Ext. Office

Time: 8:30 am - 4:00 pm

Cost: \$25 per person

A Sewing 101 Workshop will be offered this summer to 4-Her's who have never attended or have only attended one year. It is again limited to 10 4-H members.



The class will teach basic sewing techniques, construction of a garment, and lots of fun!

Lunch, snacks and drinks will be provided for the entire workshop. Also, please bring your sewing machine if you have one. You can call in to sign-up for the workshop, but will not be guaranteed a spot until you have paid the \$20 registration fee. **Registration money is due to the Extension office by Friday, July 1st.**

SEWING 201

Date: August 5, 2011

Time: 8:30 am - 4:00pm

Cost: \$20

For the first time, a Sewing 201 class will be offered to 4-H members. This workshop is for those that have taken Sewing 101 at least one year. Lunch, snacks and drinks will be provided for the entire workshop. Also, a sewing machine is required. You can call in to sign-up for the workshop, but will not be guaranteed a spot until you have paid the \$20 registration fee. **Registration money is due to the Extension office by Friday, July 1st.**



LEADERSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

TEXAS 4-H VOLUNTEER CONFERENCE

Join the Texas 4-H & Youth Development Program for a high energy, dynamic and engaging conference that will address the emerging issues of youth development today. This conference will be filled with quality educational workshops and general sessions. Workshops include, 4-H Livestock Project Training, 4-H FCS Project Leader Training, Leadership, Natural Resources, Photography & Videography, Healthy Lifestyles, Citizenship, Clothing & Textiles, 4-H Science, 4-H Robotics, Consumer Decision Making, Housing & Home Environment, 4-H Gold Challenge, 4-H Club Management, Oral Reasons for Judging Teams, 4-H Exchange Programs, 4-H Recordbooks, 4-H Scholarship Training, 4-H Share-the-Fun, Junior Master Gardener and Public Speaking. The registration fee is \$120 and includes the workshops and meals and needs to be done on 4-H Connect. For more information, contact the Extension Office.



SUMMER OPPORTUNITIES

TEXAS 4-H GOLF CHALLENGE

Love the game of golf? Take advantage of a two-day event that will focus on Rules and Etiquette of Golf, Golf Course/Turf Grass Management and Sports Nutrition Curriculum. Registration is on 4-H Connect and costs \$120 per team of three. This event is open to 4-H members and non-4-H members between the ages of 11-18. Please check out the website for more information.



http://texas4-h.tamu.edu/youth/golf_challenge/index_youth_golf.php

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.



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*



AGGIELAND LAMB & GOAT CAMP

Goat Camp Dates: July 22-24, 2011
Lamb Camp Dates: July 15-17, 2011
Location: Pearce Pavilion, College Station
Cost: \$120 - 4-H members \$60 - adults
Deadline: when full

The Sheep and Goat Program at Texas A&M University will be sponsoring their annual Aggieland Lamb & Goat Camp. This camp is open to children ages eight years and up. Each camper must supply his/her own lamb or goats and must be accompanied by an adult or sponsor.



Reservations will need to be made at a local hotel in College Station. Registration is online at <http://animalscience.tamu.edu/academics/sheep-goats/sheep-center/youth-camps/index.htm>.

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57TH ANNUAL YOUTH RANGE WORKSHOP

Dates: June 16 - June 21, 2011
Cost: \$280 (cost offset with sponsorships)
Place: Texas Tech - Junction Campus
Due: Applications will be accepted until 45 participants have registered.

This is a great opportunity to meet and receive a stimulating, educational experience and training for those that are interested in practical range, ranch and natural resource management. This workshop is open to youth ages 14-17 years of age and who have completed the 8th grade. Please come by the Extension Office for an application or for more information.



SCHLITTERBAHN

Valid Dates: June 18 - July 4 & August 20, 21, 27-28
Who: All 4-H members, friends & family
Cost: \$29.99

All 4-H members, their friends and families are invited to attend a day of fun at Schlitterbahn Waterpark in New Braunfels! In addition to the ticket, you may also purchase meal bands or drink packages. We must have a minimum of 4 tickets purchased in order to receive this amazing discounted price. All tickets must be purchased in advance. Deadline to pay for tickets is Friday, May 27. We will NOT order any unpaid tickets.



ADDITIONAL CAMP INFORMATION

There are many more camps and workshops available this upcoming summer. Here is a list of other opportunities that we have information for at the Extension Office:

- TAMU Show Cattle Camp - 5/30-31 & 6/6-7
- TX 4-H Sportfishing Camp - 7/14-17
- Wildlife Conservation Camp - 6/15-21
- Youth Water Camp - 7/13-17
- W. TX Youth Vet Science Workshop - 6/29-7-3
- TAMU Livestock Judging Camp - 6/15-18 & 6/22-25

LIVESTOCK UPDATES

GILLESPIE COUNTY YOUTH LIVESTOCK SHOW

Just a reminder for those who are planning on exhibiting animals at the 2012 Gillespie County Youth Livestock Show - please take note of the rules! You can view a complete list of 2011 Show rules at our website under the Publications link.

*You must attend a minimum of 5 4-H Club Meetings from September 2010 to August 2011 in order to be eligible to show. THIS MEANS ATTENDANCE FOR THE 2012 GCYLS IS ALMOST COMPLETE!

*If you are a new member in Sept 2011, you must attend $\frac{1}{2}$ of the meetings from the time you enroll through December 2011.

*If you joined sometime after September 2010, but before September 2011, you must attend $\frac{1}{2}$ of the meetings from the time you join until August 2011.



STEER VALIDATION

Steer validation is scheduled for Tuesday, June 7, 2011.

It will be from 8:00am-12:00pm at LBJ in Stonewall. Please do not arrive any earlier than 7:30am. It is important that you bring a parent and with you to complete the proper paperwork.



STATE FAIR VALIDATION

Validation for all species for the State Fair is slated for Tuesday, June 7, 2011. It will be held from 3-6pm at the Gillespie County Fairgrounds. It is important that you bring a parent with you to complete the proper paperwork.

TURKEY ORDERS

DUE: Tentitive - Friday, June 10, 2011

It's time to order turkeys for the 2012 show season (Gillespie County, San Antonio, Houston & Austin)! Call with your name (first and last name of each child exhibiting), address, social security number, phone number, parents' first name and how many birds you are ordering for each show.



Limits and maximum number of birds purchased per family as well as prices for birds have yet to be determined.

Payments for ALL birds must be submitted with order to be complete. Make your check payable to the Gillespie 4-H Chuckwagon.

All turkeys that will show at the Gillespie County Youth Livestock Show must be ordered at this time. All birds will be wing banded.

Decky Spiller

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CEA - Ag/NR

Shea Nebgen

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CEA - FCS

Micah Walker

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CEA - 4-H & YD

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4-H CLUB NEWS

Cave Creek - Will be meeting at the "Y" on Sunday, May 1st at 3:00pm for trash pick-up.

Country Creek - Will be meeting at the Extension Office on Thursday May 12th at 6:00pm for officer elections & a pizza party for graduating seniors.

Cross Mountain - Electing officers at meeting on Monday, May 9th at 7pm.

Doss - Will be meeting for the Doss Annual School Closing on Saturday, May 21st. This will be our bake sale. All members are asked to bring 5 baked items.

Harper - Electing officers at meeting on Wednesday, May 11th at 6:30pm. Please bring items for the canned food drive.

Headwaters - Electing officers at meeting on Wednesday, May 18th at 6:30pm.

Hill Country - Electing officers at meeting on Monday, May 23rd 6:30pm.

Live Oak - Electing officers at meeting on Monday, May 2nd at 7pm.

Stonewall - Electing officers at meeting on Tuesday, May 3rd at 7:00pm.

Willow Creek - Electing officers at meeting on Tuesday, May 3rd at 7:00pm.

Wrede - Electing officers at meeting on Thursday, May 19th at 6:30 pm.

