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**GILLESPIE COUNTY  
4-H NEWSLETTER**



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June 2011

**RECORDBOOKS & AWARDS**

**RECORDBOOK ASSISTANCE**

It's that time of year again! Mrs. Karen Rode will again 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 1<sup>st</sup>** 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, 2010) 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. Due by **Friday, July 1<sup>st</sup>** by 5 pm.

**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. Due be **Friday, July 1<sup>st</sup>** by 5pm.

**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 1<sup>st</sup>**. 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 1<sup>st</sup>**! 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: TBD



This year's theme is "4-H Hollywood". More details will be in next month's 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 August. If you have any digital pictures that you would like to contribute, email them to

[bmazurek@ag.tamu.edu](mailto: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.



## SUMMER DATES

### CLUB OFFICER TRAINING

**Date:** Wednesday, July 20, 2011  
**Time:** 9am - 1pm  
**Location:** TBA

All newly elected club officers will be **required** to attend. If you are unable to attend, you must complete Club Officer Training no later than August 31<sup>st</sup>. 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. Lunch and snacks will be provided.

### CLUB MANAGER TRAINING

**Date:** Tuesday, July 19, 2011  
**Time:** 6:00pm - 8:00pm  
**Location:** Extension Office



All Club Managers are **required** to attend. A meal will be served.

## LIVESTOCK UPDATES

### 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.



### TEXAS LAMB BREEDERS ASSOCIATION TAGS

All tags TLBA numbers will have to be written on the validation forms at the time of validation. This is a change from years past. After October 31, 2008, no TLBA numbers will be able to be submitted to the Goat/Lamb Specialist. PLEASE make sure that you have your numbers with you at validation this year. Call the Extension Office if you have any questions.

### SHOW EQUIPMENT FOR SALE

If you are a graduating senior (or anyone) that is looking to re-sell your clippers, scale or other show equipment that you have purchased for your livestock projects, please let us know. We have several people looking for used equipment.



## June 2011 TURKEY ORDERS

**DUE:** 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.

## 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.



## PROSPECT SHOWS AND JACKPOT SHOWS

Now is the time for prospect and jackpot shows to start. This is a great way to help learn the basics of showing your projects. We have a book located on the 4-H bulletin board outside the office that has a complete list of upcoming shows. Come by the Extension Office for more information.



## AWARD SPONSORS FOR 2011 GCYLS

If anybody is interested in sponsoring an award (Breed/Reserve Champion, Showmanship, etc.) for the Gillespie County Youth Livestock Show, please contact Karen Knopp at 997-3653 by the end of July.



## 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.



### 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. Seating is limited; 3<sup>rd</sup> grade & up.

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### SEWING 101 WORKSHOP

**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 1<sup>st</sup>.**

### SEWING 201 WORKSHOP

**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 1<sup>st</sup>.**



### RURAL YOUTH LOANS

*Through Farm Service Agency*

Would you or someone you know like to have your own breeding herd of livestock? If so, you may be eligible for a Rural Youth Loan Program through FSA. This loan is available to youth ages 10-20. However, there are a few "rules". Applicants must:

1. Be a citizen of the US or permanent resident.
2. Live in a town of less than 50,000 people.
3. Be unable to get a loan from other sources.
4. Conduct a modest income-producing project.

Things to know:

1. These are direct loans and have a max loan amount of \$5000.
2. Interest rates for these loans are determined each month.
3. The applicant must sign a promissory note and security agreement. FSA will take a first lien on the products produced for sale and chattel property. In some instances, a co-signer may be required.
4. The repayment schedule is normally on an annual basis.
5. The applicant must be sponsored by a project advisor such as a 4-H sponsor, FFA sponsor, county Extension agent and a parent or guardian.
6. The process is very simple. Check our county webpage at <http://gillespie-tx.tamu.edu> → Publications → 4-H Livestock Projects or Call Sara at (830) 278-4571 x2 for more info.

## HORSE NEWS

### DISTRICT HORSE SHOW



**Date:** Wed-Thur, June 22-23, 2011  
**Location:** Seguin, Texas

Don't forget to take with you your (1) Coggin's papers, (2) your registration papers or approved Grade Horse Identification Certification Form, and (3) a copy of your 4-H Member and Project Horse Validation/Certification Form. 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 **Thursday, June 9<sup>th</sup>**.

### TEAM PENNING CLINIC

**Date:** Friday & Saturday, July 8-9, 2011  
**Place:** Stonewall Chamber of Commerce Arena

On Friday morning, Dr. Ron Gill will discuss "Low Stress Livestock Handling" which is required for 4-H members attending the Team Penning Clinic. On Friday afternoon, we will continue discussing Livestock Handling and Horsemanship. On Saturday, discussion will be over Team Strategies and State 4-H Horse Show Team Penning Format and Rules. Saturday afternoon will consist of practices and "Enter One/Draw One" Penning competition and prizes will be given to first and second places.



Registration is \$100 per person and covers lunch for both days and the cattle charge. Stalling overnight will be available by contacting Lisa Schmidt at (830)456-6626. Please contact the Extension Office for registration which is due no later than Friday, June 24<sup>th</sup>.

## SHOOTING SPORTS

### SHOOTING SPORTS NEWSLETTER

The complete Shooting Sports Newsletter and much more are available on the Texas 4-H website. Look for the shooting sports information at <http://shootingports.tamu.edu>.



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## SUMMER OPPORTUNITIES

### 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 Aggieldand 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>.

### 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:

- TX 4-H Sportfishing Camp - 7/14-17
- Wildlife Conservation Camp - 6/15-21
- Youth Water Camp - 7/13-17
- TAMU Livestock Judging Camp - 6/15-18 & 6/22-25

## LEADERSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

### D10 JUNIOR LEADER RALLY

**Date:** Thursday, July 14, 2011  
**Where:** Helotes 4-H Activity Center - held in conjunction with District 10 4-H Recordbook Judging  
**Cost:** \$15 includes lunch, supplies and swimming  
**Who:** Juniors & Intermediates - aged 9-13  
 Come learn about the Texas 4-H Outdoor

Challenge and have fun! Teen leaders from Edwards, Kendall, Kerr, Kimble, Gillespie and Sutton counties will be on hand to help with the fun. Registration will be on 4-H Connect from June 10 - June 30. Contact the Extension Office for a list of items to bring for the day and for travel arrangements.



# Summer Vacation

## 4-H CLUB NEWS

**\*\*This information is just for changes to meetings. Please check the calendar if you club is not listed here.\*\***

**Cave Creek** - Will be meeting on Sunday, June 5<sup>th</sup> at 3pm.

**Country Creek** - no June meeting.

**Cross Mountain** - More information will be sent from your club managers.

**Doss** - Will be meeting on Monday, June 20<sup>th</sup> at the Baethge Ranch.

**Harper** - no June meeting.

**Headwaters** - no June meeting.

**Heritage** - no June meeting.

**Hill Country** - no June meeting.

**Live Oak** - Will be meeting on Sunday, June 5<sup>th</sup> at the Extension Office. You will be contacted with more information.

**Willow Creek** - More information will be sent from your club managers.



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## OTHER 4-H NEWS

### TEXAS 4-H DAY WITH THE TEXAS RANGERS

The Texas Rangers have given the Texas 4-H Youth & Development Foundation the opportunity to purchase discounted tickets to see them play the Los Angeles Angels in Arlington on August 27<sup>th</sup>. You will also receive a Complimentary "Green Out" T-Shirt with your purchase. In addition for every advance ticket that is purchased, the Texas Rangers will make a \$3 donation (\$2.85/ticket will go directly back to the county where it was sold) to the Texas 4-H Youth Programs and Education Fund. Ticket prices range from \$14.00 to \$38.00. Come by the Extension Office to place your order. Payment must be received when the order is placed. Deadline to order is Friday, July 29<sup>th</sup>.



### TEXAS 4-H NIGHTS WITH THE HOUSTON ASTROS

The Houston Astros have given the Texas 4-H a unique opportunity to purchase discount tickets to 4-H Night at the Ballpark with the Astros at Minute Maid Park in Houston against the Milwaukee Brewers on September 3, 2011. Ticket prices range from \$10-\$32. A portion of all ticket sales will go to the Texas 4-H County Grant Program effort. Please contact the Extension Office for information on how to purchase tickets.



*Don J. Spiller*

Decky Spiller  
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*Micah Walker*

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Ladies and Gentlemen,

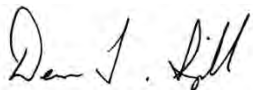
It has been my privilege to serve AgriLife Extension as the County Agent for Agriculture and Natural Resources in Gillespie County for the past two years. The staff here in the Extension office along with all of you 4-H families here in Gillespie County have made this job a real joy.

It is with no small amount of regret that I am sending this letter to inform you of my resignation from the position of County Agent for Agriculture and Natural Resources in Gillespie County. I have accepted a position in the private sector as a ranch manager for Silver Spur Ranches. My family and I will be moving to Kiowa, Colorado in early July. My last day in the office will be Thursday, June 30, 2011. My effort between now and then will be to make this transition go as smoothly as possible.

The 4-H program here in Gillespie County is one of the best in the state. It got that way and will continue to grow and gain strength through the dedication and commitment of the volunteers and adult leaders. Quality Agents like Shea Nebgen and Micah Walker facilitate a great program, but they are completely ineffective without leadership, guidance and a commitment to the promotion of Gillespie County youth from the adults in the County. I am sure that this tradition will continue on. Extension has indicated that this Agent position is a priority and I would hope that a suitable candidate would be at least in the works by fall.

The friendships and working relationships my family and I have made here in Gillespie County are treasured. I hope to have the opportunity to see as many of you as possible before we make our move. We have strong ties here in Fredericksburg and Gillespie County and we will be visiting regularly. If there is ever anything we can do for you, please do not hesitate to call.


Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Descom T. Spiller". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'D'.

Decky Spiller

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p align="center"><b>NO JUNE MEETINGS</b></p> <p>Country Creek Harper Headwaters</p> <p>Heritage Hill Country</p>			1	2	3	4
5  Cave Creek 4-H Live Oak 4-H	6	7  Steer Validation 8am-12pm State Fair Validation 3-6pm St. Mary's 4-H 7pm Stonewall 4-H 6:30pm	8	9  <b>DUE:</b> State Horse Show entries	10  <b>DUE:</b> Turkey Orders FCS Buying Day	11
12	13	14	15	16  Wrede 4-H 6pm	17	18
State 4-H Roundup—State 4-H Roundup—State 4-H Roundup—State 4-H Roundup						
19	20  Doss 4-H	21	22   <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; width: fit-content; margin: 0 auto;">District Horse Show—Seguin</div>	23 	24  Jr/Int. Fashion Show & Workday	25
26	27	28	29	30		
District Leadership Lab						