

### USEFUL WEBSITES

Gillespie County <http://gillespie-tx.tamu.edu>  
 Texas 4-H <http://texas4-H.tamu.edu>  
 Texas 4-H Center <http://texas4H-ctr.tamu.edu>  
 USDA for Kids <http://www.usda.gov/news/usdakids>



## GILLESPIE COUNTY 4-H NEWSLETTER



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### DON'T FORGET!!

#### DEADLINES

The following things are due to the Extension Office no later than 5pm on Friday, July 1<sup>st</sup> -

- Project Record Forms
- Record Books
- Silver Star & Gold Star applications
- List of Club Officers for 2011-2012
- List of Club Managers for 2011-2012
- List of Outstanding Leaders for 2010-2011



### SUMMER DATES

#### CLUB OFFICER TRAINING

**Date:** Wednesday, July 20, 2011  
**Time:** 9am - 1pm  
**Location:** Lady Bird Johnson Park Pavilion #5  
 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.



#### NEW MEMBER NIGHT

**Date:** Monday, August 15, 2011  
**Time:** 6:00pm - 8:00pm  
**Location:** Lady Bird Johnson Park Pavilion #3  
 This is a time for any new families interested in 4-H to come learn more about 4-H and to have some fun. The whole family is invited to attend. We will have hamburgers and fun activities for the kids. If you know of a family this would benefit, tell them to come!



### HORSE NEWS

#### DISTRICT HORSE SHOW RESULTS

Congratulations to all of those who participated in the 2011 District 10 4-H Horse Show! Kudos for a job well done representing Gillespie County.

##### Poles

2<sup>nd</sup> - Kaylee Kramer  
 12<sup>th</sup> - Shelbi Schneider

##### Barrels

6<sup>th</sup> - Shelbi Schneider



##### Stakes

1<sup>st</sup> - McKenzie Kramer

Way to go, girls & good luck to everyone headed to State!

### LIVESTOCK UPDATES

#### QUALITY COUNTS



Starting in 2012, Quality Counts verification will be **required** for all youth exhibiting livestock (market and/or breeding) at major livestock shows in Texas (including Fort Worth Livestock Show, San Antonio Stock Show & Rode, Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo, Star of Texas Fair in Austin, San Angelo Livestock Show, Sandhills Stock Show in Odessa, State Fair of Texas in Dallas and Heart O' Texas Fair in Waco). The verification process will require junior exhibitors to pass an online test that measure their knowledge on quality assurance and character education content items.

Youth are able to go online at this time to take the test and become verified. A verification number will need to be provided at the time of making all major stock show entries at the Extension Office. Youth will need to have completed and passed the test before our entry deadline of November 4, 2011. A passing score of 80% has been determined. When completed, please print the verification certificate and bring to the office.

The link is <http://qualitycounts.tamu.edu>.

## ANIMAL PROJECT UPDATES

**Beef** - Steers were validated in June. Only steers that were validated will be allowed to show in 2012.

Things that you should be doing include: trimming hooves, attending prospect shows & treating for external parasites (call your vet).



**Lamb/Goat** - Lamb and Goat sales are going on now. The best will be taken early so don't wait until the last minute. Consider age when purchasing these projects; they must have milk teeth in place for most shows.



**Swine** - Start looking for breeders.

**Turkey** - Turkeys have been ordered & will arrive sometime in October.



**Broilers** - Orders will be taken in August.

*PLEASE let us know if you need help with selection or feeding your projects!!*

## STOCK SHOW CHECKS

We still have numerous floor, premium and prize money checks that need to be picked up at the Extension Office. Most of these checks are stamped "VOID AFTER 90 DAYS."

## 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 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.

## 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.



## 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.

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## STATE FAIR OF TEXAS

Entries must be made by Friday, August 12<sup>th</sup>. **NO LATE ENTRIES WILL BE ACCEPTED.** We have show dates and information available for you at the Extension Office. Entry forms are available at the Extension Office or online at our website <http://gillespie-tx.tamu.edu> → Publications → 4-H Livestock Project.



## LAMB AND GOAT VALIDATION TAGS

**Due: Friday, August 12, 2011**

ALL lambs and goats must be validated in order to show at any of the 2012 livestock shows. Tags must be ordered by the above deadline. The cost of tags will be **\$8 per tag**. Please make checks payable to **Gillespie 4-H**



**Chuckwagon.** The Star of Texas is a statewide Texas Bred Show. This means that your lamb must be certified Texas Bred at their show.



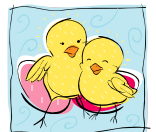
## SALE, HLSR, STFR BROILER ORDERS

If you are interested in ordering broiler chicks for the San Antonio Livestock Exposition (SALE), Houston Livestock Show & Rodeo (HLSR), and/or the Star of Texas Fair & Rodeo in Austin (STFR), the deadline is **5pm on Wednesday, August 31, 2011**. Birds will be picked up on the following dates:

SALE	Jan. 10 <sup>th</sup>
HLSR/STFR	Jan 31 <sup>st</sup>

Please review the following information:

- To be eligible to show at SALE, or HLSR/STFR; you must purchase a separate order for each show.
- NOTE THIS IMPORTANT CHANGE!!! A minimum order of 25 broiler chicks must be ordered at a cost of \$1.50 per chick per exhibitor per show. You may order up to 75 chicks in increments of 25.



## COUNTY SHOW BROILER ORDERS

Broiler orders for the Gillespie County Youth Livestock Show are due by **5pm on Wednesday, August 31, 2011.**

Exhibitors may order a minimum of 25 birds or 15 birds per exhibitor if more than one exhibitor in a family. The cost is \$1.50 per bird ordered for county.



## CLOTHING AND TEXTILES

### 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-Hers 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 \$25 registration fee. **Registration deadline has been extended to Friday, July 15<sup>th</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 deadline has been extended to Friday, July 15<sup>th</sup>.**



### 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@aq.tamu.edu](mailto:bmazurek@aq.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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## LEADERSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

### ATTENTION: ADULT LEADERS & CLUB MANAGERS

The new 4-H year is about to begin and everyone is anxious to turn over their responsibilities to the next leaders. **HOLD ON!** All current club managers and adult leaders are responsible to fulfill their positions as managers until August 31, 2011!

The 4-H year runs from September 1<sup>st</sup> to August 31<sup>st</sup> each year. That means that even if your club doesn't meet in the summer months, you are asked to fulfill your duties until August 31<sup>st</sup>. This includes Fair Boards and club reports.



### DISTRICT 10 4-H MEGA MEETING

**Date:** Saturday, August 28, 2010  
**Time:** Registration begins @ 9:00 am  
**Place:** Schreiner University; Kerrville, TX  
**Cost:** \$20 for youth & adults  
**Deadline:** Friday, August 5, 2011



All senior-aged 4-Hers (that is, you are at least 14 by August 31, 2010) are invited and encouraged to attend the District 10 4-H Mega Meeting! Registration begins at 9:00am. After the morning general session, you may choose which Project Development Committee workshop you would like to attend. After lunch, another general session will be held to give committee reports and plan District events and then a Dance.

And parents...we'd love for you to also sign up as a volunteer leader. The District 10 Volunteer Leaders Association (VLAT) will be meeting and offering trainings varying from new 4-H leader Orientation to basic training of judging teams. All 4-H Council and Club Officers are highly encouraged to attend. In Addition the District 10 Volunteer Leaders Association will be conducting a silent auction to raise funds for volunteer development and State Roundup! Call Micah with any questions!

## SUMMER OPPORTUNITIES

### DISTRICT 10 4-H RECORDBOOK JUDGING

For those who have turned in their 4-H Record Books we commend you on this awesome accomplishment!! Books will be headed to District Judging on Thursday, July 14<sup>th</sup> in Helotes. So if you know of anyone that completed one tell them congrats and good luck at the District Show!



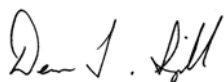
## SUN SAFETY IN THE TEXAS HEAT

It's fun to play in the sun, but did you know that too much sun can be bad for you? If you ever had sunburn, you have felt some of the bad effects of too much sun and ultraviolet (UV) radiation. Too many UV rays can cause more serious health effects too, such as skin cancer; older looking skin, and other skin problems; cataracts and other eye damage; and weakening of the immune system. (The immune system is what keeps us from getting sick.) Children need sun protection education since too much sun when you are young may lead to skin cancer later in life.

The good news is that you can prevent UV radiation from hurting you. You need to practice good sun safe habits while you are young. You should stay sun-safe all of your life.

Protect yourself and your children from overexposure to UV radiation. Taking the simple precautions listed below can ensure you enjoy safe fun in the sun.

- **Limit time in the midday sun as much as possible.**  
The sun's UV rays are strongest between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m. To the extent you can, limit exposure to sun during those hours.
- **Watch for the UV Index.** Always take precautions against overexposure, but take special care to adopt sun safety practices when the UV Index is moderate or higher.
- **Put on sunglasses.** Sunglasses that provide 99 to 100 percent UVA and UVB protection will greatly reduce eye damage from sun exposure.
- **Wear a hat.** A hat with a wide brim offers good sun protection for your eyes, ears, face, and the back of your neck.
- **Seek shade.** Staying under cover or indoors is one of the best ways to protect you from the sun.
- **Protect other areas of your body with clothing.** Wearing tightly woven, loose-fitting, and full-length clothing is a good way to protect your skin from harmful UV rays.
- **Always use sunscreen.** Apply a sunscreen with a sun protection factor of 15 or higher liberally, and reapply every 2 hours or after working, swimming, playing, or exercising outdoors. Consult your doctor about sunscreen use for children under 6 months.
- **Avoid sunlamps and tanning salons.**  
The light source from sunbeds and sunlamps can damage the skin and unprotected eyes.



Decky Spiller  
CEA - Ag/NR



Shea Nebgen  
CEA - FCS



Micah Walker  
CEA - 4-H & YD

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## 4-H CLUB NEWS

**Cave Creek 4-H** - NO July meeting!

**Cross Mountain 4-H** - NO July meeting!

**Doss 4-H** - Will be meeting on July 20<sup>th</sup> at 4:30pm at the Krebs home. After the meeting, the Doss 4-H Club will host a TPWD Hunter Safety Course.

**Harper 4-H** - NO July meeting!

**Headwaters 4-H** - NO July meeting.

**Heritage 4-H** - NO July meeting!

**Hill Country 4-H** - Will be meeting on Monday, July 25<sup>th</sup> at 6pm at Lady Bird Park Pool.

**Live Oak** - NO July meeting!

**St. Mary's** - NO July meeting.

**Stonewall 4-H** - NO July meeting.

**Willow Creek** - NO July meeting.

**Wrede 4-H** - Will be meeting Thursday, July 21<sup>st</sup> 5pm at Lady Bird Park Pool.

## OTHER 4-H NEWS

### TRACTOR SUPPLY DOG DAY

The Fredericksburg Tractor Supply will be hosting a Dog Day on Saturday, August 6<sup>th</sup>. They are asking for a 4-H Club to come and help the keep water available for all the dogs. The first club to call 877-234-0623 and sign up will receive a \$25 gift card that can be used for your club. If you have any other questions, please call Carla at (830)997-5028.



### HUNTER SAFETY COURSE

Doss 4-H Club will be hosting a class for the Texas Parks and Wildlife Hunters Safety Course. This class is mandatory for anyone taking the course online. The course will start at 5pm at the William Krebs residence. Open to the first 30 4-H members. Call Mr. Krebs at (830)669-2860 to sign up.

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
31	<b>NO JULY MEETINGS</b> Cave Creek      Live Oak Cross Mtn.      St. Mary's Harper      Stonewall Headwaters      Willow Creek Heritage				1 <b><u>DEADLINE</u></b> Project Record Forms Record Books Silver Star Gold Star Club Officer list New Club Managers Outstanding Leaders	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13  Country Creek 4-H 6:30pm	14	15 <b><u>DEADLINE</u></b> Sewing Workshop fees	16
17	18 District Fashion Show 	19 Club Manager Training 6-8pm	20  Club Officer Training 9am @ Lady Bird Park  Doss 4-H 4:30pm @ Krebs home 	21  Wrede 4-H 5pm @ Lady Bird Park Pool 	22	23
24 	25  Hill Country 4-H 6pm @ Lady Bird Park Pool 	26	27	28	29	30 
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