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**GILLESPIE COUNTY  
4-H NEWSLETTER**



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September 2011

**NEW 4-H YEAR KICKS OFF...**

**2011-2012 4-H YEAR**

NOTE: All current 4-H members & leaders will need to re-enroll in 4-H in September on 4-H Connect - <http://texas.4honline.com>. This is very important. You MUST reactivate your profile each year in the fall to be a member or volunteer in 4-H. If you do not do this, you will not be a member of the Gillespie County 4-H Program. 4-H meetings will start in September.

**Some reminders about your 4-H Connect Profile:**

1. Be sure your parent/guardian information is correct and complete.
2. List at least one project!! (Don't worry about codes).

**TEXAS 4-H AGE AND YEAR**



Texas 4-H activities and events are open to enrolled members between the ages of:

9 and 18 on August 31, 2011 or  
8 and in 3rd grade and 18 on August 31, 2011

**Age Divisions of 4-H Contestants**

Beginners: 1st and 2nd graders (Clover Kids)  
Junior: ages 9 (or 8 and in the 3rd grade) & 10 on August 31, 2011  
Intermediate: ages 11, 12 and 13 on August 31, 2011  
Senior: ages 14-19 on August 31, 2011  
County 4-H activities and events are open to enrolled members between the ages of 1st grade - 12th grade students.

**4-H BBQ FUNDRAISER**

The County 4-H BBQ Fundraiser has come and gone and was a **home run** and went awesome! Thank you for all the help from the clubs and members helping at the different locations.

A report will be given at the September Adult Leaders Association meeting.

**ATTENTION CLUB MANAGERS:** an email will be sent out regarding thank you notes that will need to be written to volunteers associated with the BBQ. These thank you notes will need to be turned in no later than Tuesday, September 27<sup>th</sup> in stamped, unsealed envelopes in order to pick up your check from the BBQ! **NO EXCEPTIONS!**

**4-H CLUB MEETINGS & CONTACT INFO**

Please check monthly newsletter for meeting changes.

Club Name	Regular Meeting Date/Time	Club Managers
<b>Cave Creek</b> Cave Creek School	1 <sup>st</sup> Tues. 7:00pm	Jennifer Jenschke 685-3344 Jan Davis 997-8233
<b>Country Creek</b> Extension Office	2 <sup>nd</sup> Wed. 6:00pm	Sophie Lochte 997-5873 Tommie Bailey 669-2174
<b>Cross Mountain</b> Extension Office	2 <sup>nd</sup> Mon. 7:00pm	Joan Ransleben 997-8471 Carol Johnson 997-8178
<b>Doss</b> Doss Community Center	1 <sup>st</sup> Mon. 6:30pm	Danny & Vicky Crenwelge 669-2868 Blaine & Marsha Hahn 997-9321
<b>Harper</b> Harper School-Ag Barn	2nd Wed. 6:30pm	Kacey Key 864-5464 Jody Lange 864-5073 Greg Swift 669-2476 Jason Davis 864-5841
<b>Headwaters</b> Harper School - HHS Cafeteria	3 <sup>rd</sup> Wed. 6:30pm	Amber Boatright 864-4225 Loye Lovell 864-4644
<b>Heritage</b> Extension Office	3 <sup>rd</sup> Mon. 4:00pm	Teppi Schmidt 990-9353 Ida Shoots 990-9304
<b>Hill Country</b> Extension Office	4 <sup>th</sup> Mon. 6:30pm	Abban Lastovica 997-4267
<b>Live Oak</b> Extension Office	1 <sup>st</sup> Mon. 7:00pm	Marissa Pitts 456-6167 Jody Geistweidt 997-7509
<b>St. Mary's</b> St. Mary's School Cafeteria	1 <sup>st</sup> Tues. 7:00pm	Debbie Klein 997-8905 Audri Bowers 990-9095
<b>Stonewall</b> Stonewall Chamber of Commerce	1 <sup>st</sup> Tues. 6:30pm	Shane Meier 644-2946 Len Weinheimer 644-2342
<b>Willow Creek</b> Extension Office	1 <sup>st</sup> Tues. 6:30pm	Sherrrie DeLong 997-5294 Shawn Lehne 997-5508
<b>Wrede</b> Extension Office	3 <sup>rd</sup> Thurs. 6:00pm	Chuck Jenschke 997-5934 Chelsea Dennis 669-2996



## 4-H AWARDS BANQUET

**Date:** Monday, October 10, 2011  
**Time:** 6:30pm  
**Location:** Gillespie County Farm Bureau  
**Cost:** By donation  
**R.S.V.P.** Friday, September 30<sup>th</sup>

This year's theme is "4-H Hollywood". We will be serving pork, beans and potato salad! Cookies will be provided by the Adult Leaders.

**St. Mary's** - Manage Serving Lines  
**Harper** - Bread  
**Country Creek** - Meat  
**Hill Country** - Clean Kitchen  
**Willow Creek** - Set up and Serve Desserts  
**Doss** - Take Down decors/clean Tables  
**Stonewall** - Cook Beans  
**Wrede** - Decoration- Theme "4-H Hollywood Style"  
**Heritage** - Set up Tables and Chairs  
**Cave Creek** - Cashier  
**Cross Mountain** - Make and Serve Coffee/Tea  
**Live Oak** - Take down Decors/Clean Tables  
**Headwaters** - Help Set up Decors/Tables/Chairs



### PLEASE READ ABOUT DRESS CODE!!!

Remember, this is a banquet - we ask for NICE DRESS!! Changes are going into effect this year for the banquet. All clothing shall be neat, clean and acceptable in repair and appearance and shall be worn within bound of decency and good taste as appropriate for 4-H events. All boys 14 and older are required to wear a tie and button down shirt. No jeans or khakis with holes in them. Girls are required to wear skirt, slacks or dresses. Please be advised that spaghetti straps, shirts which expose a bare back, halter tops are prohibited. Tops with straps wider than two inches are permitted.

### 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 next week. 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.

## FOODS & NUTRITION

### NUTRITION QUIZ BOWL

This is a great way to learn fun facts about nutrition and be on a team to show off your knowledge! Please attend the Project Meeting that will be held on September 21<sup>st</sup> at 6pm if you are interested in participating.

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## FOOD & NUTRITION WORKSHOPS

Two exciting, hands-on workshops will be held to teach project information to youth interested in the Food & Nutrition project. Remember, even if you cannot compete in the Food Show, you are still able to participate in the Food & Nutrition Project. (You don't have to compete to have a project!)

**Date:** Sept 28<sup>th</sup> 5-7pm  
**Place:** Der Kuchen Laden & Rathskeller  
**Cost:** \$10 - must be in 3<sup>rd</sup> grade and older



We will be taking a tour of Der Kuchen Laden and learning about different cooking utensils. Then we will be learning about etiquette and enjoying a meal at Rathskeller. Limited to 20!

**Date:** Oct 5<sup>th</sup> 6-8pm  
**Place:** Gillespie County Extension Office  
**Cost:** \$3

This workshop will include training on how to select different cuts of meat and grilling, meal preparation and the new My Plate recommendations.

### COUNTY FOOD SHOW

**Date:** Thursday, November 3, 2011  
**Time:** Judging begins at 6:30pm  
**Place:** Gillespie County Extension Office  
**Entry Date:** Wednesday, October 19<sup>th</sup>  
 District Food Show - December 3<sup>rd</sup>



Categories include Main Dish, Fruits & Vegetables, Breads & Cereals, and Nutritious Snacks. Age divisions are determined by the age of the 4-H member as of August 31, 2011 as follows:

Beginner:	1 <sup>st</sup> & 2 <sup>nd</sup> graders
Junior:	ages 9 (or 8 & in 3 <sup>rd</sup> grade) & 10
Intermediate:	ages 11, 12, and 13
Senior:	ages 14 - 19

### D-10 FOOD CHALLENGE CONTEST

We are now into the third year of the 4-H Contest called the FOOD CHALLENGE! Think of "Iron Chef, 4-H Style" where teams of three or five members will compete together to create a recipe from ingredients without actually having the recipe! Other components of the contest include figuring cost per serving, creating a team presentation, and being judged on their preparation, food safety and presentation. Please plan to attend the project meeting on Sept. 21<sup>st</sup> at 6pm to find out more and how to sign up for a team. We will have a county contest this year. It will be held on Nov. 16<sup>th</sup> and the District contest will be held on Jan. 4<sup>th</sup> in conjunction with the District Food Show.



## LIVESTOCK UPDATES

### CALF SCRAMBLES

The Calf Scramble is a chance to earn a certificate to purchase a breeding animal to raise for show at any of the livestock shows. Specific rules apply to each show. Below is some of the information we currently have on each show.

#### San Antonio

The Performance Schedule for D-10 is:

Thursday, Feb 9<sup>th</sup> 7:00 pm 5:30pm roll call  
 Sunday, Feb 12<sup>th</sup> 1:00 pm 11:30am roll call  
 Tuesday, Feb 14<sup>th</sup> 7:00 pm 5:30pm roll call  
 Wednesday, Feb 15<sup>th</sup> 7:00 pm 5:30 roll call



#### San Angelo

Entry is limited to the first 60 complete and correct entries. Paperwork is not ready; keep checking with the Extension Office!!!

#### Houston

HLSR has not released dates for the calf scramble yet. Keep checking back!

#### Star of Texas - Austin

Star of Texas Fair & Rodeo has not released dates for the calf scramble yet. Keep checking back!

Let us know by Friday, Sept 23<sup>rd</sup> if you are interested in San Antonio, San Angelo, Houston, and/or Austin. Call for more information.

### SWINE VALIDATION TAGS

Due: **Friday, September 30, 2011**



All swine projects must be validated in order to show at any of the 2012 livestock shows. The cost of each tag is \$8. Tags must be ordered by the above deadline.

### LAMB & GOAT VALIDATION

The following dates have been set in October. You **MUST** make one of the validation dates to validate your lamb/goat project to be able to show your animals in any of the 2012 livestock shows.

**HARPER** - Show Barn  
 Tuesday, Oct 18 from 3-6pm

**FREDERICKSBURG** - Fairgrounds  
 Thursday, Oct 13 from 3-6pm  
 Last name begins with A-G

**FREDERICKSBURG** - Fairgrounds  
 Thursday, Oct 22 from 3-6pm  
 Last name begins with H-Z



**If you have a major conflict, call the Extension Office**

**ASAP.** Don't forget that a parent must accompany each exhibitor and each exhibitor will need his/her social security number at validation. We do not have it from previous years.

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## STOCK SHOW ENTRIES

All livestock show entries will start being accepted on Monday, October 24, 2011 and will be due to the Gillespie County Extension Office no later than **Tuesday, November 15, 2011** at 5:00pm. **ALL 4-H members entering the Fort Worth Stock Show must have ALL stock show entries turned in no later than Tuesday, November 1, 2011.**



The Houston entries must be notarized and both the child and parent's signatures must be witnessed. If you are not able to come during these times due to a conflict, please contact Phylliss or Becky to make arrangements. **NO LATE ENTRIES!**

All fees and signatures must be in place for an entry to be considered valid. **The exhibitor's social security number must be on all forms.** Please do not assume that the Extension Office has your number! This is also the time to register for any of the "youth development" contests available at the major livestock shows. This includes Public Speaking, Skillathons, and Shootouts.

**Just because you validate your animal does not mean that it has been entered into the livestock shows! You must also pay an entry fee and complete additional paperwork!**

Extension set forth new policies several years ago for financial matters that affect all counties in the state of Texas. Only the secretaries in the Extension Office will be able to handle money. Micah and Shea will not be able accept your money. *Thank you for your patience!*

## STATE FAIR OF TEXAS

State Fair is just around the corner! State Fair of Texas runs from September 30 through October 23. If you are traveling to Dallas for this first time, please come by the Extension Office and pick up directions or retrieve them online at [www.bigtex.com](http://www.bigtex.com). Here is a list of required health papers that are needed at check-in.



- **Market Steers** - Certificate of Veterinary Inspection, within the past 30 days. NO tuberculosis (TB) test is required this year.
- **Meat Goats** - **NO** Certificate of Veterinary Inspection is required this year.
- **Market Lambs** - **NO** Certificate of Veterinary Inspection is required this year.
- **Market Swine** - Certificate of Veterinary Inspection is desirable, but not required for this terminal show. All market swine entering the grounds must be in good health and disease free.
- **This includes only MARKET animal health requirements.** Please check the rules for breeding animals if you are taking any.

## STOCK SHOW HOTEL RESERVATIONS



Parents! Now is a great time to start making hotel reservations for the 2012 Stock Show season. We encourage you to stay together. ***It is your responsibility to do this.*** Most stock shows provide us a list of nearby hotels and RV parks. Please contact the Extension Office if you would like more information. We do receive email specials

## 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.

## QUALITY COUNTS



Starting in 2012,

Quality Counts verification will be required for all youth

exhibiting livestock (market and/or breeding) at COUNTY, DISTRICT and ALL major livestock shows in Texas (including Fort Worth Livestock Show, San Antonio Stock Show & Rodeo, 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>.

## 2012 LIVESTOCK SHOW SCHEDULES

Log onto our website at <http://gillespie-tx.tamu.edu> → Links → Major Livestock Shows. This will get you the latest information on each of the livestock shows. Not all shows have complete information at this time. Please continue to check because there are many changes this year.

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## MAJOR LIVESTOCK SHOW RULE CHANGES



There have been many changes to all of the major livestock shows for the upcoming 2012 season. It is your responsibility as an exhibitor and parent to know and understand these changes. Quality Counts verification is REQUIRED for all stock shows including the Gillespie County Youth Livestock Show. If you have any questions, please call the Extension Office at (830)997-3452.

## LEADERSHIP OPPORTUNITIES COUNTY 4-H COUNCIL

Date: Monday, September 19, 2011

Time: 6pm

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 will be the first meeting of this 4-H year, so let's kick things off right! Also this meeting is open to anyone 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!)



## 4-H ADULT LEADERS ASSOCIATION

Date: Monday, September 19, 2011

Time: 7pm

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. Please come and check it out! This will be the first meeting of this 4-H year, so let's kick things off right! **ALL 4-H VOLUNTEERS AND PARENTS** are encouraged to attend.



## SHOOTING SPORTS

### SHOOTING SPORTS COACHES TRAINING

Dates: October 22-23, 2011

Location: Victoria 4-H Activity Center  
Victoria, Texas

Cost: \$100, which includes a copy of the 4-H Shooting Sports Guide & all meals

This is a great opportunity for those adult leaders to be trained in a specific discipline in shooting sports. You will receive only one (1) certification in following disciplines:



Archery, pistol, rifle or shotgun.

Registration deadline is **Friday,**

**September 30<sup>th</sup>.** Registration will be conducted on 4-H. You **MUST** have a current background screening.

## OTHER 4-H NEWS

### 4-H PROJECT MEETING

For those that are interested in participating in Nutrition Quiz Bowl, Food Challenge, Meats Judging, Livestock Judging, Horse Quiz Bowl, Horse Judging, or any other projects, are asked to attend a meeting on September 21, 2011 at 6:00pm at the Extension Office. Come check out the Quiz Bowl and judging teams!

### TEXAS 4-H CLUB TOOLBOX



Attention Club Managers and officers! Unsure of how to hold your monthly meetings? Here is

the answer to all of your questions. The Texas 4-H Office has created a Club Toolbox to guide you through your monthly meetings. Each month you will find the following ideas for your monthly meetings:

- o Club Activities
- o Club Managers Checklist
- o Community Service Activities
- o Flag Ceremonies
- o Ice Breakers
- o Inspirations
- o Parent Opportunities
- o Program Ideas
- o Recognition Ideas

Remember, this is a tool for you to use to help with meetings! Visit <http://texas4-h.tamu.edu> → Adults → Club Ed Toolbox for Club Managers. Go out and use it.

### Walk Across Texas

Walk Across Texas is a fun and flexible way to exercise. Just get together with seven other people - friends, neighbors,



coworkers, or family members-and start walking or jogging. You can walk together or individually; outside or at a mall or gym; any way that fits your

schedule and lifestyle. You keep track of your miles to see if you can walk the 800 miles "across Texas" in 8 weeks. Report your totals to your team captain, who will report to the Gillespie County Extension office and see how your team "measures up" against others in the county. The kick-off for the program is September 12<sup>th</sup>! Please contact Shea if you are interested.

*Shea Nebgen*

Shea Nebgen  
CEA - FCS



- Harper Stock Show Entry Night - Wednesday, October 26<sup>th</sup> at 5:45pm in the High School Cafeteria
- November 1<sup>st</sup> - ALL Fort Worth stock show entries due!
- November 15<sup>th</sup> - All other major show entries due!
- Fbg Swine Validation - Tuesday, November 8<sup>th</sup> & Tuesday, November 22<sup>nd</sup> from 3-6pm
- Harper Swine Validation - Monday, November 14<sup>th</sup> from 3-6pm
- Gillespie County Youth Livestock Show Grievance Committee Meeting - Monday, November 28<sup>th</sup>

### 4-H CLUB NEWS

**Cave Creek** - Will meet on Wednesday, September 6<sup>th</sup> at 6pm for enrollment and installation of officers.

**Cross Mtn.** - Will meet on Tuesday, September 13<sup>th</sup> at 7pm in the Extension Office small conference room.

**Live Oak** - Will meet on Monday, September 12<sup>th</sup> at the Extension Office at 7pm for enrollment and installation of officers.

*Micah Walker*

Micah Walker  
CEA - 4-H & YD

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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4	5	6  St. Mary's 4-H 7pm Stonewall 4-H 6:30pm Willow Creek 4-H 6:30pm	7  Cave Creek 4-H 6pm @ Ext. Office	8	9	10
11	12  Live Oak 4-H 7pm	13  Cross Mtn. 4-H 7pm	14  Country Creek 4-H 6pm Harper 4-H 6:30pm	15 Wrede 4-H 6pm	16	17
18	19  Heritage 4-H 4pm 4-H Council 6pm Adult Leaders 7pm	20	21  Headwaters 4-H 6:30pm Project Meeting 6pm	22	23	24
25	26  Hill Country 4-H 6:30pm	27	28 Foods Workshop 5pm at Der Kuchen Laden & Rathskeller	29	30 DUE: swine tag orders RSVP for 4-H Awards Banquet Deadline for Shooting Sports Coaches	