

USEFUL WEBSITES

Gillespie County <http://gillespie.agrilife.org>
 Texas 4-H <http://texas4-H.tamu.edu>
 Texas 4-H Center <http://texas4H-ctr.tamu.edu>
 Quality Counts <http://qualitycounts.tamu.edu>



GILLESPIE COUNTY 4-H NEWSLETTER



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October 2011

NATIONAL 4-H WEEK!!

October 2-8 is National 4-H Week!! This is a perfect opportunity for you to tell some friends about 4-H and all the wonderful opportunities that are available to you when you participate. Remember...we are more than just livestock projects and cooking....there's so much more!! Wear your 4-H T-shirts and caps to school! During National 4-H Week you can also check out some important 4-H websites:

Texas 4-H <http://texas4-h.tamu.edu>
 National 4-H <http://www.fourhcouncil.edu>
 4-H Mall <http://www.4-hmall.org>

4-H RADIO SPOTS

Every year during 4-H Week, we have senior-aged 4-H members come to the office to do radio spots to play on the local radio station. These radio spots are recorded to promote 4-H in Gillespie County. If you are interested in participating, please call Becky at the Extension Office to sign up.



One Day 4-H

Texas 4-H members have always been proud of the communities they call home. One Day 4-H is a way for all 4-H members to take one day to say "thank you" to their communities, county and state for all of the support they have



provided to 4-H members for more than 100 years. One Day 4-H for the Gillespie 4-H Program will occur on Saturday, October 8, 2011. Gillespie 4-H will be collecting money for the Bastrop fire victims. We will have three different locations - Wal-Mart, Spice and PYSA soccer fields. Each club manager will be contacted with the time and location that they will need to have 4-H members and volunteers present at.



4-H AWARDS BANQUET

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

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 - Clean Kitchen
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

I STILL NEED PICTURES! Please email them to bmazurek@aq.tamu.edu or you may bring them by the Extension Office no later than Wednesday, October 5th.



LIVESTOCK UPDATES

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 20 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.

SWINE VALIDATION



The following dates have been set in November. You **MUST** make one of the validation dates to validate your swine projects to be able to show your animals at any of the 2012 stock shows.

- FREDERICKSBURG -** Fairgrounds
Tues, Nov. 8 from 3-6 pm
Last name begins with A-F
- HARPER -** Show Barn
Mon, Nov. 14 from 3-6 pm
- FREDERICKSBURG -** Fairgrounds
Tues, Nov. 22 from 3-6 pm
Last name begins with A-F

If you have a major conflict, call the Extension Office ASAP. Don't forget that a parent must accompany each exhibitor.

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

Quality Counts verification **MUST BE COMPLETED** prior to making entries. If you have not completed this, you will not be allowed to make entries.

October 2011 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. **LATE ENTRIES WILL INCUR A LATE FEE PER EXHIBITOR - NO EXCEPTIONS!**

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, Brad and Shea will not be able accept your money. *Thank you for your patience!*

TURKEYS ARRIVE!



If you ordered turkeys for the 2009 livestock show season, they will be arriving on **Tuesday, November 1st** from College Station. Make sure you have everything set up to house your birds. Call Micah if you need help.

STOCK SHOW GRIEVANCE COMMITTEE MEETING

Date: Monday, November 28, 2011
Place: USDA Building - Large Meeting Room
Time: 6:00pm



The Gillespie County Youth Livestock Grievance Committee will meet to listen to grievances against 4-H members not being able to show at the 2012 Gillespie County Youth Livestock Show in January. All 4-H members that are ineligible will be receiving a letter in early November stating they are not eligible to show. You must contact the Extension Office and let us know that you will be attending the meeting.

Also, if you received this letter and are not intending on exhibiting at the GCYLS, please disregard this letter.

HARPER COMMUNITY STOCK SHOW

This is notification that the Harper Community will be held on December 17, 2011 at the Harper Show Barn instead of the first weekend in January. Please mark your calendars now!

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 for hotels at the major shows. Please contact Becky for more information.

LEADERSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

COUNTY 4-H COUNCIL NOVEMBER MEETING

Date: Monday, November 21, 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. (It's just that Delegates and Presidents are the only ones that can vote!)

4-H ADULT LEADERS ASSOCIATION NOVEMBER MEETING

Date: Monday, November 21, 2011 @ 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!

JUNIOR LEADERSHIP RETREAT

Junior Leadership Retreat! It will be held November 11-13, 2011 at the Texas 4-H Conference Center in Brownwood, TX. Cost will be \$105 per youth and \$70 per adult.

Registration includes two nights lodging, four meals, snacks and all program supplies. 2011 Retreat participants will engage on increasing knowledge and skills in Healthy Lifestyles, Food and Nutrition, Discover Scientific Method, Outdoor Challenge and Recreation Leadership.

Registration will be conducted on the Texas 4-H Center website at <http://texas4hcenter.tamu.edu/> and opens on October 1st and ends on November. You must be at least 9 years old and no older than 14 as of August 31, 2011. Flyers are available at the Extension Office.



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FOODS & NUTRITION

FOOD & NUTRITION WORKSHOPS

ONE exciting, hands-on workshop 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: Oct 5th 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 19th
District Food Show - December 3rd

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



TEXAS 4-H RECIPE RALLY

Are you creative when it comes to following recipes? Then this is the contest for you!

YouTube The Texas 4-H Recipe Rally will be held at the 2012 Texas 4-H Roundup. 4-H members are challenged to select, create and/or alter a recipe themed "Summer Snacks" and also submit a video that will be posted on YouTube. The recipe is recommended to be healthy or you may choose to alter the recipe to increase the nutritional value. If you are interested in participating, come by the Extension Office or visit <http://gillespie.agrilife.org> → Publications → 4-H for more information.



CLOTHING & TEXTILES

TEXAS 4-H CLOTHING ADVISORY BOARD



The Texas 4-H Clothing Advisory Board is now accepting applications for 2011-2012 leadership positions. The Advisory Board responsibilities include reviewing project materials and activities, and recommend program directions,



special activities, new materials and competitive events. The Texas 4-H Advisory Board is open to senior 4-H members and adult volunteer leaders. Membership teams are two years (June 1 to May 31). Come by the Extension Office for more information or visit <http://gillespie.agrilife.org> → Publications → 4-H.

4-H QUILT CHALLENGE

The State 4-H Clothing & Textiles Advisory Board is holding a quilting challenge. The rules may be picked up at the Extension Office. Any age 4-H members may participate in this project. If you have any other questions, please contact Shea Nebgen at (830)997-3452.



OTHER 4-H NEWS

MOBILE CLOVER CAMPAIGN

The Texas 4-H Foundation and Stripes® Convenient Stores have joined together to announce the Mobile Clover Campaign. Stop in a Stripes® convenient store and find the mobile piece. With each paper clover purchased, you will receive a coupon for a FREE Slush Monkey & a coupon for a Buy 1, Get One FREE Nestlé Wonka non-chocolate candy. Proceeds from the clovers sold will be donated to the local county 4-H program. Spread the word!



Mark
Your
Calendar

- Harper Stock Show Entry Night - Wednesday, October 26th at 5:45pm in the High School Cafeteria.
- County Food Challenge Contest - Wednesday, October 16th
- Wild Game Dinner - Saturday, November 19th
- Broilers arrive - Wednesday, November 30th

4-H CLUB NEWS

Cave Creek - Will meet on Wednesday, October 5th at 6:30pm at the Gillespie County Farm Bureau Building.

Headwaters - Will meet on Wednesday, October 19th at 6:30pm at the Harper Community Park for a Halloween costume contest and games.

Stonewall - Will meet on Wednesday, October 5th at 6:30pm at the Gillespie County Farm Bureau Building.

Willow Creek - Will meet on Wednesday, October 5th at 6:30pm at the Gillespie County Farm Bureau Building.



HAPPY HALLOWEEN



Brad Roeder

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CEA - Ag & NR

Shea Nebgen

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CEA - FCS

Micah Walker

Micah Walker
CEA - 4-H & YD



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
2	3  Live Oak 4-H 7pm	4  St. Mary's 4-H 7pm	5  Cave Creek 4-H Stonewall 4-H Willow Creek 4-H 6:30pm @ Farm Bureau Building	6	7	8 <i>One Day 4-H</i>
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9	10  4-H Awards Banquet 6:30pm	11	12  Country Creek 4-H 6pm	13 Lamb & Goat Validation—Fbg 3-6pm	14	15
16	17	18  Lamb & Goat Validation—Harper 3-6pm Cross Mtn. 4-H 7pm	19  DUE: Food Show entries Headwaters 4-H 6:30pm @ Harper Community Park	20  Lamb & Goat Validation—Fbg 3-6pm Wrede 4-H 6pm	21	22
23	24  <i>**Start accepting Stock Show entries</i> Hill Country 4-H 6:30pm	25	26 Stock Show Entry Night—Harper Cafe- teria 5:30-7:30pm	27	28	29
30	31 					
Cross Mtn., Doss, Heritage 4-H Clubs need to contact Club Managers for meeting date and time.						