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**GILLESPIE COUNTY
4-H NEWSLETTER**



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OFFICE NOTE!!



The Gillespie County Extension Office will be closed Friday, December 31st for New Years Eve. We as a staff at the Extension Office wish you and your family a safe and joyous Holiday Season!

LIVESTOCK UPDATES

IMPORTANT COUNTY STOCK SHOW CHANGE

PLEASE NOTE: This year all species will need to bring their own shavings for their pens or stalls excluding poultry. This is for all sheep, goats, cattle and swine exhibitors!

HARPER COMMUNITY STOCK SHOW

Friday, December 31, 2010:

1:00 pm - 5:00pm - Weigh Market animals as they arrive
No animals will be allowed in the show barn until 1:00pm on Friday.

Saturday, January 1, 2011 at 9:00 am:

Animals will show in the following order:

Market Hogs, Poultry, Beef Cattle, Angora Goats, Breeding, Sheep, Market Lambs, and Meat Goats

KERRVILLE LIVESTOCK SHOW

All swine, lambs, goats, and steers need to arrive at the Fairgrounds on Wednesday, January 19th for preparation and transporting to Kerrville on Jan 20th. **Remember: Each individual is responsible for getting their project back home after the show.** No clipping is allowed on the grounds at Kerrville.



NOTE: District Breeding Sheep Show is on Wednesday, January 19th. Date is subject to change after the Transportation meeting on January 10th.

MAJOR LIVESTOCK SHOW BOOKS



Major Livestock Show Books will be available at the Extension Office on Monday, January 17. These books have information on show times, weight limits, judges, and weight breaks from the previous year. This brings all your information together in one handy book.

GILLESPIE COUNTY YOUTH LIVESTOCK SHOW

Monday, January 3, 2011

6:30 pm Happy Hour for Appreciation Dinner for Livestock Show Buyers
 7:00 pm Meal will be served at Gillespie County Fairgrounds

Thursday, January 6, 2011

6:00 am Animals and Poultry may start arriving at Fairgrounds
 4:00 pm -Weighing of Broilers and Turkeys with Superintendents
 -Pick up Junior & Senior Showmanship numbers at Show Arena
 -Enter species in sale at Show Arena
 5:00 pm -Check in Breeding Sheep and Angora Goats with Superintendents
 -Check in Heifers with Superintendents
 -Weighing of Swine, Steers, Lambs, and Meat Goats
 6:00 pm All entries must be in their stalls or pens
 7:00pm Judging of Breeding Sheep, Angora Goats to follow. (No earlier than 7pm)

Friday, January 8, 2010

8:00 am Judging of Lambs. Meat Goats to follow.
 9:00 am Judging of Cattle. Judging of Swine to follow (No earlier than 1 pm)
 1:00 pm Judging of Turkeys. Broilers to follow.
 6:00 pm Judging of Grand and Reserve Champions in following order:
 Swine, Poultry, Lambs, Meat Goats, and Steers

Saturday, January 9, 2010

12:00 pm Pre-Sale Happy Hour & light refreshments for buyers
 1:00 pm Auction at Exhibition Hall at Gillespie County Fairgrounds

ATTENTION...GILLESPIE COUNTY LIVESTOCK SHOW EXHIBITORS

If you are planning on selling your animal at the auction for the County Livestock Show, there are few simple rules you must follow. Each year someone is late to the sale, and we don't want it to be you! Please be early! If you are late, you will not be able to sell. Come for the day!! If you are not able to attend the sale due to another school related activity, you must come by the Extension Office and speak with Michael prior to the show. ***There will be no exceptions if this is not done prior to the show!***



- First, you must be present at the auction; approximately 30 people ahead of you.
- Second, you must sit in the "cheering section" during the time before you go on stage. You will not be allowed in line unless you fulfill the first two requirements.
- A floor price will be offered on meat goats, steers, market lambs and market swine. It will be the exhibitor's responsibility to take their animal to the designated pen and/or trailer for floor animals. Specific instructions for floor pen locations and times will be announced during the show.

COUNTY LIVESTOCK SHOW REMINDERS

- Please remember that all hogs must weigh at least 170 lbs. in order to show at the County Show. There is no maximum weight limit on hogs. Hogs must come in the barn clean and free of mud, lice, and manure. No clipping will be allowed on the fairgrounds.
- Lambs weighing less than 90 lbs (or 80 lbs for Southdowns) will be sifted.
- Goats weighing under 60 lbs will be sifted. There will be 16 classes of goats in four weight divisions.
- **LAMBS & GOATS: NO TRIM TABLES, BLOWERS, OR ELECTRIC CLIPPERS ARE PERMITTED ON THE PREMISES. THE USE OF THESE ITEMS WILL NOT BE ALLOWED BEGINNING AT 6:00AM ON THURSDAY.**
- No travel trailers may be parked inside the grounds.
- No livestock trailers may be parked inside the grounds.
- Any steer weighing less than 900 lbs will be sifted.
- The auction will start with all Grand and Reserve Champions, followed by breed and reserve breed champions, followed by the remaining sale order.
- Disruptive behavior will not be tolerated. Parents are asked to keep young children from playing in the Exhibition Hall while the auction is taking place.



Please read and understand all the rules for the livestock show. Extra copies are available at the Extension

POULTRY SELECTION

Decky Spiller & Dwight Woerner will make rounds on Wednesday, January 5th to help select and cull poultry. If you would like them to come by your house, please contact the Extension Office prior to Tuesday, January 4th.

January 2011 EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES: DRUG TESTING

Academically ineligible exhibitors will NOT be allowed to show their animals at ANY livestock show. This means No Pass, No Show!!! This includes Gillespie County, Hill Country District, Ft. Worth, San Antonio, San Angelo, Houston, or Austin. The animal may not be shown by anyone!!! *Please be aware that 4-H is recognized by the schools as an extracurricular activity and high school students may be subject to random drug testing as per school policy.*



RULES AND REGULATIONS

All livestock show rules will be available in the Extension Office or on the shows' websites. It is your responsibility to obtain a copy and know the rules! Please get a copy of the rules if you are showing.



VALIDATION TAGS

If an animal has been validated for a livestock show with an ear tag and has lost it or tore it out, it will need to be replaced ASAP. Contact the Extension Office as soon as you notice it is missing so that a replacement can be ordered.



STOCK SHOW PASSES

Fort Worth Stock Show passes are now ready to be picked up at the Extension Office. We will be getting other shows passes in the month of Jan. so check in with the office.

CLIPPERS AND SCALES

Sets of clippers and scales are available for your use to prepare your projects for show. They are available on a first come, first serve basis. Do not remove any equipment unless you have checked them out from Extension Office. Please call ahead to see when and what is available. This equipment is here for you to use.



BROILERS - HOUSTON/STAR OF TEXAS

Houston/Star of Texas broilers will be ready for pick up at the Extension Office on **Tuesday, February 1st** around 4pm. We will notify you when they arrive. If you have a new phone number or have a preference of who is called, please contact either Phylliss or Becky so that they can make a note.



GILLESPIE COUNTY STOCK SHOW RAFFLE TICKETS

Reminder: The raffle is being run a different way this year. The Sales Committee has decided to use sheets for each person that purchases tickets. The 4-H member will then turn in the sheets and money to the Sales Committee. The tickets will be printed and turned in to the raffle barrel. Less mess and sooooo much easier! Ticket sheets and money can be turned in to the Concession Stand on Friday or to Mr. Charlie Wilson at the Sale on Saturday. **All Money & Ticket Sheets need to be turned in before noon on the Saturday of the sale, 1-08-11.** The top two (2) ticket sellers will receive a \$100 Wal-Mart Gift. **GO OUT AND SELL SOME TICKETS!**



MAJOR STOCK SHOW TRANSPORTATION MEETING

Date: Monday, January 10, 2011 @ 6:00 pm

Place: Fredericksburg High School Ag Classroom

There will be a Transportation Meeting to discuss hauling of animals to the major stock shows this year. At most livestock shows, animals are stalled as we arrive. It is easier on us as Agents and Ag Teachers if we travel together as a county, then we will all be stalled together.



All those attending major stock shows are strongly encouraged to attend. If you are unable to attend, please call the Extension Office to find out what was planned at this meeting. Thank you, in advance, for helping us!

OTHER 4-H NEWS

GILLESPIE 4-H BLOG

We have decided to create a blog for the Gillespie 4-H program! Since we email the monthly newsletter to a majority of 4-H members, this provides you a way to receive information that comes in during the month. Please check it out!



www.gillespie4h.blogspot.com

4-H DAY AT THE TEXAS CAPITOL

What a great opportunity for you to become involved in the civic process at the Texas State Capitol! The Texas 4-H and Youth Development Program has made it possible for 4-H members and volunteers to visit with their legislators and talk about 4-H on Wednesday, February 2, 2011. This event allows 4-H members age 8-18. Registration is \$25 and will be conducted on 4-H Connect from January 3-21. Each registration will include a long-sleeve "4-H Day at the Capitol" t-shirt, BBQ lunch and other registration materials. If you would like more information, please contact the Extension Office or go to our website at <http://gillespie-tx.tamu.edu> → Publications → 4-H.



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SALE YOUTH DAY ACTIVITIES

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Youth Day will be Saturday, February 5, 2011 in the Swine Barn on the grounds of the San Antonio Stock Show. It will be held from 10:00am to 4:00pm. We are calling all 4-H members to present hands-on activities & exhibits, participate in the fashion show, Wagon & Wheelbarrow Parade and/or photography contest. Call the Extension Office for entry information and forms. The deadline for receiving entries will be **Friday, January 15, 2011.** All entries must be turned into the Extension Office by this date.



SHOOTING SPORTS

SHOOTING SPORTS PARENTS' MEETING

Date: Monday, January 10, 2011

Time: 6:30pm

Place: Extension Office



This is a general meeting for PARENTS And Kids! Your attendance is important for this meeting. Topics that will be discussed will be practice times and practice locations. This meeting will also used to reserve practice slots on the practices dates decided that night. So if you want your child to have a lane to practice on PLEASE, PLEASE attend this meeting. Practices will be held on Mondays and Wednesdays beginning January 17th.

LEADERSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

COUNTY 4-H COUNCIL

Date: Monday, January 17, 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. 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, January 17, 2011 @ 7-8pm

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! **ALL 4-H VOLUNTEERS AND PARENTS** are encouraged to attend.



SCHOLARSHIPS

SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS

All applications are available in our office as well as on our website - <http://gillespie-tx.tamu.edu> > Publications > Scholarships. Please let Decky know if you need any assistance and be sure you plan your time wisely while completing your applications!

4-H FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIPS

It's time to start thinking about scholarships! The 4-H Foundation Scholarship applications are available online at the Texas 4-H Website <http://texas4-h.tamu.edu> → Youth → Scholarships or at the Extension Office. Please read all of the rules to become familiar with the application process and requirements. They will be due to the Gillespie County Extension Office by **Tuesday, February 1, 2011 by 5pm.**

NOTE: A financial need application will need to be completed prior to applying. You can use the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) at <http://www.fafsa.ed.gov/>.



This process takes approximately three to four weeks so this needs to be done SOON! A report will be returned to you that will include with your scholarship application.

SAN ANGELO SCHOLARSHIPS

Postmark deadline: May 1, 2011

Application: www.sanangelorodeo.com



Eligibility requirements and applications are available online. You may also pick up an application and list of requirements at the

Extension Office.

STATE FAIR OF TEXAS SCHOLARSHIPS

Postmark deadline: March 1, 2011

Application: www.bigtex.com



You can check out the website for applications and requirements and more information. You are able to either print off an application or complete it within the form online.

TEXAS FARM BUREAU SCHOLARSHIPS

Postmark Deadline: March 18, 2011

Application: www.txfb.org

There are several available scholarships for graduating seniors and for those attending college. Please visit the website for applications and requirements. All applications are in Word and may be typed in to or printed off and handwritten.

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EEA SCHOLARSHIPS

Gillespie County EEA Scholarship will be due on Tuesday, February 1, 2011. Come by the Extension Office or visit the county website to download an application. The District EEA Scholarships will also be due and the application is a 4-H Recordbook and transcript. If you have any questions, please contact Shea at the Extension Office.



SALE RURAL YOUTH AWARD

The San Antonio Livestock Exposition established the Rural Youth Award 55 years ago to honor youth leaders across the State of Texas. This award provides recognition for 4-H and FFA members who have showed outstanding leadership in their organizations and community. If you are interested in applying, please come by the Extension Office or go to our website at <http://gillespie-tx.tamu.edu> → Publications → 4-H Scholarships.

4-H CLUB NEWS

Country Creek - NO January meeting.

Doss - Will be meeting on Monday, January 24, 2011 at 6:30pm.

Headwaters - January 1st (Trash pick-up after Harper Community Stock Show)

Hill Country - NO January meeting

Live Oak - NO January meeting

St. Mary's - NO January meeting

Willow Creek - NO January meeting

If your club is not listed on the 4-H Club News or on the calendar, please contact your club manager for your January meeting date and time.

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CEA - FCS

