



## February 2012

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### 4-H Club Meetings

February 2nd - Lipan 4-H Club, 6:30 p.m. at the Lipan Community Center

February 6th - Hood County Young Riders, 7:00 p.m. at the Reunion Fair Grounds

February 6th, 13th, 20th & 27th - K9's & Kids 4-H Club, Clover & Juniors from 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. and Intermediate & Seniors from 7:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. for Rally-Obedience-Showmanship Classes and Regular Business Meeting on February 13th starting at 6:00 p.m. at 5110 N. Gate Rd in Granbury (Paws 2 Play) Agility Class will be on Saturdays at 9:00 a.m.

February 7th, 14th, 21st & 28th - Shooting Sports 4-H Club, 6:00 p.m. at the Reunion Fair Grounds.

February 7th - Tolar 4-H Club, 6:00 p.m. – at the Tolar Fire Hall

February 13th - Lake Granbury Community 4-H Club, 7:00 p.m. at the Annex 1 Meeting Room.

February 15th - Cornerstone 4-H Club, 3:30 p.m. at the Cornerstone Christian Academy



### Thank You

We want to say Thank You to all the parents, leaders, and 4-H'ers that helped with the county show. From weighing in animals, to working the Pancake Breakfast or helping with the Steak Lunch our 4-H family stepped up to the plate and helped make this year's show a big success! **THANK YOU!!**

### Note from Brianne Langdon New FCS Agent

Howdy, I am Brianne Langdon, your new Family & Consumer Sciences (FCS) county agent. I grew up in 4-H and am thrilled to be back. Some of my favorite projects growing up in 4-H included Consumer Decision Making, Fashion project, Food Show, Educational Demonstration, and showing livestock. I am so excited to be here and look forward to meeting you and working with you on some new and exciting projects we have coming up! I will be out maternity leave for the next 6-8 weeks, but as soon as I get back, be ready to get involved with some fun new projects! While I'm out, we do have several competitions that are available for you to participate in. If any of these interest you, please contact the extension office for more

details. We have made arrangements for 4-Hers to still be able to compete and move on to district if you want to be involved!

### **Facebook & Twitter**

We are also excited to announce that Hood County 4-H now has a Facebook page and a Twitter account! Find us on Facebook at: [www.facebook.com/pages/hood-county-4h](http://www.facebook.com/pages/hood-county-4h) and on Twitter@HoodCo4H. We will be able to publish pictures, events, and reminders to help keep you better informed and up-to-date on what is happening in Hood County 4-H!

### **Google Calendar Update**

We have added the 2011-2012 4-H Dates to the Google calendar. Many of these District and State Dates are tentative right now. We will continue to update these as we get more information. If your club wants to put meeting information on the calendar let us know and we will add the information.

### **4-H Record Books**

This year there is a change in 4-H Record Books. The forms have now gone to more of an online format. You can now go to <http://4hreports.com>; you will log in and can get forms there. There is also a 15 minute you tube video that gives more information. We will have some workshops in the spring to help everyone out.

### **County 4-H Roundup**

This year's County Roundup will take place on April 10, 2012. This is our contest for Share The Fun, Educational Presentations and Public Speaking. If you need help with a topic we will be glad to help you out.

### **District 4-H Leadership Lab**

If you are 13 or older and want to get involved in Leadership or possibly be a District or State 4-H Officer than you need to make plans to attend the District 8 Leadership Lab on June 27th -29th, 2012 in Brownwood. This is a great event and lots of fun. More information will be coming at a later date.



### **Texas 4-H Recipe Rally**

In the Recipe Rally, 4-H members are challenged with selecting, creating and/or altering a recipe and submitting a video of them demonstrating the preparation of the recipe. Healthy recipes are recommended, or a 4-H member may choose to alter the recipe to increase its nutritional value. The theme for 2012 is "Summer Snacks", so 4-H'ers start your cooking! For more information about the Recipe Rally please contact Brianne.

### **Nutrition Quiz Bowl**

The Nutrition Quiz Bowl Contest will take place on March 3<sup>rd</sup>. For any 4-H'ers that competed in Food Challenge this is a great way to hone your knowledge. If you are interested please contact Brianne.

### **Consumer Decision Making**

The District 4-H Consumer Decision Making Contest will take place on March 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2012. This is a great team event that teaches decision making. If you are interested please give Brianne a call.

### **Educational Presentations and Share the Fun for Roundup**

These contests are part of our County, District, and State Roundup. You can participate in teams or individually. The other great thing about these contests is you get to pick topics and activities that you want to do. IF you need help with ideas for Roundup please contact Brianne or Marty.

### **Fashion Project**

The District Fashion Show and Story Board Contest will be taking place on April 13<sup>th</sup>, 2012. If you are interested in this project please give Brianne a call. She can give you all the details and help you get started.



### **Congratulations**

The first annual K9s and kids Hood County 4-H Dog Show was an overwhelming success. The community really supported this event with over 40 sponsors from businesses and individuals. Our 4H'ers showed extremely well with 15 participating they all placed in at least one event. The results are as follows: Showmanship Clover Kid – 1st place Christopher Van Randen, Showmanship Junior-Ranishia Pickett 1st place and Daniel Van Randen 2nd place, Showmanship Intermediate Pre-Novice- Destinee Brown 2nd place and Matt Engle 5th place, Showmanship Senior Pre-Novice – Alaina McGuffee 1st place, Showmanship Intermediate Novice- Marc Kaake 1st place and G'Angela Pickett 4th place, Showmanship Advanced Senior- Jade Reneau 1st place. In Conformation Clover Kid- Christopher Van Randen 1st place and Gracie Flower 3rd place, Conformation Non-Purebred Specials- Marc Kaake 1st place, Conformation

under 25#- G'Angela Pickett 1st place and Alaina McGuffee 2nd place, Conformation Non-Purebred over 25# Colton Wulf 3rd place Matt Engle 4th place and Destinee Brown 5th place, Conformation Sporting Breeds- Nicholas Mayberry 2nd place and Ranishia Pickett 3rd place, Conformation Toy Breeds- Daniel Van Randen 3rd place, Conformation Herding Breed- Jade Reneau 3rd place, Costume clover Kid Teams- Colton Wulf and Gracie Flower 1st place and Daniel Van Randen and Christopher Van Randen 2nd place, Costume Junior- Nicholas Mayberry 3rd place and Gracie Flower 5th place, Rally Clover Kid- Christopher Van Randen 1st place, Rally Junior Novice A- Ranishia Pickett 1st place and Kolby Lumbar 4th Nicholas Mayberry 5th, Rally Intermediate Novice A- Destinee Brown 2nd place Matt Engle 3rd place, Rally Intermediate Novice B- Marc Kaake 1st place, Rally Senior Novice A- Alaina McGuffee 1st place, Obedience Senior Novice B- Jade Reneau 1st place, Rally Intermediate Advanced-G'Angela Pickett 2nd , Obedience Pre Novice A Clover Kid- Christopher Van Randen 2nd place, Obedience Pre Novice A Junior-Ranishia Pickett 2nd Kolby Lumbar 3rd Daniel Van Randen 5th place, Obedience Intermediate Pre-Novice A- Destinee Brown 2nd place, Senior Pre Novice A- Alaina McGuffee 2nd place and Colton Wulf 3rd place, Obedience Intermediate Pre Novice B- G'Angela Pickett 1st place, Obedience Senior Pre Novice B- Jade Reneau 1st place, Obedience Intermediate Novice B- Marc Kaake 1st place. There were 45 participants from 10 counties. This is the first dog show of the year. We will go to two more before the State competition in Conroe, Texas in July. Over-All High Point Winners were Intermediate- Marc Kaake Clover Kid- Daniel Van Randen.

### Congratulations

**Congratulation to the Bleu Dog Sues Chefs** They placed 4th in their Category at the District 8 4-H Food Challenge, Daniel Van Randen, Marc Kaake, Matt Engle and Nicholas Mayberry. There was a mistake in last month's 4-H newsletter not stating that the Bleu Dog Sues Chefs had placed at the District level. Good Job Bleu Dog Sues Chefs!!

### Clothing & Textiles Project (Fashion)

The Fashion Project will hit mid-March; district registration deadline is March 26. I have arranged it with Erath County to have any of our 4-Hers compete in the Erath Co. Fashion Show. You would compete only against other Hood County 4-Hers, but you would get the experience of a county fashion show. If you plan to participate in this event, it's a good idea to start early, especially for the construction division. You never know how long something may take you or if you will want to tweak it.

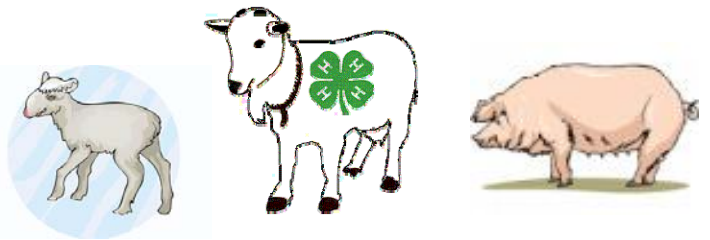
There are several different components to the Fashion Show, like construction, buying, fashion story board, and stage design. For more information contact the Extension Office. You may find something that interests you!

### 4-H Has Talent

If you love to perform, this contest is for you! Open to all intermediate and senior 4-Hers. This is a great opportunity to get the chance to perform live at State 4-H Round-up this summer! Please see the attached PDF for details. Deadline to enter is April 1<sup>st</sup>, so start practicing now! These are just a few of the fun and exciting things we have coming your way! If you or someone you know would like to participate, give us a call or shoot us an e-mail. We're happy to answer any of your questions!

### Horse Project Validation

If you would like to show your horse at the 2012 District or State 4-H Horse show then you will need to fill out the validation paperwork by May 1, 2012. If your horse is registered we will need a copy of the registration papers. If it is a grade horse we will have a grade horse form to fill out.



### Livestock & Project News

#### Eligibility Forms for Major Stock Shows

If you are entered in any of the Major Stock Shows you will be receiving your eligibility form in the mail about 2 weeks before the show in which you are entered. Please take it to your school and get it signed. Bring it in when you pick up your passes. This is very important documentation if we have any issues with school related absences.



#### Thank You Notes & Buyers Plaques for the County Show

In the near future we will receive the Thank You Note list and buyers plaques from the Livestock Raisers. As soon as we do we will let you know. You must deliver the plaque to your buyer. You will write your Thank You notes and bring them to the office in an unsealed

addressed and stamped envelope. We will check you off and mail them for you. The checks will be ready around mid March.

### **Judging Contest**

If you are interested in Livestock Judging, Plant ID or Range Judging give Marty a call. We will work on putting together a team. Contest deadline is April 21st for Livestock Judging and April 13th for Plant ID and Range.

### **Lamb & Goat Camp** **Sponsored by Howard College**

The Howard College Agriculture Department will sponsor the annual Lamb & Goat Camps at the Howard College G.C. Broughton Agriculture Pavilion. The Goat Camp will be held on June 3<sup>rd</sup> thru June 5<sup>th</sup>, 2012 and the Lamb Camp will be held on June 10<sup>th</sup> thru June 12<sup>th</sup>, 2012. The cost for each camp is \$85.00 + \$20.00 for lamb or goat provided by Howard College. Note: The first 200 paid entries for each camp will be accepted. Hotel reservations must be made by the participants, housing in not provided by Howard College. For more information please contact the Extension Office.

### **Livestock Raisers Association**

The HCLRA meets on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of every month at 7:30 pm at the fairgrounds. We need more 4-H families to get involved with this group. They make the rules for the county show, up-keep the facilities and provide us a place and opportunity to show our projects. Next meeting is February 16, 2012.

**Question of the Month:** What are two important things you must do before you will be able to receive your check from the Hood County Junior Livestock Show?

**Last month's question:** What is the name of our new FCS Agent?

The correct answer is Brianne Langdon. Congratulations to Sam Spradlin for the correct answer.



### **Texas Farm Bureau** **Scholarship Program**

Texas Farm Bureau invests large amounts of money and time in developing youth leadership. Annually, scholarships totaling almost \$80,000 are awarded to students who participate in our youth contests, various youth leadership organizations or apply for several other scholarships that are made available. The applicant must be a Texas Farm

Bureau member or a member of a Texas Farm Bureau family. Many county Farm Bureaus also offer scholarships to youth within their county. Annually, more than \$100,000 in scholarships is given through county Farm Bureaus.

For more information go to

<http://www.texasfarmbureau.org/newsmanager/templates/Youth.aspx?articleid=594&zone=11>

**Application must be postmarked no later than March 19, 2012.**

### **Quote of the Month:**

"I have learned that if one advances confidently in the direction of his dreams, and endeavors to live the life he has imagined, he will meet with a success unexpected in common hours."

-Henry David Thoreau-

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