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4-H News

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4-H Club Meetings

January 3rd– Hood County Young Riders, 7:00 p.m. at the Reunion Fair Grounds, Horse Judging starts at 6:00 p.m.

January 4th- Tolar 4-H Club, 6:30 p.m. at the Tolar Fire Hall

January 6th- Lipan 4-H Club, 6:30 p.m. at the Lipan Community Center

January 3rd, 10th, 17th, 24th, & 31st - K9's & Kids 4-H Club, 7:00 p.m. for Rally-Obedience-Showmanship Classes and Regular Business Meeting
January 9th, 2011 starting at 2:30 p.m. at 5110 N. Gate Rd in Granbury (Paws 2 Play)

January 10th– Lake Granbury Community 4-H Club, 7:00 p.m. at the Hood County Annex 1 Meeting Room

January 4th, 11th, 18st & 25th - Shooting Sports 4-H Club, 5:00 p.m. at the Fairgrounds

January 11th– Cornerstone 4-H Club, 3:30 p.m. at the Cornerstone Christian Academy



Extension Office Closed

The Extension Office will be closed during the Christmas Holidays on December 23rd, December 24th and December 31st. Please be safe and enjoy your time with your family.

County 4-H Council Meeting

Monday, January 24, 2011
6:30 p.m. at Hood County Annex 1
Mark January 24, 2011 on your calendars for the next 4-H Council meeting.

Congratulation District 8 4-H Food Show Challenge Teams for Hood County 4-H

Congratulations to the District 8 4-H Food Show Challenge Teams. Junior Team "The Pink Cookanators" 1st Place in the Fruits & Vegetables, Bryce Baskin, Garrett Becker, Emily Brite, Alexis Gapinski and Tyler Johnson.

"Parsley's AngelsTeam" won Team Spirit Award, Haley Merrithew, Madeleine Reiner, Samantha Reiner & Sophie Schultz.

"Comidas of Granbury" won 4th Place in Nutritious Snacks. Balie Ashmore, Carson Becker, Joe Gapinski, Millie Loftin & Ty Robertson. Good job to all that participated in the Food Challenge.



ANNUAL 4-H PANCAKE BREAKFAST FUND RAISER

The annual 4-H Pancake Breakfast fund raiser will be held on Friday, January 14, 2011 in conjunction with the county show. We need a minimum of two volunteers from each of the 4-H clubs and more are welcome. Please call the Extension Office or e-mail Marty no later than Monday, January 3, 2011 with the names and phone numbers of the volunteers that will work the Pancake Breakfast from your club. We need volunteers to come early to help set up and cook and then some to help with clean up, too. Looking forward to hearing from you!

E-Mail Addresses

If you would like to receive 4-H e-mail updates, reminders, and the 4-H newsletter via e-mail call the Extension Office at (817)579-3280 or e-mail Marty at: m-vahlenkamp@tamu.edu

Google Calendar Update

We have added the 2010 – 2011 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.

2011 Photography Contest

The information for the 2011 Photography contest has been released. There are major changes this year for the categories and submission process. This year photos will be submitted digitally for the state contest. Stay tuned to future newsletters for more details. You can log onto the Texas 4-H website to see the categories.



4-H Council Community Service

The 4-H Council voted again to make collecting coke tabs the Hood County 4-H Fall Community Service Project. What you do is collect tabs from aluminum cans. You can turn in your tabs at your club meetings or bring them by the office. Later this year we will arrange to deliver them to the Ronald McDonald House. They will recycle them and raise

money for their charities. If you have any questions contact your 4-H council representative. 4-H'ers were very successful last year in this project and we hope to collect even more coke tabs this year for this worthy charity.

4-H Record Books

Be sure to record the information and take the photographs you will need for your Record Book as you are working on projects - whether they are animal projects, food and nutrition, etc. You will need community service and leadership, too. So volunteer to lead the pledge, set up for a 4-H club or project meeting or coordinate a community service project.

Question of the Month: What is the date of the 2011 District 8 Fashion Show? Be the first to call the office with the correct answer and win a prize! Leave a message if no one answers the phone.

Last Month's Question: How much does it cost per entry to enter the "Family Living Division" at the Hood County Junior Livestock Show?

The answer: The answer to the question was \$1.00 per entry and clover kids show for free.

Congratulations to Hannah Sherley for the correct answer!



Livestock & Project News

3 Meeting Rule

Just a reminder you must attend 3 business meetings prior to the Hood County Jr. Livestock Show to be eligible to participate.

County Stock Show Dates

This year's Hood County Junior Livestock Show dates are January 12th thru 15th, 2010.

Work Day & Clip Day

We will meet at the fairgrounds on Sunday, January 9th, at 2:00 p.m. for our clip day and work day. If you plan on bringing your animals I ask that you give me a call before January 6th and let me know what you will be bringing. This way we can have plenty of clippers and help. We will also need some help cleaning up the fairgrounds to get ready for the show. Remember it you are a Jr. or Sr. applying for the HCLAR Scholarship

County Stock Show **Eligibility Forms**

We will be mailing eligibility forms for the County Livestock Show on December 27th. It is **your** responsibility to take these forms to your school, get them signed and return them to the Extension Office prior to the county stock show starting on January 12th, 2011. If you do not receive your eligibility form in the mail check with the office at (817) 579-3280.

Steak Lunch at the County Livestock Show

Please be sure to turn in your tickets and money for the steak lunch to the Extension Office by December 20, 2010. If you need more tickets please let me know. We are trying to work on getting an accurate meal count. You can continue selling any unsold tickets up until early January, but the better head count we can get early the better we can prepare.

Family Living Division Entries

If you have entries in the Family Living Division for the Hood County Junior Livestock Show you will need to check in your entries on Thursday, January 13th between 2:00 p.m. and 4:00 p.m. Family Living Division Judging will start promptly at 5:00 p.m. on Thursday, January 13th. The Family Living Awards presentation will begin at 4:00 p.m. And all Family Living Division entries must be picked up by 7:00 p.m. on Friday, January 14th.

Livestock Raisers Association

The HCLRA meets on the 3rd 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 January 20, 2011.

2011 Hood County Livestock Show Judges

Cattle – Bryan Reynolds, CEA in Tahoka
Swine – Brad Bevell, AST in Stanford
Goats – Jeff Ripley, Texas AgriLife Extension
Sheep – Dwight Callis, CEA, Fort Bend County
Poultry – James Barbee, Retired AST
Rabbit – Carrol Hooks, Moody



4-H Workshop on Spring and Summer Contest

We will host a 4-H Workshop on February 22, 2011, starting at 6:00 p.m. at the Annex 1 meeting room. This workshop will be designed to give you more information about the Spring and Summer 4-H contest and events. So if you want to know more about the contest such as Share-The-Fun, Educational Presentations or Quiz Bowls this is the place to be. I will also have information about summer camps and contest such as the 4-H Outdoor Challenge.

2011 District 4-H Consumer Decision Making Contest and Nutrition Quiz Bowl

Saturday, March 5, 2011

McLennan Community College in Waco

For 2011, the District 4-H Consumer Decision Making contest has teamed up with the Nutrition Quiz Bowl and will be conducted on Saturday, March 5, 2011 in Waco. Consumer Decision Making is a fun contest helping you to sharpen your shopping and decision making skills. Consumer Decision Making is a team event, therefore, entrants are encouraged to be part of a team made up of three (at least) or four individuals in the same Junior, Intermediate or Senior age division. Contact the Extension Office for entry forms and more information.

2011 District 4-H Fashion Show, Fashion Design, and Fashion StoryBoard

Friday, April 15, 2011 at Tarleton State University in Stephenville

Fashion Show - two divisions: 1.) Construction, where you make the garment and 2.) Buying, where you purchase a garment - so you would practice consumer decision making in this contest, too! Junior/Intermediate Buying & Construction Categories are Casual, Dressy, Specialty, and Sportswear. Senior Buying & Construction Categories are Casual, Dressy, Formal, Specialty Fashion Design Contest, Accessory, Apparel, or Textile and Fashion StoryBoard. For entry forms and more information contact the Extension Office.

2nd Annual Ellis County 4-H Open Invitational Archery Tournament

Saturday, January 29, 2011

This tournament is open to any 4-H member regardless of experience, between ages 8-18. The registration deadline will be Monday, January 10, 2011. The entry fee is \$12.00 and the tournament will be held at the Ellis County Youth Expo Center, 2300 West Highway 287 By-Pass in Waxahachie, TX. For entry form or more information contact the Extension Office at (817) 579-3280.



Texas 4-H Opportunities Scholarship

If you are a senior wanting to apply for one of the big 4-H Scholarships or maybe you are a Freshman or Junior thinking about applying in the near future you need to let Marty know ASAP. That way as the information is ready he can let you know. Applications will be due in late January.

Quote of the Month:

"Go confidently in the direction of your dreams. Live the life you have imagined."

~ Henry David Thoreau ~

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