



## January 2012

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### 4-H Club Meetings

January 2nd - Hood County Young Riders, 7:00 p.m.  
at the Reunion Fair Grounds

January 2nd, 9th, 16th, 23th & 30th - 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 January 9th 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.

January 3rd, 17th, 24th & 31st - Shooting Sports  
4-H Club, 6:00 p.m. at the Reunion Fair Grounds.  
**THE BUSINESS MEETING WILL BE ON JANUARY  
3RD. THEY WILL NOT MEET ON JANUARY  
10TH.**

January 3rd - Tolar 4-H Club, 6:00 p.m. – at the  
Tolar Fire Hall

January 5th - Lipan 4-H Club, 6:30 p.m. at the Lipan  
Community Center

January 9th - Lake Granbury Community 4-H Club,  
7:00 p.m. at the REUNION FAIR GROUNDS.

January 10th - Cornerstone 4-H Club, 3:30 p.m. at the  
Cornerstone Christian Academy



### Extension Office Closed

The Extension Office will close for New Year's  
on Monday, January 2nd, 2012.

### 4-H Council and Adult Leader Meeting

We will have our January 4-H Council and  
Adult Leader Meeting on January 23<sup>rd</sup> at 6:30  
pm. Please make every effort to be there. The  
council will be looking at our United Way  
application. The Adult Leaders will be planning  
Spring Workshops.

### 3 Meeting Rule

Don't forget to exhibit at the Hood County  
Junior Livestock Show you must attend (3) three  
business meetings. If you have any questions  
give us a call.

### County Stock Show Eligibility Form

Just a reminder County Stock Show eligibility  
forms have been sent out. 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 11, 2012. If you did not receive your form in the mail it is also your responsibility to contact the office.

## **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 January 6, 2012. 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 weigh in at the show, but the better head count we can get early the better we can prepare.



## **Pancake Breakfast**

The county show is just around the corner. Our annual pancake breakfast fundraiser will take place on January 13, 2012. We need 4-H'ers parents and volunteers to call or e-mail me and sign up to work.



## **Christmas Tree Recycling**

We will once again recycle Christmas trees as a community service project. This year's event will take place on January 7, 2012 from 9:00 a.m. until noon at Arrow Feed on Hwy. 377. We need 4-H'ers to come out and unload trees and bag mulch for a couple of hours.

## **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.

## **Welcome our New FCS Agent**

On January 3<sup>rd</sup> Brianne Langdon will begin work as our new Family and Consumer Science agent in Hood County. Brianne grew up in the 4-H Program and has experience in showing animals, livestock judging, food & nutrition projects and fashion projects.

## **Congratulations!! District 8 4-H Food Challenge Teams**

**Main Dish – The Tenderloins, 2<sup>nd</sup> Place and Team Spirit** - Carson Becker, Parker Scanlan and Patrick Cronin

**Main Dish – Parsley's Angels, 4th Place and Team Spirit Award-** Haley Merrithew, Madeleine Reiner, Samantha Reiner, Sophie Schultz and Madison Miller.

**Fruits & Vegetables – Hood County Choppers, 5<sup>th</sup> Place-** Jade Reneau, Alaina McGuffee and Ty Robertson.

**Also the Blue Dog Sous Chefs participated,** Daniel Van Randen, Marc Kaake, Matt Engle and Nicholas Mayberry. Good job to all the 4-H'ers that participated in this year's Food Challenge.



## **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. Please see the attached flyer in this newsletter. The theme for 2012 is "Summer Snacks", so 4-H'ers start your cooking!

## **Nutrition Quiz Bowl**

The Nutrition Quiz Bowl Contest will take place on March 3<sup>rd</sup>. for those who compete in Food Challenge this is a great way to hone your knowledge. If you are interested please contact Breanne.

## **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.

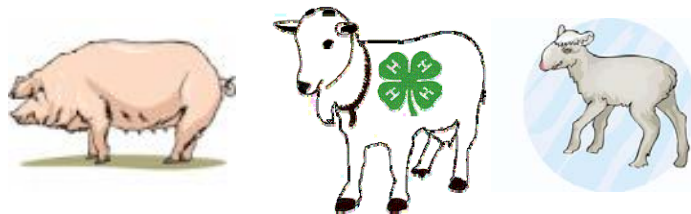
## Consumer Decision Making

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.



## K9's and Kids Presents 1st Annual Hood County Dog Show

On January 28, 2012 the K9's and Kids 4-H Dog Club will host their 1st Annual Hood County Dog Show. The check in time will be at 9:00 a.m. at the Reunion Fairgrounds at 641 Reunion Court in Granbury. To register for the event contact [k9sandkids@windstream.net](mailto:k9sandkids@windstream.net) or call (682) 936-6472. All registration forms are due by January 21, 2012 there is a \$5 fee per class. There will be a concession stand, prize drawings, silent auction and lots of information. For an entry form you can stop by the Extension Office.



## Livestock & Project News

### Work Day & Clip Day

We will meet at the Fairgrounds on Saturday, January 7<sup>th</sup>, 2012 at 2:00 pm for our clip day and to work on getting the fairgrounds ready. If you are bringing your animals to have them clipped please call me by Thursday, January 5<sup>th</sup> so that we can get enough clippers and tables ready. For the workday we will be sweeping, cleaning pens, etc. The Livestock Raisers will begin their workday at the fairgrounds at 8:00 am if you want to come early.

### Stock Show Projects

If you need help with your project for this year's show season please give me a call. I will be glad to help. We have scales and clippers you can check out as well.

## 2012 Hood County Livestock Show Judges

Cattle – Bryan Reynolds, CEA-AG in Tahoka  
Swine – Brad Bevel, Ag Science Teacher in Stamford

Goats – Billy Zanolini, CEA-AG in Madisonville  
Sheep – Jeff Ripley, Texas AgriLife Extension Specialist

Poultry – James Barbee, Burleson

Rabbit – Michael Franke, Cedar Park

Ag Mechanics – Warren Maher

## 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 January 19, 2012.



## Texas 4-H Beekeeping Essay Contest

The Foundation for the Preservation of Honey Bees, Inc. is sponsoring the national 2012 4-H essay contest. Williamson and Collin County Bee Keepers Associations are sponsoring the Texas 4-H beekeeping essay contest. The contest is open to all active 4-H club members, who have not previously placed nationally. The deadline for entries to be in (not post marked) the Texas 4-H and Youth Development Office is January 13, 2012.

### **National Cash Prizes to 3 Top Winners:**

1st Place: \$750.00

2nd Place: \$500.00

3rd Place: \$250.00

Each State Winner, including the national winners, receives an appropriate book about honey bees, beekeeping or honey.

### **Texas Cash Prizes to 3 Top Winners**

1st Place: \$100.00

2nd Place: \$75.00

3rd Place: \$50.00

### **TOPIC:**

For the 2012 essay contest, the **essay topic is:**  
"The Results of Honey Bee Pollination in My Community"

**For contest rules, guidelines and certification forms contact the Extension Office at (817) 579-3280.**

**Question of the Month: Who is our new FCS agent?**

**Last month's question:** What time will the Agricultural Mechanics Division be judged at the Hood County Junior Livestock show?

The correct answer is The Agricultural Mechanics Division will be judged at 2:00 p.m. on Thursday, January 12th. Congratulations to Emily Brite for the correct answer.



**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. If you are a senior applying you need to get your FAFSA form done ASAP.

**Quote of the Month:**

“Be always at War with your vices,  
at peace with your neighbors,  
and let each New Year find you  
a better person.”

**-Benjamin Franklin-**

*Happy New Year!*

**Marty Vahlenkamp**  
**CEA-AG**  
**Hood County**

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