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4-H Club Meetings

March 1st- Tolar 4-H Club, 6:30 p.m. at the Tolar Fire Hall

March 1st, 8th, 15th, 22nd & 29th- Shooting Sports 4-H Club, 5:00 p.m. at the Fairgrounds

March 3rd - Lipan 4-H Club, 6:30 p.m. at the Lipan Community Center

March 8th- Hood County Young Riders, 7:00 p.m. at the Hood County Library

March 7th, 14th, 21st & 28th- K9's & Kids 4-H Club, 6:30 p.m. for Rally-Obedience-Showmanship Classes and Regular Business Meeting
March 14th, 2011 starting at 6:30 p.m. at 5110 N. Gate Rd in Granbury (Paws 2 Play) Agility Class will be on Saturdays at 9:00 a.m.

March 8th- Cornerstone 4-H Club, 3:30 p.m. at the Cornerstone Christian Academy

March 14th- Lake Granbury Community 4-H Club, 7:00 p.m. at the Hood County Annex 1 Meeting Room



4-H Council and Adult Leader Meeting

Our next meeting will be Monday, March 28th, 2011 at 6:30 p.m. please plan to be there if you are a council member. Leaders & Parents we will have important information to discuss about 4-H enrollment for next year!

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 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.

Livestock & Project News

4-H News from the San Antonio Stock

Sheep Skill-a-thon

Cheylee Lucas placed 5th overall and received a \$100 scholarship from the Texas Lamb Breeders Association.

Goat Show

Brad Winn won his light weight goat class. We had 2 other goats (Kyle and Kayla Wheeler) get pulled into the top 25.

Barrow Show

Brady Nelson placed 9th and Zach Nelson got pulled and did not place.

Lamb Show

Ty Robertson placed 3rd and made the sale. Emily Brite got pulled into the top 13.

Horse Judging

Our Horse Judging Team judged and the Jr. Team placed 3rd out of 53 teams. Mattie Jenkins was 6th high individual out of 156. Victoria Alexander was 12th in the junior division. The Senior Team was 27th out of 174 teams. Becky Presney was 23rd out of over 400 individuals.

Congratulations to all the 4-H'ers that participated in this show.

4-H Livestock Judging

We will hold our first Livestock Judging Practice on March 1, 2011 at 5:00 p.m. at the Annex 1 meeting room. This year's District Contest is April 30, 2011 in College Station. At this meeting we will look at practice schedules and event information. If you would like to judge and cannot make it to this meeting please call and let me know.

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 March 17, 2011.



Thank You Notes & Buyers Plaques

If you made the sale or received add on money at the county show you will be required to deliver your buyers plaque and write thank you notes before you receive your check. We should get the plaques and thank you list in soon; as soon as we do we will send an e-mail out to let you know. Checks will not be ready until around the end of March.

Horse Project Validation

If you are planning on showing your horse at the District or State 4-H Horse Show you will need to certify your horse by May 1, 2011. Stop by the office to get the paperwork, cost is \$10 per horse. If your horse is registered you will need a copy of the papers.



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.



County Roundup

If you are interested in Share-The-Fun or Public Speaking make plans to participate in the "County 4-H Roundup" on March 29, 2011. Entry deadline will be March 22, 2011. If you need help with your presentation or Share-The-Fun act call me. I have lots of examples that I can share with you. District Roundup will be on April 16th, 2011 in Stephenville.

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. Please go to <http://d84-h.tamu.edu> and look at photography. These are the rules for the state contest. We will have our county contest with our County Roundup. Photos will need to be e-mailed to hood@ag.tamu.edu by March 22, 2011. I ask that you call the Extension Office at (817) 579-3280 and let us know what pictures you are entering by March 22, 2011 so we can double check what we receive. You will need to follow the instructions for the size of the pictures. When saving your pictures to send save as age division, category and 4-H'ers name.

Example, save as: "Jr. Wildlife_Marty Vahlenkamp". After the county contest we will send the senior winners on to the state contest.

District 4-H Leadership Lab

For those of you that are 13 or older mark your calendar for June 22nd – 24th. Our annual District 8 Leadership Lab will take place in Brownwood at the Texas 4-H Center. It is a lot of fun and a great opportunity to make friends from across the district. I want to challenge you to have 10 Hood County 4-H'ers attend. If you are interested in going let us know at the Extension Office so we can put you on the list.

Record Book Workshop

On April 11, 2011 I will be giving a Record Book Workshop at the K'9's & Kids Club meeting at 6:30 p.m. If you want to know more about Record Books be sure and attend this meeting it is open to all 4-H Clubs.

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 or set up for a 4-H club or project meeting or coordinate a community service project. Deadline for turning in Record Books this year is June 10th, 2011.

Question of the Month: How many 4-H'ers does it take to make a team for the Texas 4-H Outdoor Challenge? 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: What are the dates of the District 4-H Leadership Lab and where is the event held?

The answer: The dates for the District 4-H Leadership Lab are June 22nd – 24th, the event will take place in Brownwood at the Texas 4-H Center.

Congratulations to Katie Keith for the correct answer!

Outdoor Challenge Workshop Scheduled

Are you interested in the outdoors? Maybe a little rifle, archery, sport fishing, camping? Well, now Texas 4-H is offering an exciting, fun-filled, hands-on contest where you get to show off the outdoor skills you have! It's called the **Texas 4-H Outdoor Challenge!** This event is conducted in the summer in teams of two. You compete in the areas of rifle, shotgun, archery, sport fishing, swimming, canoeing, camping, outdoor living skills, orienteering, identification of wildlife and natural resources, outdoor safety all while enhancing your teamwork and decision-making skills!

We will be hosting a workshop to learn about these events and to talk about the contest structure and some team strategies. The workshop is scheduled

for **Tuesday, April 12, 2011, 6:30 p.m.** at the Hood County Extension Office. For any questions and to RSVP by Friday, April 8 by calling 817-579-3280. It should be fun, so plan to attend!

2011 District 4-H Fashion Show, Fashion Design, Fashion Story Board

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. Entries will be due by March 22, 2011.

April Classic Wichita County 4-H Shooting Sports April 16, 2011

On Saturday, April 16, 2011 the Wichita County 4-H Shooting Sports is hosting a District Warm-Up Shoot.

Shooters can register for Trap or Skeet or both. For more information contact the Extension Office.

2nd ANNUAL 4-H DOG DAY March 12, 2011

Will Rogers Memorial Center Show Arena

On Saturday, March 12, 2011 at the Will Rogers Memorial Center Show Arena the 2nd Annual 4-H Dog Day will hold a free event. Demonstrations include obedience, rally, agility, conformation and showmanship. Some of the topics will be Basic Dog Care, Dog Safety, Nutrition, Grooming and Responsible Dog Ownership. For more information contact: Gail@gapetell@sbcglobal.net or Larissa@lvdaily2006@yahoo.com.

Spring 2011 Dog Show April 2nd & 3rd, 2011

On Saturday & Sunday, April 2nd & 3rd, 2011 at the Triple Crown Dog Academy on 200 County Road 197 in Hutto, TX the Happy Tails 4-H Dog Club will host their 2011 Spring Dog Show. For an entry form and the rules please contact the Extension Office.

Wildlife Habitat Evaluation Workshop

The Texas 4-H Wildlife Habitat Evaluation Program (WHEP) is an interactive program that teaches youth about wildlife, habitat, habitat management, and natural resources stewardship. In addition, life skills such as team work, critical thinking, public speaking, and observation are underlying objectives in this youth development effort. Creating educated and involved stewards of natural resources is the long term goal. Team member trainings are offered throughout the state during the calendar year. 4-H groups meet and study in their local areas. Coryell County is hosting a workshop and has extended an invitation to other counties to come learn about WHEP. The workshop is scheduled for **Wednesday, March 23, 2011 in Gatesville** at the Coryell County Extension Office located at 303 Veteran Memorial Loop. The workshop will be conducted by Larry Hysmith, Extension Associate – Texas Cooperative Wildlife Collection. For any questions contact the Hood County Extension Service.



District 8 4-H Scholarship

If you are a graduating senior check out the District 8 4-H Scholarships at <http://d84-H.tamu.edu> and click on scholarships. The Texas AgriLife Extension 4-H scholarship deadline is May 5, 2011.

Daisy 4-H Shooting Sports Scholarship 2011

Daisy Manufacturing is once again offering the Daisy 4-H Shooting Sports Scholarship for 2011. The deadline to apply is May 15, 2011.

The qualifications for scholarship consideration include:

1. Minimum of a 3.0 GPA from high school
2. Three years participation in 4-H shooting sports
3. Recommendation of HS counselor or principal
4. Recommendation of 4-H coach or equivalent who is not a relative
5. Scholarship would be payable to any two-year or four-year accredited Jr. College, College or University
6. Application would require a 250 - 500 word essay about how participation in the 4-H Shooting Sports better prepared them for college and for life.
7. Certified copy of high school transcript.
8. Scholarship money would be available in the second semester of the freshman year and can be used for books, housing, and or college fees.
9. The scholarship of \$500.00 will be awarded at the National 4-H Shooting Sports Invitational each year.

For more information or application form contact the Texas AgriLife Extension Service.

Quote of the Month:

“Do not follow where the path may lead. Go instead where there is no path and leave a trail.”

-Harold R. McAlindon-

Marty Vahlenkamp CEA-AG Hood County

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