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4-H Club Meetings

October 3rd - Hood County Young Riders, 7:00 p.m.
at the Reunion Fair Grounds

October 3rd, 10th, 17th, 24th & 31st - 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 October 10, 2011
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.

October 4th, 11th, 18th & 25th Shooting Sports 4-H
Club, 6:00 p.m. at the Reunion fair Grounds

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

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

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

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



4-H Re-enrollment

Each year we will reenroll for 4-H starting on
September 1, 2011. This year the process will
be different. We will use the 4-H Connect online
enrollment process, the web address is
<http://texas.4honline.com>. If you were in 4-H
this year you already have a profile. **DO NOT
SET UP A PROFILE.** When you get to the login
page enter your e-mail that you put on your 4-H
enrollment form then click "***I forgot my
password***" it will send you a password and then
you can log into your profile. When you reenroll
you will have to pay the \$20 participation fee.
Please pay this with a credit card or e-check.
Please DO NOT select to pay with county
check. Also the participation fee increases to
\$25 at the end of October. If you have any
questions please let me know.

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 Participation Fee

Change is part of life and as we go through our lives things will always be changing and evolving. For 4-H part of this change will begin on September 1, 2011. 4-H will now have an annual participation fee of \$20 for each 4-H'er. I set in on a conference call with Dr. Chris Boleman the 4-H Youth Development Program Director and he put it this way, "It is \$1.67 worth of investment each month for the future of our youth". That is the equivalent of 1 drink at the Sonic. I have included a 1 page letter in this newsletter that gives more information. I know there will be many questions. Please do me two favors:

1. Let me know when you have a question and I will try to get us an answer.
2. If we have a 4-H'er who truly wants to be in 4-H and can't afford the \$20 have them contact me or you can let me know. We will do everything we can to make sure everyone has a chance to benefit from 4-H.

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

2011 4-H County and District 8

Photography Contest

Congratulations to all the 4-H'ers that entered in the County and District 8 Photography Contest!

We had a total of 65 entries with 13 4-H'ers that participated. Here are the results on the county level along with the information on the photographs that advanced to the district level.

Junior Division

Madison Cox

Animal-Wildlife-Red
Details-Macros-Blue-Advanced
Marine/Aquatics-Blue-Advanced
Nature/Landscape-Red
Plant/Flora-Blue-Advanced

Destinee Duty

Animals-Wildlife-Red
Elements of Design-Blue

Ranishia Pickett

Animals-Domestic-Red
Details-Macros-Red
Elements of Design-Red
Food-White
Nature/Landscape-White
Night Photography-White
People-Red
Plant/Flora-White
Theme-Red

Willy Schultz

People-Red

Kyle Vahlenkamp

Animals-Domestic-Blue-Advanced
Animals-Wildlife-Blue
Elements of Design-Blue-Advanced
Nature/Landscape-Blue-Advanced

Kyle Vahlenkamp continued

Night Photography-Blue-Advanced
People-Red-Advanced

Daniel Van Renden

Animals-Domestic-Red
Animals-Wildlife-Blue-Advanced
Details-Macros-Blue
Elements of Design-Red
Food-Red
Nature/Landscape-Red
Night Photography-Red
People-Red
Plant/Flora-Blue
Theme-Red
Animals-Domestic-Red

Intermediate Division

Matt Engle

Animals-Domestic-Red
Night Photography-Red-Advanced

Mattie Jenkins

Animals-Domestic-Blue-Advanced
Animals-Wildlife-Red-Advanced
Details-Macros-White
People-Red-Advanced

Mark Kaake

Animals-domestic-Red
Catch All-Red
Food-White
Marine/Aquatics-Red-Advanced
Nature/Landscape-White
People-Red
Plant/Flora-Red
Theme-Red

G'Angela Pickett

Animals-Domestic-Red
Details-Macros-Red
Elements of Design-Red
Food-Red-Advanced
Nature/Landscape-White
Plant/Flora-Red
Theme-Red-Advanced

Sophie Schultz

Catch All-Red-Advanced
Details-Macros-Red-Advanced
Elements of Design-Red-Advanced
Nature/Landscape-Red-Advanced
Night Photography-Red
Plant/Flora-Red-Advanced

Senior Division

Laura Brannon

Animals-Domestic-Red

Audrey Pearson

Animals-Domestic-Red-Advanced
Dominant Color-Red-Advanced
Nature/Landscape-Red-Advanced
Plant/Flora-Blue-Advanced

Family Living Division Entries

DUE NO LATER THAN Friday, November 11,

2011 by 4:00.

No late entries accepted.

The theme for 2012 is

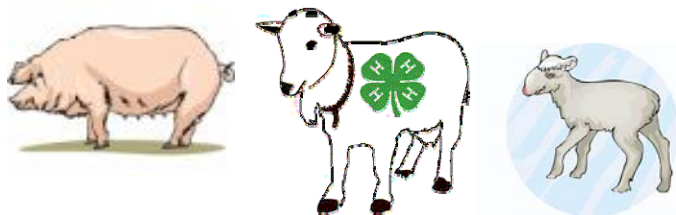
“Country Life”

The Family Living Division entry forms are available to be picked up at the County Extension Office or print a copy off our website <http://hood-tx.tamu.edu>, click on Publications and Family Living Entry Form.

You also need to read the Rules and Regulations for the Hood County Junior Livestock Show for Family Living Division information. Entry fees this year are \$2.00 per entry with a maximum of 20 entries per exhibitor. Entry fee must be paid at time of registration. It is your responsibility to fully read the guidelines prior to completing the forms. The guidelines will inform you and answer many questions. This is a great opportunity, so get involved in the Family Living Division of the Hood County Junior Livestock Show. Give us a call at 817-579-3280 if you have any questions. Be sure to get your forms completed and **entry fees paid and turned in no later than Friday, November 11, 2011 by 4:00 p.m.**

Food Challenge

The Food Challenge contest is off to a great start with over 30 4-H'ers signing up. We will be contacting you soon about the next meeting.



Livestock & Project News

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.

Quality Counts for Major Stock Shows

Starting in 2012 if you want to exhibit a livestock project at the Major Stock Shows you must have passed a Quality Counts text. To do this go to <http://qualitycounts.tamu.edu> click on verification and then click take the test. Once you are there click the 4-H tab. You will enter your information and take the test. Once you pass with an 80% score you will get a number that we will have to submit at entry time. If you have any questions give me a call.

Agricultural Mechanics Entries

for the 2012 Hood County

Junior Livestock Show

Agricultural Mechanics entries must be registered by 4:00 p.m. on November 11, 2011. The entry fee will be \$20.00 for each entry. Entries must have been made by the exhibitor between the dates of January 9, 2011 and January 12, 2012. For more information contact the Extension Office at (817) 579-3280.

Major Show Lamb and Goat Validation October 11, 2011

4:30 – 6:30 p.m.

Major show lamb and goat validations will be at the Granbury FFA Ag Barn on October 11, 2011 from 4:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.



Broiler Orders

Broiler orders must be paid and ordered by October 12, 2011 no later than 4:00 p.m. If you want to show broilers at the 2012 County Stock Show please let me know as soon as possible. **Broilers this year will cost \$1.40 each.** This year a new rule has been place in the rules and regulations by the HCJLS *“Birds not claimed by noon on pick-up day will be given away to present paid exhibitors.”*

County Validation

All market lambs, goats, swine and breeding entries will be validation tagged by 12:00 Noon on **November 12, 2011.** Validation days for the week prior to deadline are as follows:

Monday, November 7, 2011 at **Lipan**
Tuesday, November 8, 2011 at **Tolar**
Thursday, November 10, 2011 at **Granbury**
Saturday, November 12, 2011 at **Reunion Fairgrounds**

Breeding animals shall be declared at validation. A minimum of 5 animals are required to make a show. Owner must be able to show proof of ownership by papers, tagging or tattoos by November 12, 2011.

Rabbits will be validated by 12:00 Noon on December 10, 2011.

2010 Holiday Classic

Mark your calendars for November 12th & 13th, 2011 and be sure to attend the 2011 Holiday Classic. This free clinic and jackpot includes lots of prizes including clippers, halters and more. The first day is filled with clinics and a free supper. The second day consists of a jackpot show. A flyer is attached to the newsletter. If you have any questions give Marty a call.

Rabbit Breeders

If you need help finding rabbits for the 2012 Hood County Junior Livestock Show we have a list of breeders available at the Extension Office to help you get started. There are many breeders out there and you can get your rabbits from anyone you want. This list is just to help get you started.

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 October 20, 2011.



2012 Texas 4-H Roundup Theme & Logo Contest

LOGO & THEME REQUIREMENTS:

- The logo submitted may be made up of no more than four colors
- Theme must have "Texas 4-H Roundup" located in it.
- Theme must have 2012 for its date
- Images may be hand drawn or computer generated
- Electronic images must be in .jpg format
- If selected, images may be modified slightly for printing purposes

PARTICIPANTS:

- Must be a 4-H member
- May be a team (no size limit), 4-H Club, or individual submission
- Participants must be from same county

SUBMISSION PROCESS:

Print format: mail entry to:

Texas 4-H Office c/o Kyle Merten
4180 State Hwy. 6 College Station, TX 77845
Please include the following information:
name, e-mail address, county, mailing address,
city/state/zip and age.

Electronic format: e-mail entry to:

Mr. Kyle Merten

kjmerten@ag.tamu.edu

Please include the following information:

name, e-mail address, county,
mailing address, city/state/zip, and age.

SUBMISSION RIGHTS & CREDITS:

- All submissions become the property of the Texas AgriLife Extension Service
- 4-H members release all rights to submission of theme and logo
- Credit will be provided to individual or team in State 4-H Roundup documentation

Submission Deadline:

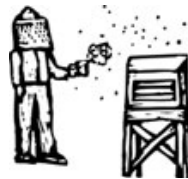
Submissions must be no later than **October, 3, 2011.**

WINNING ENTRY:

- The winning entry will receive a \$100 gift card.

4-H Shirts

Last week I sent out a doodle about 4-H Shirts. We had great response. Thank you to those who responded. At the 4-H Council Meeting the 4-H'ers and parents discussed styles and logos for the shirts. I will now work with the graphics people and come up with some options for the council officers to choose from. Once we get a design picked I will send out ordering information via e-mail. We will order the shirts online.



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: What is the theme for this year’s Family Living Division at the County Livestock Show?

Last month’s question: No one answered last month’s question. The question will remain the same.



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:

Let us remember that, as much has been given us, much will be expected from us, and that true homage comes from the heart as well as from the lips, and shows itself in deeds.

~Theodore Roosevelt~

Marty Vahlenkamp
CEA-AG
Hood County

Extension programs serve people of all ages regardless of socioeconomic level, race, color, sex, religion, disability, or national origin. The Texas A&M University System, U.S. Department of Agriculture, and the County Commissioners Courts of Texas Cooperating. Individuals with disabilities who require auxiliary aid, service or accommodations in order to participate in the 4-H program should contact the Hood County Office of Texas AgriLife Extension service at (817) 579-3280.