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Early Settlers' Day

HELP!! We need some volunteers youth and adults to facilitate the stick horse and turtle races at Early Settlers' Day. It will only take a little bit of time and is good for kids needing some leadership. Please contact me if you can help.

We will not be having the project fair at Early Settlers' Day this year.

2010 Project Fair

The 2010 Project Fair will be held in conjunction with the Hockley County Ag Expo on Sept. 21st at the Hockley County Fairgrounds. The format will be the same as last year. We will set up and enter projects the evening before and they will be judged on the 21st. If you want to enter crafts in the South Plains Fair we will need to know when you enter because we will be taking them from the Project Fair straight to the SPF. We will be auctioning the best of show baked items and other baked items will be in a bake sale as normal.

Adult Leaders Association

The adult leaders association will have a meeting at county recordbook judging on **June 28th**. We will talk about achievement banquet fund-raising and also vote on awards for achievement banquet.

Award Applications

Award applications will be due by **July 12th** and award interviews will be on **August 2nd** at 3:00. You can pick up applications in the office or send your e-request and we can send to you by e-mail. Questions for award interviews are also available to help you prepare. You must complete a recordbook or a member achievement plan to be eligible for awards.

Record Books

Record books are just around the corner. If you have questions or need help with a record book please contact me and I will schedule a time for a training. We also need help from leaders in judging books on a county and district level. There will be a training on **June 16th** in Lubbock. It will also be recorded if you can't make this date. Judging record books also gives you a good opportunity to learn more about other books and get ideas. Recordbooks are due in the office by 5:00 on **June 28th**. This is also when we will have county judging. *Please submit a black and white copy of your recordbook as well for reference purposes.*

If you have questions about any information in this newsletter contact the Hockley County Extension Agents at 894-3159.

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2010 Brisket Cook

This year's brisket cook fund-raiser will be on **June 30th** and briskets will need to be picked up/delivered on Thursday **July 1st**. Each club needs to try to sell 20 briskets. Please keep me updated on the number of briskets that you have sold as we get closer to time. There are opportunities to help in many areas including cooking, wrapping the next morning and everyone's favorite cleanup and return cookers.

Steer Validation

Steer validation will be held on **Monday, June 28th at CPR Cattle Co.** This is where we had to move to last year because of the rain. Validation will begin at 8:30 a.m. and will conclude by noon. This will be the last possible date for validation. If you have any conflicts you need to contact us now.



Beef 706 Youth Program

This event will be held at Texas Tech University and is free of charge. Some activities include: feedyard tour, market steer evaluation, grade & fabricate carcasses, tour local grocery store, food safety demonstration, and packing plant tour. I will be able to take youth on the second session- **July 22-23**. This is for high school age youth. Contact me if you are interested. Deadline is July 1st.

Trap & Skeet

The District Trap contest will be held **June 25th** in Post and the District Skeet contest will be held **June 26th** in Seminole. Orientation begins at 8:30 each day. Please plan to arrive early. If you have any questions contact Dawn Chaney entries will need to be made in early June.

4-H Achievement Banquet

The 4-H Achievement Banquet will be held on Saturday, **August 21st** at 7:00 p.m. in the SPC Sundown Room. Those recognized will be anyone who submitted a record book, 4-H Project Form, received a special award this year or participated in a county, district, or state competition. If you will be attending the banquet, please RSVP by August 17th. The cost will be \$5 per person to help cover a portion of the meal. 4-H Project forms are due on July 6th and can be picked up in the office. Freda Sparkman 4-H Club Citizenship Awards are due **August 1st**.

Summer Project Tours

June 23rd - Wildlife & Fisheries

9:45 meet at South Plains Wildlife Rehabilitation Center, participants are asked to bring a \$1 donation. Lunch on your own then meet at Gander Mountain at 1:00 for a tour, and demos on rod casting and knot tying, then a demo on the Texas 4-H Outdoor Challenge at 2:30 at the district office.

July 7th - Clothing & Textiles, Food & Nutrition

Clothing & Textiles- Tour of Designs In Thread and PCCA 101. More details to come soon.

Food & Nutrition- Tour Prater's, Asian Market and Food Sciences Lab at Texas Tech. More details to come soon.

July 20th - Officer Training

This event will be held at the **Ollie Liner Center** in Plainview. Anyone is invited especially club officers, but even if you are not an officer you can learn something. After the officer training, we will have leadership initiatives. **Beginning at 5:00** there will be free hot dogs and at 5:30 will start the Summer Spectacular which will take the place of the old Fall Forum! Stay tuned for more details.

Project Leader Training

There will be a multi-county project leader training on **June 22nd** at the Lamb County Ag Center from 7:00 - 9:00. Project Leaders can be older youth providing leadership in a project and adults. There will be four sessions which participants may choose 2 and they include: animal(horse, beef, sheep/goat, swine) or FCS (photography, food & nutrition, clothing & textiles, consumer education); idea sharing(participants bring ideas on programs for 4-H meetings or project meetings) or AG/NR(plant & soil science, entomology, gardening & horticulture, dairy). In each session you will hear a little bit about each topic.

4-H Rally Day- August 12th

This will be an old fashioned 4-H Fun Day including food, fun, relays, games and prizes. It will be from 5-8. Location and more details will be forthcoming. Mark it on your calendars, It's gonna be fun!

Lets Go Camping!

Information about all of the camps located at the Texas 4-H Conference Center in Brownwood can be found at <http://texas4h-ctr.tamu.edu>

There are many other camps available, if you would like more information on any of them please contact me. They include: Youth Range workshop, State Youth Water Camp, Sportfishing Camp, West Texas Youth Veterinary Science Workshop, Texas 4-H Outdoor Challenge, 4-H Healthy Lifestyles Camp, Buckskin Brigades and Aggie Land Lamb and Goat Camp.



Summer Youth Activities Activities are open to all youth in Hockley county, so bring a friend! Pre-registration is required for activities. Cost is \$5 per person per event. Levelland Housing Authority Community building(LHA) is located at 1310 Ave J. City Park Awning is by Armory building across from basketball goals.

Get Movin'- June 14th, reg. deadline June 10th. City Park Awning, ages 9-13, 9:00 am- noon.

Green Thumb- June 14th, reg. deadline June 10th, City Park Awning, ages 9-13, 1:00 - 3:00.

Games- Pokeeno- June 16th, reg. deadline June 14th, LHA, ages -18, 2-4 pm

Cosmetology- June 22nd, reg. deadline June 18th. SPC cosmetology dept., ages 6-15, 1:00-3:30 pm

Games- UNO- June 24th, reg. deadline June 22nd, LHA, ages 6-18, 1-4

Cooking School- July 5th, reg. deadline July 1st, Lev. High, ages 8-15, 9:30- 11:30 am

Beginning Sewing- July 8th, reg. deadline July 6th, Lev. High, 10-1 (bring sack lunch)

Intermediate Sewing- July 9th, reg. deadline July 7th, Lev. High, 10-3 (bring sack lunch)

Groovy Line Dancing- July 19th, reg. deadline July 15th. LHA, ages 7-13, 9:00 am-11:00.

Christmas in July- July 19th, reg. deadline July 15th. LHA, ages 9-13, 1-3

Character Becomes You- June 23rd, reg. deadline June 19th, Methodist Church, ages 6-12,1-3 pm

Woodworking- July 27th, reg. deadline July 23rd, Women's Building ,ages 9-13, 1-3 pm

County Council

This year's county council retreat is scheduled for **July 15-18**. Council members that qualified have been notified and will be receiving release forms and a schedule soon.

Bob Benson / EXCELL Golf Tournament

The annual golf tournament is scheduled for August 17th at the Plainview Country Club. The tournament format is a four-person scramble with awards going to the top four teams and lunch provided for all golfers. The cost is \$50/person or \$200/team. There are also sponsorships needed: Tee Sponsor (\$150), Green Sponsor (\$100), Tournament Sponsor (\$50-\$99) or Door Prizes.

Proceeds benefit the Bob Benson Memorial 4-H Scholarship and the financial support for D-2 4-H members who qualify for National 4-H experiences. Entries and sponsorships must be postmarked by August 1st, 2010 and can be obtained at the Extension office.



It's summer and that means lots of exciting things to do in 4-H. We have 18 kids competing in state competition at Texas A&M! Hockley County is represented well by our youth through all of their activities. There are many opportunities to get involved in summer activities, project tours and trainings. Project Fair is also a great way to showcase your projects. There are classes for everything. Call if you need more information or have questions about Project Fair. Have a great summer!

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