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4-H Council Meeting

The next 4-H Council meeting will be on Oct. 18th at 7:00 at the office. If you are a president or council delegate from your club, please plan to attend.

County 4-H Food Show

The County Food Show is October 24th at the First United Methodist Church in Levelland. Judging begins at 2:30. Entries must be submitted to Amber by 5:00 p.m. on **October 20th**. Please e-mail them to me at arparkinson@ag.tamu.edu Also call and sign up in the office if you haven't already with the category you will enter. If you have any questions about food show don't hesitate to call.

Divisions- All ages are as of August 31, 2010

Clover Kids- 2nd grade and under

Jr.- 9-10

Int.- 11-13

Sr.- 14 - 18

Categories in Bread and Cereal, Fruit and Vegetable, Main Dish, Nutritious Snacks

- Everyone is encouraged to bring something small to put in the judges gift bags. There will be six judges.

Club Meetings

Sundown-TBA Contact Lori Holdman

Whitharral-October 5th, 6:30 @ school Cafeteria

Ropes- October 11th, 6:00 @ Methodist Church activity center

Levelland- October 5th, 7:00 @ ABC

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one day 4-H

Have you heard about one day 4-H? One day, this October, Texas 4-H'ers will join together to change their communities 4 the better. Hockley County has selected Children's Hope Residential Services in Levelland as their county wide one day community service project on **October 9th**. We will be decorating 12 children's rooms and 3 game rooms as well as renovating an old garden area so that it can be utilized for an outdoor therapy area. We need everyone's help and bring a friend with you. Come ready to work- don't bring your best shirt for this one and make sure and wear good shoes! We will be at the old West Elementary building located at 500 West Avenue in Levelland from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Lunch will be provided by **Rusty's Bug Stop**. Wether you can come all day or part of the day we need your help. What will you do one day?

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

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Ag Awareness & Junior Ag Awareness Day

The Junior Ag Awareness Day, formerly the 4-H Petting Zoo, has been set for **Oct. 12th**! We are also again hosting Agriculture Awareness Day on Oct. 14th for Hockley Co. 4th graders. We need 4-H'ers and adults to assist with the Junior Ag Awareness Day on the 12th. You must be 12 years old or older to assist. 4-H'ers need to be present from 8:30 to 2:00 p.m. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact the office. We will need to send excuses to your school right away. We are also looking for animals for the petting zoo if you have anything that would work please let me know.

Consumer Decision Making Contest

The consumer decision making contest will be held on **December 4th** in Tahoka. The 4-H Connect deadline is November 19th. We will be having consumer decision making practices on Thursday's starting October 28th from 6:30 - 7:30 at the extension office.

Nutrition Quiz Bowl/ Food Show

The District Food Show and Nutrition Quiz bowl contests will be on **November 13th** at Levelland High School. 4-H Connect due date is Nov. 1st. If anyone is interested in Nutrition Quiz Bowl let me know so we can schedule practices. I know we have some interest for sure in a junior team but need 1 or 2 more to make a team. Let me know if you are interested.

Photography

There are **major** changes in the photography categories this year. Categories include: people,

animal- wildlife, animal- domestic, marine/aquatic, elements of design, nature & landscape, plant/flora, details & macro, digital darkroom, night photography, food, dominant color, catch all, and theme (2011 theme is colors). There are also changes to the submission process for seniors. They will be submitted electronically. More information will be coming for juniors and intermediates as far as the district contest. Find complete rules and suggestions at: http://texas4-h.tamu.edu/youth/photography/index_youth_photography.php There is also a link on the front page of the Texas 4-H website.

Swine Skillathon



The swine skillathon contest will be held the afternoon of **December 4th** in Tahoka after the consumer decision making contest. If you are interested in this contest there will be an information meeting and practice at the Ropes 4-H meeting on October 11th at 6:00. If you can't make this meeting and are interested contact Rusty Ferguson.

Beef Quiz Bowl

The beef quiz bowl contest will be on December 16th at 5:30 at the district office. We will begin practices in November for this contest. Let me know if you are interested.

Recipe Rally

New 4-H contest open to intermediate and senior 4-H members.

More details about the Recipe Rally are available in the 2011 Texas 4-H Roundup Rules and Guidelines as well as the Texas 4-H Website (<http://texas4-h.tamu.edu>) on the Healthy Lifestyles Program Page.

Stock Show Sign-Up

All 4-Hers who will be exhibiting an animal at a stock show (Hockley County, Ft. Worth, San Antonio, San Angelo, Houston, Austin) in the Spring need to come to the Extension office during the week of **November 8th through November 12th** between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. to sign-up. Heifer exhibitors be sure to bring your registration papers. Just a reminder that if you want to enter the Fort Worth stock show you must come in early in this week to sign up. I will need to mail entries on Friday the 12th and need time to compile them and enter on-line. Do not be late if you want to enter the Fort Worth stock show. Don't forget this important date - you don't want to miss the deadline and not get to show your animals. There is a lot of office work that has to be done before the entries can be mailed in so please put this date on your calendar and be early.



Lamb and Goat Validation

If you have a lamb or goat that needs to be validated you need to call and set an appointment up with Chris.

Houston Calf Scramble

It is not too late to enter the Houston calf scramble. If you are interested contact the extension office.

Fall Fair Exhibitors

Congratulations to all the exhibitors for their accomplishments with their animal projects at the Fall Fairs! Results from South Plains Fair unless otherwise noted:

- Garrett Carter- Champion Angus heifer, 4th place Chianina heifer and 5th place British steer
- Shelby Hicklen- 4th & 5th place British steers

- Troy Holdman- 2nd place Limousin heifer, 5th & 9th place European steers
- Kailey Lemmeyer- Champion Shorthorn heifer, Reserve Champion British steer, & 4th place British steer
- Travis Payne- Champion Limousin & Reserve Grand Overall Heifer, 7th place British steer
- Lexi Pinkert- 2nd & 4th place Limousin heifers, 2nd & 4th place European steers
- Matt Pinkert- 10th place European steer
- Brayden Shaw- 4th & 6th place British steers
- Drew Waters- 3rd place Limousin heifer
- Gary Waters- 1st & 4th place Limousin heifers
- Harlea, Abby and Sutton Hoelscher also competed at the State Fair of Texas with their lamb and goat projects.

North Region Species Clinic

The third annual clinic will be held on the afternoon of **December 5th** at the Texas Tech Animal Sciences building and arena. There will be great information for every animal species that you won't want to miss.

We've Got Your Back

The Texas 4-H Healthy Lifestyles Advisory Board is sponsoring a state-wide community service project for the 2010-2011 4-H year. "We've Got Your Back" is a project that any 4-H club or group can get involved in! 4-H members collect gently used backpacks and/or purses, along with non-perishable food items and basic necessities, such as toiletries. The backpacks are then filled with the food items and toiletries and distributed to people in your local community! This time of year would be great to hold a used backpack drive at your schools. You can bring them to the extension office and the 4-H council will stuff and distribute them.

South Plains Fair Youth Department



Hockley County 4-H was very well represented at the Fair with all their entries in crafts, textiles, crops, baked goods, and culinary entries. Kimberly Albus had a Best of Show ribbon and Hockley County 4-H was 2nd high point club and participants won \$457! Other 4-H'ers that participated and brought home many blue ribbons were: Ashlen Albus, Christopher Albus, Deborah Albus, Kevin Albus, Brody Black, Courtney Black, Len Carlson, Wes Carlson, Will Carlson, Caden Crenshaw, Cray Dockery, Tessa Ferguson, Lexie Lee, Mckenzie Lee, Rebecca Lee, Ethan Parkinson, Machayla Parkinson, Tucker Parkinson, Tyler Parkinson, Lexi Pinkert, Matt Pinkert, BaLeigh Pugh, Riley Siders and Rhiannon Williams.

Fall Weather is in the air and so it is time to begin preparing for many of our Fall 4-H contests. I hope you see one that sparks your interest. Be sure to talk to your club manager or myself and we will help you get involved. I'm very excited about one day 4-H happening this Saturday. This is a very neat community service project and the first time that the every club has come together to accomplish this type of hands on project. I hope everyone can come and help. Hope you all are enjoying and celebrating National 4-H Week!

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