



Hockley County 4-H Newsletter



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Adult Leaders Association

The next meeting will be on **September 14th at 6:00** at the Extension Office. Supper will be provided. Anyone can attend the adult leaders association meetings and every club is encouraged to have at least one person present.

Project Leader Training

If you are a parent new to 4-H and want to learn more about how to get involved and what projects and contests are available, this meeting is for you! It will be on **Sept. 19th from 6:00 - 7:30** at the Extension Office. This will also be a good refresher for the seasoned volunteers.

Club Manager Training

There will be a club manager training after the project leader training on **Sept. 19th from 7:30 - 8:30**. There are several changes with 4-H this year and each club should have a club manager at this training for more details.

National 4-H Week

National 4-H Week is **October 2-8, 2011**. To help organize and plan a full week of possible activities, a **seven Days of Celebration** section has been developed with the help of the Texas 4-H

Council members. "Seven Days of Celebration" is full of ideas for possible events/activities that 4-H members can conduct throughout their schools and communities. Four of the days are tied to the 4-H Pledge of Head, Heart, Hands, and Health. Wednesday is focused on the National 4-H Science Day, and then, of course, Saturday is one day 4-H. Visit the Texas 4-H website <http://texas4-h.tamu.edu/news/national4Hweek/index.php> to view the National 4-H Week packet.

One Day 4-H

There is also plans for a county wide One Day community service project on **Oct. 8th**. For more information about One Day go to: <http://texas4-h.tamu.edu/oneday/>. More details will come soon about One Day activities in Hockley County.

Club Meetings

Sundown-Sept. 18th, 3:00 location is TBA

Whitharral-Sept. 13th, 6:30 @ school Cafeteria

Ropes- September 12th, 6:00 @ Methodist Church

Levelland- Sept. 6th, 6:00 @ Sharp's house (3371 S Hwy 385) for pizza and swimming

Smyer- Sept. 6th, 6:30 @ school cafeteria

Shotgun Sports- Sept. 11th, 5:00 @ Bartlett's home

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

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4-H Council Meeting

The next 4-H council meeting will be on **Sept. 20th** at the Extension Office at **6:30**. If you are a newly elected President or council delegate from your club please plan to attend. We will be electing officers and making plans for the year.

State 4-H Record Book Results

Garrett Carter- 1st Range Management

Shelby Hicklen- 3rd Beef

Tessa Ferguson- 3rd Consumer Family Science

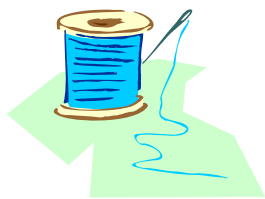
Ashlen Albus- 5th Clothing & Textiles

Congratulations!!!!

2011/2012 4-H Year Participation Fee

Reminder that it is time to re-enroll in 4-H through 4-H Connect. *The cost will be \$20 if you enroll between Sept. 1 and Oct. 31, 2011.* After that it will be \$25. Go to the Texas 4-H website <http://texas4-h.tamu.edu/> and click on Join 4-H/Event Registration to get signed up.

Family & Consumer Science



South Plains Fair Youth Department

The youth department is for 8th grade and under. 4-H'ers in 9th - 12th grade will be entered in the senior division. There is a division for Peewee crafts for youth 2nd grade and under.

Entries for bread, cake, cookies, and candy are due **Sept. 22nd before 9 a.m.** in the office

All other divisions are due **Sept. 21st before 9 a.m.** in the office.

There is also a youth photography division. Photographs must be framed and be ready to hang on pegboard and be at least 8X10 but not bigger

than 14X16. Check the book for divisions. If you need more information about divisions look online <http://www.southplainsfair.com>

Each item entered must have 3 labels, typed in 14 point Block font that include: name, address and Hockley Co. 4-H.

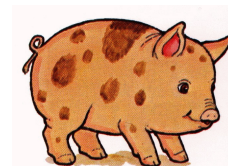
I will take entries to the fair for 4-H members.

You must send appropriate labels and attach division and class of item entered and either youth (8th grade and under) or senior (9th grade- 12th grade) to each item.

There is also a new youth section for decorated cakes!

The Open crop exhibits is open to everyone and entries will be accepted at the South Plains Fair office on Sept. 23rd from 3-7 p.m. and on Sept. 24th from 8-11 a.m. Divisions include: cotton, grains& seeds, sheaf grains and seeds, grain and sorghum heads, hay, corn, vegetables, fruit & nuts, misc. crops, giant watermelon and pumpkin contest.

Agriculture



Swine Validation

All youth planning to show swine this year need to call the office to order tags. Remember that validation is coordinated through our office for 4-H animals only, do not report tag orders to an Ag teacher and our office. You will have to pay \$8.00 for all tags that you order whether you use them or not! We must have your orders and money by **September 23rd**.

Quality Counts Workshop & Species Clinic

There will be a Quality Counts and Species Clinic on **Sept. 17th** at the Texas Tech Animal Science Building starting at **9:00**. Cost for the event is **\$10**. The morning will consist of an overview of Quality Counts and participants will be able to take the Quality Counts verification test. **All major shows are requiring that youth exhibitors must be trained in Quality Counts and must be completed on-line before entries can be made.** This is a great opportunity to be trained and get your verification number. After lunch they will break into individual species to learn about facilities, health, feeding, fitting, selection and showmanship.

Calf Scramble Deadline

All 4-H members who would like to participate in the calf scramble in Houston, San Antonio, Fort Worth, or Austin you need to sign up in the Extension office by **September 20th**.

Ag Awareness & Junior Ag Awareness Day

The Junior Ag Awareness Day has been set for **Oct. 11th**! We are also again hosting Agriculture Awareness Day on **Oct. 13th** for Hockley Co. 4th graders. We need 4-H'ers and adults to assist with the Junior Ag Awareness Day on the 11th. 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 by Oct. 1. We are also looking for animals for the petting zoo if you have anything that would work please let me know.

2011 Fall Fair Schedules

	Arrival Times	Show Times
South Plains Fair- Sept. 23- October 1		
Goat	9/23 before 6 p.m.	9/24
Open Swine	9/23 by noon	9/25
Lambs	9/29 before 8 p.m.	10/1
Heifers	9/29 before 6 p.m.	10/1
Steers	9/29 before 6 p.m.	10/1

State Fair of Texas- September 30- October 23

Goat	10/3 by 2 pm	10/5
Lambs	10/3 by 2 pm	10/5
Swine	10/4 by 7am	10/6-10/5
Steers	10/3 by 6 pm	10/6
Heifers	see book	

West Texas Fair & Rodeo- September 9-17

Steers	9/15 12 p.m.-6 p.m.	9/17
Goat	9/10 3-7 pm	9/11
Lambs	9/10 12-5 pm	9/11
Open Swine	9/16 start @ 2 p.m.	9/17
Heifers	see book	

Permian Basin Fair - September 11-19

Heifers	9/9 @ 9 p.m.	9/11
Steers	9/9 @ 9 p.m.	9/11
Goat	9/9 @ 6 p.m.	9/10
Lambs	9/10 @ 6 p.m.	9/11
Open Swine	9/17 by noon	9/17 5 p.m.

Fall Contest Dates

The District Food Show and Nutrition Quiz Bowl will be on **Nov. 5th** at Levelland High School. Consumer Decision Making district contest will be on **Dec. 3rd** in Tahoka. Other Fall contests are meat judging, and dairy products and beef quiz bowl and dates will be available soon. Please let me know if you are interested in participating. Swine Skill-a-thon has been eliminated but will be replaced with swine quiz bowl in the Spring.

Don't forget, Robert is doing a daily radio blurb on KLVT and welcomes any 4-H member or leader to record any upcoming meetings, events, results, etc. You don't have to go to the radio to do it, just set up a time with him to do it in the office. This would be great promotion for your record books!

There are many things happening in the Fall to be a part of. If you are interested let us know and we will help you get started or set up practices for contests!

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