



# Hockley County 4-H Newsletter



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## June/July 2011 Edition

### Early Settlers' Day & Project Fair

Early Settlers' Day will be held at the Courthouse Square on July 9<sup>th</sup>, 2011. This year we will be holding the Project Fair in conjunction with Early Settlers' Day. Only project work completed during the 2010-2011 4-H year in the Project Fair will be accepted. *If it is your first year to participate in the project fair you will receive 10 bonus points!* There will be a \$5 entry fee per page of entries (21 entries) Points based on placing will be given instead of ribbons. These points are turned in for shopping at the 4-H Store 1 hour prior to the banquet. Come by the Extension office to pick up a project fair entry book and entry cards. **Entries will be accepted from 7 to 8 a.m. at the 4-H Tent.** Baked Goods will become part of a bake sale to benefit Hockley County 4-H and each item needs a label to identify the item. We will also be helping with the stick horse and turtle races during Early Settlers' Day

### Adult Leaders Association

The adult leaders association will have a meeting at county recordbook judging on **June 22<sup>nd</sup>**. We will talk about achievement banquet fund-raising and also vote on awards for achievement banquet.

### Record Books

Record books are just around the corner. If you have questions or need help with a record book please contact me. We also need help from leaders in judging books on a county and district level. County judging will be at 5:00 on June 22<sup>nd</sup> and District will be on July 13<sup>th</sup> and the application for district judging is due June 20<sup>th</sup>. Judging record books also gives you a good opportunity to learn more about other books and get ideas. **Record books are due in the office by 5:00 on June 22<sup>nd</sup>.** *Please submit a black and white copy of your recordbook as well for reference purposes.*

### 2011/2012 4-H Year Participation Fee

As all of you know, it is indeed a challenging economic time for everyone and Texas AgriLife Extension and the Texas 4-H Program are feeling the pressure as well. To maintain the level of programming and opportunities, the Texas 4-H program will implement a participation fee for 4-H for next year. The cost will be \$20 if you enroll between Sept. 1 and Oct. 31, 2011. After that it will be \$25. Everyone will still need to sign up through 4-H Connect and the money will be collected on-line at that time.

If you have questions about any information in this newsletter contact the Hockley County Extension Agents at 894-3159. ♣Educational programs of the Texas AgriLife Extension are open to all people without regard to race, color, sex, disability, religion, age or national origin. ♣The information given herein is for educational purposes only. Reference to commercial products or trade names is made with the understanding that no discrimination is intended and no endorsement by the AgriLife Extension Service is implied. ♣We will seek to provide reasonable accommodations for all persons with disabilities for any of our meetings. We request that you contact the Hockley County AgriLife Extension at 806/894-3159, as soon as possible to advise us of the auxiliary aid or service that you will require.

## Texas 4-H Volunteer Conference

This state wide conference will be held in San Antonio July 29-31. Cost is \$120 and registration is through 4-H Connect and is due June 20<sup>th</sup>. For more information visit the website at [http://texas4-h.tamu.edu/volunteers/conference/volunteer\\_conference.php](http://texas4-h.tamu.edu/volunteers/conference/volunteer_conference.php)

## Award Applications

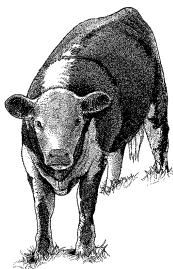
Award applications will be due by **July 8<sup>th</sup>** and award interviews will be on **August 8<sup>th</sup>** at 3:00. You can pick up applications in the office or send your e-request and we can send to you by e-mail. Questions for award interviews are also available to help you prepare. You must complete a recordbook or a member achievement plan to be eligible for awards.

## 2011 Brisket Cook

This year's brisket cook fund-raiser will be on **June 30<sup>th</sup>** and briskets will need to be picked up/delivered on Friday July 1<sup>st</sup>. 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. Cost will be **\$45**.

## Steer Validation

Steer validation will be held on **Tuesday, June 28<sup>th</sup> at CPR Cattle Co.** If you need directions let me know. 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 me now.



## Trap & Skeet

The District Trap contest will be held **June 24<sup>th</sup>** in Post and the District Skeet contest will be held

**June 25<sup>th</sup>** 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.

## Texas 4-H Golf Challenge

There will be one held in Lubbock on **July 6<sup>th</sup>** at the Meadowbrook golf course. Teams of three must register. Cost is \$90 per team and includes 18 holes of golf and a catered lunch. The contest also includes golf etiquette, turf grass management and sports nutrition curriculum. Entries open April 10<sup>th</sup> on 4-H Connect. For more information go to: <http://texas4-h.tamu.edu/youth/> and click on golf challenge.

## 4-H Summer Fun- 4-H Project Series

This series is hosted by the District 2 4-H Agents Association. Cost is \$10 for the series, come to all or come to one- one price.

June 23- Water and Wind Tour- bring a 1 gallon milk jug if you have one to make a drip jug

\*July 7<sup>th</sup> - Officer Training and Council Dance

\*July 14<sup>th</sup> - Food Tour

-call the office to sign up or for more details.

## 4-H Achievement Banquet

The 4-H Achievement Banquet will be held on Sunday, **August 28<sup>th</sup>** at 1:00 p.m. in the SPC Sundown Room. This is a new time and date. 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 19<sup>th</sup>**. The cost will be \$5 per person to help cover a portion of the meal. 4-H Project forms are due on July 8<sup>th</sup> and can be picked up in the office. Freda Sparkman 4-H Club Citizenship Awards are due **August 1<sup>st</sup>**.

## 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.

### 4-H Livestock Ambassador Short Course

This course is designed to equip outstanding students with the knowledge to help other 4-H'ers with their projects and is for youth ages 14 and older. It will be college level animal science curriculum of sheep, goats, swine and cattle production as it relates to the show ring. It will be taught by Texas Tech faculty, extension agents, breeders and project leaders. Cost is \$100 which includes meals and lodging and will be July 25<sup>th</sup>-27<sup>th</sup>. Deadline to apply is June 25<sup>th</sup> and application can be found at <http://www.depts.ttu.edu/afs/>

**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.

**Cosmetology-** June 22<sup>nd</sup>, reg. deadline June 17<sup>th</sup>. SPC Cosmetology Department, ages 6-16, 1:00 - 3:30.

**Crafts-** June 24<sup>th</sup>, reg. deadline June 17<sup>th</sup>, ABC elementary school cafeteria, ages 9-18, 9:00 - 11:00 a.m.

**Games- Uno-** June 27<sup>th</sup>, reg. deadline June 24<sup>th</sup>, LHA, ages -7-18, 2-4 pm

**Science in the Kitchen-** July 5<sup>th</sup>, reg. deadline June 29<sup>th</sup>. First United Methodist Church, ages 9-18, 9:00-11:00 a.m.

**Games- UNO-** June 24<sup>th</sup>, reg. deadline June 22<sup>nd</sup>, LHA, ages 6-18, 1-4

**Kids Cooking School-** July 6<sup>th</sup>, reg. deadline July 1<sup>st</sup>, Lev. High, ages 8-15, 9:30- 11:30 am

**Beginning Sewing-** July 12<sup>th</sup>, reg. deadline July 8<sup>th</sup>, Lev. High, 10-1 (bring sack lunch)

**Intermediate Sewing-** July 13<sup>th</sup>, reg. deadline July 8<sup>th</sup>, Lev. High, 10-3 (bring sack lunch)

**Minute to Win It-** July 27<sup>th</sup>, reg. deadline July 20<sup>th</sup>. First United Methodist Church, ages 9-18, 9:00 am-11:00 a.m.

**Woodworking-** August 1<sup>st</sup>, reg. deadline July 25<sup>th</sup>, Levelland Housing Authority, ages 9-18, 9:00-11:00 a.m.

### We've Got Your Back

We will be finishing up this state-wide community service project soon. Please bring by any used backpacks or purses as well as toiletry items you want to donate to the office by June 24<sup>th</sup>.

### Food & Nutrition Updates

MyPyramid has been replaced with MyPlate. MyPlate is visual of the five food groups: fruits, vegetables, grains and protein on a dinner plate and with dairy as a suggested beverage or accompaniment. MyPlate can be found at <http://www.choosemyplate.gov/>

## Bob Benson / EXCELL Golf Tournament

The annual golf tournament will be the middle of August 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 1<sup>st</sup>, 2011 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 13 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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