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County Council

The next county council meeting will be held on **March 21st at 6:30.**

Roundup

It's not too early to be thinking about roundup events. Roundup events include entomology, educational presentations, share-the-fun, grass ID, Horse Quiz Bowl and Healthy Lifestyles. If you are interested in any of these events please call the office to sign up. County Roundup has been tentatively set for **April 19th** and District is **May 7th**. Entries will be due on 4-H Connect by **April 22nd**.

Club Meetings

Levelland- March 1st, 7:00 at ABC Elementary

Sundown- TBA contact Lori Holdman

Ropes- no meeting this month

Whitharral- March 29th, 6:30 at school cafeteria

Smyer- TBA contact Lana Shaw

Shotgun Club- Safety meeting and practices will be scheduled soon. Look for updates from Dawn Chaney or if you have questions contact her at: dacttu@hotmail.com

Adult Leaders Association

The next Adult Leaders Association meeting will be **March 23rd** at 6:30 at the office. We will be making plans for spring and summer contests and events. There is a state wide volunteer conference planned for this summer in San Antonio July 29-31. Details can be found at the following website <http://texas4-h.tamu.edu/volunteers/> This website has a lot of good volunteer information as well, be sure to check it out.

National 4-H Congress

National 4-H Congress will be in Atlanta, Georgia on **November 24-30, 2011**. The program will touch youth issues, leadership, appreciating diversity and community service learning. Those senior members interested must fill out an application online through 4-H Connect by **April 15th**. For more information on attending National Congress go online at http://texas4-h.tamu.edu/youth/natcongress/index_youth_natcongress.php



Entomology ID

The Entomology contest consists of four members per team, or individual of Jr., Intermediate, or

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

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Seniors who identify insects by common and family names. The team also takes a test on their knowledge of insects. Practice for the Entomology Contest will begin on **March 29th** for all ages groups from 4-5 at the Extension office in Levelland.

Horse Project

Anyone that is interested in participating in the district or state horse show will need to contact me to get your horses validated by **May 1st**. The District 2 Horse Show will be held on **June 14th**. The Horse Quiz Bowl contest will be held at District Roundup on **May 7th**.

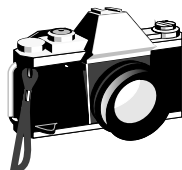
Livestock Judging

The District Livestock Judging contest will be on **April 16th** at Texas Tech. All entries will be made on 4-H Connect and are due by **April 8th**. Contact me if you are interested.

Lamb and Goat

Anyone wanting to exhibit lambs or goats at the 2011 State Fair of Texas will need to order validation tags by **April 8th**. District wool judging will be in mid April, more details should be available soon.

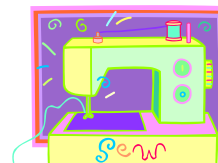
Howard College is sponsoring a Lamb Camp June 12-14. Cost is \$85. They are also sponsoring a goat camp June 5-7. Cost is \$85. You can go to their website <http://www.howardcollege.edu/> for complete information and to download the application.



Photography

Entries for the county photography contest are due by 5:00 on **March 21st**. Photos do not need to be mounted for the county contest. First place winners in the junior

and intermediate divisions will need to be mounted for the district contest and entries made on 4-H Connect by **March 25th**. Classes are: 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). Visit the District 2 4-H website <http://d24-h.tamu.edu/> for the complete photography packet which includes descriptions of each of these new classes. Any senior that wants to enter the state photography contest will need to contact me. Along with the new classes there are new guidelines for the submission process- all pictures will be sent through e-mail. However we can only send one photo per category from the county so it is important that I know by **April 1st** who wants to enter each category and if there is competition then we will have them judged.



Fashion Show

The District Fashion Show will be on **April 12th** at the Abernathy elementary school with registration beginning at 5:30 and judging starting at 6:00. 4-H Connect deadline is **March 28th**. If you are planning to enter the Fashion Show you must sign up in the office by **March 15th**. The divisions for seniors are buying and construction with categories in casual, dressy, formal and specialty. The divisions for juniors and intermediates are buying, construction, and embellished/recycled with categories in casual, dressy, and specialty.

Senior worksheets are due **March 31st** by 4:00 at the district office. If you wish to enter either the wool or cotton natural fiber contest you will need to prepare a 3 minute speech separate from your fashion show interview. One winner from wool and cotton will advance to the state competition.

If you are interested in being a narrator at the district Fashion Show please contact me for details, deadline for this is March 18th. For the complete Fashion Show guide visit the District 2 website at <http://d24-h.tamu.edu/> Or the state website where senior division worksheets can also be obtained at <http://fcs.tamu.edu/clothing/4h/packet/index.php>

Fashion Storyboard

This is a new contest that has replaced Fashion Design. Entries must be made on 4-H Connect by **March 18th** and the storyboards are due to the district office by **March 22nd**. The design brief or direction of this year's story boards is: Create a look inspired by nature's four elements - Fire, Water, Earth or Wind. From crashing waves to dust storms, take your cue from nature! The sky is the limit in creating a design that embodies one, or even all, of these elements. The categories are wearable, non-wearable, jewelry, accessory and pet clothing and is open to junior, intermediates and seniors. If you are interested and need some help let me know, we have some youth and leaders on the state clothing advisory board that can help you get started. Details can be found at the District 2 website or http://texas4-h.tamu.edu/storyboard/index_storyboard.php

Let's 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> All registration will be through 4-H Connect. ***Please pay for your camps with your credit/debit card or by check.***
Prime Time- Two sessions are offered, one for 9-11 year olds (July 27-30) and one for 12-13 year olds (July 24-27). Registration is through 4-H



Connect and early registration is from March 14- May 6 and cost is \$210.

SpecTra- Held at the Texas 4-H Center for senior age 4-H members July 18-22.

Leader Lab May 31-June 2 at South Plains College. This camp is for junior 4-H members ages 9-13 at the time of camp. Cost and registration deadlines are not available at this time.

Electric camp

June 27- July 1st. - Electric camp is for 4-H'ers ages 13-19. Details are coming soon.

Texas Brigades Wildlife Leadership Camps

Offerings include bobwhite, buckskin, bass and feathered forces. Youth ages 13-17 and also adults wishing to chaperone can get more info. at www.texasbrigades.org

Shooting Sports Extravaganza

This is an open match for beginner shooters only and will be held on **April 9th** at the Texas 4-H Center in Brownwood. Deadline to register is **March 11th** on 4-H Connect.

Food Challenge Contest Results

Junior/Intermediate Team

Kennedy Wood, Kenzee Kent, Rebecca Lee, John Sharp, and BaLeigh Pugh

Senior Team

Ashlen Albus, Deborah Albus, Shelby Hicklen, Kimberly Albus and Lexi Pinkert- 1st place

Recipe Rally- The next deadline is March 31st.

4-H Has Talent- Deadline is April 1st

4-H Quilt Challenge- Fabric is still available for this. We also have a volunteer that would like to help youth learn how to quilt. If you are interested let me know.

Texas 4-H Foundation Alliances- Just a reminder that the Foundation has formed alliances with La Quinta, Fuddruckers, Tractor Supply and Lone Star Silversmiths. We earned over \$300 in the Stripes campaign last year for Hockley County!

Texas 4-H Roundup- June 13-17

Wind & Water Project Tour- June 23

Food & Nutrition Project Tour- July 7

Officer Training- July 14

Congratulations to all the exhibitors at the major stock shows! You have represented Hockley County very well. March promises to be as busy as February has been. We have a lot of activities planned as well as preparing for Roundup competitions. Don't hesitate to call the office if we can help you with any of your projects. Have a good Spring Break!

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