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October – December 2011

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

OCTOBER

2-8	National 4-H Week
7	County Holiday - Peanut Festival
13	Deadline for County Food Show
15	District 10 4-H Honors Banquet - Uvalde
15-16	Y'all Come Back Prospect Steer Show
20	Final Deadline for County Food Show
22	Horse Validation
23	Beef Clinic
24	Lamb & Goat Validation

NOVEMBER

1	Turkey Pickup for all shows
1	Record book Training
1	Shooting Sports Reg. Deadline
2	Council & Adult Booster Meeting
5	County Food Show
7-8	Stock Show Entry Signup
15	County Food Challenge
19	South TX Dog Project Clinic
28-29	Swine Validation

DECEMBER

3	Sheep & Goat Clinic
13	Rabbit Clinic
14	WCJLS Broiler Pickup

"HEAD, HEART, HANDS & HEALTH"

"TO MAKE THE BEST BETTER"

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The Texas A&M University System, U.S. Department of Agriculture, and the County Commissioners Courts of Texas Cooperating.

If you need any special accommodations, please contact Extension Office at 830-393-7357 one week prior to event so we can consider your request.

Quality Counts Verification Required for all 2012 Texas Major Livestock Shows

Starting in 2012, Quality Counts verification will be required for all youth exhibiting livestock (market and/or breeding) at major livestock shows in Texas (including the Ft. Worth Livestock Show, San Antonio Stock Show & Rodeo, Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo, Star of Texas Fair in Austin, San Angelo Livestock Show, Sandhills Stock Show in Odessa, State Fair of Texas in Dallas, and Heart O' Texas Fair in Waco). The verification process will require junior exhibitors to pass an online test that measures their knowledge on quality assurance and character education content items.

Youth are able to go online to take the test and become verified. A verification number will need to be provided at the time of making an official entry into a Texas major livestock show. Thus, youth will need to have completed and passed the test before the major livestock show's entry deadline. A passing score has been determined to be 80%.

Exhibitors are able to come by the extension office to receive training before taking the test. They will also be to come by the extension office and take the test online here in the office. Please call the extension office if you have any questions.

Instructions

- Go to http://qualitycounts.tamu.edu/ and select verification
- Register for the test as a FFA member, 4H member, or a dual FFA/4H member
- Enter your name and date of birth along with your chapter and/or county name
- Complete the test

Complete the test	Juniors (younger than 14 by September 1st)	10 Question Test
	Seniors (older than 14 by September 1st)	20 Question Test

- To receive your certification for successfully completing the Quality Counts Verification Exam, you must score at least 80% . If you do not complete 80% of the questions correctly, you will be taken back to the beginning of the test so you can attempt it again.
- The test can be taken as many times as needed.
- The verification # will be good for a seniors remaining show career but if you took it as a junior they will need to take it again once they become a senior member.

4-H ENROLLMENT IS OPEN ON 4-H CONNECT

August 1st started the enrollment process for the 2011- 2012 4-H year in Texas. All 4-H families, new and returning, are encouraged to log and get enrolled as soon as possible in order to take advantage of the $20.00 participation fee. As you enroll in 4-H for the year, here are some tips in using 4-H CONNECT:

- If you already have a profile DO NOT create another one!
- If you lost your email and password - call your county office they can tell you your e-mail address and reset your password!
- To be an official 4-H member in Texas 4-H you must have an ACTIVE profile in 4-H CONNECT!
- An active membership will not be granted until participation fee is paid
- You cannot register for an event until your profile is ACTIVE.

Don't wait until the last minute to enroll!

YOUTH PROTECTION STANDARDS UPDATE

A reminder at the start of this 4-H year - all volunteers are to be re-screened every three years. For 4-H volunteers, the need for re-screening is determined on a 4-H year basis. For example, a volunteer screened any time between September 1, 2008 and August 31, 2009 needs to be re-screened at the beginning of this 2011-2012 4-H year. More information on volunteer screening is located online at: http://texas4-h.tamu.edu/agents/agent_yps/ agents_yps.php

NATIONAL 4-H WEEK: OCTOBER 2 – 8

Be thinking about how to celebrate and promote 4-H during National 4-H week in Wilson County

LAMB & GOAT VALIDATION

Date: Monday, October 24 – LAMB & GOAT

Time: 3:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.

Place: Wilson County Show barn

The exhibitor(s) and a parent or guardian must be present in order to sign the validation form. Remember, to be eligible to show your market lamb or goat at Wilson County, La Vernia, and/or major livestock shows, you must bring your lambs/goats on Oct. 24th.

HORSE VALIDATION

Date: Saturday, October 22

Time: 10:00 a.m. – 1 p.m.

Place: Wilson County Show barn

The exhibitor(s) and a parent or guardian must be present in order to sign the validation form. Remember, to be eligible to show your horse at the Wilson County, you must bring your horse on October 22nd.

TURKEY PICKUP

Date: Tuesday, November 1, 2011

Time: Approx. 2:30 PM

BROILER ORDERS

Arrival:	WCJLS:	Wednesday, December 14
	SALE:	Tuesday, January 10
	LVJLS:	Wednesday, January 25
	HLSR/STAR:	Friday, January 27

Ordering chicks does not constitute entry to the shows; entries must be filled out and paid for in November during Major Show Signup.

PROJECT VISITS

Anyone needing assistance with checking on the progress of their project animals, please contact the Extension Office to schedule a date and time.

STOCK SHOW ENTRY DATES

Date/Time:	Monday, November 7	(8-12; 1-5)
	Tuesday, November 8	(8-12; 1-8)

Place: Extension Office

Stock show entries for Wilson County, Fort Worth, Hill Country District Junior Livestock Show, San Antonio, San Angelo, Houston and Star of Texas Livestock Shows will be processed on these dates. When coming in be sure to have exhibitor social security numbers if entering the major shows, registration papers for breeding entries and validation of livestock projects and ordering of poultry project does not constitute entries to the shows. **In order to sign up for the stock shows you must be enrolled on 4-H Connect. Those showing at the major livestock shows, they must have gone through the Quality Counts Verification.**

BEEF CATTLE CLINIC

Date: Sunday, October 23
Time: 2:00 p.m. – 5 p.m.
Place: Wilson County Show barn
RSVP: October 15

Ismaro Cardenas will discuss managing your steer and heifer projects from fall until the major shows. He will then conduct a showmanship workshop followed by a showmanship contest for novice, junior and senior participants. Followed by a free BBQ meal and refreshments for all in attendance, all projects will be weighed and Izzy will discuss each animal with the exhibitor individually. The event is free to everyone in attendance but you must RSVP by calling the Wilson County Extension Office at 830-393-7357 so that we can gather a meal count. If you are involved in the beef project, you cannot afford to miss this event.

SHEEP & GOAT CLINIC

Date: Saturday, December 3, 2011
Time: 9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.
Location: Wilson County Showbarn

Ismaro Cardenas will discuss managing your lamb and goat projects from fall until the major shows. He will then conduct a showmanship workshop followed by a showmanship contest for novice, junior and senior participants. The clinic will include hands-on activities such as clipping, trimming hooves, injections, etc. Followed by a free BBQ meal and refreshments for all in attendance, all projects will be weighed and Izzy will discuss each animal with the exhibitor individually. The event is free to everyone in attendance but you must RSVP by calling the Wilson County Extension Office at 830-393-7357 so that we can gather a meal count. If you are involved in the lamb or goat project, you cannot afford to miss this event.

RABBIT CLINICS & RABBIT VALIDATION

Rabbit Clinic: December 13, 2011
(Management and Care of rabbits)
Rabbit Validation: January 2, 2012
Rabbit Clinic: January 3, 2012
(showmanship)

All clinics and validation will be held at the YCB Office at the Wilson County Showbarn at 7:00 pm.

POULTRY CLINIC

Date: Saturday, October 8
Clinic: 10:00 AM – NOON
Location: Kroll Residence (near Dewees)
RSVP: October 3

The Kroll's are going to raise 30 turkeys for the clinic. Fifteen of the birds will be raised correctly and fifteen of the birds will be raised incorrectly. We will have Keith Staggs go over broiler and turkey management which will include facilities, feeding, health, culling, selection, etc. He will utilize the turkeys that the Kroll's have raised to emphasize the points of his various topics. Keith will also let participants get "hands on" experience of culling and selection using the birds that the Kroll's have raised. Keith Staggs is definitely an expert when it comes to raising and judging poultry. He judges at least one major show each year and we are lucky to have him come to the clinic and share his knowledge.

We will meet at Lyssy and Eckel on Saturday, October 8 and leave at 9:30 a.m. as a group for those people that do not know how to get to the Kroll's. The clinic is free but you must RSVP by calling the Wilson County Extension office at 830-393-7357, so that we can gather a meal count. If you are involved in the poultry project, you cannot afford to miss this event. The clinic is being sponsored by Cargill, Purina Feeds and La Vernia Country Store.

WCJLS SET-UP

Date: Sunday, January 22
Hog Pen Setup
Time: TBA
Date: Monday, January 23
Steer/Lamb/Goat Pen Setup
Time: TBA

All exhibitors in the WCJLS must attend and participate in set-up prior to the WCJLS or any Prospect Show benefitting WCJLS, and/or set-up for the Livestock Auction, and/or clean-up Sunday after the show. Sign-in and sign-out sheets will be provided. Those exhibitors that are unable to attend may send a representative (parent) to take their place. If an exhibitor or parent is not present they shall be charged a $50.00 fee to be withheld from their premium check or added to the next year's entry fee.

2012 WILSON COUNTY BAKED FOOD SHOW

Date: January 27
Location: Wilson County Showbarn
Deadline: December 1

One entry form with rules was included in your 4-H Handbook. If you have not received a handbook, please contact your club manager or if you need another, you may copy yours, or pick one up from the office. Rules are also available on the web: wilson-tx.tamu.edu click publications then 4-H.

HLSR CALF SCRAMBLE

- Purchase certificate value of $1,500
- Certificates used to purchase a breeding beef or dairy heifer or market steer
- Must show the animal in the 2013 Houston Livestock Show

Entry process:

1. Online entry applications will be available on the Livestock Show website hlsr.com from October 1 through December 1, 2011.
2. Entries will be accepted on a first-come, first-served basis. After all the positions have been filled, the remaining applications will be kept on file and used on an as needed basis.

STAR OF TEXAS CALF SCRAMBLE

- New format for 2012 – Ultimate Scramble Championship
- Purchase certificate value of at least $1000 while others could be awarded $1,500, $2,000, $2,500, or $5,000
- Certificates used to purchase market steer, market lamb, market goat, market barrow, breeding heifer, or breeding goat. Must show the animal in the 2013 Star of Texas Fair and Rodeo.
- Entries begin January 15, 2012 directly to the show.
- Entry fee is $25.

4-H CLUB CHARTERING INFORMATION

Deadline: October 19

As stated at the club manager training, chartering is an annual process required for all 4-H clubs and groups to operate under and use the 4-H name and emblem. If there are any questions regarding the chartering process feel free to call or email our office. The Chartering information that includes the Charter application, Annual Review of Support Group Fund, and a copy of the club's by-laws & budget is due to the extension office.

COUNTY 4-H COUNCIL MEETING

Date: Wednesday, November 2
Time: 6:30 PM
Location: Extension Office

ADULT BOOSTER MEETING

Date: Wednesday, November 2
Time: 7:30 PM
Location: Extension Office

If you would like to have an input on the activities of the Adult Boosters, be sure to attend. It is imperative to have a representative there to speak for your club. The meetings will be limited to one hour. Meeting is open to **ALL** 4-H adult leaders and parents.

ADODT-A-HIGHWAY SCHEDULE

November 19: Towerlake, Sunnyside, Bluebonnet, Three Oaks, Lonestar Horse Club, Labatt

January 29: All Members – held in conjunction with Wilson County Junior Livestock Show Clean-up

April 14: Wood Valley, Stockdale, Eagle Creek, Freedom Riders, County Line, Bentwood, & Post Oak

All trash pick-ups will begin at 10 am in the morning. Clubs in charge are responsible for coming to the extension office and picking up trash bags and vests. Please call before you come to see if someone has already picked these items up.

NEW RECORDKEEPING SYSTEM RELEASE

Workshop: November 1
Time: 6:30 PM
Location: Hays County Extension Office

Record books have changed for the 2011-2012 4-H year! The program is open to all counties. If you want to get a jump start and find out about the new recordkeeping system and preview what they will look like please attend! You are welcome to bring a laptop if you have one. The Hays County Extension Office located at 1253 Civic Center Loop in San Marcos. For more information on this training, contact the County Office or e-mail our District 10 4-H Specialist at sawomble@ag.tamu.edu.

SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS: ATTENTION HIGH SCHOOL SENIOR 4-H MEMBERS

Deadline: February 1, 2012

The Texas 4-H Foundation Opportunity Scholarships will be available mid-November. There are over 100 scholarships awarded annually ranging from $1000 to over $15,000. We would encourage you to fill one of these out if you are considering going to college or technical school. **Remember:** to be eligible for the County Scholarships you must fill in this application and have turned in a record book in July 2010. You do not have to meet the required test scores in order to receive a county scholarship. This year you are required to turn in your record book with the application. Applications can be downloaded from our website at wilson-tx.tamu.edu, to go: Links; 4-H; application. Anyone working on an application and would like some help with the application feel free to contact the Extension Office.

ARCHERY PROJECT

There have been numerous people interested in the archery project. After establishing the level of interest, we do have enough to start a project group. Now we are looking for adult volunteers to train and become the project leaders. Once we have 2 or 3 trained we will begin having project meetings.

SHOOTING SPORTS REGISTRATION

Deadline: November 1

If you are interested in participating in the shooting sports project this year, you need to call and sign up before November 1st. There will no late registrations. We will have an orientation meeting for all registered shooters sometime after November 1st. Please contact Linda Rumsey @ 210-355-1548 or send an email to wilsoncountyfourHrifleclub@yahoo.com. If sending an email provide the following information: Parent Name, Contact Phone Number, Email address, Name of shooter and birthday of shooter.

2012 STOCK SHOW DANCE

Date: January 27

Time: 8:00 p.m. – Midnight

Location: Wilson County Showbarn

The Wilson County 4-H County Council will be hosting their 3rd annual Stock Show Dance. Come, bring your friends and have a good time.

2012 ROUNDUP LOGO & THEME CONTEST

Deadline: October 3, 2011

Now Open for Submissions!! With Texas 4-H Roundup moving to Lubbock in 2012 the opportunity has never been greater to put your mark on Roundup. Do not miss this chance to leave your mark on history. Entry guidelines can be found on the following site: http://texas4-h.tamu.edu/youth/roundup/index.php

The winning entry will receive a $100 gift card.

JUNIOR LEADERSHIP RETREAT

Date: November 11 - 13

Place: 4-H Conference Center – Brownwood

Cost: $105/Youth; $70/Adult Chaperone

Deadline: November 4

The registration fee covers two nights lodging, four meals, snacks and all program supplies. Junior & Intermediate 4-H members. Here's your opportunity for state-wide leadership development and networking! Texas 4-H Council members will conduct five concurrent workshops to introduce or strengthen your knowledge and skills in 4-H project work. It's a weekend retreat for learning, sharing and having fun! This year's focus will be on Healthy Lifestyles, Outdoor Challenge, Record Keeping, Housing and Agricultural Products. Visit the 4-H Conference Center website for more information.

LA QUINTA DISCOUNT WITH 4-H

As you travel, be sure to take advantage of the "Texas 4-H rate" at La Quinta hotels. When booking your stay, just type in tx4h in the promotion/corporate code box. While you get a discount, the Texas 4-H Foundation also receives support.

BEEKEEPING ESSAY CONTEST

The Foundation for the Preservation of Honey Bees, Inc. annually sponsors the Beekeeping Essay Contest for 4-H members. The 2011 Beekeeping Essay Contest Topic and Rules are now posted online. All entries must be in the state 4-H office by January 13, 2012. To access the information please go to the following link: http://texas4-h.tamu.edu/events/beekeeping/index.html .

TEXAS 4-H RABBIT EXTRAVAGANZA

Date: Saturday, November 19

Place: Gatesville

Whether you're interested in raising and showing rabbits or just learning about what the rabbit project may include, then you'll want to check out this big event. You don't even have to own a rabbit to participate. Check out the link on the 4-H website (links: 4-H contests and activities) for a show catalog and entry materials.

COUNTY FOOD SHOW

Entries Due: Oct. 13th (5:00 pm)

Final Choice Due: Oct. 20th (5:00 pm)

Food Show: November 5th

Location: Stockdale Elementary

Nutrition Community Service- "Drawing the Bridge on Hunger" All participants are asked to items for the local food banks.

COUNTY FOOD CHALLENGE

Food Challenge: November 15th

Deadline for Team Name/Members: November 3rd

Location: Floresville High School Food Lab

FOOD CHALLENGE AT THE 2012 SAN ANTONIO LIVESTOCK SHOW

The 4-H Food Challenge will be conducted at the 2012 San Antonio Livestock Show! The contest is set for Saturday, February 18, 2012. The 4-H Food Challenge guidelines will be followed, with the exception that for this contest youth will participate as individuals (not teams). Entry deadline is December 1, 2011 on the junior entry form.

4-H RECIPE RALLY

Information on the 2012 4-H Recipe Rally is now posted online. The contest is open to intermediates and seniors, with the top three in each age division invited to participate in the 2012 Texas 4-H Roundup. The theme for the 2012 contest is "Summer Snacks." Entry deadline is February 1, 2012. More information is available at: http://texas4-h.tamu.edu/projects/healthy_lifestyles/index_healthy_lifestyles. php

SOUTH TEXAS DOG PROJECT CLINIC

Date: November 19, 2011

Location: Kingsville, TX

The link below provides the flyer for the South Texas Dog Project Clinic in Kingsville, Texas on November 19, 2011. This is a great opportunity to gain a better understanding of the dog project and the various activities and opportunities available to them.
http://texas4-h.tamu.edu/youth/dogshow/index_youth_dogshow.php

VETERINARY SCIENCE PROGRAM

Dates: Tuesday, Oct. 25th @ 7pm
Tuesday, Nov. 29th @ 7pm

Location: Wilson County Showbarn

Lessons:

16.2--Brucellosis Eradication Program
16.3--Tuberculosis Control Program
16.4--Anthrax Control Program
16.6--Screwworm Eradication Program
16.7--Pseudorabies Control Program
6.7--Handling & Restraining Swine

If you need info, call Angel Colby @ 210-833-5220 or email wilsoncovetmedproj4h@yahoo.com

EGG TO TABLE

Susan Schwartz would like to offer a new club for Wilson County: From Egg to Table - will focus on Poultry raising from back yard laying flock, egg management, egg cookery, breeds of poultry, showing, raising meat poultry, culling and cooking poultry, breeding to breed standards, just to name a few. We will meet once a month & get involved with the community, help run a poultry show, and learn about the proper care of all types of poultry. If you are interested in this type of club, please email sms263@hughes.net or call 830-393-2644.

AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES

If you have a disability that will limit or exclude you from attending one of our events, please notify our office at 830-393-7357 at least one week in advance so that reasonable arrangements can be made to address the situation.

CHANGES IN ROUNDUP CONTEST

As many of you may have already heard the 2012 Texas 4-H Roundup marks the first year to be held off the campus of Texas A&M University and on the campus of Texas Tech University in Lubbock. This is an exciting change that will allow youth, adults, volunteers, and county Extension agents the opportunity to see Roundup on a new stage. In addition to the new location, numerous contest changes are also taking place. With ever-changing interests of youth across the state, it is important the Texas 4-H and Youth Development Program maintain high quality relevant educational opportunities for its youth. In order to meet the opportunities for new and innovative competitive events, current contests should be evaluated annually for their educational benefit, participation, and cost to implement and manage. As a result, the following outlines changes that will be made effective for the 2012 Texas 4-H Roundup regarding educational presentations and other contests.

The following contests are being discontinued from Texas 4-H Roundup effective September 1, 2011.

- Agronomy Educational Presentation
- Consumer Life Skills Educational Presentation
- Farm and Ranch Economics Educational Presentation
- Food and Nutrition Educational Presentation
- Horticulture Educational Presentation
- Housing and Home Environment Educational Presentation
- Meat Science Educational Presentation
- Shooting Sports Educational Presentation
- Swine-Skill-a-Thon

As a result of these contest closings there will be some additional contests included at the 2012 Texas 4-H Roundup. These include:

- Open – Agriculture and Natural Resource Educational Presentation
- Open – Family and Consumer Sciences Educational Presentation
- Invitational Swine Quiz Bowl
- Invitational Meats Identification Contest and Workshop

A complete list of all the contests will be provided in the 2012 Texas 4-H Roundup Rules and Guidelines which will be published, and sent out October 1st. This publication will include any new contests, contest changes, or contest discontinuations for 2012.

For more information on contest changes for 2012 please contact Kyle Merten at 979-845-6533 or kjmerten@ag.tamu.edu or visit the Texas 4-H Roundup website at: http://texas4-h.tamu.edu/youth/roundup/index.php .

NEWSLETTER ONLINE

This newsletter will be on our website in case you lose your copy or want a friend to view it. To get to our website, go to: wilson-tx.tamu.edu and the 4-H Newsletter will be listed under publications. Just click on it and the newsletter will download. Monthly newsletters will be posted here along with on your 4-H Connect family profile.

UPCOMING PROSPECT SHOWS

Y'ALL COME BACK FALL CLASSIC (Floresville) – October 15-16
Hays County Bobcat Classic (Sheep, Goat, Swine, Steer/Heifer Show) – October 15
Bexar County Classic (Sheep & Goat Show) – October 22
Kendall Classic Steer Show – October 22
South Texas Double Trouble Prospect Show – Steer & Heifer Show (Pleasanton) – TBA
Dove Country Classic Steer & Heifer Show (Karnes City) – November 19-20
Dripping Springs Fall Classic (Steer, Breeding & Market Goats, Lambs, Swine & Heifers) – November 19-20
La Vernia Bluebonnet Goat Show (LV Chamber of Commerce) – November 19
Medina County Fair Association Swine Prospect Show – November 26
East Central FFA Goat & Lamb Prospect Show (East Central Ag Farm) – TBA
Cowboy Classic Goat & Lamb Prospect Show (Pleasanton) – TBA

Call the extension office or visit the county website for more information

WILSON COUNTY GOAT PROJECT GROUP

Wilson County has started a goat project group. Their first official meeting will be Sunday, October 16. The meeting will be held at 5 pm at the La Vernia Chamber of Commerce. This project group and the meetings will allow for youth in the goat project to bring their projects out and get help from the agents and project leaders such as Izzy Cardenes and others. We will touch on various topics throughout the meetings such as feeding, showmanship, handling techniques, hoof trimming, health, and other things. The meeting scheduled in November is tentatively set for November 6 with a location to be announced.

This group is also planning a market goat show along with a breeding goat show for December 3 to be held after the big lamb and goat clinic. This will be a good opportunity to get outside opinions from qualified judges. Be watching for details.

2011 Wilson County Food Show Entry Form

Due Thursday, October 13, 2011, by 5:00 p.m.

****Final Decision by Thursday, October 20, 2011, 5:00 p.m.****

Name_____ Age _____ (as of Aug. 31, 2011) Birthday_____

Mailing Address _____

Club_____ School & Grade_____

Circle one of the following: Junior (8 and in 3rd grade, 9, 10) Intermediate (11-13) Senior (14-19)

Check one of the following Categories: _____Main Dish _____Fruits &Vegetables

_____Bread & Cereals _____ Nutritious Snacks

Signed _____ ** Participate in Quiz Bowl

Date _____ YES _____ NO _____

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