

# Wilson County 4-H Newsletter

January – March 2012

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### JANUARY

- 10 SALE Broiler Pickup
- 18 LVJLS Broiler Pickup
- 20 WCJLS Set up
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- 21, 25-28 WCJLS
- 27 4-H Council Stock Show Dance
- 27 HLSR/STAR Broiler Pickup
- 29 Adopt-a-Highway

### FEBRUARY

- 1 SALE Rural Youth Award Deadline
- 1 Scholarship Deadline
- 5 La Vernia Rabbit Validation
- 11 STAR of Texas Rabbit Validation
- 18 District Consumer Judging Contest

### MARCH

- 1-3 LVJLS
- 7 Council & Booster Meeting
- 24 Adult Booster Gala
- 26 County 4-H Roundup

## “HEAD, HEART, HANDS & HEALTH”

### “TO MAKE THE BEST BETTER”

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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.

## WCJLS SET-UP

Date: Friday, January 20  
Horse Pen Setup (6 PM)  
Date: Sunday, January 22  
Hog Pen Setup (1 PM)  
Baked Food Show Setup (1 PM)  
Date: Monday, January 23  
Steer/Lamb/Goat Pen Setup (6 PM)  
Date: Saturday, January 28 (9 AM)  
Auction Set-up

Clean-up: Sunday, January 23 (10 am)  
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.

## WCJLS THANK YOU LETTERS

Thank you letters to buyers at the Wilson County Junior Livestock Show is a very important part of the livestock show program. This year "any exhibitor that sells at the auctions must forward a copy of the "thank you letter(s)" to his/her buyer(s) as well as a copy of the stamped addressed envelope(s) to their advisor(s)/county extension agent before checks will be distributed. If an exhibitor does not forward copies of the thank you letter(s) and stamped, addressed envelopes(s) to their advisor(s)/ county extension agent, he/she will not receive an auction sale check". Also, remember to be very gracious when at the WCJLS Auction, appreciate all that is received especially during these hard economical times.

## BROILER ORDERS

Arrival: SALE: Tuesday, January 10  
LVJLS: Wednesday, January 18  
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.

## ELIGIBILITY PROCESS FOR STUDENTS

We will use the Extracurricular Participation/Eligibility Form this year for the stock shows. The extension office will notify the schools and let them know you are participating under 4-H, but it is your responsibility to use the Form to notify them of exactly what days you will be out.

This form serves two purposes:

1. It allows you to participate in 4-H related activities during the school day as an extracurricular event, and
2. It certifies your academic eligibility whether the activity is during school time or not.

Remember you must be passing all of your classes in order to participate in the upcoming livestock shows. Extracurricular Participation/Eligibility Forms will be attached to the back of the January newsletter. If you need any extra you can contact the extension office.

## 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.

## POULTRY SELECTION

If you need assistance selecting broilers or turkeys for the County and/or San Antonio Livestock Shows, call the Extension Office. At least one person should be present at the time you are scheduled and more if possible. It is **very important** that you **cull your broilers** prior to your arrival. If you are a new feeder, contact the extension office and we will set up a date to help you cull.

## STATE FAIR SWINE/LAMB/GOAT VALIDATION TAG ORDERS

Date: Monday, April 9th  
Place: Wilson County Extension Office  
Cost: \$8 per tag (\$21 per late tag)

If you wish to show a hog, goat or lamb at the State Fair you must purchase and pay for validation tags. The state fair validation dates have not been set yet, watch the next quarterly newsletter for more details.

## **2011 LA VERNIA RABBIT TIMELINE**

### **Rabbit Validation**

2/5/12 (12 – 2 pm) LV Chamber of Commerce

### **Rabbit Showmanship Written Test / Handling Portion**

2/19/12 (3 pm) LV Chamber of Commerce

### **Rabbit Show Check-in**

3/1/12 (6 – 6:45 pm) LV Chamber of Commerce

### **Rabbit Show**

3/1/12 (7 pm) LV Chamber of Commerce

If you have any questions regarding the La Vernia Rabbit Show, please contact the rabbit superintendent, Carl Barnes at 830-372-0890.

## **Star of Texas RABBIT VALIDATION**

Date: Saturday, February 11

Time: 9am-12pm

There will be validation for the Star of Texas Fair and Rodeo. Tattoos will be placed in the rabbits right ear for permanent identification at validation. Validation will occur at Manor High School. Manor High School is located at 12700 Greg Manor Road, Manor, Texas. Each exhibitor is allowed to validate no more than twelve (12) meat rabbits. In the case of cross validation within families, twelve (12) meat rabbits may be validated per family member entered in the Show (i.e. A family of two exhibitors can validate no more than twenty four (24) meat rabbits.)

## **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 3<sup>rd</sup> annual Stock Show Dance. Come, bring your friends and have a good time.

## **4-H ADULT BOOSTER GALA**

Date: Saturday, March 24, 2010

Location: Wilson County Showbarn

All ticket stubs and money needs to be turned in to Karla Brysch by March 7<sup>th</sup>. Tickets and money can be dropped off at the extension office or to Karla Brysch. If you are in need of extra tickets please contact Karla Brysch.

## **COUNTY 4-H COUNCIL MEETING**

Date: Wednesday, January 4

Wednesday, March 7

Time: 6:30 PM

Location: Wilson County Showbarn

## **ADULT BOOSTER MEETING**

Date: Thursday, January 4

Wednesday, March 7

Time: 7:30 PM

Location: Wilson County Showbarn

If you would like to have an input on the activities of the Adult Boosters, be sure to attend. The meeting will address the Major Fundraiser and assign duties to clubs. 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**

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: April 24<sup>th</sup>

Time: 6:30 PM

Location: Wilson 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! For more information on this training, contact the County Office or e-mail our District 10 4-H Specialist at [sawomble@ag.tamu.edu](mailto: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](http://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.

**2011 SALE YOUTH DAY**

[www.sarodeo.com/annual/youth\\_day.HTML](http://www.sarodeo.com/annual/youth_day.HTML)

The School Tours Committee of the San Antonio Stock Show & Rodeo invites you to participate in this year's Youth Day events on Saturday, February 11, 2012. There will be exhibits, activities, and of course, the Photography Contest. This year, winning photos will be on display in the Coliseum all during the show! Find the entry form for all activities and more information about all the events at Youth Day on the web by following the link above! For more information and questions contact the office.

**SALE RURAL YOUTH AWARDS**

The San Antonio Livestock Exposition established the Rural Youth Award 57 years ago to honor youth leaders across the State of Texas. Today, this award provides recognition for 4-H and FFA members who have shown outstanding leadership in their organization and community. Texas youth involved in 4-H and FFA may apply for this award through only one organization. For the application and rules and guidelines visit: [http://texas4-h.tamu.edu/youth/scholarships/index\\_youth\\_scholarships.php](http://texas4-h.tamu.edu/youth/scholarships/index_youth_scholarships.php)

**2011 TEXAS 4-H ROUNDUP**

Be sure to check out all the new and exciting things happening at the 2011 4-H Roundup by visiting: <http://texas4-h.tamu.edu/youth/roundup/index.php>

**COUNTY ROUNDUP**

Date: Tuesday, March 26  
Time: 6 PM  
Location: Wilson County Showbarn

It's that time of the year again to be thinking about County Roundup and planning your Educational Presentations. Call the extension office to let us know the specific title and category that you will be entering by **March 12**. In order for you to advance to the District competition, you must present your demonstration on March 26. The categories have changed so be sure to look at the State Roundup Guidelines on the 4-H website to see which category your presentation will fall into.

**ENTOMOLOGY PROJECT**

It is time to start our Entomology Project (study of insects). Anyone interested in participating, please contact Cody Farris 830-391-5437 or Jenna Wiatrek 830-534-9040. Project meetings will begin in January. The District Entomology contest will be held on April 14, 2012. Everyone in the project can participate in District. We are looking for teams for all age levels.

**SHOOTING SPORTS CERTIFICATION  
TRAINING**

NEW Floating Location TBA	February 2012
North Region-Lubbock	March 24-25, 2012
East Region-Tyler	May 19-20, 2012
West Region-San Angelo	August 11-12, 2012
NEW Floating Location-TBA	September 2012
South Region-Victoria	October 13-14, 2012

The training will cover all disciplines. You may access the registration form at [www.shootingsports.tamu.edu](http://www.shootingsports.tamu.edu), click on workshops and then click on the training you are interested in.

**BEEKEEPING ESSAY CONTEST**

The Foundation for the Preservation of Honey Bees, Inc. annually sponsors the Beekeeping Essay Contest for 4-H members. The 2012 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> .

## **DISTRICT PHOTOGRAPHY CONTEST**

Registration: February 27 – March 7 on 4-H Connect

Cost: \$5.00 per person

Photos are due to the County Extension Office by March 7th. Any photos brought in after March 7th will not be eligible for the contest. Each 4-H member may enter up to three (3) photos. Photos DO NOT have to be in different categories. For more information and Rules and Guidelines call the extension office or visit the following link:

[http://d104-h.tamu.edu/files/2010/05/2012\\_District\\_Photo\\_gallery\\_Letter1.pdf](http://d104-h.tamu.edu/files/2010/05/2012_District_Photo_gallery_Letter1.pdf)

## **TEXAS 4-H DOG PROJECT INFO**

Deadline: January 10, 2012

The Texas 4-H Dog Project Certification form must be completed and submitted to be eligible for the Texas 4-H Dog Show. The first page is the Certification Form designed to be completed one per family. If the dog is registered, a copy of the registration form should be attached to this page. If the dog is not registered, the second page will need to be completed with photographs of the dog. One Non Registered/Non-Purebred form must be completed per dog. This form is available at:

[http://texas4-h.tamu.edu/projects/dogshow/index\\_youth\\_dogshow.php](http://texas4-h.tamu.edu/projects/dogshow/index_youth_dogshow.php)

## **FASHION SHOW COMMUNITY SERVICE**

This year the Fashion Show Community Service is making cool wraps for the military. Attached at the back of the newsletter is the pattern for the cool wraps. This is a great opportunity for leadership in your club! Please bring cool wraps with you to the Fashion Show.

## **FASHION SHOW PLANNING MEETING**

Date: February 21

Time: 6:30 P.M.

Location: Extension Office

The 4-H clubs that are in charge of the County Fashion Show are: Countyline, Freedom Riders, Labatt, and Stockdale. Please have at least one representative from your club at the meeting.

## **COUNTY FASHION SHOW & TEXTILE SHOW**

Fashion Show: March 24, 2012

Time: 9 AM

Location: Poth ISD Cafeteria

Deadline: Entries due March 8

Paperwork due March 24

The entry form along with the rules for the Fashion Show and the Fashion Storyboard are attached to the newsletter. Entries are due by 5 pm on the day of the deadline. See our webpage for Rules and Guidelines.

## **COUNTY FASHION STORYBOARD**

Storyboards are due March 8, 2012 or the day of the Fashion Show March 24, 2012.

This year the Fashion Brief for the Fashion Storyboard is “Around the World – Use your fashion passport to explore people, places, culture and fashion around the world. Use what you learn about other parts of the globe to inspire your creation.” See our webpage for Rules and Guidelines.

## **4-H QUILT CHALLENGE AT ROUNDUP**

Anyone interested in participating in the quilt challenge please contact the office by Feb. 15.

## **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](http://texas4-h.tamu.edu/projects/healthy_lifestyles/index_healthy_lifestyles.php)

## **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.

## **DISTRICT 10 UPCOMING CONTESTS:**

<b><u>Contest</u></b>	<b><u>Date</u></b>	<b><u>Registration via 4-H Connect Deadline</u></b>
District Roundup	April 21, 2012	April 5, 2012.
District Livestock Judging Contest	April 28, 2012	April 5, 2012.
District Entomology Contest	April 14, 2012	April 5, 2012.
District Rifle Contest	April 14, 2012	March 29, 2012.
Consumer Judging Contest	February 18, 2012.	
SENIOR Fashion Show, Fabric & Fashion Design, and Textile Show	April 21, 2012 (afternoon)	April 5, 2012
JUNIOR Fashion Show, Fabric & Fashion Design, and Textile Show	July 16, 2012	July 1, 2012.

**\*\*\*When registering on 4-H Connect payment options select County Check.\*\*\***

### **TEXAS EXTENSION EDUCATION ASSOCIATION SCHOLARSHIP**

#### Eligibility Requirements:

- Be a United States citizen.
- Be currently an active senior 4-H member in good standing with county 4-H program for the last four (4) years.
- Demonstrate leadership and personal development through 4-H.
- Will attend an accredited institution of higher learning: university, community college, trade or technical school in fall following judging.
- Have not passed 19th birthday before January 1 of current year.
- Have not previously received a State TEEA scholarship.
- Complete a Texas 4-H Record book (updated through previous year's Texas 4-H Record book judging deadline).
- Complete TEEA 4-H Scholarship Application and provide other required materials.

#### Application Submission Process:

1. Postmarked on or before February 13, submit to the county AgriLife Extension office in a manila envelope:
  - Envelope labeled with the applicant's name and county.
  - Only a black and white copy of Texas 4-H Record book updated through the previous year's Texas 4-H Record book judging deadline accepted.
  - Official high school transcript with ACT and/or SAT scores included.
  - Completed TEEA 4-H Scholarship Application.
  - Two letters of recommendation: one from a county Extension agent or 4-H club manager and one from a teacher, employer, or community leader (not a relative).
2. If the applicant wants these materials returned, include a postage-paid, self-addressed envelope and letter of request.

## **Howdy Texas 4-Hers!**

Your Texas 4-H State Council would first like to say how excited and honored we are to be serving you this year. One of the biggest projects we are working on is Texas 4-H Roundup 2012! We have so many fun and exciting surprises in store for 4-H this year. Our goal as your 4-H State Council is to serve you, create new experiences, and make the best better. Because 4-H is growing and creating new experiences this year, especially in the area of State Roundup we as a council created a motto we would like to share with you. “A new team, a new experience...it’s history in the making!” As 4-Hers across Texas you create and inspire those new experiences, helping to make history every day. As fellow 4-Hers we look forward to making history with you.

Texas 4-H Roundup will be June 11- 15, 2012 at Texas Tech University. This is a new and adventurous opportunity in which both Senior and Intermediate 4-Hers are invited to participate. Whether it is through a qualifying event for Seniors, Invitational workshops for all ages or just the other fun events Roundup is going to be great this year! We have a couple of exciting updates for you.... First, Aaron Watson will be performing at Roundup this year on Thursday night so mark it on your calendars. Also, the annual trade show will be coming to Roundup with all of its former goodies and then some.

Look for more updates on the 4-H State Council and Roundup 2012 right here or online via our facebook page 2012 Texas 4-H Roundup: <http://www.facebook.com/#!/pages/2012-Texas-4-H-Roundup/315843191775648> and the Teas 4-H Roundup website: <http://texas4-h.tamu/youth/roundup/index.php>.

“To Make the Best Better.”

Your 2012 Texas 4-H Council

### **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](mailto:kjmerten@ag.tamu.edu) or visit the Texas 4-H Roundup website at: <http://texas4-h.tamu.edu/youth/roundup/index.php>.

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**2012 County 4-H Clothing Entry Form**  
**Entry Form is due to the County Extension Office by March 8, 2012 5:00 p.m.**

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Age (as of Aug. 31, 2011) \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address \_\_\_\_\_ Club \_\_\_\_\_ School \_\_\_\_\_ Grade \_\_\_\_\_

**CHECK ONE:** Buying \_\_\_\_\_ Construction \_\_\_\_\_

**Fashion Show Contest**                      **Junior (8-10)** \_\_\_\_\_                      **Intermediate (11-13)** \_\_\_\_\_

Garment Category ( check One )

Separates \_\_\_\_\_ Dresses/Jumpers \_\_\_\_\_ Ensembles \_\_\_\_\_ Specialty/Formal \_\_\_\_\_

**Senior(14-18)** \_\_\_\_\_

Casual \_\_\_\_\_ Dressy \_\_\_\_\_ Formal \_\_\_\_\_ Specialty \_\_\_\_\_

(Include with paper work on the day of competition, a 3"X5" card with 3 to 4 sentences about the outfit will be expected from each participant. Printed or typed for use in fashion show)

**Natural Fiber Contest: (Seniors Only)**

Natural Fiber: Cotton \_\_\_\_\_ Wool \_\_\_\_\_

**Fashion Storyboard:**

Wearable \_\_\_\_\_ Accessory \_\_\_\_\_ Jewelry \_\_\_\_\_ Non-Wearable \_\_\_\_\_ Pet Clothing \_\_\_\_\_

**Textile Contest:**

Household Item \_\_\_\_\_ Kitchen Item \_\_\_\_\_ Jewelry \_\_\_\_\_

Embellished Item \_\_\_\_\_ Holiday Textile Item \_\_\_\_\_ Accessory Item \_\_\_\_\_