



4-H Spotlight

October 2011



We are moving!

The Extension office will be moving to the Courthouse on the 3rd floor. Our new street address will be 100 E. Tyler Street, Suite 300. Our phone number will stay the same, but it may not work on Friday as everyone is transitioning. We will be moving the beginning of next week, so please be patient with us.

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Athens, TX 75751
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HCLS Validation
Saturday, October
15th
7 -11 a.m.
TVCC Ranch

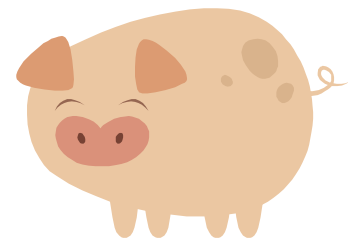
If you have not reenrolled in Henderson County 4-H for the 2011-2012 4-H year, this will be your last newsletter. Be sure and turn your membership form in to our office or your club leader, or you can go online to register at <http://texas4-h.tamu.edu/> . If you register before November 1st, the enrollment fee is \$20. If you register November 1st or later, the enrollment fee is \$25.

The Henderson County Livestock Show validation will be for commercial heifers, steers, yearling projects, market lambs, market goats, major lambs, and major goats.

Major Swine Tags Orders

Due: Monday, October 3rd
Cost: \$8 each
Contact: Chuck McHam or Derrick Sims of Brownsboro FFA 903-852-3794 to place your order.

Tags must be paid for when your order is placed. Order forms are available at the Extension office or from Chuck and Derrick.



Local News and Activities



Broiler orders will be due to the Extension office by Wednesday, November 9th. The pen of 25 broilers will be \$25.00. Entry fees are \$15.00 per pen of 3 with a limit of 2 entries. To place your order call 903-675-6130 or email Angela at achemphill@ag.tamu.edu.

Major show entries are due to the Extension office on Tuesday, November 9th from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Major shows include Ft. Worth, Houston, San Antonio, and Austin.

If you plan on entering the District 5 Dairy Judging Contest, you will also need to enter on this date. The D5 Dairy Judging will be held through the Ft. Worth Livestock Show.

ALPA Waffle Supper

ALPA will be hosting a Waffle Supper on Tuesday, November 1st to raise funds for scholarships and other program needs. This event will be held from 5:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at the Eastern Hills Church of Christ. Tickets are \$7 in advance or \$8 at the door.

They will also need your help in selling raffle tickets. This year's raffle will consist of the winning ticket holder receiving half of the raffle ticket money collected with the other half going to ALPA. Raffle tickets are \$1 each.

Remember this money benefits you.





Henderson County 4-H Shotgun Sports

Sporting Clays Shoot

Saturday, October 8th, 2011

All proceeds from this event will benefit Henderson County 4-H Shotgun Sports

Have a great time while supporting the youth shooters of today!

Date: Saturday, October 8, 2011

Location: Rose City Flying Clays

Registration/Check In: 7:30 AM, Shooting Starts at 8:30 AM

Four man Teams: \$350.00 per team, lunch included

Individual Adult Shooters: \$100.00 each, lunch included

Individual Youth Shooters (18 and younger and still in school): \$75.00 each, lunch included

To register your team, please complete registration form and mail to address on form.

Bring your own gun and ammo, we provide the clays and fun!

Sponsorships Available and Appreciated

Contact Shannon Silvey at 903-724-0375 or Steve Van Dusen at 903-681-4033

Registration forms are also available at the Extension office.

YES Camp

November 11 & 12
Lakeview Methodist Conference Center
Palestine, Texas

Cost: \$50.00 for participants

\$45 for chaperones

Age: 9-13

Entry Deadline: October 17th to
Extension office



This year's YES Camp theme is Mad Scientists. This camp is great learning opportunity and a chance to hang out with fellow 4-H'ers. Meals, lodging, and supplies are included in the registration fee.

Vet Science Program Coming to Henderson County 4-H

The Henderson County 4-H and Youth Development program is sponsoring a program that will help youth begin a career in veterinary medicine. An orientation workshop to introduce the program will be held at 6:30pm on October 13th at Henderson County Senior Citizens Building. The meeting is open to all Henderson County youth ages of 8 to 17 years or a Jr. in high school.

Dr. Floron C. Faries, Jr., DVM, MS, Extension Veterinarian and promoter of Texas A&M Youth Vet Science program will lead the workshop. During the session, Dr. Faries will outline the curriculum, goals, and objectives of the program. Students will then have an opportunity to enroll in the program. Parents are needed to be the volunteer adult leader or assistant adult leaders.

Students who sign up for the program will be committed to a 4- to 5-year study course and an apprenticeship that is career-oriented, job-trained, meaning throughout the program they will work directly toward a career in veterinary medicine. While completing the curriculum of 100 lessons and 50 activities, students will focus on the major careers of veterinary medicine: veterinary assistant, veterinary technician, and veterinarian. The classes are geared to the grade level of the students. High school students will have the opportunity to accelerate the time frame of the curriculum to 2, 3, or 4 years. The students will be placed in a setting to work under the supervision of veterinarians and are expected to complete hours of observation and a minimum of 500 hours of clinical skills on the job, usually in the veterinary clinic.

Students who successfully complete the study course and apprenticeship of clinical skill hours will receive a certificate of completion and the classification as a Veterinary Assistant. The students will be qualified to apply for certification by examination as a Certified Veterinary Assistant through the Texas Veterinary Medical Association. Students

planning to become a Veterinary Technician or a Veterinarian will be counseled to pursue the required college degree programs.

To RSVP for attendance, please contact the Henderson County Extension office at 903-675-6130.





Tractor Supply Fall Paper Clover Campaign has Begun!

The fall 2011 *4-H Paper Clover Campaign* will take place Wednesday, Sept. 21, through Sunday, Oct. 2, ending at the start of National 4-H Week. Shoppers at the Athens TSC store will have the opportunity to support 4-H in Henderson County by purchasing paper clovers for just \$1 at checkout. All funds raised will be donated to 4-H, and will support 4-H youth development program activities in our county.

Junior Leadership Retreat

**November 11-13, 2011
Texas 4-H
Conference Center
Brownwood**

WHO: 4-H members ages 9-14 (and Adult Chaperones)
WHAT: State level leadership development program
WHERE: Texas 4-H Conference Center, Brownwood
WHEN: Friday November 11 arrive 7:30—8:30 p.m. through Sunday November 13 depart by 11:00 a.m.
COST: **\$105** for youth, **\$70** for Adult Chaperones (includes two nights lodging, four meals, two evening snacks and program fees)

Junior Leadership Retreat features Texas 4-H Council members conducting hands-on educational workshops with younger 4-H members.

This year, the program will focus on increasing your knowledge and skills in five 4-H project opportunities — Healthy Lifestyles, Agricultural Products, Housing, Record Keeping and Outdoor Challenge.

State 4-H Council members take pride in showcasing their creativity at the Saturday Night Theme Dance — stay tuned for the announcement! You will definitely want to bring a costume. (The theme will be announced October 3; plenty of time to create your own design.)

To Register... Go to the 4-H Center website
texas4hcenter.tamu.edu

Click on [Register Now](#) link

Registration open September 13 through November 4

Remember, each county is responsible for providing Adult Chaperones.

Community Service Opportunities

Anna McSwain, with Cedar Creek Homeschoolers 4-H club, is heading up a 4-H coat drive. All coats collected will be donated to the Family Resource Center in Gun Barrell City. Clean out your closets and get rid of those coats you don't wear anymore and give them to a good cause. Items you can donate are used coats, jackets, sweaters, gloves and scarves for sizes toddler to adult. The weather will be turning colder soon, and there are lots of families who will not be able to afford a warm coat or jacket.



There will be drop-off boxes at the Extension office or you can drop them off at the Family Resource Center in Gun Barrel City. Be sure you mention you are with the 4-H if you take them directly to the Resource Center. The cut-off date for dropping off your coats, jackets, or sweaters to the Extension office is Friday, December 16th.



Cedar Creek Homeschoolers 4-H is calling all 4-H Clubs participation in a **SAVE YOUR CHANGE DRIVE**

All proceeds will benefit the purchase of material for Project Linus blankets

The change will be due to the Extension Office December 16th

So start saving your change now, every little bit helps and will add up quick!

Project Linus' Mission.... provide love, a sense of security, warmth and comfort to children who are seriously ill, traumatized, or otherwise in need through the gifts of new, handmade blankets and afghans, lovingly created by volunteer blanketeers.

For more information on how you can help visit <http://www.projectlinus.org/> or contact the Extension office (903)-675-6130

Livestock Shows

East Texas Show Star Series

October 22-23, 2011
Nacogdoches, Texas

Cost: \$50 per youth before October 7th
\$30 per parent

This clinic/show will be for beef, lamb, and goat projects. Topics include showmanship, daily management, and selection. Youth must participate in the clinics to enter the show. For more information visit <http://etsss.blogspot.com> . To register online visit

12th Annual Hawkins FFA Alumni Livestock Show

Saturday, October 8th
Hawkins ISD Campus
Registration: 7:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m.

Open to dairy and beef heifers, bulls, steers, group beef herd, market lambs, and market goats. They will also have showmanship classes.

For more information call 903-769-0594 or 903-769-2181.

Freestone County 4-H Fall Fest

Steer and Heifer Jackpot Show
Saturday, October 29, 2011
Moody Reunion Fairgrounds
Fairfield, Texas
Entry fee: \$25.00

For more information contact Becky Adcock at 903-388-8313 or Freestone Co. AgriLife Extension at 903-389-3436.

Light up a Life Jackpot

Saturday, November 5th
Wichita Falls, TX
Registration 8:00 a.m.
\$15.00 per animal

This show is a lamb and goat jackpot show that will also have showmanship classes. All proceeds from the show will be donated to the Hospice Tree of Lights Campaign.

For more information contact Tim at 940-781-5744 or Maranda at 940-716-8610.

Showing at a major show? Don't forget to get your Quality Counts Verification.

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. **You will not be able to enter a major show without this verification.** A passing score has been determined to be 80%. You can take the test as many times as you need to until you pass. You can take the test online at <http://qualitycounts.tamu.edu/> .

Important Dates

October

10/2 - 10/8 National 4-H Week

10/3 ALPA and Council Meeting 7 pm at Extension office

10/3 Major Swine Tag Orders due to Brownsboro FFA

10/8 One Day 4-H

10/11 D5 Gold Star Banquet, SFA

10/13 Vet Science Orientation 6:30 pm Senior Citizens Bldg

10/14 YES Camp Deadline to Extension office

10/15 HLCS Validation 7-11 am at TVCC Ranch

10/17 YES Camp registration deadline to Extension office

10/22 MADD Walk

November

11/1 ALPA Waffle Supper 5:30 pm - 8:00 pm, Easter Hills Church of Christ

11/7 ALPA and Council Meeting 7 pm

11/8 Major Show Entries due to Extension Office by 5 pm

11/9 HCLS Broiler Orders due to Extension office by 5 pm

11/11 Office Closed

11/11-12 YES Camp

11/14 HCLS Meeting 7 pm

11/21 Club Charters due to Extension Office

11/22 Major Swine Validation 4 pm-7pm Brownsboro FFA Ag Building

11/23 Office Closes at Noon

11/24-25 Office Closed

11/25-30 Texas 4-H Leadership Conference

11/25-30 National 4-H Congress