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Council/PLA Meeting Date and Location Change

The next council meeting and PLA meeting will be held on **Tuesday, November 7, 2017** at the **Austin County Fairgrounds** at 7:00 p.m. Council members please do not forget the incentive tickets! The more council meetings you attend, the better your chance is at winning some super prizes at the

end of the 4-H year! Be looking for more information as the meeting date draws closer.

2017-2018 4-H Enrollment

It's time again to re-enroll in 4-H for the 2017-2018 4-H year. Please go to 4-H Connect to renew your enrollment. If you plan to show in the Austin County Fair, your child will have to be enrolled in 4-H Connect to be eligible for show.

Livestock Judging

Calling all livestock judges!!! Another year is upon us and it is time once again to start judging in area county fairs. Livestock judging consists of evaluating and placing animals situated in a class of four. It is a good opportunity to learn more about livestock, interact with other 4-H members in your county, and develop a skill set that will benefit you for the rest of your 4-H career!!! If you would like to try your hand at judging at some of the local opportunities, please take note of the following events that will be made available to you. Due to the fact that we do not have a 4-H Agent, we will not be able to have practices as usual. Even though we do not have an agent, we encourage as many as possible to hone the art of judging by participating in the local opportunities which are around our area. The follow events have been scheduled:

Washington County Fair

Saturday, September 23
7:00 – 8:00 am – Registration
8:15 am – Contest Begins

Waller County Fair

Friday, October 6
8:00 – 9:00 am – Registration
9:00 am – Contest Begins

Austin County Fair
Saturday, October 14
8:00 – 8:45 am - Registration
9:00 am – Contest Begins

San Antonio Beef Skillathon and Houston Livestock Show Beef Quiz Bowl Contests

If you would like to compete in these contests at the Major Stock shows this spring, please contact the Extension Office. You may reply to this email or call our office at 979-865-2072. We need to plan practices for both these contests and do not want to miss any potential 4-Hers that want to compete.

Austin County Fair

As most of you know, the Austin County Fair will kick off on Tuesday, October 9th and will continue through that entire week, ending on Sunday, October 15th. Please refer to your 2017 Junior Livestock Rule Book for more information in regards to move in dates, weigh in times, show dates, times, etc. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact the office or your group project leader!

Hamburger and Soda Stand

If you have not signed up for a shift for the hamburger and coke stands during the Austin County Fair, your support is truly needed. Funds raised with these two stands supports all efforts related to the 4-H program as a whole. These funds are used in a variety of ways to support the 4-Hers events and projects. Your participation will make our efforts this year 100% successful. For more information or questions, please don't hesitate to contact the extension office.

Austin County Fair Calf Scramble

The deadline for submitting your application to compete at the Austin County Fair Scramble is Monday, September 18th. Applications are available on the Austin County Fair website.

Major Show Broiler Orders

If you are planning to show broilers at the 2018 Texas Major Shows (Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo, San Antonio Livestock Exposition, & Star of Texas) please be sure that you have submitted your order by Monday, October 2, 2017 to the extension office. We will not accept late orders so you must order by the deadline to ensure you have broilers for these spring shows. The cost of birds is \$1.50 per bird. You must order a minimum of 25 birds, you must order in increments of 25 and you may not order more than 75. Order forms have been sent via email.

Heifer Validation

If you plan to show a heifer in the spring major shows, (Ft. Worth, Houston, San Antonio, Austin, etc), it must be validated. We are taking orders for the tags at this time. The order form was sent in an email. If you had your heifer validated in June, you do not need to have it validated again.

Swine Validation

If you plan to show a barrow at the spring major shows, (Ft. Worth, Houston, San Antonio, Austin, etc) it must be validated. We are taking orders for the tags at this time. The order form was sent in an email. Please note the deadline on the form.

Major Show Entry Day

Major show entry day will be on November 1st from 8am-6pm at the extension office. If you validated an animal for the 2018 Texas majors, please ensure that you stop by in order to fill out your entries for those specific shows!

County 4-H Food Show and Food Challenge

Austin County 4-H Food Show/Food Challenge will be here before we know it! If you are interested in either contest, please contact the County Extension Office and leave your name. We want to contact you directly about the upcoming contest because we want as many as possible to participate this year. Contest packets will be going out by the end of September!

2017-18 4-H Photography Contest

4-Hers, the 4-H Photography Project has officially kicked off! Get your cameras ready for another exciting year of photography. Starting the fun now will give you a great opportunity to capture more than one season. Highlights of significant changes for 2017-2018 include:

- Significant changes in the categories which photographs can be entered. The categories for 2017-2018 are:
 - Animals – Domestic
 - Animals – Wildlife (this category will now include aquatic and marine animals)
 - Catch-All (this category should not be used to enter photos that clearly align to another one of the categories). It is designed for misc photos which do not clearly fit into another category.
 - Details & Macro
 - Dominant Color
 - Elements of Design
 - Enhanced (NEW) – formally the Digital Darkroom category
 - Food
 - Landscape & Nature
 - Motion/Action (NEW) – photo capturing movement within a single photo
 - People
 - Plant/Flora
 - Sports – photo that captures individual or team sports.
 - Theme – the theme for 2017-2018 is “BACKYARD.” This creative category will feature photos what one would see when stepping out into your back yard.
 - Travel & Place (NEW) - category includes images that express the joys and adventures of travel photography, showcasing place as an important part of the photo.
- Changes in the resolution and size of photographs:
 - Resolution must be a minimum of 300 dpi high quality (print quality).

- Photograph size must be 3:2 (4”X6”) or 5:4 (8”x10”) ratio (either landscape or portrait).

Texas 4-H Responds to Support for Hurricane Harvey Victims

The Texas 4-H Youth Development Program and the Texas 4-H Youth Development Foundation are teaming up to directly support county 4-H programs and 4-H clubs as they help their communities recover. Monetary donations are being accepted through the Texas 4-H Foundation website (texas4hfoundation.org).

**From Jordan Murray
Frydek 4-H member and Austin County
Council 1st VP
Austin County 4-H
Hurricane Harvey Relief Effort**

As Hurricane Harvey hit, many people were forced to evacuate their homes only being able to grab the essentials and in some instances not even that. With that in mind, their first thing to grab was probably not their backpacks and school supplies.

As soon as things settle down and whether people are back in their communities or having to move to a new one, they will need to get back into some sense of normalcy and they will be in need of school supplies.

I am starting a drive for school supplies and am asking for your help.

If you would like to donate supplies for kids Pre K to College, please drop them off at the Austin County Extension Office, 20 South Holland, Bellville, TX 77418, we will be accepting them from September 5-12.

Texas 4-H Strong Shirts

Diamond E is partnering with numerous districts to raise money for affected families from Hurricane Harvey. To order your shirt, please send the order form and check/cash to Diamond E at P.O. Box 311, Snyder, TX 79550. Shirts will be delivered to the District 11 office in late October and distributed to counties for delivery. Order form is attached.

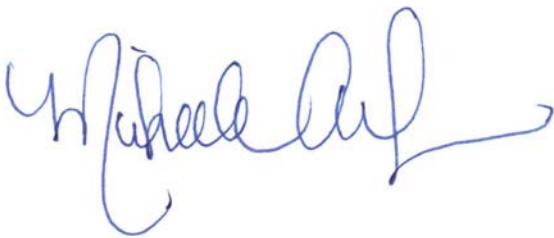
*Austin County 4-H Fair Queen
Candidate – Jasmine Alanis*

Austin County 4-H has selected Jasmine Alanis of Bellville 4-H as the 217 Austin County Fair Queen candidate. Jasmine will be selling for this year's fair. Please show your 4-H pride and support her as she seeks the title of 2017 Austin County Fair Queen and/or Fair Ticket Queen.

*Austin County Fair
Home Economics Division*

4-Hers and parents, it's time once again to begin getting your exhibits together to enter in the Home Economics Division at the 2017 Austin County Fair. Remember 4-H check-in is on Monday, October 8, 2017 (4:00 pm – 6:45 pm) and Tuesday, October 9, 2017 (9:00 am - 11:45 am.) If you have baked items to enter, it might be better to bring them on Tuesday, October 9. Parents, please keep in mind that workers are needed in the General Exhibit Building. We could sure use your help getting the items judged and in place in the building. If you could assist in any way, please contact your club manager or the Extension Office. Your help would be great appreciated. If you have any questions about what can be entered, please contact the Extension Office.

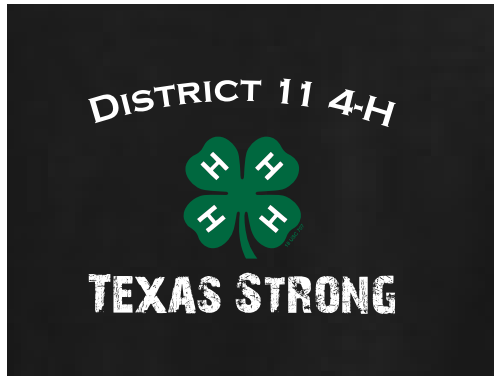
Sincerely,



Michelle Allen
Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service
Austin County
County Extension Agent
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HURRICANE HARVEY T-SHIRT FUNDRAISER

ALL NET PROCEEDS WILL GO TO 4-H FAMILIES
AFFECTED BY HARVEY.



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Sizes Available:

Youth Small - X-Large & Adult Small - 3X-Large (2XL & over add \$4)

Name: _____ Phone # _____

4-H County: _____

T-Shirt \$20 each (+\$4 on 2XL & Over)

Quantity _____ Color _____ Size _____

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Total Enclosed _____

**Orders Due
By Sept. 21st**

District 11 4-H is partnering with Diamond E in Snyder, Texas who is providing the shirts. Please make checks payable to Diamond E and mail to: Diamond E, P.O. Box 311, Snyder, TX 79550. For questions contact Brady Evans at brady@diamondetx.com or 325-574-9704.