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BASTROP COUNTY 4-H NEWSLETTER

Important Announcements

RE-ENROLLMENT

September 1 marks the beginning of our 2010-2011 year, and we will be busy in the coming months completing our re-enrollment process. Please remember that each and every member and leader must complete the enrollment process each year on the 4-H Connect system. Be sure you complete all the information on the family profile, enroll in at least one project, and submit the form (youth and parents). If you are enrolling in more than one club, you must add each club during registration. Remember that the 4-H age is 9 (or 8 and in the 3rd grade) to 19. If we have youth who are ages 5-8, they will need to enroll as a Clover Kid (CK) and be a part of a 4-H Clover Kid group, either within a club or in a separate CK group. Our 4-H members also need to be sure to participate in club meetings, maintain your special project records and keep those grades up, especially if you intend to participate in the livestock shows.

4-H Activities

2009-2010 4-H Awards Banquet

This year's banquet was a great success. Thank you to Brush Poppers 4-H Club for hosting! Award winners will be showcased in the October 7th issue of the Bastrop Advertiser.

NATIONAL 4-H WEEK

October 3-9 is National 4-H Week, and the theme is "Make A Difference For Life Through 4-H". We encourage all clubs to celebrate the week and promote 4-H by recruiting new 4-H members, promoting 4-H at schools, libraries or banks through promotional posters. For other ideas on how to celebrate National 4-H Week, call the office or go to http://texas4-h.tamu.edu/news/national4Hweek/index.php .

The Bastrop Advertiser will again do a Spotlight on 4-H during National 4-H Week. Thank you to all who submitted information. Look for the Spotlight on October 7th!

National 4-H Conference

The National 4-H Conference is the Secretary of Agriculture's premier youth development opportunity to engage youth, ages 15 to 18, in developing recommendations for the 4-H Youth Development Program. The National 4-H

Conference is a working conference in which youth and adults--at the invitation of the Secretary of Agriculture--assist in the development of recommendations to help guide 4-H Youth Development Programs nationally and in their communities. This event brings together youth, volunteer leaders, and state and county Extension staff members from across the United States, the U.S. Territories, and the Canadian Provinces.

The 2011 National 4-H Conference will be held at the National 4-H Youth Conference Center April 2nd through the 7th. The National 4-H Youth Conference Center is located in a quiet, 12-acre campus-like setting in Maryland, one mile from the nation's capital, making it the perfect gateway to Washington, D.C.'s leaders, monuments and museums. To read more on the National 4-H Youth Conference Center, visit http://www.4hcenter.org/center_history.html.

Each year Texas sends a delegation to represent the Texas 4-H and Youth Development Program. Online applications must be submitted through 4-H Connect by November 13, 2010. Delegates selected to represent Texas will be announced December 6, 2010. For more information contact the Extension Office.

4-H Trip to London, Paris, & Rome

District 7 4-H Specialist, Charla Bading, has organized a trip for next summer for youth and adults to travel to Europe and visit London, Paris, and Rome! The estimated travel dates are July 5-13, 2011. She has agreed to open the trip up to District 10 youth and adults as well! Currently, District 7 has approximately 12 youth who are planning to participate.

This international opportunity is open to 4-H members who are 15-18 years of age. The cost is $3,140 and can be paid out each month between the time you register and the time you leave. The Registration deadline is October 31st. Contact the Extension Office for additional information.

Christmas Tree Lighting/Decorating

Council voted to help with the Christmas Tree Lighting at the County Courthouse on Friday, December 10th from 6 to 8 p.m. Each club will be asked to bring ornaments to decorate the tree with. A committee will be meeting soon to establish more specific guidelines and to what type of ornaments are needed. We will have more information for you soon.

Paige 4-H Buyer's Club Chili Supper

The Paige 4-H Buyer's Club will be holding a Chili Supper fundraiser on December 11 at 5 p.m. at the Paige Community Center. Funds raised will be used to support Paige 4-H & FFA livestock projects. Charge is free will donation.

4-H T Shirts For Sale

County 4-H T-Shirts are $10.00 each. They will be great to wear to 4-H camps and events this summer! Please call the office and let us know what size you will need, and we'll have them ready for you to pick up. As always, we take checks or money orders, no cash, before 4:30 p.m.

Agriculture, Natural Resources & Animal Project Information

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER:

10/26 Major Show Sheep and Goat Validation 4:30 to 6:30 pm, Bastrop Show Barn
10/29 Bastrop Show Broiler Orders Due
11/1 Smithville Livestock Show Validation, 6 to 8 pm, Smithville Ag Barn
11/1 Smithville Show Broiler orders and fee due
11/1 Smithville Show beef heifer and rabbit entry cards due
11/1 Bastrop Show Rabbit Entry Cards Due to Superintendent
11/8-10 Major Livestock Show entries due in Extension Office
11/29 Major Show Hog Validation, Elgin Show Barn
12/1 Bastrop County Junior Livestock Show Entries due
12/1 Pick-up Broilers ordered for San Antonio Stock Show
12/4 Bastrop Show Lamb, Goat & Swine Validation, 8 to 10 am, Bastrop Show Barn
1/8/11 Bastrop County Junior Livestock Show, Elgin
1/15/11 Smithville Livestock Show Barrow Validation, 2 to 3 pm, Smithville Ag Building
2/10/11 Bastrop Show Market & Breeding Rabbit Validation, 5:30 to 6:30 pm, BHS Ag. Shop
4/2/11 Smithville Livestock Show, Smithville

Bastrop Area Show Broiler Orders

Bastrop Area Show Broiler Orders are due to the Extension Office on October 29th. Entry cards must be filled out, entry fee of $15 paid to BALS, and the cost for the birds paid to Bastrop 4-H at this time. We will know the cost of the birds by next week. Checks or Money Order only.

Cattlemen For Cancer Research

4-H members and clubs are needed to assist with the Cattlemen for Cancer Research Fundraiser on **October 16** at 10 a.m. at Hills Prairie Livestock Auction. 4-H is using this as a county wide community service project with each club providing a basket or item for the silent auction to benefit the M.D. Anderson Michale E. Keeling Center for Comparative Medicine and Research near Bastrop. Please bring club baskets in to the office by October 14, or take them to Hills Prairie Auction Barn by October 15. Please include a card in the basket with the name of the club and the theme of the basket.

The Cattlemen for Cancer Research Committee formed in 1999 to fight cancer in their own backyard. In those years, CCR has raised more than $760,000 to fund programs of M.D. Anderson's Michale E. Keeling Center for Comparative Medicine and Research. In addition, a separate dedicated fund has provided more than $90,000 to aid patients and their families from Williamson, Travis, Lee, Bastrop, and Hays counties who need

financial assistance with lodging, meals, and transportation while staying in Houston to receive cancer care. Help us support this event.

Major Show Lamb and Goat Validation

If you plan to exhibit a market lamb or goat at the 2010 Fort Worth, San Antonio, Houston, San Angelo or Star of Texas Livestock Shows, you will need to attend lamb and goat validation on **October 26** at the Bastrop Show Barn from 4:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. We will tattoo, eartag and take hair samples on each animal. A parent must be present with you, as we need original signatures on all validation forms. ***This is the only date for goat validation, therefore if you have a conflict, make arrangements with someone to haul your animal to validation.***

2011 Show Rules

The revised rules for the Bastrop Area Livestock Show and the Smithville Livestock Show are now available on the Extension website, http://bastrop-tx.tamu.edu .

Bastrop Area Livestock Show Judges

Poultry - Larry Nickel, LaGrange, TX
Sheep & Goat - Eric Zimmerman, Bryan, TX
Beef & Swine - Rick Fleming, Little River, TX

Beef Project Hoof Trimming

We will have Matt Leopold, hoof trimmer set up from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. to trim hooves on steer and heifer projects on **November 2** at the Bastrop Show Barn. The cost will be $30 per head. If you plan to bring cattle to have their hooves trimmed, please call the office by October 29th to let us know how many to get a head count for Matt.

Major Livestock Show Registration - November 8, 9, & 10

It is time to begin thinking about entering the major livestock shows. You must come to the office and fill out entry forms and pay fees to be officially entered. Bring your Social Security numbers with you, as they are required on entry forms. We will also need original signatures from parents and exhibitors. **No late entries will be accepted. Remember:** Validating an animal does not enter you in the show. Entry forms must still be completed.

Livestock Project Visits

If you would like to request a livestock project visit from Juli or Rachel, please call the office to set up a time.

Rabbit Extravaganza

The Texas Rabbit Extravaganza will be held November 20, 2010 in Gatesville, Texas. Registration deadline is October 20th. This is a great contest for those members enrolled in a rabbit project and you don't even have to own a rabbit to compete! Contest areas, in addition to the rabbit show, include rabbit breed identification, rabbit

judging, educational posters, photo contest, art contest, and t-shirt design contest. For more information contact the Extension Office.

Prospect Shows, Sales, Judging Contests, Shooting Events

The Extension Office receives a large number of flyers advertising prospect shows and sales for steers, heifers, hogs, lambs and goats, as well as livestock and horse judging contests and shooting events. Due to space restrictions in the monthly newsletter, we will have these flyers available at the office instead of printing information on each event. Come by the office if you are interested.

Family & Consumer Sciences Project Information

Achievement Fair

The Bastrop County Extension Education (EE) Association is sponsoring its annual Achievement Fair to be held on Tuesday, November 9, 2010, at the old Sacred Heart School, 4045 FM 535, in Rockne, Texas. The Youth Division exhibit category is open to all youth in Bastrop County. *The complete list of exhibit categories is attached.* All 4-H'ers are encouraged to enter.

Entries will be accepted between 8:00 a.m. and 9:00 a.m. on Tuesday, November 9. Judging will be from 9:00 a.m. to 12 noon.

Food and Nutrition Dates

The ***District Food Challenge*** will be ***Saturday December 11th*** in San Marcos. We still need a few more members in each age group to fill teams from Bastrop County. If you are interested in learning more of what this new contest is like come to a project meeting. The first project meeting will be Monday, October 25th at the Extension Office at 6:00 p.m. If this time does not work for you but you'd like to participate, contact Sarah.

The ***District Food Show and Nutrition Quiz Bowl*** will be ***Monday, January 10th*** in Fredericksburg. The Bastrop Clubs will be the host club for the ***county food show*** this year which will be ***Saturday, December 4th*** at Wyldwood Baptist Church.

Consumer Decision Making

Consumer Decision Making is a competitive event offered through 4-H that enables youth to practice making decisions based on information about a situation and four available marketplace options. The contest includes judging classes and giving oral reasons as to why the youth placed the class the way they did. Sample class scenarios could be: buying a car, purchasing clothing, jewelry, selecting credit card, etc. Teams of 3 or 4 youth can compete as well and individuals. We have a few people interested in each age division but need a couple more to complete teams. We will have practices at the county level so if you do not have others in your club who are interested, don't let that stop you!! Practice meetings will begin in December.

The district Consumer Decision Making contest will be held Saturday, February 5, 2011 in conjunction with the San Antonio Stock Show contest. There is also a contest in San Angelo youth may compete in. If you are interested in participating or know someone who might be, please let us know. Registration deadline is November 30th to Sarah at the Extension Office.

One of our own county 4-H members, Matthew Liverman, won a $10,000 scholarship at the San Antonio contest last year for placing 4th! That could be you!!

Pecan Auxiliary Bake Sale

The Pecan Bake Show & Sale will be Friday, December 3 at First National Bank. 4-H members are encouraged to participate to help raise money for the Pecan Auxiliary Scholarship Fund which is given annually to 4-H members. Clover Kids may also enter this event. Members can bring items to sell in the bake sale and can enter the bake show, so this is actually two events.

Club Reports

Rockne 4-H Club (by Bryce Wyatt, Reporter)

The Rockne 4-H Club is off to another great year of activities. Our first meeting of the year was held September 8th. We welcomed many new members to the club and collected donations for the Bastrop Food Pantry as our community service project. Our citizenship was to display the American Flag during September 11th in remembrance of those who died and who are still serving overseas.

For October, our community service project will be to bring items for the Bakers' Basket which we are donating to the Cattlemen for Cancer Research Auction. Our "One Day 4-H" project will be to work at the RCRC baseball fields on October 9th, with the sponsorship of Catholic Life Insurance. We will paint the concession stand, pick up trash, clean and mow. Our citizenship project will be to promote National 4-H Week by attending the Commissioners' Court on September 27th and to submit articles to the Bastrop Advertiser about 4-H.

Our next 4-H meeting will be held on October 13, 2010 at 6:30 p.m. at the Rockne Sacred Heart Catholic Church.

Office Management

Extension Office Closures

The Extension office will be closed on the following dates in observance of holidays:
October 11th - Columbus Day
November 11 - Veterans Day
November 25-26 - Thanksgiving

Information In Newsletters

The Extension office appreciates all information that leaders and 4-H members provide for the 4-H newsletter. This information is due in writing by the ***third Monday of the month***. We appreciate your continued support of the newsletter.

YOUR NEWSLETTER

Your newsletter is your main source of communication from us to you - our 4-H members, leaders and parents - as well as many of our other Extension clientele and program participants. We try very hard to provide you information to help you know about upcoming activities and opportunities. We take the effort to provide you this publication, so please take the effort to read it so you will know what is happening in our 4-H program. As our postage budget continues to shrink, we will continue to make use of technology (e-mail and our website) to get information out to you. If you do not have internet access, and need to receive the newsletter by hard copy, please let us know. Also let us know if your e-mail address has changed or if you have any problems receiving or opening the newsletter via e-mail. Everyone is welcome to stop by our office for a copy of the newsletter or other information.

Bastrop County Website:

The website has the 4-H monthly newsletters and other pertinent Extension information. You can retrieve a copy of the newsletter (in Adobe Acrobat format) at http://bastrop-tx.tamu.edu.

Office Procedure

All visitors, including 4-H volunteers and members, must enter through the front door and check in with the administrative assistants. Our office hours are Monday thru Friday, 8 a.m. to noon and 1:00 p.m. to 5 p.m. We are closed for lunch from noon till 1:00 p.m. If you are in need of 4-H project information, please contact the Extension office prior to coming to pick it up. This will allow us to better accommodate your requests.

Office Payment Procedures For 4-H CONNECT

The Bastrop 4-H Council partially pays for some events (please check policy handbook for those events). The Council will continue to pay their share of these events; however, the office has a reimbursement policy for bookkeeping purposes. When registering, click on the "electronic check" or "credit card" **payment** selection. After the participant has attended the activity or event, please bring the 4-H Connect receipt to the office, and we will reimburse you for the amount the Council pays for that specific event. Please call the office and allow *one week for reimbursement*. This will ensure that all best practices policies are being met. Financial transactions will not be conducted in the Extension office after 4:30 p.m. There is a NIGHT DROP SLOT in the back door of our office if you cannot come by the office during work hours to drop off materials.

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Extension programs serve people of all ages regardless of socioeconomic level, race, color, sex, religion, disability, or national origin. We seek to provide reasonable accommodations for all persons with disabilities for all meetings. We request that you contact the Extension Office at (512) 581-7186 at least one week in advance of the event to advise us of the auxiliary and/or service that you require. The Texas A&M University System, U.S. Department of Agriculture, and the County Commissioners Courts of Texas cooperating.

ACHIEVEMENT FAIR

NOVEMBER 9, 2010 - ROCKNE SCHOOL

2010 EXHIBIT CATEGORIES

Note: Items with (*) Asterisk entered by EEA members may be taken to District and State. Only one item per pattern may be entered in a category per person. All work must be the work of the person entering. No kits will be allowed. Any entry that the judges deem inappropriately placed will not be judged. Decision of the judges is final.

***1. AFGHANS, TABLECLOTHS, BEDSPREADS, BLANKETS, and THROWS**
A. KNIT B. CROCHET C. Tatted

***2. CERAMICS, CHINA PAINTING, and PORCELAIN**

***3. CRAFT PAINTING**
A. Tole / Decorative Painting B. Stenciling - wood, metal, glass, fabric and gourds

***4. DECORATED GARMENTS** - purchased or handmade - embellished or decorated with fabrics, ribbons, trims, stones, lace (clothing and accessories)

***5. FABRIC CREATIONS** - must be made from fabric
A. Dolls B. Animals C. Baskets
D. Pillows E. Braided rugs F. Door stops
G. Crocheted rag rugs

***6. FIBER ART**
A. Knitting B. Crocheting C. Tatting
D. Macrame E. Spinning F. Weaving
G. Crocheted rugs

***7. GARMENTS & ACCESSORIES, HANDMADE**

***8. HAND STITCHERY**
A. Needlepoint B. Crewel C. Embroidery
D. Candlewicking E. Smocking F. Counted cross Stitch

***9. HOLIDAY DECORATIONS** - any holiday - any medium

***10. JEWELRY**
A. Beads B. Wood C. Shells
D. Watercolor E. Clay F. Paper

***11. PAINTINGS** - drawings
A. Water Color B. Oils C. Pastels
D. Charcoal

***12. PAPER and SCRAP BOOKING** - (May include note cards, pages, and books)

***13. PHOTOGRAPHY**
A. Black and White B. Color

***14. QUILTS (smaller than 50" x 70") HAND QUILTED**

***15. QUILTS (larger than 50" x 70") HAND QUILTED**

***16. QUILTS (smaller than 50" x 70") MACHINE QUILTED**

***17. QUILTS (larger than 50" x 70") MACHINE QUILTED**

***18. QUILTS ANY SIZE - HAND OR MACHINE QUILTED** - constructed and quilted by more than one member.

***19. RECYCLED ITEMS** - Any Medium

***20. WALL HANGING** - Any Medium

21. STAMPED QUILTS - Any Size - Machine or Hand Quilted
(Stamped quilts are NOT eligible for District or State)

22. **MISCELLANEOUS CREATIONS** - any item of merit NOT listed above

23. **HOME PRESERVED FOOD**

A. Vegetables B. Fruits C. Pickles/relishes
D. Jams, jellies, preserves E. Meats F. Dried Food
G. Miscellaneous

All Blue Ribbon jars are judged for Ball or Kerr Jars & Lids Awards.

24. **BREADS / DESSERTS**

(Cream cheese frosting is NOT permitted. The following items are among those considered potentially perishable and will be determined at the judges' discretion:

- ***Cream or custard fillings and/or in cakes, breads, pies, cookies, or candies, or cheese cakes, bread pudding, etc.***
- ***Merinque topping***
- ***Uncooked egg in any product***
- ***Cool Whip)***

A. Cake
B. Cookies - 12 items **1.** Drop **2.** Rolled **3.** Miscellaneous
C. Candy - 12 items
D. Yeast Products
E. Pies
F. Quick Breads
G. Miscellaneous

25. **POT PLANTS**

26. **CUT FLOWERS**

27. **ARTIFICIAL FLOWER**

A. Silk arrangement B. Dried Arrangement C. Corsage

28. **PRODUCE**

A. Vegetables B. Fruits C. Nuts

29. **KITS** - Any item made from a kit. Not eligible for District Competition.

30. **SENIOR CITIZENS DIVISION** - open to all seniors in Bastrop County - includes all divisions listed above

31. **YOUTH DIVISION** - open to all youth in Bastrop County -
3 Age Divisions - includes all divisions listed above

A. 10 and Under B. 11 to 13 C. 14 and over

32. **MEN'S DIVISION** - open to all men in Bastrop County - includes all divisions listed above

33. **NON-MEMBERS** - open to all women in Bastrop County who are not EE members - includes all divisions listed above

34. **EE SCRAPBOOKS**

35. **EDUCATIONAL EXHIBITS** - Each EE club is responsible for one Exhibit.
Bring a card table. An exhibit shows step by step from the beginning to finished product.

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Sponsored by the Bastrop County Extension Education (EE) Association
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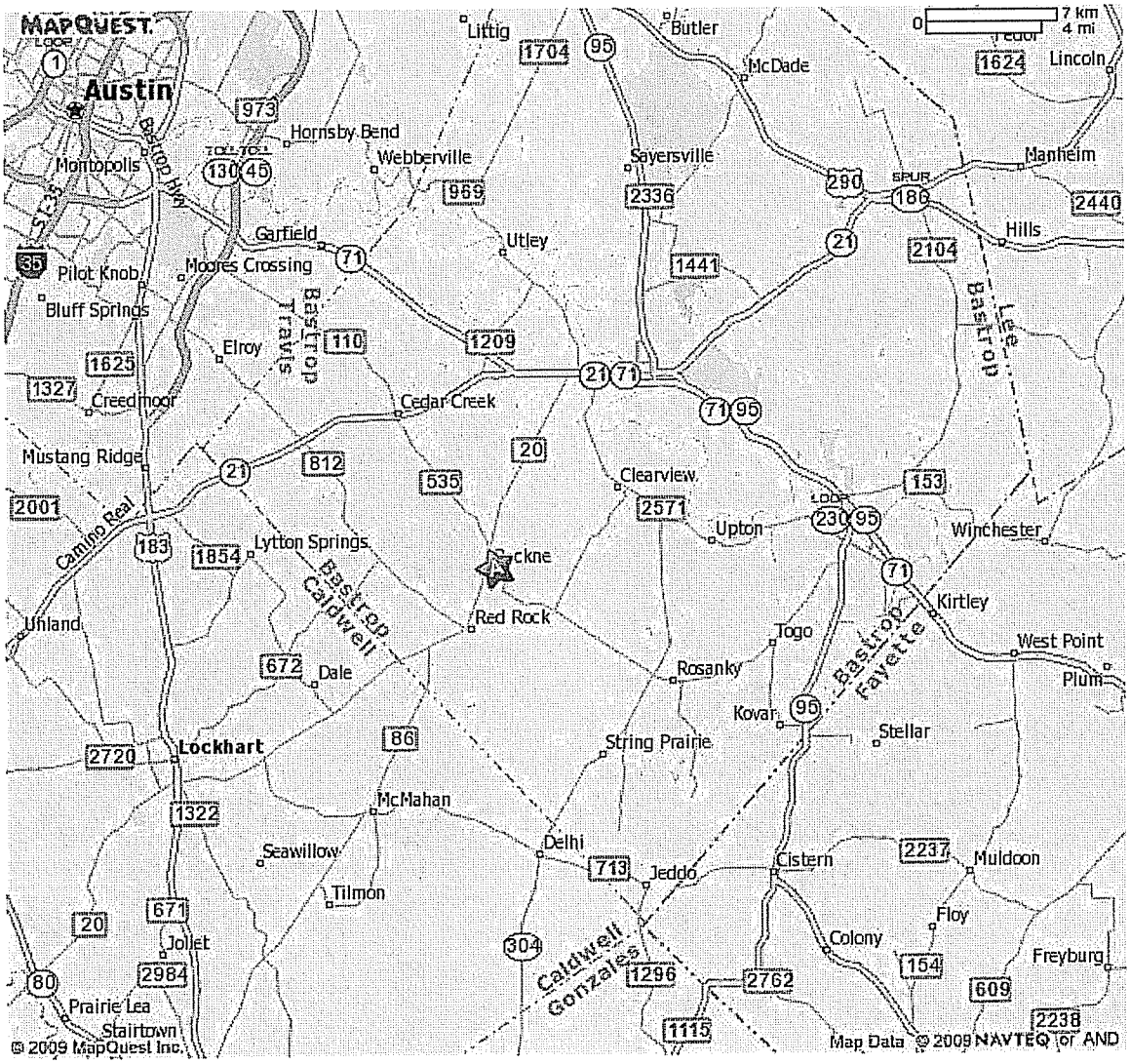
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