

# STERLING COUNTY 4H NEWSLETTER FALL 2011

## WHAT IS 4H?



4H is not only feeding livestock, cooking and sewing, it has much more to offer. To begin with, 4H is a youth development program of the Texas AgriLife Extension Service which focuses on the needs, interests, and concerns of young people. Its aim is to help youth gain a positive self-concept, rational social behavior, knowledge, and problem solving capabilities.

Boys and girls third grade through twelfth grade, from all ethnic, racial, cultural and economic groups, regardless of geographic location, may participate.

Through planned individual projects, meetings, Camps, group activities and participation in local county, regional, state, and national events, members develop new skills, learn cooperation, develop leadership abilities, improve their citizenship and have fun.

A 4H member is a boy or girl who enrolls and participates in a planned sequence of related learning experiences under the guidance of Extension staff members or under the guidance of Extension trained leaders.

Yes, 4H is many things to many people, but it all adds up to developing the youth of today for the challenges of tomorrow.

If anyone is interested in participating in the 4H program in Sterling County, contact the Extension Office, second floor of the County Courthouse or call 378-3181 or see Chad Coburn or Jan Yanez, County Extension Agents.



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### STERLING COUNTY 4H RABIES CLINIC

WHEN: THURSDAY, OCTOBER 13, 2011  
4:00 - 6:00 pm

WHERE: STERLING CO. COMMUNITY CENTER

WHO: GREEN MEADOW VETERINARY CLINIC  
DR. SCOTT BLANTON      SAN ANGELO, TEXAS





## STERLING 4H MEETINGS

4H meetings have been scheduled for the third Wednesday of every month.

- ▶ **SEPTEMBER 21<sup>ST</sup>** We will be holding officer elections at this first meeting of the year. You must be present to be elected as an officer.
- ▶ **OCTOBER 19<sup>TH</sup>**
- ▶ **NOVEMBER 16<sup>TH</sup>**
- ▶ **NO DECEMBER MEETING DUE TO 4H BANQUET. BANQUET DATE AND TIME WILL BE ANNOUNCED AT A LATER TIME.**
- ▶ **JANUARY 18<sup>TH</sup>**
- ▶ **NO FEBRUARY OR MARCH MEETINGS DUE TO STOCK SHOWS**
- ▶ **APRIL 18<sup>TH</sup>**
- ▶ **MAY 16<sup>TH</sup>**
- ▶ **NO SUMMER MEETINGS**

SENIOR CLUB MEETING PLACE WILL BE ANNOUNCED AT A LATER TIME.

JUNIOR CLUB WILL MEET AT THE COMMUNITY CENTER AT 4:00 PM.

### PARTIAL COST RECOVERY INITIATIVE

Beginning this year, as part of the Extension Service's "Partial Cost Recovery Initiative", each 4H member will be required to pay a yearly \$20 membership fee.

These dues must be paid to participate in any 4H program or activity. Fees must be paid by or before September 30, 2011. After September 30<sup>th</sup>, fee will go up to \$25.

Please make checks out to Sterling 4H

### ANNUAL 4H GARAGE SALE

The 4H Garage Sale is scheduled for Tuesday, October 18, 2011, at



the Sterling County Community Center.



Anyone wanting to donate items may do so by calling Linda Horwood (378-8401) or Dawn Foster (378-4803). Donations will be accepted from now until Monday, October 17, 2011.

Set-up is scheduled for Sunday, October 16, 2011, beginning at 4:00 pm. 4H MEMBERS ARE REQUIRED TO HELP WITH SET-UP and TEAR-DOWN

### PUMPKIN DECORATING CONTEST



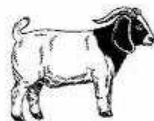
Bring your decorated pumpkin (painted, carved, dressed up, etc.) by the Extension office on October 26<sup>th</sup>, 2011. The pumpkins will be judged on October 27<sup>th</sup>. You will need to pick your pumpkin up on the 27<sup>th</sup> after 2:00 pm but before 4:30 pm.

### LAMB - GOAT - BREEDING SHEEP VALIDATION TAGS

All lambs, goats and breeding sheep that will be shown at the Sterling County and/or any major livestock shows must be validated. The cost of tags for lambs and goats is \$10 each. Tags for breeding sheep is \$4 each.



The deadline for tags is August 26, 2011. Your tag order and money must be turned in to the Extension office on or before that date. The actual validation process will be in October.



### FOODS PROJECT LAB

The 4H Foods and Nutrition Project Lab will be held in October. The exact date and more detailed information will be sent out at a later date.

If you are interested in participating in the Foods and Nutrition Project be



thinking about the categories and recipes that you would like to enter.

### COUNTY FOOD SHOW

The Sterling County Food Show will be held in November 2011. Watch your mail for more information.

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### BACK-TO-SCHOOL BASH

The Junior 4H Club is putting on a "BACK-TO-SCHOOL BASH" (dance) on Friday, August 19, 2011, at the Sterling County Community Center.

The dance begins at 7 pm and lasts until 12 (mid-night).

All INCOMING Sterling City 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> graders are invited. If you are not currently a 4H member we would like to invite you to join us.



Also invited to the BASH are Glasscock, Coke and Tom Green Counties. We are hoping for a **BIG** turn-out.

Sterling 4H'ers will be furnishing the snacks and drinks. The following are asked to bring:

**SNACKS** (cookies, brownies, chips, dips, etc.) Incoming 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, and 8<sup>th</sup> grade 4H members. One snack (full recipe) per 4H member.

**DRINKS** (water and soft drinks) Incoming 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> graders are asked to bring a 12-pack of soft drinks (coke, dr. pepper, sprite, root beer, etc.)

Incoming 5<sup>th</sup> graders are asked to bring a 12-pack of water.



### 4H /FFA QUALITY COUNTS VERIFICATION

I would like to draw your attention to the **MANDATORY QUALITY**

**COUNTS VERIFICATION** for all youth planning to exhibit livestock at the county and/or major stock show level in 2012.

Quality Counts Verification will be a part of the entry process for all major livestock shows in Texas. This means youth exhibitors will demonstrate their knowledge of the Six Pillars of Character and the Eight Core Concepts presented in the Quality Counts Curriculum. **To do this, youth will need to pass an online test on the website <http://qualitycounts.tamu.edu> and acquire a Quality Counts Verification number.**

### THINGS YOU NEED TO KNOW ABOUT VERIFICATION:

2012 - All major livestock shows in Texas will implement Quality Counts Verification at the time of entry. This means youth will need to be verified prior to entry in the fall of 2011.

Verification Number is obtained by answering 80% of the questions correctly on an online test.

The Quality Counts website <http://qualitycounts.tamu.edu> will serve as your portal to the online test and educational resources related to Quality Counts.

You may review the material and take the test on your own, but I will also offer a training and testing opportunity in late summer. If you have any questions, let me know.

The District 7 **PROJECT DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEES** need **YOU** to be successful! The purpose of these district-wide committees is to develop project training opportunities for specific projects. The nine committees will be:



Saturday  
August 20, 2011  
8:45 am

\$7 per person

Beef  
Clothing  
Consumer Education  
Foods & Nutrition  
Horse  
Photography  
Natural Resources  
Sheep/Goats  
Shooting Sports  
Swine

Each of these nine committees are made up of volunteers and youth interested in that project area. Each committee plans one educational training yearly to expand the educational opportunities in District 7. This is a great opportunity to gain new knowledge in your project area and work with other volunteers and youth from across the district. Each committee elects 3 youth officers. This means we have **27 district leadership opportunities in Dist 7.**

The schedule for the day will be:

8:45-9:30	Registration
9:30 - 10:00	Morning General Session
10:00 - 12:00	District 4H Council & Volunteer Leaders Association Meetings
12:00 - 1:00	Lunch - Provided by District 7 Adult Leaders Association
1:00 - 2:30	Project Development Committee Training/Workshops Project Development Committee Business Meeting Orientation for new officers
2:30 - 3:00	Committee reports

The **District 7 4H Council** and the **District 7 Volunteer Leaders Association** will also meet. **Every parent, leader and 4H member** is invited to participate.

The success of this new opportunity lies within each of you - please mark your calendar and plan to attend!

Contact your County Extension Office to register

Location: Grape Creek Baptist Church  
9781 Grape Creek Road, San Angelo, Texas 76901

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If you have questions about any of the above mentioned items please feel free to call Chad or Jan at 378-3181

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