



EASTLAND COUNTY



4-H FOCUS

JULY/AUGUST, 2011

4-H Record Books

Congratulations to 4-H club members turning in Record Books. These books were judged on Monday, June 20th. Those receiving first place in each category will advance to the District Record Book Judging which will be held July 7th. Listed below are 4-Hers who turned in Record Books for 2010-2011 4-H year:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Division</u>	<u>Club</u>	<u>Category</u>
Jill Keierleber *	Senior	Rising Star	Clothing/Textiles
Kinsey Nall *	Senior	Rising Star	Rabbit
Aubrey Lawrence*	Senior	Rising Star	Food & Nutrition
Hailey Parks*	Senior	Carbon	Goat
Kailee Nall *	Intermediate	Rising Star	Rabbit
Matthew Lawrence *	Intermediate	Rising Star	Goat
Samuel Keierleber *	Intermediate	Rising Star	Wildlife
Clint Petree *	Junior	Red Gap	Photography
Caryn Lawrence*	Junior	Rising Star	Food & Nutrition

* Going to District

Results from District Record Book Judging to be held on Thursday, July 7, 2011 in Waxahachie will be in the next newsletter.

4-H Star Awards Judging

The 2010-2011 Star Awards Judging was held on Friday, June 20th at the Eastland County Courthouse Conference Room beginning at 10:00 a.m. Applicants prepared an exhibit of their 4-H career, pictures, awards, etc. and set it up for the interview. The following applied for Star Awards:

Gold Star Award - Aubrey Lawrence - Rising Star 4-H

Gold Star Award - Kinsey Nall - Rising Star 4-H

Silver Star Award -Sam Keierleber - Rising Star 4-H

Silver Star Award -Kailee Nall - Rising Star 4-H

Bronze Star Award - Caryn Lawrence - Rising Star 4-H

Bronze Star Award - Clint Petree - Red Gap 4-H

“I DARE YOU” Award - Jill Keierleber - Rising Star 4-H

“I DARE YOU” Award - Aubrey Lawrence - Rising Star 4-H

4-Hers Compete at 2011 State 4-H RoundUp

Throughout the week of June 13-17, 2011, Eastland County 4-H members competed at the 74th annual State 4-H Round-Up in College Station. This was a time of excitement, reward and fun for these outstanding young people in our community. In order to advance to state competition, a senior 4-H member (14-18 years of age) must win 1st Place at County and 1st Place at District competition. From there they compete at Round-Up and face the top winner from each of the twelve districts in Texas. The competition is rigid and there is only one 1st Place winner for the state of Texas in each category!

Jill Keierleber, a Rising Star 4-H member, placed 1st in the Wool and Natural Fiber Contest. Jill constructed a jacket, vest and skirt all from 100% wool fabric....Jill also competed in the Wildlife Judging Contest.

Aubrey Lawrence, a Rising Star 4-H member, competed in the Public Speaking event. Aubrey’s speech covered the topic of beef cattle reproduction and the various methods of cattle reproduction.

The Quilt Challenge Team competed against 75 quilts and unfortunately did not place in the top three. The 4-H Quilt Challenge is an opportunity for 4-H members to design a quilt around a piece of fabric and display the quilt at Texas Round-Up. The 4-H members have been meeting on Saturdays at the Choate Ranch in Cisco to construct their quilt. Jerry Choate, owner of J T Ranch Dry Goods, has been so accommodating in helping the 4-H members with their quilt.

Attending Round-Up as coaches were: County Extension Agent Halee Mitchell and Rising Star 4-H Adult Leader, Caryl Lawrence.



Tractor Supply Fund-raiser

There will be an Eastland County 4-H Council Fund-raiser on July 9th at the Eastland Tractor Supply Store in Eastland. We will be cooking hotdogs and having bake goodies for sale. We need some 4-H members willing to work a couple of hours and bring some baked goodies on that day! The fundrasier will start at 10:30 am and last until 1:30 pm. Please let us know if you are interested in helping out!!

Eastland County 4-H is now on FACEBOOK!

Search for Eastland County 4-H and LIKE the facebook page and stay up to date on all 4-H activities for Eastland County.



Texas Rangers 4-H “Greenout” Night

The Texas Rangers will host a 4-H “Greenout” event on August 27th at the Ball Park in Arlington. New GM Nolan Ryan was a 4-H member in his youth and is now a major supporter of our program. Each 4-H member, 13 and under, will receive a green Texas Rangers T-Shirt with their ticket purchase. Also, for every ticket sold \$3.00 will go to the Texas 4-H Program.

Eastland County 4-H members who would like to go can call the Extension Office and place their ticket order. Tickets are \$19. When you place your ticket order, please give us a T-Shirt size. We plan to car pool to the Ball Park. If you want to go, we must have your ticket order and money by Friday, July 29th. This is a great way to show how strong 4-H is in Texas, and see some great baseball. For more information you can call the Texas AgriLife Extension Office at 254/629-2222 or 629-1093. We hope to see you there!

DeLeon Rodeo Queen

The *DeLeon Rodeo Association* is now taking entries for the 2011 Rodeo Queens.

Junior Contestants Ages 10-13 by July 22, 2011

Senior Contestants Ages 14-20 by July 22, 2011

Senior Queen will receive a **\$500** College Scholarship

Queen contestants will be judged on August 16, 2011. The Contest is Open to Brown, Comanche, Eastland, Erath, Hamilton and Mills County residents. All entries must be in by July 22, 2011. For more information please call Joyce Clark at (254) 967-4693 or email deleonrodeo@yahoo.com.

Adult Leaders Meeting & 4-H Council

There will be an Adult Leaders and 4-H Council meeting on August 17th, 5:30 p.m. at the Eastland County Extension Office. This meeting will be to discuss the upcoming 4-H year and procedures on how to collect 4-H membership enrollment. Club Managers and Assistants and Council Officers should attend this meeting plus other interested leaders. Any questions, call the Extension Office at 254/629-2222.

Mini Sewing Camp

Are you 6-8 years of age and interested in sewing camp . . . then here is the SCOOP!!! There is going to be a Mini Sewing Camp for ages 6-8 years on August 2nd at the Eastland County Courthouse Conference Room starting at 9:00 a.m. and ending around 3:00 p.m. Several project will be sewn during the day. Register for this camp by Monday, July 25th by calling the Extension Office at 254/629-2222. Cost for this Mini Sewing camp will be \$10.00 per participant.

Sewing Camp - August 3-4 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.

Looking for something fun and creative to do this summer? Sign up for Sewing Camp! August 3-4 at the Conference Room in the Courthouse. Sewing camp offers a fun and safe environment, where you can learn and be creative during those hot summer days. Several projects will be sewn during the days.

Please register for Sewing Camp by Monday, July 25th by calling the Eastland County Extension Office at 254/629-2222. Supplies will be purchased for those calling in by the registration deadline date. Those not registering ahead of time may not have supplies to make all the crafts. Cost is \$20.00 per person.

General supplies to bring to workshop every day:

- * Scissors, pins and pin cushion, thread
- * Sewing machine with extra needles - - be sure you know how to thread your own machine. If you do not have a machine, call the Extension Office (254/629-2222).
- * Sack lunch and extra drinks or snacks if you wish.

West Texas Fair More Than Just Animals

The West Texas Fair in Abilene is September 9-17, 2011. You may enter your photography entries here, plus other categories you might be interested in as well. The catalogue might not be posted to the website below just yet, but keep checking or you can call the Extension Office for any questions you might have. This would be a great experience for you and your family adults can enter as well! ! ! Plus it could go in your Record Book!

Website for West Texas Fair Catalog - <http://www.taylorcountyexpoenter.com> .

Market Lamb & Meat Goat Validation

If you plan to show a market lamb or meat goat at the County or any major stock show in 2012, you will have to have them validated in October.

You must **ORDER & PAY** for your major show tags at the Eastland Extension Office by August 22nd . . Cost is \$8.00 per tag. You do not need to order County show tags.

R E M E M B E R Come By The Extension Office And ORDER and PAY For Your Tags By August 22nd ! ! !

State Fair

Any 4-Her wanting to enter livestock in the State Fair of Texas, September 30th - October 23rd, needs to come by the Extension Office for entry cards. State Fair entries close August 25th, BUT I NEED THEM BY AUGUST 10th ! ! ! ! Call or come by the office for more information or look on the internet at <http://www.bigtex.com>

West Texas Fair

4-Hers wanting to enter their projects at the West Texas Fair in Abilene can pick up entry cards in the Extension Office. The only entries this office can handle are Meat Goats, Junior Heifers and Junior Market Steers. All other projects must be mailed by the individual as those are open shows. The West Texas Fair is scheduled for September 9th-17th. Entry deadline is August 15th. I will need your entries by August 10th!

The swine and lamb shows are considered open shows at the West Texas Fair. Entries must be completed on your own. However, entry cards will be available at my office.

Market Swine Validation

All 4-Hers with market swine who want to show in county or any major stock shows in 2012 will have to have them validated in November. Those not validated will be ineligible to show. More details on swine validation will come later, but DO NOT FORGET . . . MARKET SWINE Need to be VALIDATED ! ! !

4-H Livestock Project

Any 4-Her needing help finding a lamb, goat or swine project, needs to call the Eastland County Extension Office at 254/629-1093 or 629-2222. We will try and help you locate a project.

Photography Contest

Do you like to take pictures? Then the photography project is just for you! If you would like to learn more about the photography project and contest please contact the Extension Office for more details. In the meantime make sure to be taking lots of pictures during your summer vacations. You could have the winning picture! Eastland County Photography Contest deadline is September 9th! First place from each category will advance to the District Contest, which will take place at the Heart of Texas Fair in Waco. There will be changes to the Photography Contest. More details to follow very soon. If you have questions, please call the Extension Office at 254/629-2222.

IMPORTANT EASTLAND COUNTY STOCK
SHOW RULE CHANGES

Market Hog Weights:

200 - 270 pounds with a three (3) pound tolerance

Market Steer Rules

All steers will be shown by weight. They will no longer be broken by breed. All steers will show together.

Heifer Rules

Heifers will be shown by breed and must show breed registration papers. Papers must be in the exhibitors name by December 1st. Any heifer without papers will show as an All Other Breed.

Sheep Rules

You may now show four (4) Market Sheep, but one must be a hair sheep.

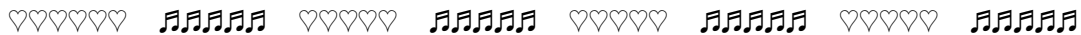
Commercial Heifer Show

No limit to how many heifers can be validated.

Exhibitor may enter single or pens of three (3) or any combination, but limited to three entries.

Single entry fee \$15; pen of three (3) fee \$30

There are more rule changes; for a complete set of rules contact the Extension Office.



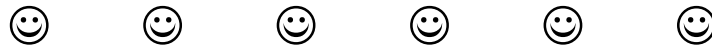
MARK YOUR CALENDAR!!!

- District Record Book Judging July 7, 2011
- 4-H Council Trip July 13-15, 2011
- State Horse Show, Abilene July 24-27, 2011
- Mini Sewing Camp (ages 6-8 years of age) August 2, 1011
- 4-H Sewing Camp August 3-4, 2011
- West Texas Fair Entries Due August 10, 2011
- State Fair of Texas Entries Due August 10, 2011
- Eastland County 4-H Banquet August 14, 2011
- 4-H Council & 4-H Adult Leaders Meetings August 17, 2011
(Both meetings at Eastland County Courthouse at 5:30 p.m.)
- Market Lamb & Meat Goat Tags Ordered August 22, 2011
- Texas Rangers 4-H "Greenout" Night August 27, 2011
- Pictures Due To Extension Office for Photo Contest September 9, 2011
(Pictures due in Extension Office. This Photography Contest is to qualify for the District Contest, which will be held at the Heart of Texas Fair in Waco.)
- Adult Leaders & 4-H Council Meeting s September 21, 2011
(5:30 p.m. at Eastland County Courthouse)
- Holiday Classic - Belton November 12-13, 2011
(This is a showmanship workshop. Call Heath Begeman for more information.)
- Adult Leader & 4-H Council Meetings November 16, 2011
(5:30 p.m. at Easltand County Courthouse)
- Eastland County Food Show/Food Challenge November 19, 2011
- District Food Show/Food Challenge - Belton December 8, 2011



4-H Banquet Date Set

This year Carbon 4-H Club is the host for the Banquet. The date for the Banquet is Sunday, August 14, 2011 beginning at 2:00 p.m. at the Carbon Community Center. Each 4-H family is to bring a dessert. Carbon 4-H will provide the plates, napkins, utensils, cups and drinks. EACH CLUB is to donate 5 items for the Silent Auction which will be manned by the Adult Leaders Association. If you should have any questions or problems with getting the 5 items, please let Heath or Halee know and they will work with you on this.



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