



# Grimes County 4-H Express



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**Please review and follow all rules and guidelines to all contests, events, and activities in which you participate.**

**4-H COUNCIL MEETING– May 21, 2011**

The Council meeting is set for Saturday, May 21 at 9:00 a.m. at the Anderson-Shiro Elementary School cafeteria. A continental breakfast will be provided, council officer speeches delivered, and officer elections held. Though the meeting is open to every Grimes County 4-H youth, each 4-H club is asked to provide two voting delegates who will cast votes for their club.

**PARENT, VOLUNTEER & ADULT LEADERS ASSOCIATION MEETING**

The volunteer, parent, adult leaders' meeting is set for Saturday, May 21, 2011 at the Anderson-Shiro Elementary School library at 9:00 a.m. Every parent and adult leader is welcome to attend these meetings.

**FINANCE TASK FORCE**

The Finance task Force will meet following the Adult Leader and Council Meeting in the library. The 4-H budget will be set for the 2011-2012 year.

**Upcoming Dates/Deadlines**

- May 9, 10, or 14-Mandatory meeting for Creative Arts Department
- May 10– Hog Clinic– Fairgrounds-6:00 p.m.
- May 11– State Roundup entries and fees due
- May 27– District 9 4-H Leadership Lab Registration and fees due
- May 28– Clipping Day for Sheep, Goats, and Pigs– Fairgrounds
- May 29– Clipping Day for Steers
- June 2-11 Grimes County Fair
- June 13-17 State 4-H Roundup
- June 16– County Recordbooks are due by 7pm
- June 21-23– District 9 Horse Show
- June 28-30– District 9 Leadership Lab
- June 28– Major Show Steer and State Fair of Texas Sheep and Goat validation
- June 29– Major Show Turkey order deadline
- July 6- District 9 Recordbook Judging
- July 11– Star Award Interviews
- July 13– 16 Brownwood County Camp
- July 27-29– Grimes County 4-H Camp
- July 29- District 4-H Leader College Registration due

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## Newsletter Trivia

## Upcoming Dates/Deadlines Continued

August 1– re-enroll in 4-H on 4-H Connect

August 2– Council Officer Training

August 6– Club Officer and Manager Training 10:00 a.m. to 12 noon Location TBA

August 13– District Leader College

August 13– District 4-H Council Meeting

August 13– District Adult Leaders Advisory Task Force Meeting



**Get 4-H  
Connected**



Log on to 4-H Connect at <http://texas4-h.tamu.edu/4hconnect/index.html> to join your selected club or clubs.

For adults working with youth, Agrilife Extension and the Cooperative Extension Program require a background screening in order to comply with Texas Youth Protection Standards.

### Deadline for Next Newsletter

News articles for the September edition of the 4-H newsletter should be emailed to Shane Jennings by August 23 to [ssjennings@ag.tamu.edu](mailto:ssjennings@ag.tamu.edu). Please put in the subject box September Newsletter Info.

### Market Hog Workshop

For those if you who are feeding hogs for the Grimes County Fair, there is a workshop scheduled for May 10, 2011 at 6pm at the Grimes County Fairgrounds. Speaker will encompass finishing factors of the project in addition to some showmanship techniques. Please RSVP by May 4, 2011 at 936 873 3907.



### 4-H Newsletter to be emailed

Many of you may be aware of our current economic situation and state mandated budget reductions. With those reductions, one of the first decreases is in postage. In order for us to reduce our postage, we will sending out the newsletter electronically through email in addition to it being posted on our website. If you do not have an email or internet access, please contact our office at 936-873-3907 and ask to receive a hard copy of the 4-H newsletter.

This will be the last hard copy newsletter that you receive so make sure that the email address that you have listed on 4-H connect is checked regularly. We will be emailing the newsletter in addition 4-H update email blasts as they are needed.



## 59th Annual Grimes County Fair

The 2011 Grimes County dates are just around the corner, June 4-11. Fair books have been distributed. Please take the time to review rules, check-in times, mandatory meeting requirements, and let's have a great fair.

### Reminder

- ⇒ Market Steer Final weigh in is May 2, 2011 6-7 p.m. at Navasota Livestock Auction.
- ⇒ In-County Beef Show– Entry must be mailed by May 15, 2011
- ⇒ Scramble applications must be turned into Ag Science teacher or County Extension Agent by May 10, 2011.
- ⇒ Pen of 3 Heifers: Final Palpation is May 16, 2011 from 5:30-7:30 P.M. at the Navasota Livestock Auction Barn.
- ⇒ Creative Arts and Living Division: Mandatory meeting dates are May 9,10,14. You will only need to attend one of these meetings.

The Grimes County Fair website is now up and running. Be sure to visit <http://www.grimescountyfair.com/exhibitor.html> to find important fair information and upcoming dates.

### National Anthem Singers Needed for Grimes County Fair

Get your voices and instruments in tune and call Sandra Kuta at (936) 870-5550 if you would like to sing or render an instrumental version of the National Anthem during the fair this year. You may count this as volunteer leadership or citizenship in your 4-H recordbook.

### Queen Candidates

Kathaleen Lookadoo, Anderson 4-H- (830)-965-6919

Raelyn Johnson, Iola 4-H- (979)-255-2851

### Jr. Princess

Candace Slaton, Iola 4-H- (303)-502-6764

Jodilyn Marrs, Plantersville Kountry Kickers- (936)-894-1819



Please support these 4-H members as they campaign. Give them a call for your fair pass needs.

### Senior Citizen's Day at the Fair

June 8 marks senior citizens in Grimes and surrounding counties. Please tell your family member who are senior citizens. Each year about 200 from this group come out for health screenings, entertainment, and a spaghetti meal. This is an excellent opportunity to gain volunteer hours.

**Door prizes and bingo prizes are needed.** This an excellent opportunity for community service. If you would like to donate, items need to be received in the Extension office on or before June 7, 2011. Please only new items or homemade items.



## 4-H Enrollment Fee to be implemented for 2011-2012



Dear Texas 4-H Families:

Thank you for being an integral part of the largest youth development program in Texas, and the largest 4-H Program in the world. Texas is proud to boast the largest 4-H membership enrollment, total 4-H participation, and the largest 4-H volunteer base in the United States.

In saying that, we are also compelled to tell you that this is indeed a challenging economic time for everyone. The Texas AgriLife Extension Service and 4-H are no different; however, we remain committed to ensuring a strong 4-H and Youth Development Program for our families.

To maintain the level of programming and opportunities in the Texas 4-H and Youth Development Program, an annual participant fee is necessary for each 4-H member starting with the 2011-2012 4-H year on September 1, 2011. This participant fee of \$25, or \$20 if enrolled from September 1st to October 31st, will hopefully ensure that the Texas AgriLife Extension Service can continue to deliver the highest quality 4-H program in the world. A recent national research study shows:

- Members reporting better grades, higher level of academic competence, and an elevated engagement at school.
- Two times as many members likely to plan to go to college than non-members.
- Members that reveal significantly lower drug, alcohol and cigarette use than their peers.
- Members that are three times more likely to actively contribute to their communities when compared with youth that do not participate in 4-H.

Quite simply, we are convinced that this participation fee is an investment in the youth of Texas. The Texas AgriLife Extension Service is committed to the youth of Texas and it is critically important that each 4-H family knows we are dedicated to continuing to provide the best program worldwide. As we all go through a transition period, we ask each of you to partner with us in creating a positive environment for all our 4-H members.

Thanks for all you do and thanks for **MAKING THE BEST BETTER!**

The Texas AgriLife Extension Service and the Texas 4-H and Youth Development Program



*4-H equipped me with the tools needed to build a successful future. It taught me how to be personable, work efficiently in teams, and how to be a kind leader. Most importantly the relationships that were built during my time in 4-H are priceless and I will treasure every memory made.*

*Former 4-H Member & Current Texas A&M University Student*

**We teach life skills**

**We instill values**

**We build leaders**

**WE ARE TEXAS 4-H!**





## County Recordbook Award Interviews

Award interviews for 4-H members completing a record book is set for Tuesday **July 11, 2011** from **3:00-5:00 p.m.** at the Grimes County Extension Office. We will be scheduling the interview times and interviewees will receive a letter/ email with their designated interview time. If there is a major conflict the time assigned to you, then contact us immediately and we will do our best to accommodate your request.

## Club Officer and Club Manager Training

Club Officer and Club Manager Training is scheduled for Saturday August 6, 2011 from 10:00 a.m. to 12 noon Location to be announced.

All club officers and club managers are encouraged to attend, so please mark your calendars and plan to attend.

## Major Show Steer Validation

Major Show steer validation is scheduled for June 29, 2011 at the Navasota Livestock Barn at 10:00 a.m.. If you ordered steer tags for Dallas, Fort Worth, San Antonio, Houston, San Angelo, or Austin, you will need to bring your steer to the sale barn to have him validated and tagged. If you have any questions, let us know at 936-873-3907.

## State Fair of Texas Sheep & Goat Validation

If you ordered tags for State Fair Sheep & Goats, validation is scheduled for June 29 at 6:00 p.m. at the Fairgrounds. Please mark your calendars for this date to get your animals tagged.

Please remember that validation does not mean that your animal has been entered in the show. An entry process is still required at a later date.

## Remember to Update 4-H Enrollment—August 1

September 1, 2011 marks the beginning of the 2011-2012 year in 4-H. Therefore, every 4-H member will need to go on 4-H connect to re-enroll at <http://texas4-h.tamu.edu/> . The earliest date to re-enroll in 4-H is August 1, 2011 for the new year. Please note that after **August 31**, everyone is switched to inactive on the computer and Grimes County 4-H enrollment goes to zero.

Be aware that your meetings for the Fair should not be counted until you are officially enrolled. Let's all work together to make sure that everyone is enrolled as soon as possible. For families without internet access at home please contact Sandra Curl at (936)-873-3907 so that we can get you enrolled in a timely manner. Our enrollment is online. Therefore, completing a paper enrollment form is **NOT** necessary. However, your 4-H club manager might ask for information in order to be able to contact members and parents by mail and phone.

## District 9 Leadership Lab

**When:** June 28– 30, 2011

**Where:** Sam Houston State University

Registration Deadline: May 27, 2011 through 4-H Connect

<http://D94-h.tamu.edu>

Schedule and Brochure to be released at a later date.



## Grimes County 4-H Camp– Save the Date

We will be hosting an in county 4-H camp on July 27-29. The camp will be in Navasota at the fairgrounds. and will be for all ages, 3rd –12th grade.

Topics to be offered but not limited to are:

Cooking, Archery, ATV Safety, Fitness, Woodworking, Dancing, etc.

More details will be emailed out as they are finalized.

## Texas Poultry Institute

**When:** June 12– 15

**Where:** Texas A&M

**Cost:** \$50 per participant

**Who is eligible:** The Institute is open to students who will be enrolled in the Fall 2011 semester as a high school junior or senior, college freshmen.

Call Jennifer at 979-845-1654 to apply or log on to [http://posc.tamu.edu/extensionprograms/youth\\_programs/index.htm](http://posc.tamu.edu/extensionprograms/youth_programs/index.htm) to find the application.



## Show Cattle Camp

The Sixth Annual Show Cattle Camp will be hosted at the Texas A&M Beef Cattle Center on June 10 -12 and June 17-19. This is a hand on camp emphasizing showmanship, day-to-day management and creating your own Champion. For all the details go to <http://animalscience.tamu.edu/workshops/youth-workshops/index.htm>





## Summer Camp Opportunities

### Prime Time

What: Prime Time is a chance for youth to meet new friends, develop new skills, learn how to work with others and have fun. Activities include swimming, canoeing, archery, fitness, riflery, crafts, games, climbing, rappelling and more.

When: Session 1 - July 24-27 for youth ages 12-13; Session 2 - July 27-30 for youth ages 9-11

Where: Texas 4-H Center in Brownwood

Registration Details: Early registration has a fee of \$220 and takes place via 4-H Connect from March 14-May 6. Late registration is \$245. First come-first serve.

### SpecTra

*Special Training and Spectacular Tradition...*

What: This week long camp for teens focuses around project enhancement, career exploration and personal/professional development. The camp concludes with a professional reception, formal dinner and celebration dance.

When: July 18-22

Where: Texas 4-H Center in Brownwood

Registration Details: More details coming soon.

### Bits, Bytes & Bots

What: A week long camp focused on technology and punctuated with all of the fun summer camp activities, such as kayaking, swimming, archery, challenge course and more.

When: June 6-10

Where: Texas 4-H Center.

Who: Youth, ages 9-14

Registration Details: Registration is \$438 and is limited to 20 youth. More details coming soon.

### County 4-H Camp

When: July 13-16

Where: Texas 4-H Center in Brownwood

Registration: March 14-May 6, 2011 through 4-H Connect. Children 9-18 may attend.

Cost: \$220 for youth and \$105 for Adult chaperones and a portion of this cost will be paid by the 4-H Council.

Lessons will be taught by Texas A&M faculty and staff, AgriLife Extension employees, livestock breeders, and successful project leaders.



For youth ages 14 and older.

Deadline to apply: June 24, 2011

**Cost \$100  
Meals & Lodging  
Included!**

## 4-H Livestock Ambassador Short Course

**July 18-21, 2011  
Texas A&M University Beef Center**

Arrival: July 18th, 9:00 a.m.  
Departure: July 21st, 5:30 p.m.

### Topics Include:

- 4-H Project Management
- Food Safety
- Animal Husbandry
- Nutrition
- Grading and Fabrication
- Public Speaking
- Diseases and Treatments
- Degrees and Careers
- Quality Counts

**Contact:**  
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(936)348-2234  
billy.zanolini@agnet.tamu.edu

The Texas 4-H Livestock Ambassador Program will equip youth with the knowledge and skills to become ambassadors for Texas AgriLife Extension Service, the Texas 4-H program and animal science as it relates to livestock projects.

The short course will be college level animal science curriculum. It will take an in-depth look at sheep, goat, swine, and cattle production in Texas and how it relates to the show ring.

**A 4-H Livestock Ambassador is an outstanding student that has completed the 4-H Livestock Ambassador Short Course and is willing to assist 4-H families in their counties with their livestock projects.**

The students will be required to log at least 30 hours of service annually helping novice 4-H'ers with their livestock project and educating fellow 4-H'ers. The program is designed for youth wanting to enhance their livestock production knowledge and leadership skills.



*Extension programs serve people of all ages regardless of socioeconomic level, race, color, sex, religion, disability or national origin. The Texas A&M University System, U.S. Department of Agriculture, and the County Commissioners Courts of Texas Cooperating. A member of the Texas A&M University System and its statewide Agriculture Program.*

## County Fashion Show



Z Z Warren

Kirstie Busa

Cierra Myles- Williams

Jodilyn Marrs

Hannah Atkinson Valerie Busa





## Grimes County Shining Stars

### **District Roundup Results**

#### **Buying**

Hannah Atkinson – 1st place Junior Special Purpose

Jodilyn Marrs – 1st place Intermediate Dressy

Cierra Myles-Williams– 1st place Senior Formal– **Advancing to State!**

#### **Construction**

Kirstie Busa- 4th place Junior Dressy

Z'aundria Warren- 1st place Senior Formal– **Advancing to State!**

#### **Food & Nutrition**

Hannah Atkinson– 1st place Junior

#### **Poetry/Prose**

Naomi Durfee– 1st place Junior

Kirstie Busa– 3rd place Junior

Hannah Atkinson– 5th place Junior

#### **Solo/Band Performance**

Joshua Williams– 2nd place Senior– **Advancing to State!**

#### **Vocal**

Tonia Lambert– 3rd place Senior Vocal

#### **Food Show**

Mikaela Dickenson– 2nd place Junior Main Dish

Madison Cruz– 3rd place Junior Fruit & Vegetable

Lauren Wheaton– 5th place Junior Bread & Cereal

Jodilyn Marrs– 2nd place Intermediate Main Dish

#### **Food & Nutrition Quiz Bowl**

1st place Intermediate team– Lauren Wheaton, Madison Cruz, Mikaela Dickenson, & Sarah Walkoviak



# May 2011

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	<b>1</b> GCF Steer Final Weigh in	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>
<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	Hog clinic Fairgrounds 6pm	<b>10</b>	State Roundup entries and fees due	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>
<b>15</b>	GCF Pen of 3 Final Palpation Navasota Livestock	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>
<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	D9 Leader Lab registra- tion due	<b>27</b>
Clip Day Steers	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>			Clip Day- Sheep, Goats, Pigs

# June 2011

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	Grimes County Fair
<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>
			Grimes County Fair			
<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>	County recordbooks due	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>
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<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	Major Show Validation	<b>28</b>	Major Show Turkey orders	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>
			D9 Leadership Lab			

# July 2011

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	
					1	2	
3	4	5	D9 record-book Judging	6	7	8	
10	Star Award interviews	11	12	13	14	15	
			Brownwood County 4-H Camp				
17	18	19	20	21	22	23	
24	25	26	27	28	29	30	
			Grimes County 4-H Camp				
31							

# August 2011

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	Reenroll in 4-H via 4-H Connect	Council Officer Training	3	4	5	Club Officer /Manager Training
7	8	9	10	11	12	D9 Leader College & Leader Meetings
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30	31			



*Improving Lives. Improving Texas.*

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4-H is a community of young people across America who are learning leadership, citizenship and life skills. 4-H is about having fun, learning, exploring and discovering. In 4-H, young people make new friends, develop new skills, become leaders and help shape their communities.

*Educational programs of Texas AgriLife Extension Service and the Cooperative Extension Program are open to all people without regard to race, color, sex, disability, religion, age, or national origin.*

# September 2011

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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24	25	26	27	28	29	30