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4-H Meeting



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4-H Cow Patty Bingo Fundraiser

November 12, 2011

2:00p.m.

All tickets need to be returned on or before November 12th. The office will be closed on Friday Nov. 11th in observance of Veterans Day.

Extension Office Closings



Friday Nov. 11, 2011-Veterans Day
Thursday Nov. 24, 2011-Thanksgiving
Friday Nov. 25, 2011-Thanksgiving

Swine Validation

November 20, 2011

2:00p.m. at the Ag Barn

LAMB & GOAT CLINIC

Thursday November 17th at Crowell Ag Pavillion

- This clinic is designed to help 4-H/FFA kids learn about showing sheep and goats. It will include teaching on: showmanship, nutrition, training your animal, housing selection, health, and the purpose of market goats/lambs.
- Every kid and parent involved in the lamb/goat projects in Foard County should attend.
- Elizabeth Gilbert from Paducah will be the main speaker at the clinic.
- We will also be offering a hotdog supper for attendees.
- **DON'T MISS!!**

Foard County 4-H Major Stock Show Sign Up Night at the Extension Office on Monday, November 14th at 6pm.

- Any 4-H'er wishing to show an animal at a major stock show in Texas including: Fort Worth, San Antonio, San Angelo, Houston, or Austin must attend this meeting or make other arrangements prior to the meeting.
- Major Stock Shows require paperwork and fees in order to enter. Be prepared to write a check for entry fees on this night—No exceptions. More information about each show can be found online (look under Junior Livestock Show in each show's website). Parents, please do only send your kids to sign up, because parental signatures are required. If you can't make it, please contact the extension office prior to November 14th and we will schedule a time when you can make it (will have to be prior to the sign up night as Fort Worth entries are due on Nov. 15th)
 - Fort Worth Sheep, Swine, Goats are \$20/entry
 - San Antonio: \$25/Entry
 - San Angelo: \$27/Entry
 - Houston: \$27/Entry

All major shows are requiring Quality Counts verification for 2012 sign up.

Please see "Quality County Verification" on page 4.

4-H/FFA Multi-Species Showmanship Clinic in Vernon on Dec. 3rd

- All livestock exhibitors and families are invited and encouraged to attend the Rolling Plains Species Clinic at the Wilbarger Show Barn on Dec. 3rd. Attendees will get to choose specific clinics for Cattle, Swine, Sheep, or Goats. Each species will be taught by professionals who have vast knowledge in their respective species specialty.
- There will be a \$10 charge per participant which will cover lunch and hand-outs.
- The starting time will be early morning, but I do not have this information as of the date of this newsletter release. Please contact the Foard County Extension Office in order to sign up or for more information.

QUALITY COUNTS VERIFICATION

- Quality Counts Verification is a new process that major stock shows have implanted in a coordinated effort to make sure that 4-H and FFA youth have a basic understanding of raising quality market animals and understand showing ethics. In order to become verified, youth must log onto the quality counts website at <http://qualitycounts.tamu.edu> and pass an online test. The test process takes 15-30 minutes. After a passing grade has been achieved the participant will have a verification number sent to the county extension office and ag science teacher.
- On Major Show Sign Up night, any youth who have not completed the test, will be required to complete it at the extension office. Youth are encouraged to work on this before this date.

Rabbit Validation

Attention Rabbit exhibitors: the Dec. 1st entry deadline is for rabbits as well even though the rabbits are not validated until December 17th. There will be a no-tolerance rule according to the County Show Board. Even if you do not have your rabbits as of this date, you must complete an entry card and pay the \$10 fee in order that you may show. No late entries will be accepted

*****VERY IMPORTANT*****

All county stock show entries and payment are due by December 1st, 2011.
You can obtain your entry forms from the extension office, but payment and completed entry forms must be returned to Stacy Henry or April White.

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