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Howard County 4-H

Texas Agrilife Extension 300 S. Main Big Spring, Texas 79720

December 2009

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		<i>1</i>	<i>2</i>	<i>3 Float decorating for all clubs</i>	<i>4</i>	<i>5</i>
<i>6</i>	<i>7</i>	<i>8</i>	<i>9</i>	<i>10</i>	<i>11</i>	<i>12 Swine and steer showmanship</i>
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<i>20</i>	<i>21</i>	<i>22</i>	<i>23</i>	<i>24</i>	<i>25 Merry Christmas</i>	<i>26</i>
<i>27</i>	<i>28</i>	<i>29</i>	<i>30</i>	<i>31</i>	<i>Happy New year!!</i>	

Monthly Meeting dates and times.

There will be no individual club meetings this month. An email was sent out to everyone about all clubs meeting on December 3rd at 5:30 in the fair barns to help decorate the Christmas float. The Christmas parade will be on Saturday December 5th. All members that would like to ride on the float should meet at the corner of 10th and scurry at 5:00pm. It will be cold so come prepared.

4-H Camps

Teen Retreat

This camp is for 4-H members ages 13 and older. The camp will feature new 4-H curriculum, service projects and evening entertainment. It will be a fast pace, high energy series of concurrent workshops. Registration is open until December 28th is done via 4-H connect. The cost for 4-H members is \$120.

County Camp

County Camp allows counties to send youth of all ages (9-18) to camp at the 4-H Conference Center at one time. Whereas Prime Time is age specific, County Camp is for all ages. Campers will experience team-building and communication skills development through their participation in programs such as Challenge Course activities, canoeing, rifle, archery, drama, swimming, dance, arts and crafts, and environmental education.

Who May Attend? County Camp participants are defined as a youth who has completed 2nd grade and are 9 years old through age 18. Clover Kids (ages 5-8) or other youth under age 9 will not be allowed to register for County Camp.

New for 2010! The Texas 4-H Conference Center will be offering round-trip bus transportation for campers and chaperones. Top notch, charter coaches, manned with professional drivers and 4-H Center staff, will be traveling to designated pick-up and drop-off points closer to you. For a nominal fee, this service will transport your campers to camp and back to you, saving you time and miles, while your youth enjoy the added benefit of camp songs, games, and activities on the bus ride!

****County Reservation Requests Due in 4-H Center Office by March 5, 2010**

****Registration Opens to Individuals/Counties on 4-H Connect March 21-June 1, 2010**

LIVESTOCK NEWS

Rabbits

The breeder pushed us back a week so rabbits will arrive on December 7th. We apologize for this inconvenience. For those of you who ordered your rabbits through our office, we will bring the rabbits to the extension office where you can pick them up after 2:00pm. Please call our office ahead of time in case we are running late. 264-2236. Be sure to bring a crate of some sort to carry your rabbits in safely.

Steer and Swine Showmanship Clinics

For all those interested in attending, there will be a showmanship clinic held on December 12th. Swine clinic will be at 9:00 and steers will start at 1:00pm. Both will take place at the Fair barns. This clinic will help you and your pig/steer become better familiar with what is expected of you in the show ring. Please call our office to let us know you are coming. 264-2236

Livestock Shows

All entry forms should have been turned in to the office by now. Good Luck to all those participating and remember you represent our entire County. Be safe driving to and from all shows.

Our office wishes you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy and Safe New Year.

We are here to serve you. Please do not hesitate to contact the Extension Office with your questions and concerns about the 4-H program. We hope and expect every one to have a successful school year.

Sincerely,

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