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**GOOD LUCK
TO ALL
LIVESTOCK SHOW
PARTICIPANTS**

Livestock Show Concession Stand

All 4-H members are asked to bring a 24 pack of Coke, Diet Coke, Sprite, Dr. Pepper, Diet Dr. Pepper or water. (Dr. Pepper is probably the best seller). We are also asking each member to bring a pan of **uncut** brownies or rice krispie treats or 2 dozen 2" **Homemade** Cookies. Please do not cut or package your baked goods. **Please bring your baked goods on Thursday. If possible please bring your baked goods in a disposable pan.**

All 4-H members and parents are asked to work a shift in the concession stand. We will be doing a sign up sheet through the internet (sign up genius) for shifts. Sign up available around the 15th of January. All times are on a first come first serve basis. Please note that you cannot be excused from school to work concession stand— unless you are showing and already excused from school.

Money earned in the concession stand helps to pay for entry fees for district contests (~\$15 per person), camps (1/2 the fee up to \$150), and state round up. This is currently the only fund raiser the parent leaders have to pay for these expenses.

Look forward to seeing you at the Livestock Show!!

Clothing Project

In the Clothing/Textiles project there are many different competitions:

Duds to Dazzle— In this competition, teams of 4-H members will re-design and repurpose discarded garments. **April 1st Fashion Show**— In this project you will learn Clothing construction, comparison shopping and recycling/embellishing. This project is done individually. There are several categories in this competition. **District May 2nd**

Fashion Storyboard— This is an industry-inspired method of displaying original designs. “Tells the story” of the designer’s idea. Includes original illustrations and flats, as well as items that have influenced the design. Categories in this competition are **Wearable**: clothing that can be worn; **Accessory**, includes items such as belts, purses, bags, hats etc.; **Jewelry** includes necklaces, rings, bracelets and earrings; **Non-Wearable**, pillows, stuffed animals items for the home, etc.; Pet clothing, clothing that can be worn by a pet or other animal.

District May 2nd

Trashion Fashion—This competition allows 4-H members to use their design skills to create and exhibit a recycled-reused garment created from items that would otherwise be thrown in the trash. This project is uploaded on youtube for competition. **April 1st deadline.**

If you are interested in any of these projects please call LaDawna 878-4026.



Hands Hooves Horns and Halters

We will be meeting January 13th at the Fire Station in Fritch; 6:30. We will be discussing the Hutchinson County Livestock Show.

If you earned a jacket they will be handed out at this meeting.

Reminders:

- ◆ You should be worming your swine every 30 to 45 days. Check your wormers for withdrawal dates.
- ◆ The weather has been dry and cold this can affect the condition of your pigs’ skin. Be sure to take care of their skin.
- ◆ Winter is gearing up with some days being extremely cold; your pigs will need adequate bedding to keep warm. Keep their bedding clean and plentiful.
- ◆ Cold nights mean frozen water. Make sure they have access to plenty of fresh water.
- ◆ Make sure your grades are all passing. 4-H abides by the UIL rules—no pass no play.
- ◆ The office will send out grade checks the week of Livestock Show. If you’re not sure of your grade in a class it’s best to check now and make sure you are passing!

Kristy will be back in the office starting January 7th if you have any questions about your animals please contact her.

Parent / Leaders

The next Parent / Leader meeting will be January 12th at 6:00; The Feed Shack.

If you are a parent or grandparent or leader you are a Parent/Leader. **ALL Parents and Leaders are encouraged to attend.**

Parent/Leaders are a vital part of 4-H.

We love our Volunteers!!

Café



Our project leader, Carrie Burleson is retiring from the Food Project. Carrie has been the food project leader for 10 years and we appreciate her help so much!

We will be needing a new project leader so if you are interested in helping please call the Extension Office and let me know!

**S H O O T I N G
S P O R T S**

Are you interested in shooting? Do you want to improve your skills or learn how to shoot?

Shooting Sports is a great way to learn these skills in a safe and fun environment.

RBSS will meet Tuesday, January 20th at 6:30. Borger Chamber of Commerce.

We will be discussing rifle, shotgun and the wildlife project. We will also discuss adding an archery project.

If you are interested in any of the shooting disciplines this meeting will explain the differences. We will also discuss shooting practices.

Kristy Slough
CEA-AG/NR

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JANUARY 4-H
CLUB MEETINGS

Hands, Hooves, Horns & Halters

We will meet Tuesday January 13th at 6:30; Fritch Fire Station. We will be discussing the County Livestock Show

River Breaks Shooting Sports We will have our first meeting of the year January 20th at 6:30; Borger Chamber of Commerce.

Dog Project

For information about classes please contact the Extension Office!

Café We need a new leader or co-leaders for this project

Horse Project

No classroom meeting this month. We will ride the 3rd, 10th, 17th, 24th & 31st, weather permitting.

Green Clovers

January 27th at 6:30; Borger Library Community Room

This club is specifically for K-2nd grade. Bring your favorite stuffed animal!

Rabbit Project

The rabbit project will meet January 12th at 6:30; FPC Monsanto Room. We will be discussing the County Livestock Show Exhibition at this meeting.

Check out our website for events and calendars!![http://](http://hutchinson.agrilife.org/)

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Quilting Project

It's time to start the quilting project once again. Quilts can be made as individuals or teams. We will sew at the Extension Office so that machines and materials do not have to be transported. An information meeting will be held at the Extension Office in Stinnett, January 15th at 6:00. At this meeting we will decide days and times to sew.

We also have the opportunity to do some community service sewing.

If you are interested please contact LaDawna Mack at 878-4026.

HORSE PROJECT

The Horse Project meets on Saturdays. Riding is held at the FPC Riding Arena. We will ride January 3, 10, 17, 24 & 31 weather permitting.

Horse must belong to child or someone in immediate family.

If you are interested in this project please contact Krista Culver at:

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