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MARTIN COUNTY
4-H
NEWSLETTER



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Email Addresses

Please, send your email address to Karla at kcanada@ag.tamu.edu. We will soon send electronic copies of the newsletter rather than mailing each family a newsletter.

Get Cooking with 4-H

Get cooking with 4-H. **Each Tuesday afternoon in July**, youth entering grades 1 through 12 are invited to attend food & nutrition project workshops. The workshops will be held from **1:00 to 2:30** at the Martin Co. Community Center. Youth will learn about nutrition and food preparation. Call the Extension office at 756-3316 to register.

Buttons & Bows

There is still time to register for the final 4-H craft day. Buttons & Bows will be held **Wednesday, July 13** from 2:00 to 3:30 at the Martin Co Community Center. This activity is suitable for youth entering grades 3 and up. Participants will make jewelry and other accessory items. A suggested donation of \$2 is requested to help with supply costs. Call the Extension office (756-3316) to register.

4-H Goes Tropical

4-H County Camp has been set for **Wednesday, July 20** from **9:00 to 4:00**. Camp will take place at the Martin Co Community Center. The event is open to youth entering grades 1 through 12. Games, craft activities, learning, water play and fun are planned for all. The cost is \$10 per child or \$25 for a family of 3 or more children. All supplies and lunch are included. Youth are asked bring a beach-type towel. Come by the Extension office (210 N Convent) or call (756-3316) to register for camp by **July 13**.

4-H'ers entering grades 9-12 are encouraged to participate as youth leaders. A training day will be held on **Monday, July 18** at **1:00** at the Extension office. Please, call and let us know if you wish to assist with camp.



Community Service

Martin County is very fortunate to have citizens willing to serve as volunteer firemen. Weather conditions have kept them extremely busy. 4-H will be collecting bottled water to present to the volunteer fire departments. Donations can be brought to County Camp or dropped off at the Extension office. Let's show these volunteers how much we appreciate them!



4-H Achievement Banquet

The 4-H Achievement Banquet/Ice Cream Freeze-Off is scheduled for **Tuesday, August 2**. Youth who have participated in projects and completed project paperwork will be honored. If you have not already completed your paperwork, it is due in the County Office by **Tuesday, July 26**.

Encourage your family and others to enter the Ice Cream Freeze-Off. Lots of entries means more to auction as well as more to taste for dessert!

We will invite Martin County volunteer firemen to join us at the banquet. We will use this time to honor them for their hard work. Collected water will be presented at this event. Come join us in honoring these individuals.

Quality Counts Verification

Moving forward into the 2011-2012 Major Show Season, Quality Counts Verification will be part of the process for entry in all major shows. Youth exhibitors will need to demonstrate their knowledge of the Six Pillars of Character and Eight Core Concepts presented in the Quality Counts Curriculum. They must pass an online test with 80% or higher and acquire a Quality Counts Verification number. Training to help with the Quality Counts test is found at the Texas Trail link. To complete the test, you must go to the Verification link on the main page of the Quality Counts website (www.qualitycounts.tamu.edu). When you have

completed the test and printed your certificate, the Extension office must have a copy. If you need any help, please, contact the Extension office.

Sandhills Oil Baron Summer Classic

The Oil Baron Summer Classic will be held on August 6-7 at the Ector Co. Coliseum - Outback Arena. There will be a Steer Show with Show A&B on August 6, 2011. Ring A will have points only and Ring B will have a Premium payback and Prizes. Showmanship will start at 9:00 am with the show to follow.

There will also be a Heifer Show. Ring A is points only and Ring B is premium payback and prizes. Showmanship will start at 9:00 with the show to follow.

The cost for both shows is Ring A \$20 and Ring B \$40. The entry deadline is August 27, 2011. If you are interested in attending, please, contact the Extension office for more details.

Upcoming Dates:

August 2	4-H Achievement Night and Ice Cream Freeze-off.
August 6&7	Oil Baron Classic in Odessa
August 19	Pullets Arrive
August 22	School Starts
August 25	State Fair of Texas entry deadline
August 24-27	Midland County Fair

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