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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 Archery Practice @ 6 pm @ Indoor Arena Robotics @ 6 pm @ Goodyear's	2 Jr. Council Mtg @ 6:30 pm @ Ext. Ofc.	3 Sr. Council Mtg @ 6:30 pm @ Ext. Ofc.	4 BB Gun, Air Pistol/ Rifle Practice 6 pm @ Air Hall	5	6 Trap & Skeet Required Safety Mtg @ 10 am @ Ramge
7 Plant ID practice @ 3 p.m. @ Ext. Ofc.	8 Archery Practice @ 6 pm @ Indoor Arena Kerrville Club Mtg 6 pm @ HC Event Center Robotics @ 6 pm @ Goodyear's	9 Hunt Club Mtg. @ 6 pm @ Hunt Café East Kerr Club Mtg @ 6;30 pm @ Ext. Ofc.	10 West Kerr Club Mtg @ 6 pm @ ITM Café	11 BB Gun, Air Pistol/ Rifle Practice 6 pm @ Air Hall	12	13 S.A.L.E. Wool Judging Contest
14 Plant ID practice @ 3 p.m. @ Ext. Ofc. Happy Valentine's 	15 Office Closed Archery Practice @ 6 pm @ Indoor Arena Robotics @ 6 pm @ Goodyear's	16	17 Center Point Club Mtg @ 6:30 p.m. @ School Café'	18 BB Gun, Air Pistol/ Rifle Practice 6 pm @ Air Hall	19 San Angelo Consumer Judging Contest	20 S.A.L.E Consumer Judging Contest San Angelo Wool Judging Contest
21 Clothing & Textile Mtg @ Ext. Ofc. 2-5 p.m.	22 Archery Practice @ 6 pm @ Indoor Arena Robotics @ 6 pm @ Goodyear's Horse Club Mtg @ 6 p.m. @ Ext. Ofc.	23 S.A.L.E. School Tours Outdoor Challenge Mtg @ 6 p.m. @ Ext. Ofc.	24	25 BB Gun, Air Pistol/ Rifle Practice 6 pm @ Air Hall	26	27
28 Plant ID practice @ 3 p.m. @ Ext. Ofc	29 Archery Practice @ 6 pm @ Indoor Arena Robotics @ 6 pm @ Goodyear's Shooting Sports Club Mtg. @ 6 pm @ Ext. Ofc.					

Education programs of Texas AgriLife Extension Service are open to all people without regard to race, color, sex, disability, religion, age, or national origin. The Texas A&M University System, U.S. Department of Agriculture, and the County Commissioners Courts of Texas Cooperating.

4-H Council Leadership Team

Jr. Council will meet Tuesday, Feb. 2nd @ 6:30 pm @ Ext. Ofc.

Sr. Council will meet Wednesday, Feb. 3rd @ 6:30 p.m. @ Ext. Ofc.

Kerr County 4-H will be heading to San Antonio Stock Show on **February 23rd** to serve as school tour guides. This is a great opportunity for you to develop and practice the leadership skills that 4-H strives to develop in our youth. Tour guides are given the opportunity to educate school children about agriculture and its importance to our daily lives.

You do not have to show animals to serve as a tour guide. You **DO** have to be academically eligible to be given an e-day from school.

We will leave by 6 a.m. in the morning and arrive home around 4:00 pm.

This is lots of fun and there are scholarships that are given as part of the 4-H foundation scholarship program.

Miss Koy will notify you if you have been selected to represent Kerr 4-H as a tour guide.

Center Point 4-H Club

Will meet on Feb. 17th @ 6:30 p.m. in School Café.
(You MUST attend this meeting to receive your buyers list.)
For more information contact Chrissy Lyon @ 830-634-2274 or email txssbrandy2@yahoo.com.

East Kerr 4-H Club

Will meet on Feb. 9th @ 6:30 p.m. @ the Ext. Ofc.
(You MUST attend this meeting to receive your buyers list.)
Questions-contact Gayla Fair @ gayla92@yahoo.com or 830-459-5517.

Horse Club

Will meet Monday, Feb. 23rd @ 6 p.m. @ Ext. Ofc.

Contact: Koy Coffer @ koy.coffer@ag.tamu.edu or 830-257-6568.

Hunt 4-H Club

Will meet Feb. 9th @ 6 pm in the Hunt School Café.
(You MUST attend this meeting to receive your buyers list.)
For information contact for Shonna Fitzgerald @ @ 830-343-7616 or email 4hhunt@gmail.com.

Kerrville 4-H Club

Will meet Feb. 8th @ 6 p.m. in large classroom @ Event Center.
(You MUST attend this meeting to receive your buyers list.)
If you have questions, contact Amy Rector @ arector@hctc.net or 830-459-0224.

West Kerr 4-H Club

We will meet Feb. 10th @ 6 p.m. in ITM Café.
(You MUST attend this meeting to receive your buyers list.)
Please bring items for us to send overseas to our troops, such as: socks, hard candy, hand sanitizer, jerky, deck of cards, cap stick (lip balm), etc.

We will be making Valentine's Day cards to send with the supplies. We want to share our hearts with our service men and women.

Hope to see you there!

Contact Peggy Roark for questions @ 830-367-1436 or email pegroark@hotmail.com.

Shooting Sports Club

Will meet Feb. 29th @ 6 p.m. @ the Ext. Ofc.

Contact Stefanie Marcus for questions @ ohlook.achicken@yahoo.com

Vet Science

Will start meeting on Tuesday, March 1st @ 5:45 p.m. to 7:15 p.m. @ Town & Country Animal Hospital, 2710 Junction Hwy.

If you are interested in participating, Contact: Amy Bowlin @ amybowlin67@yahoo.com or 830-377-0245.

4-H EVENTS

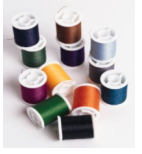
Archery

Participation fee is $20.00/year

Will meet **every** Monday in February @ 6 p.m. @ Indoor Arena.

Please contact Chad Parker with any questions @ c.m.parker71@gmail.com.

Clothing & Textiles



Will meet February 21st from 2-5 p.m. @ Ext. Ofc.

If you have questions, contact Angela Fiedler@ 830-257-6568 or email afiedler@ag.tamu.edu.

BB Gun/Air Pistol/Rifle

Participation fee is $20.00/year

Will meet **every** Thursday in Feb. @ 6 p.m. @ the Air Hall.

Contact Erick Christensen with any questions @ erickc1998@gmail.com or 830-285-0354.

Plant ID

Will meet every Sunday in February @ 3 p.m. @ Ext. Ofc. except the 21st (TBA).

Contests Dates: Mar. 5-Houston Livestock Show
Apr. 9-Hackamore in Milam County
Apr. 27-D10 in Junction, TX.

Contact: Travis Waiser @ 830-928-9923

TEXAS 4-H OUTDOOR CHALLENGE

There will be a meeting held Tuesday, Feb. 23rd at the Extension Office @ 6 p.m.
For questions contact:
Riley Rector @ 830-459-0218.

Texas Robotics

Fellowship of the Robot is continuing to meet on Mondays from 6-8 p.m.

Coaches are Marcus Goodyear assisted by Dan Apel.
Contact: Marcus Goodyear @ 830-377-5590 or goodwordediting@gmail.com with questions.

Check us out on Facebook:
Kerr County 4-H

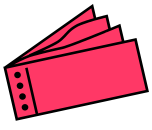
Koy will be posting upcoming events, so go like our profile page and stay tuned.

Trap & Skeet Project

Participation fee is $20.00/year

Will meet Saturday, Feb. 6th @ 10 a.m. @ the Range.
We will be holding our Organizational & Safety meetings, and practice, depending on number of coaches available.

Should you have questions, contact Alan Teague @ kerr4hshotgun@gmail.com



Major Stock Show Passes

If you have entries in the Fort Worth, Houston, San Antonio & San Angelo Livestock Shows, your passes are in.

They are available for pick up at the Kerr County Extension Office between the hours of 8-12 & 1-5 Monday - Friday.

Major Shows Information

For your convenience, we have posted the 2016 Major Stock Show Book on our website.

Visit http://kerr.agrilife.org/4-h/youth-livestock-projects/major-stock-shows/ for all the information you need about the Major Stock Shows in one place.

. . .to all participants in the Kerr County & the Hill Country District Junior Livestock Show.

To those participating in the Major Livestock Shows. . . . . .

HCDJLS Checks

DO NOT CALL THE LIVESTOCK SHOW OFFICE FOR INFORMATION ON BUYERS OR CHECK STATUS. PLEASE DIRECT ALL QUESTIONS TO THE KERR COUNTY EXTENSION OFFICE

At your **February** Club Meetings you **MUST** pick up the following: the list of buyers that purchased your animal & a blank copy of the 4-H project record book. **These will only be available at your club meeting.** If you prefer to fill out your record book on the computer, contact the Extension Office & we will be happy to email you a copy of the record book in word form.

As long as **buyers bills are paid** in a timely manner, checks will be available for pick-up **early March** (we will let you know when they are ready). In order to pick up your check, you **MUST** turn in a completed & signed project record book & **all thank-you letters** that were written to **all buyers**. Each letter needs to have a **stamp** on envelope. We will mail them for you. A signature from the exhibitor, parent or legal guardian will also be required to receive your check.

ALL CHECKS WILL BE PICKED UP FROM THE EXTENSION OFFICE BY THE EXHIBITOR OR LEGAL GAURDIAN

HCDJLS Scholarship

Every year the Hill Country District Junior Livestock Show Association gives approximately $35,000 in scholarships to graduating High School Seniors & full time college students who have shown at HCDJLS at least 2 of their 4 years in high school & will be attending an accepted college or university.

View the following website for details: http://hcdjls.org/Scholarships/Scholarships.html. Applications must be postmarked no later than March 1, 2016.

If your animal (lamb, goat, steer or hog) has lost its validation tag, please contact the Extension Office to make arrangements for a replacement tag. All animals showing in all Major Livestock Shows **must** have a validation tag in its ear.

2015-2016 Kerr 4-H Enrollment

I pledge . . . head heart hands health . . . to my club, my community, my country, and the world.

It's not too late to enroll in 4-H.

Kerr 4-H is a non-profit educational program that helps develop youth through the involvement of parents, other adults & volunteers who organize & conduct learning experiences for youth in a community setting. You will grow in knowledge, skills, citizenship and leadership.

What is most important is having FUN while being involved in 4-H!
***Enrollment fee is now $25**

We look forward to meeting you and working with you in our new Kerr 4-H year!

SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION LETTER

Hill Country Telephone Cooperative, Inc. (HCTC) wants you to pursue your dream of obtaining a college degree. Whether you are seeking an associates, bachelors or technical certification, you may qualify for a Hill Country Scholarship.

Eligibility Requirements
Applicant must:

- graduate from high school by the end of the 2016 school year.
- have at least one parent/legal guardian who is a member of HCTC.
- plan to attend an accredited institution (college, vocational or technical school) on a full-time basis (at least 12 hours).

While above average grades are an asset, they are not required to compete for this scholarship as other factors will also be considered (i.e., leadership qualities, participation in extracurricular and community activities, and teacher recommendations).

Legal Guardian is defined as court-ordered. Member is defined as having "telephone" service in the Cooperative's certificated service area under the parent or legal guardian's name. Internet or wireless service does not qualify as having membership with HCTC.

How to Apply
Applicant must:

complete an Application for Scholarship @ www.hctc.net

- return complete application by **March 1, 2016**.

If you have questions, please contact Bernice Fischer at 830.367.5333 or 800.292.5457, or email bfischer@hctc.coop.

2016
HILL COUNTRY YOUTH COMMERCIAL HEIFER SHOW AND SALE
In conjunction with the
TSWCR Ranch Gathering

COMMITTEE – Bill Meeks, Curtis Cameron, Doug Husfield, Max Hartmann, Chip Bowers, Duery Menzies, Warren Ottmers, Adam Geistweidt, Farrion Sultemeier, Brad Roeder,
Micah Walker

CONSIGNMENT FEE: $10.00 Per Head Entered (No limit) - Due April 16th, 2016
*Only one pen (3 head) per Exhibitor will be shown!
JUDGING: Pen/Interviews - Thursday, October 6th, 2016

1. Entries in this show must be bonafide 4-H and/or FFA members of the following county's Gillespie, Blanco, Kerr, Kendell, Kimble, Llano and Mason. They must be certified by a County Extension Agent or an Agricultural Science Teacher.

a) Exhibitors must meet all eligibility requirements at time of show set forth by the Texas Education Agency and their respective School District.

b) Exhibitors not meeting these requirements will forfeit the right to exhibit and sell their project in this show, and all fees will be forfeited as well.

2. All Junior Commercial Heifer entries will be tagged at the Gillespie Animal Clinic on Saturday, April 16th, 2016 **from 8:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.** There will be a consignment fee of $30.00 per pen or $10.00 per head entered charged at the initial tag-in. This money will be applied to premiums and other cost.

3. All heifers must be Brucellosis calfhood vaccinated *prior to arrival* at the initial tag-in on April 16th, 2016. They must have a metal calfhood vaccination tag AND/OR a vaccination tattoo in their ear. *Heifers without vaccination tags and/or a vaccination tattoo in their ear* ***WILL NOT BE ALLOWED TO ENTER IN THE SHOW. NO EXCEPTIONS! VACCINATION OF HEIFERS WILL NOT OCCUR AT TAG-IN!***

4. A pen of three heifers must be exhibited for competition. All Heifers will be branded with the show brand! No cow/calf pairs are allowed to enter or show. **Open or Bred Heifers only.** A minimum of three heifers may be tagged-in at the Gillespie Animal Clinic on April 16th, 2016. A group of heifers can be entered in one family name! **(the official start date for this contest).**

5. Heifers cannot be added or switched after the Saturday, April 16, 2016 tag-in.

6. In order to comply with the national and state law on Beef Check-Off, two dollar ($2.00) will be taken from the entry price of each heifer.

7. All heifers Judged in this program will be sold and become property of the buyer and will remain sold.

8. Heifers must be owned by exhibitors on the tag-in date on April 16th, 2016.

9. Exhibitors are required to submit an Expense Summary form for competition using the Hill Country Youth Commercial Heifer Show and Sale form provided and participate in the oral interview. Also a palpation form will be filled out and turned in 30 days prior to the contest date.

10. All Heifers will arrive Thursday, October 6th, 2016 from 7am -8am. Pen heifers will be judged on Thursday, October 6th, 2016 beginning at 9:00 a.m. at the Gillespie County Fairgrounds. Placing will be determined by judging the quality of the heifers. Note: The heifer judging 20% and expense summary20%/and interview60%. Announcement for top pens of heifers will be at the TSWCR Ranch Gathering on Thursday, October 6th, 2016.

Timeline

Entry Form due to the Mason County Extension Office on April 4th, 2016

Mason County Extension Office
Mailing: (PO BOX 247 Mason, TX 76856)
505 Moody St. Mason TX

Heifer are Validated at Gillespie Animal Center on April 16th, 2016
Palpation forms are due to Mason County Extension Office September 12th, 2016
Expenses Form/ Record book are due to Mason County Extension Office September 26th, 2016
Show and Sale will be on Thursday October 6th, 2016

Texas Agricultural Irrigation Association Scholarship Application

TAIA will award scholarships based on the applicant's qualifications. Scholarships will be available to registered, full-time students either entering college or continuing a college education. Graduate students are also eligible. A recommendation from a TAIA member would be beneficial but is not mandatory. Scholarship funds will be given to the students selected college to use towards enrollment expenses.

Other qualifications:

- An agriculture major
- Attend a Texas university or college
- Full-time student (12+ hours)
- Maintain a minimum 2.5 GPA, reporting GPA at end of each semester
- Maximum 500 word essay with application
- Not required to be a Texas resident
- $500 per semester / $4000 total maximum / 4 year maximum
- Funds sent to attending school first semester; from then on GPA and enrollment must be verified by scholarship committee

Application website is below.

http://www.taia.org/Scholarship.html

Please direct questions to:

Texas Agricultural Irrigation Association
Kern Stutler
6028 79th Street
Lubbock, TX 79424
806-786-5644

Deadline to apply is March 1, 2016.