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We wish you all a
Happy Thanksgiving
and Merry Christmas!

Thanks to Abigail Johnson for her story and photo of her goat project! If you would like to write up a short description of your project or other fun things you are doing in 4-H and send it to us with a photo, we would love to feature it in an upcoming newsletter.

We had a great turnout for the community service bookmarks project. There are 100 bookmarks waiting to find new homes at the Senior Celebration event on Dec. 6th. Thanks to the 4-H members and parents who came to help! You can see photos of this event and more on our county 4-H Facebook page!

Project Highlight: Clothing & Textiles

The 4-H clothing and textiles project allows youth the opportunity to learn basic sewing skills, learn the process for creating their own original designs, create beautiful quilts, learn to be a super shopper and develop a personal fashion style. It also focuses on helping young people gain a positive self-concept and be able to confidently put themselves out into the world. The opportunities provide youth with hands-on experiences to explore careers and academics choices. Competitions include Fashion Show – which includes opportunities for construction and buying, Fashion Storyboard, Quilt Challenge, and Public Speaking. The newest opportunity, the Trashion Show, provides youth the experience of creating a fashionable garment from discarded items, thus learning the importance of recycling and upcycling through a team approach.

A fun and hands-on camp is coming up on Friday, December 13 @ 6:30 pm through Sunday, December 15, 2013 called the **Texas 4-H Re-fashion Retreat** at the Texas 4-H Center in Brownwood. For 4-H members, ages 8 and up, and adult chaperones. The cost is \$115 per youth and \$80 for adult chaperones. This includes two nights lodging, four meals, two evening snacks, and program fees. The Re-Fashion Retreat features educational sessions conducted by the Texas 4-H Clothing & Textiles youth advisory board members, fashion industry leaders, and extension staff. They will be conducting hands-on educational workshops. This new program will focus on increasing your knowledge and skills in the “Trashion Show” and a re-fashioning project. Don’t miss out on a weekend full of fun and exciting activities. Vanessa will be attending this camp and can take up to four campers along with her. Registration is online with a deadline of **December 8th**—<http://texas4hcenter.tamu.edu> Make sure you also let the Extension Office know that you are going to register.

For more information about this project, contact Vanessa.

My Goat Project

Hi, I am Abigail Johnson. I am in Groesbeck 4-H. I have a goat for the County Show and his name is Tiny. Tiny is a Boer goat which means he is for meat. I feed him twice a day. What I do for exercise is I walk and run him. I also put his feed bucket up high on the fence so he will work his muscles. He is small right now but he will get bigger as the weeks go by.



2013



November

11/28-29 Thanksgiving Holiday—office closed

December

12/2 Groesbeck 4-H Christmas Party & Community Service, contact Sabrina for info or check Facebook

12/11 D8 Food Challenge & Food Show, Belton

12/11 Ag Product ID Contest, Belton

12/24-25 Christmas Holiday—office closed

2014

January

1/1 New Year's Holiday—office closed

1/17-2/8 Fort Worth Livestock Show

1/18 County Show Validation

TBA County Show Broilers Orders Due

February

2/6-23 San Antonio Livestock Show

2/14-3/2 San Angelo Stock Show & Rodeo

March

3/1 D8 Consumer Decision Making Contest, Waco

3/1 D8 Nutrition Quiz Bowl, Waco

3/1-16 Star of Texas, Austin

3/4-23 Houston Livestock Show & Rodeo

3/7 County Show Declaration of Projects

3/8 County Show Validation

3/18 FCS Division @ County Show Entry Deadline

3/26-29 Limestone County Fair & Youth Livestock Show & Rodeo

3/27 D8 Entomology Contest, Meridian

3/28 FCS Entries @ County Show Due (between 7:00 and 8:00 am)

TBA 4-H Clipping Days for Animal Projects

Don't forget that you have to make four (4) meetings or sanctioned events before the county show. If you haven't attended anything yet, you are running out of time!

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2014 Limestone County 4-H Motto: Projects are Opportunities for Growth (Colton Rich)