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NATIONAL VOLUNTEER WEEK!

National Volunteer week is April 17th-23rd! If you have not already planned out ways to recognize your volunteers, I have included a few below for you!

- Commissioners Court
- Social Media posts (resources are on the state website)
- Thank you notes
- Their favorite sweet treat
- News articles

I would love to know how you are recognizing your volunteers. Share those ideas with me!

Thankful for you!

Megan

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NEWS FROM D8

District 8 SURGE

SURGE is our premier leadership camp for Senior-aged youth. At this camp, you will gain leadership skills to take back to their county programs. Details for this year's camp are below.

Date: June 21-23, 2023

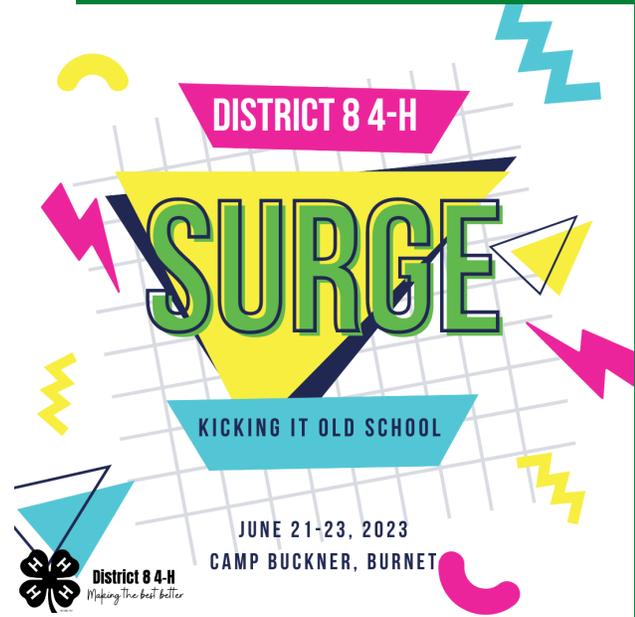
Location: Camp Buckner, Burnet

Cost: \$250/student; \$200/adult

Theme: Kicking it old school!

Dance Themes: 80s/90s Prom; Old School Hollywood

Find more information here: <https://agrilife.org/d84h/events-and-activities/leadership-lab/>



It's the busy season!!!!

WHAT'S COMING UP

District 8 4-H
CONSUMER DECISION MAKING
REGISTRATION: APRIL 6, 2023 VIA EMAIL TO RACHEL.ESQUIVEL@AG.TAMU.EDU
APRIL 17, 2023
CLEBURNE CONFERENCE CENTER

Place the class!

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CONTACT RACHEL ESQUIVEL FOR FURTHER INFORMATION
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RACHEL.ESQUIVEL@AG.TAMU.EDU

DISTRICT 8 4-H
FASHION SHOW
DUDS TO DAZZLE

APRIL 17, 2023

CLEBURNE CONFERENCE CENTER

Registration open until March 24, 2023 via email to rachel.esquivel@ag.tamu.edu

For further information contact Rachel Esquivel 254-582-4022 rachel.esquivel@ag.tamu.edu

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District 8 4-H @District 8 4-H

Don't miss out on the District 8 4-H Livestock Judging contest! April 22nd @ the Brazos Expo Complex in Bryan!

Be sure to contact your local CEA for their registration dates and deadlines.

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DISTRICT 8 4-H
Meat Judging & Identification
April 22nd, 2023

REGISTRATION

- MARCH 28
- APRIL 7, 2023
- VIA 4-H ONLINE

Be sure to get with your local CEA for their registration deadlines.

ROSENTHAL MEAT CENTER, COLLEGE STATION

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District 8
RIFLE MATCH
April 29, 2023

Registration: April 6, 2023 via email to angie.nors@ag.tamu.edu

LEON CO GUN CLUB, OAKWOOD

Contact Angie Nors for further information 254-582-4022 angie.nors@ag.tamu.edu

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4-H Educational Presentations & Public Speaking

District 8 4-H Roundup
May 6, 2023
West High School, West, TX

Registration: April 10-21, 2023 via 4-H Online

Check with your local CEA to find out registration dates and deadlines for your county.

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DISTRICT 8 4-H
2023 Roundup

4-H Talent Showcase

FORMERLY SHARE THE FUN

MAY 6, 2023
WEST HIGH SCHOOL, WEST, TX

REGISTRATION: APRIL 10-21, 2023 VIA 4-H ONLINE
BE SURE TO CHECK WITH YOUR LOCAL CEA FOR THEIR COUNTY DEADLINES

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MEET YOUR COWORKERS

FLOYD INGRAM

1. What is your official job title?

a. County Extension Agent, Agriculture - Bell County

2. How long have you been in Extension?

a. Just over 8 years

3. What is your biggest program?

a. Up until recently it was the Central Texas Cow-Calf Clinic with approximately 200 producers attending. Since moving to Bell County, I would say it's the Bell County Crops Conference with about the same number in attendance.

4. What is your most favorite program?

a. The Bell/Milam Youth Agribusiness Tour. This was an idea that was thought up over a few cold beverages at our yearly Ag Retreat and has grown over the years to gain national recognition and become fully funded by Capital Farm Credit. It gives youth interested in pursuing a degree or career in agriculture a firsthand one on one look at the industry, the challenges it faces, and business models that work.

5. Where did you go to college?

a. Tarleton State University

6. What is your degree(s) in?

a. **B.S. Agricultural Service & Development**

b. **M.S. Agriculture & Consumer Resource**

7. Who makes up your immediate family?

a. My wife, Whitney Ingram

8. What are you most passionate about?

a. Making a positive impact. Whether that be through my career, in my community, amongst my friends, or simply one on one. I have always felt passionate that we are not here to just cruise through life and consume what we can. We are here to work, to do, and to lead by example. If you can do that and leave a positive impact at the same time it pays off dividends for not only you but those you are around too.

9. Are you an early bird or a night owl?

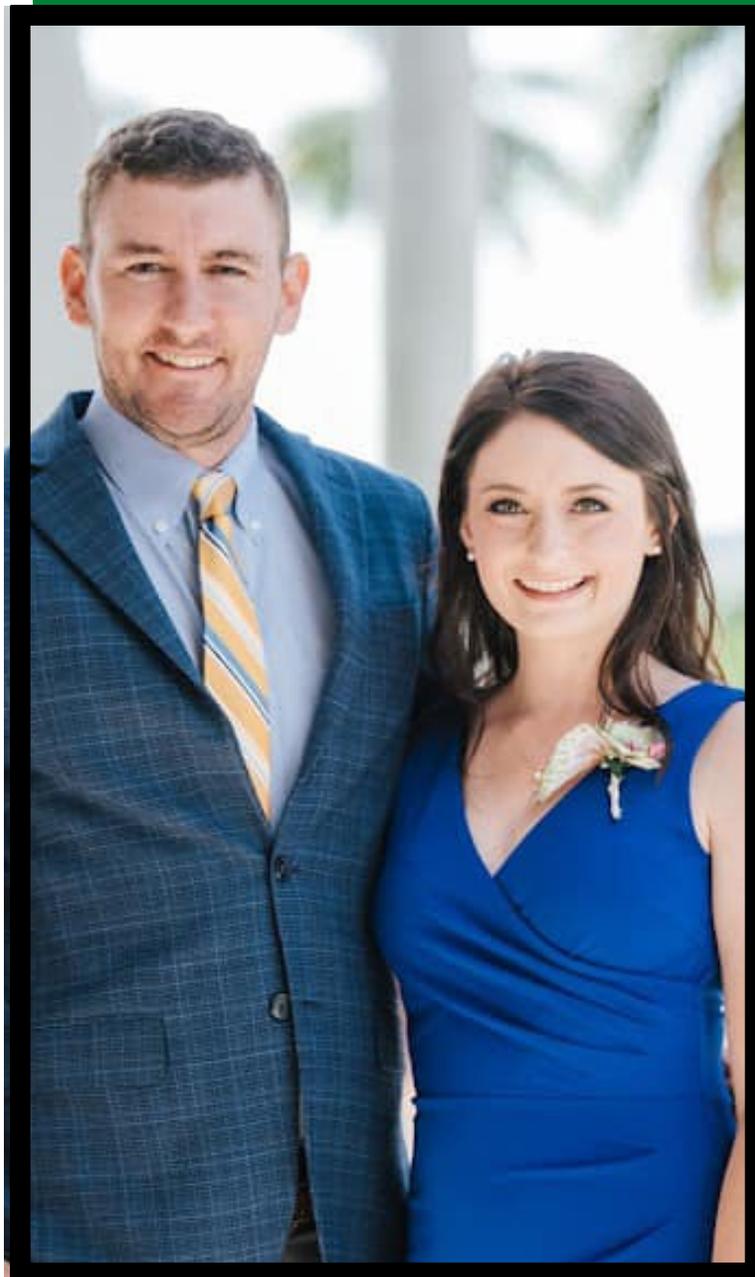
a. Really depends a lot on the situation. But if I had to tilt the scale to one side, I'd say Night Owl.

10. When you were a kid, what did you want to be when you grew up?

a. A Doctor

11. What is the most fun part of your job?

a. The relationships you have the opportunity to build. Period. Extension has lots of pros and cons but the people you get to meet can end up being as much of a blessing on your life as you are on theirs. In our career were seen as a resource, and if you're good at your job people will begin to trust you as such. That trust often leads to those great relationships and for me I can't begin to count the number I have been fortunate to make over the years.



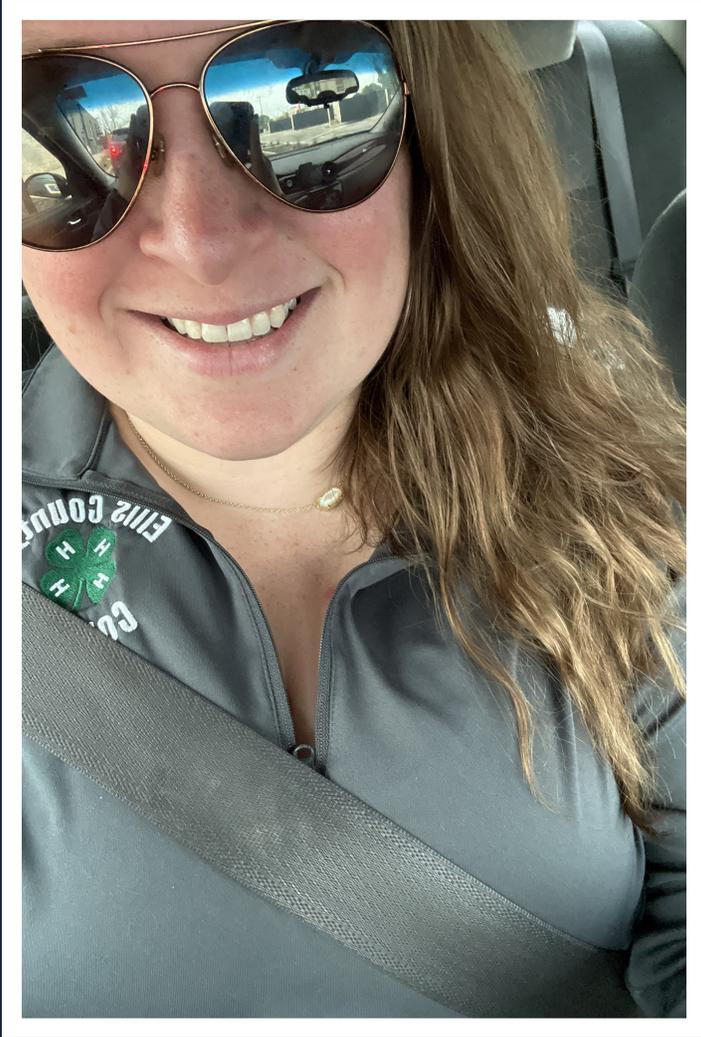
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MEET YOUR COWORKERS

DANAE HICKS



- 1. What is your official job title?**
 - a. County Extension Agent - Family and Community Health
- 2. How long have you been in Extension?**
 - a. I started with Ellis County in August.
- 3. What is your biggest program?**
 - a. My largest program is Master of Memory, followed closely by A Matter of Balance!
- 4. What is your most favorite program?**
 - a. My favorite program has to be A Matter of Balance, hearing the participants little wins through the program is so uplifting and is such a testament to the program.
- 5. Where did you go to college?**
 - a. West Texas A&M University, Canyon, TX
- 6. What is your degree(s) in?**
 - a. Bachelors of Science in Agriculture
- 7. Who makes up your immediate family?**
 - a. My husband, Sawyer and my daughter Charlotte (and our two dogs Oliver and Tanner)
- 8. What are you most passionate about?**
 - a. Passenger Safety! After getting my Child Passenger Safety Technician Certification, it really ignited a fire in me to help keep kids as safe as possible while they're in vehicles.
- 9. Are you an early bird or a night owl?**
 - a. I'm definitely an early bird.
- 10. When you were a kid, what did you want to be when you grew up?**
 - a. I grew up in extension and always wanted to be an agent and work with the community.
- 11. What is the most fun part of your job?**
 - a. The most fun part of working in Ellis County is interacting with all of the citizens. I've built so many great relationships in the last 8 months and am really excited to see what the future brings!

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MEET YOUR COWORKERS

JUSTIN HALE

1. **What is your official job title?**
 - a. County Extension Agent Agriculture & Natural Resources
2. **How long have you been in Extension?**
 - a. 7 years
3. **What is your biggest program?**
 - a. Johnson County Harvest Fest multidisciplinary outreach and 4-H Kickoff Event With the Cleburne Rail Roaders baseball team
4. **What is your most favorite program?**
 - a. Forage and Beef Cattle Programming/4-H youth livestock
5. **Where did you go to college?**
 - a. The Tarleton State University
6. **What is your degree(s) in?**
 - a. B.S. Agricultural Services and Development & Masters of Agriculture/Consumer Resource Development
7. **Who makes up your immediate family?**
 - a. Shelby Hale and Beau Hale
8. **What are you most passionate about?**
 - a. Idea development and being able to provide information in an educational manner to both youth and adults. Not just having the information but being able to effectively communicate those solutions to our people that we serve.
9. **Are you an early bird or a night owl?**
 - a. Early Bird gets the worm, but the second mouse gets the cheese
10. **When you were a kid, what did you want to be when you grew up?**
 - a. Didn't know, only knew that it HAD to involve agriculture
11. **What is the most fun part of your job?**
 - a. Working with everyone and being an asset to my county and community



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WHAT IS....

4-H PROJECT INFO

A 4-H Recordbook

Why is it important you keep a record of your 4-H activities? Because, by recording your activities you can remember all the fun you've had so far, and set future goals! Keeping records of 4-H projects could help you when you apply for college scholarships too! 4-H Record books are books you make to record your annual projects.

Why put together a recordbook?

- Recordbooks allow the members to tell how they have grown, what they have learned, where they came up short, and to do it creatively within outlined parameters
- Recordbooks demonstrate the importance of keeping a written document of what has been done
- Recordbooks provide a written platform for goal setting and documentation of the actions required to reach goals

Parts of a Recordbook

- Check Sheet
- Personal Information Page
- 4-H Story & Photo Portfolio
- Report Forms

Record-keeping process

- Goal setting-getting started
 - Set goals to help you grow through your 4-H project
- Journaling-As things happen
 - Keep records of everything that happens with your project (calendars, index boxes, binders, or apps are great tools)
- Reflecting-looking back
 - Reflecting on your progress helps you prepare to complete your recordbook

Categories

Agricultural Sciences	Gardening & Horticulture	Public Speaking
Beef	Goat	Rabbit
Citizenship & Civic Education	Health & Personal Safety	STEM
Dog Care and Training	Horse	Sheep
Consumer Education	Leadership	Shooting Sports
Entomology	Natural Resources	Swine
Fashion & Interior Design	Photography	Theater & Performing Arts
Food & Nutrition	Plant & Soil Science	Veterinary
	Poultry	

CONTACT YOUR COUNTY EXTENSION AGENT
FOR MORE INFORMATION



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4-H Record books provide a great way for students to keep a record of all the great things they have done throughout the year. Now is a great time for you to host a record book workshop! You can get all of the tools you need on the state website, as well as ours.

<https://texas4-h.tamu.edu/recordbooks/>

<https://agrilife.org/d84h/home/record-books/> (you can also view the 4-part record book video series here.)

Check out our CEA Connection meeting recording here:

https://agnetamu0-my.sharepoint.com/:v:/g/personal/megan_shaffer_agnet_tamu_edu/EYSHlxIrs0xEiEf6uGvzZjQBTR0XAMqAHZvbc1WevKqUbA

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If you made it this far, send me an email for a fun prize!