

# Mid-Coast Junior Newsletter

## Upcoming Events

**August 10-**  
Mid-Coast Annual  
Meeting/Silent  
Auction/ Junior  
Meeting  
Brenham, TX

**August 11-**  
Cattleman's  
Opportunity Sale  
Brenham, TX

**August 25-**  
Deadline for *State  
Fair of Texas*

**September 14-**  
Deadline for *Heart  
of Texas Show*

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## August 2012

Howdy y'all,

It's that time of year again. The start of athletic practice, the beginning of 4-H and FFA contests, stock shows, and of course, the most dreaded, school. So long to the days of sleeping late and welcome to the kick off of homework. As I will soon be starting my senior year of high school, I am full of nerves, sadness, and excitement. This year will definitely be a busy one, but I cannot wait to spend time at stock shows and clinics with y'all!

Congrats to all of you for your hard work that paid off at Junior Nationals! I hope you are all planning on attending the Mid-Coast Annual Meeting and Cattleman's Opportunity Sale on August 10 - 11 at the Washington County Fairgrounds in Brenham. For those of you that are not familiar with this event, this is one of our fundraisers as well as an opportunity to give back to the Association by assisting with the dinner on Friday night and the Sale on Saturday. This also gives you an opportunity to meet some of the breeders, members of the adult association board, and those on the SGBI Board. Our fundraiser is a silent auction, so you will need to bring an item to put into the auction. This can be anything from baked goodies, jewelry, western art, etc. Bring your item to the Junior Meeting we will have at the same location on August 10<sup>th</sup> at 4:30 p.m.

I strongly urge you to try to make the meeting, as we will be discussing Quality Counts, upcoming Major Shows, and Mid-Coast activities that are planned for us this year. We have lots planned this year and would hate for you miss out on getting the information first hand!

As summer comes to an end, I hope that you all enjoy what time is left and I hope to see you all soon!

God Bless,

Mary Fialla  
President

***Just for Laughs!!!!***

What did the bull sing to the cow on Valentine's?  
*When I fall in love – it will be for heifer.*

## ***Mid-Coast Junior Meeting***

**When:** Friday, August 10, 2012

**Where:** Washington County Fairgrounds  
Brenham, Texas

**Time:** 4:30 p.m.

**Agenda:** Quality Counts, Upcoming Major Shows, Mid-Coast Activities for the year

## ***Mid-Coast T-shirts/Silent Auction***

Mid-Coast 2012 Nationals t-shirts will be available during the Mid-Coast Annual Meeting and at the Cattleman's Opportunity Sale in Brenham at the Washington County Fairgrounds, August 10-11 for \$10. We will also have some of the t-shirts from previous years for purchase at a reduced price, so here is your chance to stock up and support the Mid-Coast Juniors. As a fundraiser, the juniors will also have a silent auction, which will take place Friday night, August 10 during the annual meeting and extend through the sale on Saturday. We would very much appreciate it if each family would bring one item by 6:00 p.m. on Friday.

## **Quality Counts Certification**

All students that will participate in the Major shows in the fall and spring will have to complete the Quality Counts program and pass the test. Students that are 13 years old and under will take a 10-question test (junior test), students 14 and older will take a 20-question test (senior test). You must score an 80% on the test in order to receive your verification number that will be required on your entry forms for major shows. You may retake the test as many times as you need to, to meet the 80% requirement. Once you have passed the test, you will not have to take it again UNLESS you were a junior and are now moving into the senior bracket. In this case you will have to take the senior test, as the junior test will be null and void. You can download curriculum, view slide shows, or study online at your pace using the "Texas Trail" program. You may also take the test by clicking on "verification". The website to access the aforementioned is [qualitycounts.tamu.edu](http://qualitycounts.tamu.edu). Again, the test has to be passed by the student before entries to major shows are completed.

## **You are in the SPOTLIGHT!**

*Laura Bullard*

Age: 18

School: Angelo State University

Favorite Color: Orange

Favorite Song: "*Springsteen*" by Eric Church

Favorite Gert Memory: "Winning Grand Champion Santa Gertrudis at Austin Stock Show"

How Long Have You Been Showing? 4 years

