

## **Brown County Names New AgriLife Extension Youth Agent**

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BROWNWOOD - April 15 is Sarah Marie Hinkle's first day as the Texas AgriLife Extension Service's new 4-H and youth development agent for Brown County.

The joint announcement of her hire was made by County Judge Ray West and Scott Durham, district AgriLife Extension administrator at San Angelo.

The new agent transfers from a similar position in Matagorda County where she has served since 2007.

"We're thrilled that Sarah has accepted the Brown County position," Durham said. "She has a wealth of experience in working with young people and has the high energy level and positive outlook these jobs absolutely require. I know she'll be a real asset not only to Brown County, but within the entire 23-county West Central District."

Hinkle earned a bachelor's degree in agricultural development from Texas A&M University and a master's in agricultural education from Tarleton State University, Stephenville.

She has been involved in dozens of AgriLife Extension programs on all levels and has worked as a committee member and leader on a number of committees, ranging from county food shows to horse judging teams.

She holds memberships in several organizations including Bibles & Barrels Cowboy Ministry, North American Riding for the Handicapped Association, Independent Cattlemen's Association, Texas Association of Extension 4-H Agents and the Stock Horse of Texas Association.

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