



Erath 4-H News

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Upcoming Events:

- **Jan. 2-4** – Animal Clipping at SHS; call Megan for appointment
- **Jan. 4 & Jan. 12** – County Show Work Days
- **Jan. 7** – Youth Fair
- **Jan. 7 – Jan 11** – Erath County Livestock Show
- **March 3** – District CDM Contest in Waco
- **March 24** – County Fashion Show(Tentative)
- **April 13** – District Fashion Show in Stephenville
- **May 5** – District Roundup in Hillsboro

Deadlines:

- **Jan 5** – Turn in raffle tickets and/or money
- **Jan.5 & Jan. 7** – Turn in raffle baskets
- **Dec. 28** – Deadline to reserve clipping date(s)
- **Feb. 7** – 4-H Opportunity Scholarship applications due at Extension Office
- **Feb 15** – EE Scholarships & Recordbooks Due

Youth Fair Schedule

SATURDAY, JANUARY 7

Project Check In: 8:00 -8:30 a.m.

Judging of entries: 9:00 a.m.

Awards: immediately after the judging
(approx. 11:00 a.m.)

Silent auction: following awards until 1:00 p.m.

If you are not participating in the silent auction:

Please pick your project up before the silent auction (by 11 a.m.) to avoid confusion!

Raffle Basket Drawing: 2:00pm



Youth Fair Silent Auction & Basket Raffle

This year's silent auction & basket raffle proceeds will benefit *United Way* and *Come Eat Soup Kitchen*. If you are selling your youth fair entry in the silent auction, make sure you have let someone know that when you check in. If your project is not going to the silent auction, please pick your project up by 11 a.m.!



CLUB MANAGERS: Please make sure that someone in your club will be responsible for getting your basket to the Extension Office by 5pm on Thursday, January 5, or to the show grounds by 8:00 a.m. on Saturday, January 7th. Names are drawn Saturday so it is important all baskets are on site early Saturday morning!



County Show Schedule on Page 3!

Provisions from the American Disability Act will be considered when planning educational programs and activities. Please notify the Erath County Extension Office as far in advance of the program as possible if you plan on attending an Extension Educational program and require specialized services. This will allow ample time to acquire resources to meet your needs. Extension programs serve people of all ages regardless of socioeconomic level, race, color, sex, religion, disability or national origin. The Texas A & M University System, U.S. Department of Agriculture, and the County Commissioners Courts of Texas Cooperating



County Show Important Reminder

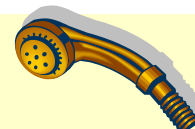
This is just a reminder for everyone exhibiting an animal at the 2012 County Show: Any animal that walks through the auction is **not eligible** to be shown at any major show.

County Show Work Days



If you are planning to show an animal during the Erath County Junior Livestock Show, you are **required to participate** in the workday scheduled for **Jan. 4th and Jan. 12th**. Start time on both dates is 3:00 p.m. Please call our office if there is a problem.

Clipping Dates



Clippers will be available for your use at the high school on the following dates:

Mon. Jan 2nd – All Cattle

Tues. Jan 3rd – All Swine

Wed, Jan 4th – All Lambs & Goats

***If you are in need of another day to clip, please call the office as soon as possible so we can make other arrangements for you.**

Your animal must be washed and dried before you bring it to the high school. Dirty animals will not be clipped.

There will not be facilities available at the high school for washing your animal(s). Also, you may only bring the animal specified for that particular day. You will need to clean up after you clip your animal. Clippers will not be available to check out January 2nd – 6^h, as they will be in use by the agents.

Please call the Extension Office by **December 30th**, to reserve a time to clip your animal so we will not have too many animals at the high school at one time.

RAFFLE BASKETS

The United Way supports our organization financially so we can focus on projects and activities, instead of fundraising all the time. As a show of support for United Way and to give to another local agency (This year, it's Come Eat Soup Kitchen), we will have club baskets to raffle. Each club is asked to donate a basket to be raffled through the sale of raffle tickets throughout the county. Club members are asked to sell raffle tickets for these drawings. Clubs that participate will be entered in a drawing for a cash prize! **Thursday, January 5, 2012** is the deadline for raffle tickets to be turned in to the office! If you have sold all your tickets or would like more to sell, stop by the Extension Office!

Help Us Keep YOU Informed!

Please make sure you are keeping your email address and cell phone or other alternate phone numbers current with our office.



Now is the time of year when weather issues can sometimes affect meetings and other scheduled events. Whenever there are weather warnings that *might* affect whether or not an event will be held, **please check your email** to see if there has been a cancellation.

If you do not have an email address, we will make every effort to contact you by phone. It is helpful if we have a cell phone number or a work number for parents. With everyone's busy schedules, we realize that you may not go home in the evening to get messages left on your answering machine before coming to a 4-H event.

COUNTY SHOW SCHEDULE

*Please note the changes in schedule below. Days and times have changed for lambs, goats & swine.

Wednesday, January 4, 2012-

- ❖ County Work Day @ 3:00 pm (ECJLA Showground's)

Saturday, January 7, 2012-

- ❖ Dairy animals must arrive between 6am-9am
- ❖ Youth Fair Check-in @ 8:00-8:30am
- ❖ Dairy Show begins @ 10:00 am
- ❖ Market Swine may begin arriving @ 10:00am
- ❖ Breeding Goat & Horse Arrival @ 12:00pm (NOON)
- ❖ Breeding Goat show begins @ 1:30pm
- ❖ Horse show begins @ 2:00pm
- ❖ All Swine must be on the grounds at the time of weigh-in and classification @ 3:30pm
- ❖ Dairy Auction @ 7:00pm

Sunday, January 8, 2012

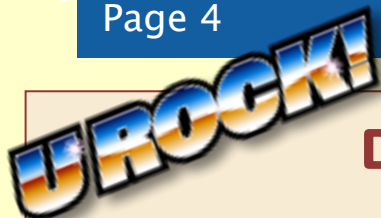
- ❖ Church Service @ 11:00am
- ❖ Swine Show begins @ 12:30pm
- ❖ All goats, lambs, steers and breeding beef must be on the show grounds @ 1:00pm
- ❖ Steer Weigh-in @ 1:30pm
- ❖ Goat weigh-in followed by lambs beginning @ 2:00pm

Monday, January 9, 2012

- ❖ Goat Show followed by Lamb Show beginning @ 8:00am
- ❖ Steer show followed by heifer show beginning @ 1:30pm

Tuesday, January 10, 2012

- ❖ Showmanship Awards @ 6:00pm followed by auction
- ❖ Auction order: Lambs, Steers, Swine, and Goats



District Food Challenge Results

Erath County 4-H members placed at the top in the District 4-H Food Challenge held in Belton on Dec. 8th. We had two senior teams and two junior/intermediate teams compete in this contest with about 15 other counties from District 8. Thanks to our volunteers who helped with this event! THANKS!!

Results:

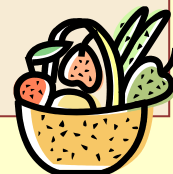
Erath County had two Senior Food Challenge Teams. The “Lady Rangers” made up of Scotta Faulkenberry, Kylie Manning, Laurie Tolboom, and Kelley Royal placed placed 2nd in Breads & Cereals.

Our other Senior Food Challenge Team, “The Pampered Chefs” -- Chelsi Vineyard, Kenna Faulkenberry, Haylee Fritts, and Morgan Prescott were awarded 2nd in Nutritious Snacks and also for Team Spirit!

Two Junior/Intermediate teams also competed in the contest. The Red Hot Chili Peppers – Landry Stroebel, Paige Ferguson, Morgan McKinzie, Kindall Manning, and Payton Ferguson achieved 1st place in Breads & Cereals for their creation. The Camo Cooks – Cason Miller, Zach Bradberry, Patyon Whitfield, and Taylor Barnes achieved 5th in Fruits and Vegetables!

We are proud of these teams and look forward to many years of strong competition ahead!

Congratulations to these outstanding Erath County 4-Hers!



SCHOOL EXCUSES for livestock shows...

Parents, please contact the Extension Office at least one week in advance to advise us of when your child will be out of school for a show. Please be prepared with the following information: student's name, name of their school, and the dates to be excused from school for stock show participation.

You may e-mail your requests for excuses to Whitney at wnwhite@ag.tamu.edu if this works best for you!

Scholarships

Last month's newsletter had information on upcoming scholarship opportunities through 4-H. If you were unable to attend the training held on December 12th by 4-H Specialist, Toby Lepley, and are still interested in applying, below is the information for obtaining the application and rules.

The 2011 Texas 4-H Opportunity Scholarship application is posted online at: <http://texas4-h.org>. Click on “Youth” link and then “Scholarships.” Scholarship deadlines and important dates are listed on this website.

Texas 4-H Opportunity Scholarship applications are due in the Extension Office by **February 6, 2011**.

SPRING 2012 UPCOMING CONTESTS/DEADLINES

<u>CONTEST NAME:</u>	<u>DEADLINE TO ENTER:</u>	<u>COUNTY CONTEST:</u>	<u>DISTRICT CONTEST DATE & LOCATION:</u>
DAIRY JUDGING	PASSED	NONE – TEAM PRACTICES	SUNDAY, JANUARY 12, 2012 FORT WORTH STOCK SHOW
CONSUMER DECISION MAKING	CONTACT PROJECT LEADERS	CONTACT PROJECT LEADERS	SATURDAY, MARCH 3, 2012 MCC ESES IN WACO
ENTOMOLOGY CONTEST	WEDNESDAY, MARCH 14, 2011	CONTACT PROJECT LEADER	THURSDAY, MARCH 29, 2012 ERATH COUNTY
FASHION SHOW	MONDAY, MARCH 19, 2011	SATURDAY, MARCH 24, 2012	FRIDAY, APRIL 13, 2012 TSU
LEADERS 4 LIFE	WEDNESDAY, MARCH 24, 2012	TBA	FRIDAY, APRIL 13, 2012 ***TENTATIVE/TBA***
MEAT & LIVESTOCK JUDGING	WEDNESDAY, APRIL 4, 2012	NONE – TEAM PRACTICES	SATURDAY, APRIL 21, 2012 TEXAS A&M
MOHAIR JUDGING	WEDNESDAY, APRIL 11, 2012	NONE – TEAM PRACTICES	WEDNESDAY, APRIL 25, 2012 ERATH COUNTY
RIFLE CONTEST	WEDNESDAY, APRIL 11, 2012	CONTACT PROJECT LEADER	SATURDAY, APRIL 28, 2012 LEON COUNTY GUN CLUB - BUFFALO
ROUND-UP	WEDNESDAY, APRIL 11, 2012	WEEK OF APRIL 16-20 TH EACH 4-HER PLANNING ON COMPETING <u>MUST</u> SET-UP AN APPOINTMENT TO BE ELIGIBLE TO ADVANCE.	SATURDAY, MAY 5, 2012 HILLSBORO
HORSE SHOW	VALIDATION: MAY 1, 2012 SHOW: MAY 22, 2012	NONE	JUNE 18-19, 2012 BELL COUNTY EXPO – BELTON
RECORDBOOK JUDGING	MONDAY, JUNE 18, 2012	TBA	JULY 12, 2012 WACO

FCS Project Update

- **District Fashion Show:** The finalized date is **April 13** at Tarleton State University in Stephenville.
- **Consumer Decision Making:** workshops and practices being held under the direction of Melanie Royal and DeAnna Powell. If you have questions or want to be in the contest, please contact these volunteer leaders.
- **Food Camp:** June 6
- **Clothing Camp:** July 17-19
- **4-H FCS Task Force Meeting:** April 19 at 4:30 p.m. in the Extension Office. Come and help plan Food & Clothing camps!
- **County Fashion Show:** March 24
- **Storyboard Workshop:** February 28 at 4:30 Location TBA
- **4-H Fashion Show Workshop:** March 8 or 9; watch for your online survey to vote for your choice!



Please Email Photos for This Year's Scrapbook

During the past year, our County Council made a very nice scrapbook for 4-H. Everyone who has looked through the book has commented on how terrific it would be to have one for every year, so we are asking our 4-H'ers, parents, volunteers—anyone who comes to 4-H events—to be on the lookout for photos you have taken of our 4-H members that would make good additions to the scrapbook.

If you have not had a chance to see the scrapbook, take a moment to browse through it the next time you are in the office.

This is a project that can't be completed without your help! You can email photos you would like to see included in the scrapbook to erath@ag.tamu.edu.

DISTRICT ROUNDUP TO BE HELD IN HILLSBORO!!!

Good news, Erath County 4-Her's... District Round-Up will be held in Hillsboro this year. So it's time to start thinking about what competitions you would like to enter.

Categories are as follows:

- Beef Quiz Bowl – There are two age divisions, Junior/Intermediate and Senior. Contestants will compete as teams; each team can consist of 3-4 people.
- Horse Quiz Bowl - There are two age divisions, Junior/Intermediate and Senior. Contestants will compete as teams; each team can consist of 3-4 people.
- Educational Presentation – There are three age divisions in this competition, Junior, Intermediate and Senior. Presenters can choose their topic from a provided list. Please contact the office if you would like to see the list of topics.
- Public Speaking
- Share-The-Fun – Contest areas consist of: Vocal, Poetry/Prose, Choreographed Routines, Celebrate 4-H, and Musical & Band. These entries can be individual or groups/teams. Please keep in mind that Share-The-Fun participants are responsible for providing all equipment and props needed to conduct their presentation.

District Round-Up will be held on Saturday, May 5, 2010, so mark your calendar! More information will follow in upcoming newsletters. Please contact the office if you have any questions.

The Erath County Extension
Office wishes you a



4-H CLUBS MEETING SCHEDULE

Some clubs may not meet every month during stockshow season. While we make every attempt to publish changes to meeting times or places, it is always a good idea to check with your club manager.

CLUB	MEETING PLACE	DAY	TIME	CLUB MGR.	PHONE
COMMUNITY CLUBS					
Dublin	Senior Citizens Center	2 nd Monday	6:30 pm	Dennis Reed	445-3325
Huckabay	Huckabay Baptist Church	1 st Thursday	5:00 pm	Letha Stegall	968-5477 965-5330
Morgan Mill	Morgan Mill Community Center	1 st Monday	4:00 pm	Allison Ballinger	817-229-4152
Stephenville	Foster's Home for Children	1 st Monday	6:30 pm	David Wilson	965-9872
County Council	Extension Office – Courthouse Annex	As Needed	5:30 pm	Contact: Megan Logan	965-1460
PROJECT CLUBS					
Dairy Club	TSU Dairy Center	2 nd Monday	7:00 pm	Paulette & Barry Cavitt	728-3047
Horse Club	Research & Extension Center	1 st Monday	6:30 pm	Peggy Tolboom	445-3436
Lamb & Goat Club	Research & Extension Center	2 nd Monday	6:30 pm	Betty & Brandon Manning	764-4279
Shooting Sports	Research & Extension Center	1 st Tuesday	6:00 pm	Roy Green	968-7932