



# Erath 4-H News

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## Upcoming Events:

- **Oct 10** – Office Closed (Columbus Day)
- **Oct. 11** – Food Challenge Practice
- **Oct 20** – Food Challenge Practice
- **Oct 22** – Quality Counts Training
- **Oct 26** – State Lamb & Goat Validation
- **Oct 26** – County Lamb & Goat Validation
- **Oct 29** – County Swine Validation
- **Nov 10<sup>th</sup> or 15<sup>th</sup>** – County Food Challenge
- **Nov 12 & 13** – Holiday Classic
- **Nov 28 & 29** – State Swine Validation
- **Nov 28** – District Qualifiers Food Challenge Practice
- **Dec. 8** – District Food Show & Food Challenge

## Deadlines:

- **Nov 3**– Major Show Entries
- **Dec 1** – County Show Entries
- **Dec 16** – LAST day to enter County Show WITH late fees

## COUNTY VALIDATION

**October 26** – 3:00 pm to 6:30 pm – Lamb and Goat – ECLA Showbarn

Saturday, **October 29** – 9:00 am to 11:30 am – Swine - ECJLA Showbarn

**Validation does not enter you  
in the county show!**

You still need to turn in your entry cards.

## County Entry Deadline

Deadline for all entry cards and entry fees for the 2012 Erath County Junior Livestock Show is Wednesday, **December 1, 2011**. Entry forms not fully completed and signed will be disallowed from the show. Only entries showing through 4-H will be accepted at the Extension Office.

Late entries for qualified animals will be accepted until **December 16, 2011** with a late entry penalty of \$25 plus regular entry fee of \$15 for a total of \$40 for each entry card (one card per animal).

Make sure you receive a 2012 Erath County Junior Livestock Show “Rules and Regulations” rulebook and check the changes for this year’s county show. We have books available at the Extension Office.

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



## Academic Eligibility for 4-H Activities

Our office will automatically check for academic eligibility, since it is required that 4-H members be academically eligible to participate in **any** 4-H competition, whether it takes place during the week or on a weekend.

## Home-Schoolers:

If you are home schooled and you are planning on participating in any 4-H competitions or stock shows, you will need to furnish our office proof of your academic eligibility. Call the Extension Office if you have any questions.

## Don't Forget to Request School Excuses

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



## State Validation Dates

**Major Lamb & Goat Validation at ECLA Showbarn**

**October 26<sup>th</sup> – 3:00-6:30 pm**

**Major Swine Validation**

**November 28<sup>th</sup> – 4:00 to 6:00 pm at Stephenville Ag Bldg**

**November 29<sup>th</sup> – 4:00 to 6:00 pm Dublin Ag Farm**



Did you know?



October is Breast Cancer Awareness Month, Diabetes Awareness Month, National Pizza Appreciation Month, and National Cookie Month.





## Holiday Classic

If you plan to exhibit market lambs, goats, swine, or cattle this year, think about attending the Holiday Classic **November 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup>** at Belton.

The workshop will cover showmanship and nutrition and is open to all 4-Hers' in District 8. At the end of the day there is also a jackpot show. Each participating county pays a fee, and there is **NO CHARGE** to participants.

The advantage of doing one large workshop for several counties is that it enables us to bring in the most knowledgeable experts for each species, which means you are getting excellent information and advice.

## La Quinta 4-H Discounts

La Quinta has formed an alliance with Texas 4-H and is offering a 15% discount for all Texas 4-H members and their families.

The 15% discount is available at participating La Quinta hotels nationwide for Texas 4-H families. Book online, call toll free, or contact the hotel directly for reservations. Tax is not included and some blackout dates may apply. This cannot be used in conjunction with any other discounts or special offers.



## TO OUR VOLUNTEERS

As National 4-H Week and National Volunteer Week quickly approach, we just wanted to take a moment to say thank you. As 4-H leaders, you give up a lot of your time. All of us at the office would like to thank you and let you know how much we appreciate all you do!

If it wasn't for Volunteers like you, our 4-H program would not be nearly as successful as it is. THANK YOU!

## Re-Enroll in 4-H

*This may be your last newsletter!*

If you do not receive a newsletter next month, it is probably because you have not re-enrolled for this year on 4-H Connect. Make sure you have logged into 4-H Connect and paid your \$20 participation fee (fee goes up November 1<sup>st</sup>). Instructions for re-enrollment are available. Send the office an email to request these!

## 2011-2012 Stock Show Entry Deadline

This year's entry deadline for **all major stock shows** is **NOVEMBER 3, 2010**.

This includes:

**Fort Worth      San Antonio      Houston      San Angelo      Star of Texas**

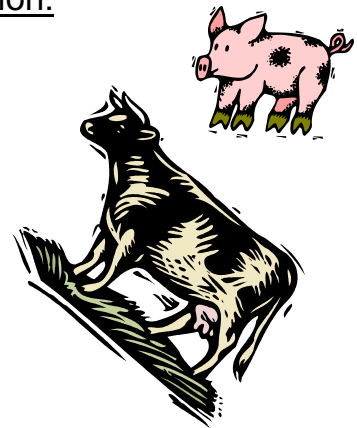
Our staff will be available at the Extension Office **from 8:00 am to 6:00 pm on November 3<sup>rd</sup>** to assist any of you who need help filling out your entries for Major Stock Shows. Entry forms will be available, and there will be a notary.

Remember to bring your *social security number, a check, and if you are showing a registered animal, you will need to bring the animal's papers also.* This allows us time to make sure all entries are correct and get them entered online. **If you have any questions, please call us at 965-1460.**

**No late entries can be accepted. Sorry, no exceptions.**

Here are the websites for show information:

Dallas: [www.bigtex.com](http://www.bigtex.com)  
 Ft. Worth: [www.fwssr.com](http://www.fwssr.com)  
 San Antonio: [www.sarodeo.com](http://www.sarodeo.com)  
 Houston: [www.hlsr.com](http://www.hlsr.com)  
 San Angelo: [www.sanangelorodeo.com](http://www.sanangelorodeo.com)  
 Austin: [www.rodeoaustin.com](http://www.rodeoaustin.com)  
 Waco: [www.hotfair.com](http://www.hotfair.com)  
 West Texas Fair: [www.taylorcountyexpoctr.com](http://www.taylorcountyexpoctr.com)  
 Sand hills: [www.sandhillsstockshowandrodeo.com](http://www.sandhillsstockshowandrodeo.com)



You can also visit our county website: <http://erath.agrilife.org/> for links to these sites.

## National 4-H Week

**October 3 – 8, 2011** is National 4-H Week. Be sure to support your local 4-H clubs throughout the week by wearing your 4-H shirts to school. The best way to recruit new 4-H members is to have our current members talk up the program!

As part of National 4-H Week, Erath County will be participating in "One Day." Please refer to the "One Day" part of the newsletter to learn about our "One Day" activity.



# Photography Results

Forty-five entries were turned in for this year's photo competition. Photographs that received 1<sup>st</sup> in their category and age division will advance on to the district competition. After being judged at the district level, they will be available for viewing at the Heart 'O Texas Fair and Rodeo. If you are in the area, please take the time to look at our 4-Hers beautiful photographs!

## Juniors:

Jacob Bagby	Catch All – 1 <sup>st</sup>
Ryan Hess	Domestic Animals – 1 <sup>st</sup> , Nature/Landscape – 1 <sup>st</sup>
Aubrey Kellar	Domestic Animals – 2 <sup>nd</sup> , Wildlife Animals – 1 <sup>st</sup>
Nathan Starnes	Plant/Flora – 1 <sup>st</sup> , People – 1 <sup>st</sup>

## Intermediates:

Eammon Delaney	Aquatic – 2 <sup>nd</sup> , Details & Macro – 3 <sup>rd</sup>
Lillian Edwards	Catch All – 1 <sup>st</sup> , Details & Macro – 1 <sup>st</sup> , Domestic Animals -1 <sup>st</sup> , Dominant Color – 1 <sup>st</sup> , Elements of Design – 2 <sup>nd</sup> , Plant/Flora – 1 <sup>st</sup> , Food – 1 <sup>st</sup> , Nature/Landscape – 2 <sup>nd</sup> , People – 2 <sup>nd</sup> , Theme – 1 <sup>st</sup>
Grace Gillespie	Domestic Animals – 1 <sup>st</sup>
Jordan Hess	Domestic Animals – 4 <sup>th</sup> , Nature/Landscape – 3 <sup>rd</sup> , Wildlife Animals - 2 <sup>nd</sup>
London Jones	Plant/Flora – 2 <sup>nd</sup>
David Kiker	Domestic Animals – 2 <sup>nd</sup> , Elements of Design – 3 <sup>rd</sup> , Nature/Landscape – 4 <sup>th</sup> , Wildlife Animals – 3 <sup>rd</sup>
Will Strickland	Dominant Color – 2 <sup>nd</sup> , Aquatic – 1 <sup>st</sup> , Details & Macro – 2 <sup>nd</sup> , Domestic Animals – 3 <sup>rd</sup> , Elements of Design – 1 <sup>st</sup> , Nature/Landscape – 1 <sup>st</sup> , People – 1 <sup>st</sup> , Theme – 2 <sup>nd</sup> , Wildlife Animals – 1st

## Seniors:

Kline Jones	People – 1 <sup>st</sup>
Jonathan Kiker	Catch All – 1 <sup>st</sup> , Darkroom – 1 <sup>st</sup> , Elements of Design – 1 <sup>st</sup> , Plant/Flora – 1 <sup>st</sup> , Nature/Landscape – 1 <sup>st</sup> , Theme – 1 <sup>st</sup> , Wildlife Animals – 1st



## Quality Counts

The last session of Quality Counts Training is October 22 from 8:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. Quality Counts Certification is required for all major stock shows. Exhibitors without a certification will not be able to show. The training provided in Quality Counts training will be beneficial to 4-Hers who will be testing to receive Quality Counts Certification. This training will be held at the Research & Extension Center on 281& and Lingleville.

## FOOD CHALLENGE PRACTICES



In order to prepare teams for the Food Challenge/Food Show, we will have a series of practice sessions. We'll practice cooking techniques at some of the practices as well as going over nutrition information and presentation skills. I'll ask older 4-Hers to help give some of the sessions. These county-wide practices **DO NOT** take the place of individual team practices. To be competitive, teams need to get together and practice at other times as well.

Practices will take place October 11<sup>th</sup> with a focus on Nutrition from 5 to 6:30 at the Texas AgriLife Research and Extension Center (HWY 281 & Lingleville HWY) AND Thursday October 20<sup>th</sup> with a focus on Cooking and Interviews from 5 to 6:30 at the Texas AgriLife Research and Extension Center.

## FOOD CHALLENGE PRACTICE FOR DISTRICT QUALIFYING TEAMS



This practice will be for those who will be advancing to the District Food Challenge in Belton on December 8<sup>th</sup>. Every team member will be expected to participate on **Monday, November 28<sup>th</sup>** beginning at 5:15 at the Texas AgriLife Research and Extension Center (Hwy 281 & Lingleville Hwy).

*Congratulations!*

The Erath County Extension Office would like to congratulate all of the Award Recipients for the 2010-2011 4-H year! You all have done an excellent job representing Erath County at the different competitions and events.

This year, the top awards went to:

Friend of 4-H: Erath Extension Education Clubs

Outstanding Adult Leader: Mr. Ross Pierce

Bronze Star: Victoria Saucedo & Weston Pettit

Silver Star: Will Pettit & Conner McKinzie

Gold Star: Kline Jones & Chase Vineyard

**Congratulations again to all of you!**

There are several unclaimed awards at the Extension Office. If you were unable to attend this year's banquet, but think you may have been eligible to receive an award, please come by or call the office to claim your award (judging teams, horse show, and individuals).



## COUNTY AND DISTRICT FOOD CHALLENGE AND FOOD SHOW

District 8 has changed the District Food Show/Challenge competition from the end of October to **Thursday, December 8 in Belton**. Our County Food Challenge will be held in mid-November. Food Challenge Teams will choose between November 10<sup>th</sup> and November 15<sup>th</sup> with the contest beginning at 5:00 at the Texas AgriLife Research & Extension Center.

Get your club to have a team or get a few friends together. Here are the teams who have called in and registered so far:

- Team 1:** Scotta Faulkenberry, Kline Jones, Laurie Tolboom, Kylie Manning, and Kelley Royal (SENIOR)
- Team 2:** Kenna Faulkenberry, Haylee Fritts, Morgan Prescott and Chelsi Vineyard (SENIOR)
- Team 3:** Jadie Hargrove, Karsen Styron, Riley McKinzie

### **Individuals looking for a team (all Juniors/Intermediates):**

Meagan Prescott, Haley Herrera, Sierrah Martinez, Landry Stroebel, London Jones, Madeline McKenzie, Alyson Philips, and Morgan McKinzie.

### **Important County Show Information**

As many of you have heard, the county show will not be cutting out major show tags this year. However, that is the only change that will take place from last year and animals participating in the auction will still be ineligible to participate in the 2012 major shows. **If an animal goes through the county show auction, (dairy heifer, lamb, goat, steer, barrow, or gilt) they are NOT eligible to go on to a major show.**

Therefore, when you complete your county entries, you will be asked to sign a form for our records. That form will state, "By signing this, I understand that if my animal walks through the Erath County Junior Livestock Show Auction, it is no longer eligible to show at any of the major shows (Fort Worth, San Antonio, San Angelo, Houston and Austin)."

We realize that many of you have been told that the show and auction are "going back to the way it used to be," however, even then, the animals were not supposed to go on to any of the majors. Please keep this in mind as you select your animals for county show.

## 2011 Erath County 4-H Youth Fair - Saturday, January 7, 2012

*Open to all 4-H Members*

Youth will compete in **3 age division** using their 4-H age:  
**Junior** - 8 and in the 3<sup>rd</sup> grade; or 9 or 10 as of August 31, 2011  
**Intermediate** - 11, 12, or 13 as of August 31, 2011  
**Senior** - 14-18 as of August 31, 2011

Clover Kids (K - 2<sup>nd</sup> grade) may enter on a non-competitive basis - participation ribbon only. Youth may enter more than on subcategory within a category, but only one item in each subcategory. For example, you may enter a dessert and a decorated cake in the food category, but not two dessert items.

**\$5.00 Entry Fee** for each item entered. *Monetary prize dependent on number of entries.*

### Schedule – Saturday, January 7:

**Perishable items** must be picked up ASAP after judging (10-10:30 am).

Project Check In:	8:30 am
Judging Begins:	9:00 am
Awards:	Immediately
following judging	
Silent Auction Ends:	1:00 p.m.
Project Pick Up:	By 2:00 pm
Raffle Basket Drawing:	2:30

### Divisions

#### Foods (include recipe)

##### **Desserts**

Decorated Cakes

##### **Candy**

Food Basket

#### Shop Art

Welding

Woodworking

#### Arts and Crafts

Textiles

Drawings

Jewelry

#### Photography

Seasons

Animals

“Enjoy the Ride”

\*mounted same as 4-H photography contest - call office for complete rules.

Questions or Comments? Please contact Donna White, FCS Agent at [dwhite@ag.tamu.edu](mailto:dwhite@ag.tamu.edu) or 254-965-1460





## Rules & Guidelines

1. All articles/foods must have been made by the 4-H youth entering them.
2. All articles must have been made **within the past year**. No entries will be accepted that were entered in a previous Youth Fair.
3. During judging, names will not be displayed. Each article will be given a number. Names will be displayed *after* judging.
4. All food items must be made from scratch, no mixes allowed. **Recipes should be included.**
5. All entries must be received by 8:30 am; no late check-in allowed.
6. For food safety reasons, **perishable** foods must be picked up by 4-H'er immediately after judging and will not be eligible for silent auction.
7. Best of Show will be awarded in EACH category - foods, shop art, arts & crafts, and photography - as determined by judge. Best of Show winners will each receive a rosette based on overall best appearance and most unique presentation.
8. Silent Auction - *(optional)* -***check the box on the entry form*** if you would like your entry to be included in the silent auction. Proceeds will benefit United Way and Come Eat Soup Kitchen. **Only those items with the checkbox marked on the entry form will be auctioned.**
9. Silent Auction begins as soon as judging is completed and continues until 1:00 p.m. ***\*\*If your item is not going to be in the Silent Auction, it needs to be picked up by 11:00 a.m.\*\****
10. All entries must be picked up by 2:00 pm. After that, entries will no longer be guarded. Not responsible for items left after 2:00 p.m.

This item can be included in the silent auction. **No perishable foods in Silent Auction. 2<sup>nd</sup> Item Division and Category:** (Ex: Foods/Dessert. If welding, declare either traditional or plasma)

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Please return this form to the Extension office by 5pm on Wednesday, December 14, 2011.  
Thank you!

## Special Program: Internet Safety & Social Media

Our community is in for a treat with speaker Amy Hays from Gatesville. Amy will be here **Thursday, October 25 from 5:30-7:30** at the Texas AgriLife Research and Extension Center (1221 N. Hwy 281).

The topic of this conference will be internet safety and social media for both parents and youth and will address FaceBook, texting, Twitter, etc. The target youth audience for this workshop are families with children 4<sup>th</sup> grade and up although any age group is welcome to attend.

**For Parents** — Do your kids know more about being online than you do? Are your children on **FaceBook** and you don't have an account? Texting is a four letter word in your family? This adult session is designed to help parents keep their children **safe online**, as well as understanding the impact of new technologies on your children's (and your) future.

**For Kids**— Your generation lives online. You have smart phones, smart computers, and smart classrooms. Being online isn't just about **logging in or learning** to text. How do you stay safe online? Plan for your future jobs and employers? What do today's youth need to know about being plugged in and online?

Register Early—space is limited to 55 seats! Visit the Erath County Extension Office at 112 W. College Street, Room 109 in Stephenville.

**Payment due upon registration.**



## WHEN & WHERE

**Date:** October 25, 2011

**Time:** 5:30 to 7:30 p.m.

**Place:** Texas AgriLife Research & Extension Center located at 1221 N. Hwy 281 in Stephenville.

**Cost:** \$5.00 per person (includes light supper)



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