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AUGUST 2020

How are you staying in touch?



Did you know...?



...we have a Facebook?

MailChimp

@ErathCounty4H is one of the best ways to stay connected with what Erath 4-H is doing and related 4-H events across all project areas. The most recent and current updates from livestock shows and related pages are shared directly to our FB page. Erath County 4-H events are kept updated, as well as posting related events in the FB albums. Newsletters and rulebooks are also uploaded as pictures!

... we send weekly email updates?

Weekly emails are sent to all enrolled members through MailChimp. Updates include upcoming deadlines, events, volunteer opportunities, and livestock show updates. New items are highlighted with a "new" icon making reading quick and easy!

...the newsletter is on 4-H Connect?

When logging on to 4-H Connect, our monthly newsletter is posted on the homepage as well as the previous month's newsletter!

...we have an Erath County AgriLife Website?

You can find enrollment information, livestock show links, camp information, awards banquet forms, county show rulebook, youth fair entry forms and rulebook, recordbook information, and 4-H projects and related activities/contests?

www.erath.agrilife.org

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JR. LIVESTOCK SHOW OF ERATH COUNTY



Make sure to follow the County Show's website (<https://www.ecjls.com/>) and their Facebook (<https://www.facebook.com/ECJLS/> or @ECJLS) to stay in touch with updates, validation timelines, and entries!



Erath County Livestock Show
@ECJLS

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Erath County Livestock Show

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Congrats to Chloe Krause for winning reserve horned Hereford at the Grand Finale Steer Show this last weekend in Abilene. Way to represent Erath County! 🐾

• If you have a show success from this summer, let us know so we can share your experience!



Reserve Horned Hereford
Sire: Right On
Bred by: Bradley Hale
Sold by: Kirby Faves

Event

Community

Invite your friends to like this Page

501 people like this

520 people follow this

Michèle Bertogio and 40 other friends like this

About

Typically replies within an hour

Send Message

www.ecjls.com

Event

Suggest Edits

Page Transparency

Facebook is showing information to help you better understand the purpose of a Page. See actions taken by the people who manage and post content.

Page created - June 18, 2019

Page manager location: United States

Related Pages

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Major Fall Heifer, Lamb & Goat Validation Tag Orders

Tag Orders DUE: August 26th

\$18.00/tag

(Heifers to be invoiced after validation)

Physical Validation: October 19th

ECLA Barn from 3:00pm – 6:00pm

2389 FM 205, Stephenville, TX 76401

Key Points:

- For all Market Lambs, Market Goats, Breeding Sheep, Wether Dams, Breeding Goats, and Wether Does
- Market animals are validated per family
- Breeding Sheep and Goats are validated per exhibitor
 - o Wether Dams and Does must comply with breeding animal requirements
- **NEW!!** San Antonio has changed the name of the Wether Dam and Wether Doe show to Commercial Dam and Commercial Doe
 - o Tagging rules and requirements remain the same
- Heifers still eligible to show for a 2nd year do NOT need to be re-validated if the breed and owner have remained the same
- Lambs & Goats can be county validated for an additional \$15.00/head (cash or check made payable to "ECLA") at this time
- A 2020 – 2021 Ethics Code form is required for each exhibitor

LAMBS AND GOATS VALIDATED FOR THE 2020 STATE FAIR OF TEXAS WILL HAVE TO BE RE-VALIDATED FOR THE 2021 SPRING/WINTER MAJOR SHOWS.

Texas Lamb Breeders Association (TLBA) tag numbers MUST be in the lamb's ear and be recorded on the validation form at validation and be on the form at the time they are submitted. NO TLBA tag numbers will be added to the validation forms after the forms are submitted to the Sheep and Goat Validation of Texas program. Market lambs must have a GREEN TLBA tag to be eligible to compete in the San Angelo Stock Show or receive TLBA recognition at other major shows. Wether dams must have a BLUE TLBA ewe lamb tag to be eligible to compete in the San Angelo Wether Dam Show.

VALIDATION IS NOT AN ENTRY

COVID – 19 Precautions

Following State and Texas A&M AgriLife recommendations, we highly encourage everyone to keep in mind and practice social distancing while at validation. Please, do not get out of your vehicle until your animals are in the chute/on the stand to limit the number of people congregating around the validation committee. Hand sanitizer and a sink will be available on site, but you will need to bring your own PPE if so desired.



If you are entering the 3rd, 6th, or 9th grade this fall or you are new to 4-H, you must take (or re-take) the Quality Counts course to show your livestock project!! This course must be completed by the Entry Deadline of the show you are planning to attend.

<https://www.texaslivestockvalidation.com/qc/qcregister.aspx>

Upcoming Stock Show Dates & Deadlines

WEST TEXAS FAIR & RODEO

Abilene, September 4 – 19, 2020

Entry deadline: August 11, 2020

TaylorCountyExpoCenter.com



STATE FAIR OF TEXAS

Dallas, September 23 - October 2, 2020

ONLY MARKET SHOWS

Entry deadline: August 19, 2020

BigTex.com



EAST TEXAS STATE FAIR

Tyler, September 25—October 4, 2020

CANCELLED

etstatefair.com



HEART O' TEXAS FAIR & RODEO & THE UNITED

Waco, September 30 – October 18, 2020

SFT & HOT BREEDING SHOW

Entry deadline: August 19, 2020

HOTfair.com



If you need to come outside of our office hours (8:00am – 12:00pm & 1:00pm – 5:00pm), we are happy to accommodate, but you must make an appointment!!

Heart O Texas & State Fair of Texas have **UPDATED** their rulebooks and entry forms online as of 07/29/2020. Make sure you are looking at the **MOST CURRENT** rulebook when preparing to enter. SFT will only have market shows while The United will feature breeding gilts, beef heifers, and market (prospect) steers. There are no judging contests or dairy cattle, breeding sheep, and breeding goat shows at either fair this year. The United entries are through the **HOT** entry form.





As a 2020 Erath County United Way partnering agency, we encourage you to support the United Way Annual Fish Fry!! On August 19th, the Knights of Columbus will be preparing fish from 4:30pm – 7:30pm at Newman Hall. This event is sponsored by First Financial Bank, First National Bank -Dublin, Citizens National Bank of Texas, Lone Star Ag Credit, Interbank, F&M Bank, and TexasBank. We sincerely appreciate the support of ECUW, and hope you consider returning that gratitude at this event.

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2019 – 2020 AWARDS BANQUET

This year's 4-H awards banquet will be held in late- August 2020 and in compliance with State and County COVID-19 mandates/precautions.

When: Tuesday, August 25th at 7:00pm

Where: Stephenville City Park

A modified awards banquet will be held this year! Only Star Awards and Project Completions will be recognized. Pizza and cold drink will be provided for each family that RSVPs at no cost. Being an outdoor banquet, families are encouraged to bring their own lawn chairs, blankets, etc. and to maintain social distancing guidelines. PPE will be encouraged, but not provided.

Project Completion Forms:

<https://erath.agrilife.org/4-h-awards-banquet/>

or email Helen to be sent forms directly!

Project Completion Forms DUE: August 3rd, 2020

RSVP by August 21st, 2020



2021 JUNIOR LIVESTOCK SHOW OF ERATH COUNTY

JANUARY 5 – 9, 2021

September 12: (County Only) Steer & Dairy Heifer
Validation

9:00am – 11:30am

Stephenville Cattle Company

September 25: Deadline to Order and Pay for Broilers

October 19: Lamb & Goat Validation

3:00pm – 6:00pm

ECLA Show Barn

November 14: Swine Validation

9:00am – 1:00pm

ECLA Show Barn

December 8: Rabbit Validation

4:00pm

Stephenville High School

January 5: All Species Tack Arrival (Except Dairy)

3:00pm

January 11: Dairy Species Meeting

6:00pm

Courthouse Annex

January 18: Lamb/Goat & Others Species Meeting

6:00pm & 7:00pm

Courthouse Annex

January 19: Swine, Steer, & Horse Species Meeting

6:00pm, 7:00pm, & 7:30pm

Courthouse Annex

<https://www.ecjls.com/>

Rulebooks have been published on Facebook and
both the Erath County and JLSEC website!!

**Stay connected
with Texas 4-H:**

[https://texas4-
h.tamu.edu/](https://texas4-h.tamu.edu/)



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2020 - 2021 Pasture to Packer Program

Interested in what it takes to take a beef steer from the pasture to the packer? Looking to try your hand at a local business venture? Curious how current profit/loss models look in the agriculture industry?

The 9th Annual Erath County Pasture to Packer Program will begin soon! In an effort to educate youth about the production and industry of beef cattle, Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service in Erath County has developed this program. Pasture to Packer encourages youth to become more involved in commercial production and educate them on what is required to get beef cattle from the pasture, to the packer, and finally, to the consumer!

Things participants will learn and do:

- Select and feed out a 750 – 800 lb steer for 150 – 170 days
- Chute side manners
- Livestock identification
- Complete a loan application for steer
- Marketing tools
- Profit/loss and Revenue models
- Recordkeeping
- Awards Banquet
- Educational Trips to top agriculture businesses in the industry – this year to West Texas A&M University in Canyon, TX with stops at prominent and historical ranches along the way!!



Any active (enrolled) Erath County 4-H member may apply for this program.

Up to 15 applicants will be selected to participate in the program! If you are interested in applying, contact the Extension Office for more information and an application.

APPLICATIONS DUE: SEPTEMBER 4th



FOOD CHALLENGE WORKSHOPS

Have you seen Iron Chef?? Is Chopped on your recently viewed list?? Grab some friends and try your hand at Food Challenge!

At the Food Challenge, teams of 3-4 students receive a list of ingredients and have 40 minutes to create a dish. The teams then present their dish to judges are scored on preparation, serving size, food safety concerns, nutritional value and cost.

When: September 14th, 4:00pm – 6:00pm

Where: District Research & Extension Office, 1229 N. US HWY 281

RSVP: September 11th

Topics: Intro to Contest, What is in the kit and how to use tools, Knife Skills

When: October 26th, 4:00pm – 6:00pm

Where: District Research & Extension Office, 1229 N. US HWY 281

RSVP: October 23rd

Topics: Problem Solving, Nutrition, Presentation, Limited Cook & Kit

When: November 9th, 4:00pm – 6:00pm

Where: District Research & Extension Office, 1229 N. US HWY 281

RSVP: November 6th

Topics: Food Safety, Garnishing, Full Contest

ADULT LEADER TRAINING

When: September 28th, 4:00pm – 6:00pm

Where: District Research & Extension Office, 1229 N. US HWY 281

RSVP: September 25th

COUNTY CONTEST

When: November 14th

Where: District Research & Extension Office, 1229 N. US HWY 281

RSVP: November 9th

FOOD CHALLENGE USES EQUIPMENT KITS FOR PRACTICES AND CONTESTS.

WE HAVE 10 KITS AVAILABLE TO RENT FROM THE OFFICE!

IF YOU RENT A KIT, YOU MUST BRING IT TO THE WORKSHOPS.

COVID-19 Precautions

The District Research and Extension Office will be enforcing COVID-19 capacity restrictions and PPE requirements. Please bring your own PPE or let the office know if you need a mask. Capacity limit for the room is set to 30 people (including agents), due to this, no parents will be allowed to stay in the room during the program if we reach the maximum participants.

4-H Enrollment for 2020 - 2021 begins August 15th

****Incoming 3rd Graders must wait until September 1st to Enroll****

All profiles will change to INACTIVE on August 15th and you will be required to re-enroll for the 2020-21 4-H year.

HEADS UP – Texas 4-H will be using a new platform: *Texas 4HOnline 2.0*

www.4honline.com

Existing Members:

- You will use the same email and password if you have an existing account.

New Members:

- If creating a new account, you will select “Don’t have an account” on the home page.
 - Select “State: Texas”
 - Select “Texas 4-H & Youth Development”
 - Select “County: Erath” then “Create Account”
 - Complete and verify address and begin adding family members!



Remember, we are learning with you! Please call the office if you are having trouble with the new platform. We can either talk you through it, enroll you from our side, or have you use the computer in the office to complete your new family profile and enrollment! We are here to help!

CLUB MEETINGS

Contact your Club Managers to confirm date, time & location of your next club meeting.

As of July 30, 2020, we are in Phase 3 of Texas A&M AgriLife Extension's "Transitioning Back" guidance.

- Group meetings of 25% capacity of space or fewer people only if social distancing can be practiced with a limited capacity of 50 people. If greater than 50, a preparedness plan must be submitted and approved
- Hosts and participants should wear face coverings, with participants expected to provide their PPE. Extension may have limited supplies and can provide on a as needed basis
- Frequently clean high-touch areas, including door handles, surfaces, handrails, etc. within the confinement of the physical space
- No self-serve food or drink stations. It is recommended that all meals be individually packaged
- Serve food and drinks with disposable utensils, napkins, cups, and plates

If any of this changes or is updated, we will let club managers know ASAP!! It is highly recommended to double check the locations of your meetings are still allowing public gathering and/or have capacity limits.



AUGUST 2020



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
2	3 Project Completion Forms DUE	4	5	6	7	1/8
9	10	11 West Texas Fair Entries DUE	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19 State Fair & Heart O Texas Fair Entries DUE	20	21 RSVP for Banquet DUE	22
23	24	25 Awards Banquet	26 Lamb/Goat and Heifer Validation Tag Orders DUE	27	28	29
30	31					

September Events & Deadlines

Sept 2 – DIY #1

Sept 4 – P2P Apps
DUE

Sept 10 – Youth Fair
Committee Meeting

Sept 12 – County
Steer & Dairy Heifer
Validation

Sept 14 – Food
Challenge Workshop

Sept 23 – P2P Loan
Meeting

Sept 25 – County
Show Broiler Orders
DUE

Sept 28 – Adult Food
Challenge Workshop

Erath County 4-H Clubs

4-H CLUBS – MONTHLY MEETING SCHEDULE					
CLUB	MEETING PLACE	DAY	TIME	CLUB MANAGER	PHONE
COMMUNITY CLUBS					
County Council	County Extension Office	As Needed	As Needed	Helen Hardy	(254) 965-1460
Morgan Mill	Morgan Mill Community Center	3 rd Tuesday	6:30pm	Elizabeth Starnes	(254) 592-2000
Stephenville	Valley Grove Baptist Church	2 nd Monday	6:00pm	Kendi Maruska	(254) 744-7225
Foster's Home	Foster's Home	2 nd Sunday	3:00pm	Brawnson Oliver	(254) 968-2143
PROJECT CLUBS					
Dairy	Southwest Regional Dairy	3 rd Thursday	7:00pm	Heather Jones	(254) 967-3790
Entomology	Meet as needed – Contact Club Manager for Info.			Krista Pendergrass	(254) 485-1450
Horse	Meet as needed – Contact Club Manager for Info.			Mary Sue Dunbar	(254) 977-4924
Lamb & Goat	TSU Ag Farm	1 st Thursday	6:00pm	Carol Barrett	(254) 485-5957
Pasture to Packer	County Extension Office	As Needed	As Needed	Lonnie Jenschke	(254) 965-1460
Shooting Sports	Research & Extension Center	1 st Tuesday	6:00pm	Roy Green	(254) 967-3737
IN-SCHOOL CLUBS					
White Horse Christian Academy	White Horse Christian Academy	1 st Monday	---	Vanessa Halford	(254) 459-1230

Enrolled 4-H Members can be a part of multiple clubs at their discretion.
However, you must select a Primary Club during enrollment.

It is advised to call the Club Manager to check for time and/or location changes if this is your first time attending!

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