



# ERATH COUNTY 4-H NEWS

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OCTOBER 2020

## 2021 Erath County 4-H Youth Fair

**ENTRIES DUE: DECEMBER 4<sup>th</sup>**

### MAJOR CHANGES

- 7:00am Check-in Time (Same from last year)
- Silent Auction pick-up from 4:45pm – 5:30pm  
- Silent Auction ends at 4:30pm  
- Pickup 4:45-5:30  
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Bidders Called at 5:30  
- Exhibitor MUST pick-up own item between 6:00-6:30
- Best of Show and Showmanship winners will be recognized before the JLSEC Sale
- NEW CATEGORY: Showmanship (see rulebook for more information)
- Food safety rules will be strictly enforced (refer to rulebook and link within for complete rules)
- Photography entries will automatically be entered into County-level contest

Community Service Opportunities (HIGHLY Encouraged):

1. Help clean-up on January 14<sup>th</sup> @ 3:00pm
2. Sell raffle tickets on Friday, January 8<sup>th</sup>
3. Help with Silent Auction on Friday, January 8<sup>th</sup>

Top 3 placings in each category will receive monetary prizes.

Top 6 placings in each category will receive ribbons and qualify for the Silent Auction.

Youth may enter up to one item in each class.

Entries will be judged by age division (Junior, Intermediate, Senior) within each class.

2021 Youth Fair Rulebook can be found at [erath.agrilife.org](http://erath.agrilife.org) under the 4-H tab!

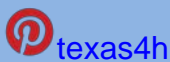
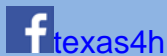
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Stay connected  
with Texas 4-H:

<https://texas4-h.tamu.edu/>



# ENROLL NOW

For the 2020 – 2021 4-H Year

<https://texas.4honline.com/>

\$25.00/youth

\$10.00/volunteer

All profiles (youth and adult) were changed to INACTIVE on August 15<sup>th</sup> and you will be required to re-enroll for the 2020-2021 4-H year. An active enrollment is required to register and participate in all 4-H activities and events.

Detailed instructions can be found online or in the Extension office. <https://erath.agrilife.org/erath-4-h/enroll/>

**Beginning December 1<sup>st</sup>, if you are not re-enrolled, you will be removed from the email list, and will no longer receive newsletters or weekly updates!! Be sure to take care of this ASAP!**



If you are entering the 3<sup>rd</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup>, or 9<sup>th</sup> 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>

**Major Show**

**Physical**

**Validations:**

**Lamb & Goats**

When: Monday,  
October 19<sup>th</sup>,  
3:00pm – 6:00pm

Where: ECLA  
Show Barn

**Heifers**

When: Monday,  
October 19<sup>th</sup>,  
3:00pm – 6:00pm

Where: ECLA  
Show Barn

**Swine**

When: Saturday,  
November 14<sup>th</sup>,  
9:00am – 1:00pm

Where: ECLA  
Show Barn

**MAJOR BROILER  
ORDERS DUE  
OCTOBER 9<sup>th</sup>**

**JUNIOR LIVESTOCK SHOW  
OF ERATH COUNTY 2021  
January 5 – 9, 2021**

**October 19:** *(County & Major) Lamb & Goat  
Validation, ECLA Show Barn,  
3:00pm – 6:00pm*

**November 14:** *(County & Major) Swine  
Validation, ECLA Show Barn,  
9:00am – 1:00pm*

**November 16:** Entry and Payment Deadline

**December 8:** Rabbit Validation, *Stephenville  
High School, 4:00pm*

**January 5:** All Species Tack Arrival (except  
Dairy), 3:00pm

**January 11:** Dairy Species Meeting ,  
Courthouse Annex, 6:00pm

**January 18:** Lamb/Goat & Others Species  
Meeting, Courthouse Annex, 6:00pm &  
7:00pm

**January 19:** Swine, Steer, & Horse Species  
Meeting , Courthouse Annex, 6:00pm,  
7:00pm & 7:30pm

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

**Grab a copy of the JLSEC 2021 Rulebook at  
the office, validation, or on our website!**



# ERATH COUNTY FOOD CHALLENGE CONTEST

Saturday, November 7<sup>th</sup> @ 1:00pm

Foster's Home-Grubbs Welcome Center

1779 N Graham St

**Registration Deadline: November 2<sup>nd</sup>**

- Arrive by 12:45pm to register. We will start promptly at 1:00.
- Parents will be more comfortable leaving and coming back for awards – about 3:30-3:45. No parents are allowed in classroom
- Top two Junior, top two Intermediate, and top two Senior teams will advance to the District 8 Contest
  - Thursday, December 3, 2020
  - Bell County Expo Center, Belton, TX
- Teams need to come prepared with their kit and apron (optional)
- Registration costs \$20.00 per team
- Erath 4-H will pay for District registration costs for qualifying teams
- Teams are encouraged during the months of October and November to study and cook at home to gain more practice and confidence

## Team Presentation Specifics:

- All team members will have to have some sort of a speaking role
- Timeline – 5 minutes for the presentation; 3 minutes for judges' questions; 4 minutes between team presentation for judges to score and write comments
- Teams may use note cards during presentation, but should not read from them – just use them as guidelines or prompts





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**WE'RE**  
**MOVING!**

**Oct 29**

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**ERATH COURTHOUSE - 2ND FLOOR**

100 W Washington St Stephenville TX 76401

254/965-1460

### Team Presentation Specifics (cont.):

- Judges may ask questions not directly related to the dish prepared. Some questions may address general knowledge gained through the 4-H members' food and nutrition project learning experiences.
- Parts of the judged presentation include knowledge of MyPlate, nutrient knowledge, food preparation and safety, menu planning, food appearance, and presentation skills

2020 – 2021 District 8 Food Challenge Rules:

<http://agrilife.org/d84h/events-and-activities/food-challenge-food-show/>

## **ERATH COUNTY FOOD SHOW CONTEST**

Will be held in conjunction with the Food Challenge Contest on November 7<sup>th</sup>. Food Show will tentatively begin at 12:00pm.

No registration fee for Food Show, but **you still must register!**

- Theme: Grocery Games
- Categories: Appetizer, Main Dish, Side Dish, Healthy Dessert
- 1<sup>st</sup> place in each category in each age division (Junior, Intermediate, Senior) will advance to the District 8 Contest
  - Thursday, December 3, 2020
  - Bell County Expo Center, Belton, TX

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# 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, and are scored on preparation, serving size, food safety concerns, nutritional value and cost.

**When:** October 26<sup>th</sup>, 4:00pm – 6:00pm

**Where:** Foster's Home - Grubbs Welcome Center,  
1779 N Graham St

**RSVP:** October 23<sup>rd</sup>

**When:** November 2<sup>nd</sup>, 4:00pm – 5:00pm

**Where:** Foster's Home - Grubbs Welcome Center,  
1779 N Graham St

**RSVP:** October 30<sup>th</sup>



Food Challenge uses equipment kits for practices and contests.

We have 10 kits available to rent from the office!

Call today to check out a Food Challenge Kit!!



## Back by popular demand... Fall DIY Series!!!



**October 28<sup>th</sup> – Glow Pumpkins**

**November 16<sup>th</sup> – Mason Bee Homes**

**December 14<sup>th</sup> – Chicken Wire Christmas Trees**



**Foster's Home - Grubbs Welcome Center 1779 N Graham St**

**4:30pm – 5:30pm.**

**\$10.00 per session**

**Please bring 1 small-to-medium pumpkin for this month's project**

**RSVP by Oct 16<sup>th</sup>**



# mark your calendars!!

New to showing??

Looking for more ring experience??

Trying out a new project species??

Join us for the 29th Annual Holiday Classic!

This event is FREE to all 4-H & FFA members.

Don't let this fantastic educational opportunity pass you by!!



29TH ANNUAL

Beef, Lamb, Goat & Swine  
Clinic and Prospect Show

## HOLIDAY CLASSIC

### Saturday OCT 31, 2020

*Bell County Expo Center - 301 W Loop 121, Belton, TX 76513*

#### NEW for 2020 - 1-DAY ONLY EVENT!

- Barns opens at 6:00 am on Saturday
- Participants/Livestock must be in the barn by 9:30 am
- Limit exhibitors to 1 species, 2 head maximum
- Must sign Covid waivers to get on the grounds. Available at the gate or at <https://agrilife.org/bell4h/4-h-activities/holiday-classic/>
- No shavings vouchers will be given out. Shavings will be available for \$6 per bag - NO outside shavings!
- Online/virtual weight card turn-in
- Everyone must pen inside. Vehicles with trailers must park in back area.

#### 2020 Schedule

- 10am - *General Session for ALL Species* in Garth Arena (dome) with guest speakers: Jeff Ripley and Marvin Ensor (ALL Exhibitors expected to attend!)
- 12pm - *Lunch* (concessions available)
- 1:30pm - *Weight Cards Due*
- 2:30pm - *Jackpot Show*  
Showmanship winners will be selected by committee during each show.

There will NOT be a separate showmanship contest for 2020!

**NO ENTRY FEES! Open to all youth in Grades 3-12  
NO PEEWEE EXHIBITORS!**

#### For More Information:

Contact your local County Extension Office, the Bell County Extension Office at 254-933-5305 or visit us online at <https://agrilife.org/d84h/events-and-activities/holiday-classic/>



**\*\*MASKS REQUIRED - Current Bell County COVID Guidelines will be followed.\*\***

Educational programs of the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service are open to all people without regard to race, color, religion, sex, national origin, age, disability, genetic information or veteran status. The Texas A&M University System, U.S. Department of Agriculture, and the County Commissioners Courts of Texas Cooperating. If you need any type of accommodation to participate in this program or have questions about the physical access provided, please contact your local Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Office at least two weeks prior to the event.



# MAJOR SHOW ENTRY NIGHT

We will forward updates from shows. Stay tuned!

Tuesday, October 27<sup>th</sup>  
1:00pm - 7:00pm  
Courthouse Annex

Join us for a one-stop-shop night of entries! We will have all major entry paperwork available at this time. Premium books will also be available to preview and print selected pages if needed.

**BRING:** Payment (check or cash) & Social Security Number  
**HAVE COMPLETED:** Quality Counts course & 4-H Enrollment

**FORT WORTH  
STOCK SHOW  
& RODEO**

**HOUSTON** Livestock  
Show and Rodeo

**San  
Antonio**  
Stock Show & Rodeo

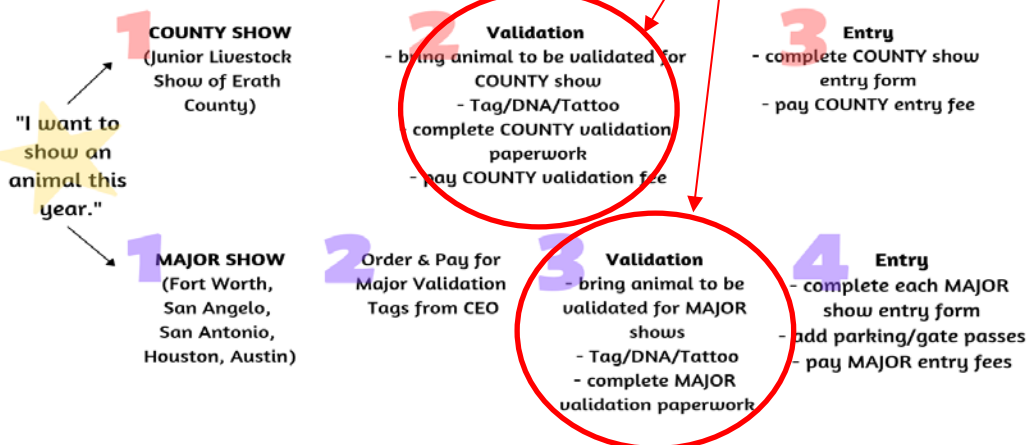
**SAN  
ANGELO**  
STOCK SHOW & RODEO



**Texas  
ELITE**  
showcase

**For the month of OCTOBER, we are here!**

## Livestock Validation & Entry Process



\*MAJOR Validation is **NOT** COUNTY Validation - Validation is **NOT** an Entry\*

## Required Forms

### Club Managers:

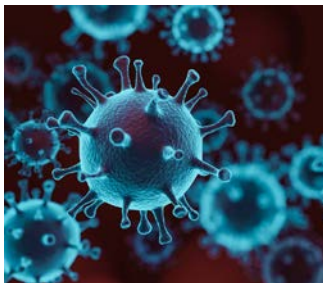
Preparedness  
Plans (Due to  
County Extension  
Office two weeks  
before meeting or  
event; can be filled  
out for two months  
at a time.

### ALL

### Participants:

COVID-19 Health  
Screen Forms  
(Must be completed  
at each  
meeting/event for  
each person  
attending)

## COVID-19 Reminders



We appreciate all you are doing to help us keep Erath 4-H activities open and active during this challenging time! We will continue to keep you up-to-date on changing guidelines and rules for ensuring safe meetings and events.

A couple reminders can be found on this page. If you ever have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact the extension office.

As always, we hope you are staying safe and well and keeping your 4-H pledge!

***"I pledge my head to clearer thinking, my heart to greater loyalty, my hands to larger service, and my health to better living, for my club, my community, my country, and my world"***  
**-4-H Pledge**

### COVID-19 Best Practices

- **Strive to practice 6 feet of social distancing from people outside your household at all times**
- **When social distancing is not possible, please wear a face covering**
- **Stay home if you are not feeling well**

**Current Meeting Capacity: 50% or fewer with a limited capacity of 50 people**



# OCTOBER 2020



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9 Major Broiler Order DUE	10
11	12 CEO Closed	13	14	15	16	17
18	19 Lamb, Goat, & Heifer Validation	20 4H FCH Coalition Meeting	21	22	23	24
25	26 Food Challenge Workshop #2	27 MAJOR ENTRY NIGHT CEO <b>CANCELLED</b>	28 4-H DIY Night #1	29	30	31

## November Events & Deadlines

Nov 2<sup>nd</sup> – Food  
Challenge #3

Nov 7<sup>th</sup> - County Food  
Show/Challenge  
Contest

Nov 11<sup>th</sup> – CEO Closed

Nov 14<sup>th</sup> – Swine  
Validation

Nov 16<sup>th</sup> – County &  
Major Entries Due &  
DIY #2

Nov 20<sup>th</sup> – 22<sup>nd</sup> – P2P  
Trip

Nov 26<sup>th</sup> – 27<sup>th</sup> – CEO  
Closed

## *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 <sup>rd</sup> Tuesday	6:30pm	Elizabeth Starnes	(254) 592-2000
Stephenville	Valley Grove Baptist Church	2 <sup>nd</sup> Monday	6:00pm	Kendi Maruska	(254) 744-7225
Foster's Home	Foster's Home	2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday	3:00pm	Brawnson Oliver	(254) 968-2143
PROJECT CLUBS					
Dairy	Southwest Regional Dairy	3 <sup>rd</sup> 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 <sup>st</sup> 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 <sup>st</sup> Tuesday	6:00pm	Roy Green	(254) 967-3737
IN-SCHOOL CLUBS					
White Horse Christian Academy	White Horse Christian Academy	1 <sup>st</sup> 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!***

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 Cooperative