



# ERATH COUNTY 4-H NEWS

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## 4-H Enrollment is OPEN!!

September 1<sup>st</sup> kicked-off the beginning of the 2021-2022 4-H year. All previously enrolled 4-H members and volunteers/adults will need to re-enroll as your account is now listed as *inactive*. You must be an active member to participate in workshops, contests, and shows. From now until October 31<sup>st</sup>, the enrollment fee is \$25.00 per youth. After that date, the fee increases to \$30.00. We are happy to send you step-by-step instructions on how to enroll on 4-H Connect (<https://texas.4honline.com/>).

Erath County 4-H is open to all 3<sup>rd</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> graders living in Erath County or attending a school in Erath County. Families with younger children (K – 2<sup>nd</sup> grade), can enroll as a clover kid for free. Clover kids may participate in meetings and some county-level events. Adults can enroll as a volunteer for \$10.00 (some contests require adults/coaches to enroll through 4-H Connect, requiring an active profile).

Call the office today with any enrollment questions or 4-H inquiries!

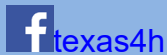
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Stay connected  
with Texas 4-H:

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



## **JUNIOR LIVESTOCK SHOW OF ERATH COUNTY 2022 January 3 – 8, 2022**

### **September 23: Broiler Order Deadline**

\*Minimum of 6 exhibitors must place an order for there to be a show that year. If minimum is not met, poultry show will be cancelled. \*

**October 18:** Lamb & Goat Validation,  
*ECLA Show Barn,*  
3:00pm – 6:00pm

**November 13:** Swine Validation, *ECLA*  
*Show Barn,*  
9:00am – 1:00pm

**December 1:** Entry and Payment Deadline

**December 7:** Rabbit Validation,  
*Stephenville High School, 4:00pm*

**January 3-8:** Erath County Junior Livestock  
Show



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>



**JLSEC 2022  
Rulebooks  
have been  
published!!**

**Grab a copy  
at the office,  
validation, or  
on Facebook!**

*\*Broiler orders  
are \$45.00 per  
25 birds in  
quantities of 25,  
50, or 75.  
Families can  
share an order of  
25 birds. \**

# **It is time for Major Swine and Fall Heifer Tag Orders!!**



**DUE September 17, 2021  
Swine Tags - \$18.00/each  
Heifer Tags - \$15.00/each**

**HEIFER NOTE:** If you have not State Validated you Heifer this is the last opportunity to Validate Her for the County Show. She must be State Validated!!!!

**Please bring a COPY of your registration  
papers to validation!!**

***NEW!! All animals to be shown  
at the County Stock Show  
Need State Validation Tags!!!!***

## **LIVESTOCK JUDGING**

**Every Monday & Wednesday  
after school at the CEO**

**Email or call the office to receive notifications of  
informational sessions, practices, and contests!**

# 2021 - 2022 Pasture to Packer Program

The 10<sup>th</sup> 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 you will learn and do:

- Select and feed out a 750 – 800 lb steer in 150 – 170 days
- Chute side manners
- Livestock Identification
- Complete a loan application for steer
- Recordkeeping
- Awards Banquet
- Educational Trips to top agriculture businesses in the industry

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.*



## All Show's Physical Validations:

### **Lamb & Goats**

When: Monday,  
October 18<sup>th</sup>,  
3:00pm – 6:00pm  
Where: ECLA  
Show Barn

### **Heifers**

When: Monday,  
October 18<sup>th</sup>,  
3:00pm – 6:00pm  
Where: ECLA  
Show Barn

### **Swine**

When: Saturday,  
November 13<sup>th</sup>,  
9:00am – 1:00pm  
Where: ECLA  
Show Barn

# CLUB MEETINGS

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

*\*Select clubs meet in August\**

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	Thomas Boyle	(254) 485-3876
Morgan Mill	Morgan Mill Community Center	3 <sup>rd</sup> Tuesday	6:30 PM	Deana Powell	(254) 485-9994
Stephenville	TBD	3 <sup>rd</sup> Monday	5:30 PM	Christin Pack	(817) 202-5078
Foster’s Home	Foster’s Home	2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday	***	Brawnson Oliver	(254) 968-2143
PROJECT CLUBS					
Dairy	TBD	3 <sup>rd</sup> Thursday	7:00 PM	Heather Jones	(254) 967-3790
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	6:00 PM	***	***
Pature to Packer	County Extension Office	As Needed	As Needed	Lonnie Jenschke	(254) 965-1460
Shooting Sports	Research & Extension Center	1 <sup>st</sup> Tuesday	6:00 PM	Roy Green	(254) 967-3737
IN-SCHOOL CLUBS					
Bluff Dale ISD	Bluff Dale School		***	Ed Berngen	254-595-2648
White Horse Christian Academy	White Horse Christian Academy	1 <sup>st</sup> Monday	***	Vanessa Halford	(254) 459-1230

# 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 27<sup>th</sup>, 4:30pm – 6:30pm

**Where:** District 8 AgriLife Center

**RSVP:** September 24<sup>th</sup>

**When:** October 25<sup>th</sup>, 4:30pm – 6:30pm

**Where:** Morgan Mille Community Center

**RSVP:** October 21<sup>st</sup>

**When:** November 1<sup>st</sup>, 4:30pm – 6:30pm

**Where:** Morgan Mill Community Center

**RSVP:** October 29<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 20<sup>th</sup> - TBD  
December 15<sup>th</sup> - TBD



All sessions will be at the District Research and Extension Center off HWY 281 from 4:30pm – 5:30pm.

**\$10.00** per session

# More Info to Come!!!

# Mark your calendars!!

New to showing??

Looking for more ring experience??

Trying out a new project species??

Join us for the 30th Annual Holiday Classic in November! This event is FREE to all 4-H & FFA members. Day 1 includes species specific clinics, showmanship, and FREE dinner. Day 2 kicks off with prospect shows.

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

## WHEN & WHERE?

**November 6 & 7**

Bell County Expo.  
301 W. Loop 121  
Belton, TX 76513

## WHAT IS HOLIDAY CLASSIC?

The Holiday Classic Clinics and Prospect Shows are intended to provide a **FREE** educational opportunity for new families participating in the livestock project area. The main purpose is to teach the basic principles of livestock management as they relate to facility maintenance, selection, nutrition, animal health, handling, showmanship, and transportation, facilitate the ethical care, development, and exhibition of livestock.

## WHO IS INVITED?

All 4-H and FFA members in grades 3-12

**NO PEEWEE EXIBITORS!!**

## CONTACT:

☎ 254-933-5305

🌐 <https://agrilife.org/c84h/events-and-activities/holiday-classic/>

or call your local County  
Extension Office

30th ANNUAL

# HOLIDAY CLASSIC

Beef, Lamb, Goat & Swine  
Clinic & Prospect Show

## Saturday, November 6, 2021

6:00 am - Barns Open

11:00 am - All livestock must be in the barn

12:30 pm - General Session - Dr. David Frazier

1:30 - 4:00 pm - Individual Species Clinics

- *Beef Speaker* - Tyler Mackey
- *Lamb Speaker* - Jimmy Key
- *Goat Speaker* - Linda Thurman
- *Swine Speaker* - Chase Sligh

4:30 pm - Showmanship Contest

6:00 pm - Dinner provided by Holiday Classic

## Sunday, November 7, 2021

7:15 am - Nondenominational Church Service

8:00 am - Prospect Show

- *Beef Judge* - Emily Williams (steers followed by heifers)
- *Lamb Judge* - Joshua Smartt
- *Goat Judge* - Marty Vahlenkamp
- *Swine Judge* - Cody Holloway



- Youth must attend Saturday clinics to participate in showmanship and prospect shows.
- Free Saturday evening meal. Concession stands available.

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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

Tuesday, October 26<sup>th</sup>

4:00pm – 7:00pm

Extension Office (2<sup>nd</sup> Floor of the Courthouse)

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







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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 Livestock Judging	2	3 Pasture to Packer Applications DUE	4
5	6 Livestock Judging	7 Shooting Sports Meeting	8 Livestock Judging	9 Youth Fair Committee Meeting	10 Heart of Texas Entry Deadline	11 Diary Validation
12	13 West Texas Fair Livestock Judging Contest	14 Erath County 4-H Program Area Committee Meeting	15 Livestock Judging	16 Diary Club Meeting Dublin, TX	17	18
19	20 Stephenville 4-H Meeting	21 Erath County 4-H Robotics Club Meeting	22 Livestock Judging	23 State Fair of Texas Archery Contest JLSEC Broiler Order DUE	24 State Fair of Texas Lamb Show	25 State Fair of Texas Lamb Show
26 State Fair of Texas Goat Show	27 State Fair of Texas Goat Show Food Challenge Workshop #1	28 State Fair of Texas Goat Show	29 Livestock Judging	30 State Fair of Texas Steer Show		



# October 2021



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 Heart of Texas Heifer Show	2 Heart of Texas Heifer Show
3 Heart of Texas Heifer Show	4 State Fair of Texas Livestock Judging	5 Shooting Sports Meeting	6 Office open for Phone Calls from 1-5 p.m.	7	8	9 State Fair of Texas Dairy Judging
10	11 Office Closed	12 Lamb and Goat 4-H Club Meeting	13 DEADLINE: Sign Up for DIY #1	14 State Fair of Texas Gilt Show	15	16
17	18 Lamb, Goat, and Heifer Validation Stephenville 4-H Club Meeting	19 DEADLINE: Sign Up for Food Challenge Workshop #2 Bluff Dale 4-H Meeting Morgan Mill Meeting	20 Erath County DIY #1	21 Dairy Club Meeting	22 Pasture to Packer Tour	23 Pasture to Packer Tour
24 Pasture to Packer Tour	25 Food Challenge Workshop #2 Robotics Club Meeting	26 Major Livestock Show Sign Up Night	27	28	29	30 Stephenville Lamb and Goat Jackpot

