Erath 4-H News

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Upcoming Events:

- **Apr 1-** Horse Validation Opens
- **Apr 13 –** District Fashion Show
- **May 5-** District Roundup (Meridian)
- **May 10-**Kids, Kows & More
- **June 6-**Food Camp
- **June 11-15 –** State Roundup (Texas Tech)
- **June 22-24-**Lamb & Goat Camp
- **June 27-29-**Leadership LAB
- **July 12** – District Recordbook Judging
- **July 17-19-**Clothing Camp

Deadlines:

- **May 1-** Horse Validation Deadline
- **Apr 9 –** State 4-H Photography Entries Due
- **Apr 11-** Deadline to enter District Roundup
- **Apr 12 –** Major Show Steer Tag Orders Due
- **May 9th –** Deadline to Register for State 4-H Round-Up (Lubbock)
- **May 31st –** Deadline to Register for Leadership Lab
- **June 18th –** County Recordbooks Due
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STATE HORSE SHOW, RULES, AND VALIDATION

This year Horse Validation *must* be completed online using 4-H Connect. You must have a family and youth member profile established on Connect, and be an active 4-H member. You will need digital photos of your horse(s) from the front, left, and right sides. These will need to be available for uploading during your validation process. You'll need a PDF copy of your horse(s) registration papers if your horse(s) are registered.

Validation is open from **April 1 to May 1**. **No validations after May 1 will be accepted!**

Horse Validation is completed for **EACH HORSE** and will cover all 4-H youth members in that family profile. However, when validating your horses on 4-H Connect, you will select **ONLY ONE** 4-H youth member to conduct the validation under. Once a horse is validated, validation paid, ($10.00) and you begin registering for district horse show, the validate horse(s) can be moved to the appropriate 4-H member(s) that will be exhibiting the horse in the show.

For detailed information please visit our website:
http://erath.agrilife.org/2012/03/22/2012-texas-4-h-horse-validation-program/

4-H Recordbooks Due June 8th

4-H recordbooks for county competition will be due in our office on **June 18** by 5:00 p.m. The sooner you get them in, the more time we will have to review them and get them back to you for corrections before District judging.

District judging is July 12th.

Check next month's newsletter for a recordbook workshop date! There have been some BIG changes to the formats that we want everyone to be aware of!

April is National County Government Month

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

Photography Contest

Entries for the 4-H State photography contest are due by 5:00 pm on Monday, **April 9, 2012**.

Your entries should be submitted via email to Megan at mmlogan@ag.tamu.edu.

For a list of categories, rules, and guidelines, please visit the State 4-H Website at http://texas4-h.tamu.edu/photography_contest.

DISTRICT LEADERSHIP LAB

*District Leadership Lab is scheduled for **June 27 through June 29 2012.** Watch next month's newsletter for more information.*

COUNTY SHOW CHECKS

County show checks are in and can be picked up at our office. Unless you have already brought it by, you **must** have your thank you note (or a copy of it) in order to pick up your check.

National Volunteer Week

April 15-21, 2012 is *National Volunteer Week*. This is our opportunity to recognize all of the volunteers in our 4-H program.

Erath 4-H has over 40 adult volunteers working directly with our 4-H members, including our wonderful *Club Managers* and *Adult Leaders,* who work with various project groups. We also have other volunteers who help from time to time with certain projects and various Extension activities. If it were not for all of our excellent volunteers, our programs would not be nearly as successful.

On behalf of our Erath 4-H members and the Erath County Extension Office, we would like to thank each and every one of our volunteers for so generously donating their time toward the development of Erath County's youth.

Thank you for all you do!

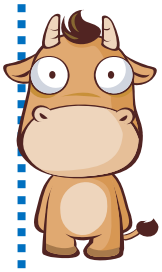
SEND US YOUR PICTURES… *for a special scrapbook*

Last year, the council membership created a 4-H countywide scrapbook that was presented at our 4-H Awards Banquet. Everyone has a great time seeing pictures from our activities throughout the year; help us make this year really great by sending us your pictures!

If you have never had a chance to see last year's book, make a point of taking a look at it the next time you are in our office.

Please help us make sure we have pictures of all events from the past year. If you have some favorite pictures from any contests, meetings, community service projects, or other events, please email them to Megan at mmlogan@ag.tamu.edu.

TAG ORDER DEADLINES:



STEER TAGS: needed for all MAJOR shows – Due in our office by THURSDAY APRIL 12TH

STATE FAIR SWINE TAGS: needed to show a hog at State Fair – Due in our office by MONDAY APRIL 23rd

Please come by the office and order your tags as soon as possible – payment is due when the tags are ordered. Tags are $9 each.

Pasture to Packer

The "Pasture to Packer" is a program being implemented in Erath County for Erath County 4-H members that will allow youth to participate in a hands-on marketing experience within the cattle industry. Participants in the program will be required to get a loan, purchase a calf, feed their calf through harvest, process the animal, and sell the beef. 4-H members will engage with local professionals and be involved in several educational elements throughout the project. Applications will be accepted from August 1-15, 2012. If you are interested in learning more about this new project please contact the Erath County office by June 1, 2012 by calling 254-965-1460 or e-mail mmlogan@ag.tamu.edu.

IMPORTANT COUNTY SHOW UPDATE

The Erath County Junior Livestock Show (ECJLA) held each January is an opportunity for youth to exhibit their livestock projects each year on a county level. This show is planned and implemented by an appointed board and numerous volunteers in our community. In order to participate in this event youth must be a member of the Erath County 4-H program or one of the FFA chapters located in Erath County. This event is not sponsored or run by the Extension Office, local FFA Chapter or Erath County schools.

The volunteers that assist with this show serve on various specie committees that review suggestions, discuss potential changes and develop recommendations to be submitted to the board of directors. This year the committee meetings will be held in April and this is an opportunity for you to provide your input.

Meeting Schedules are as follows:

- *Monday, April 2, 2012 in the Courthouse Annex*
  - *6 p.m. – Lambs*
  - *7 p.m. – Dairy*
  - *7:30 p.m. – Goats*
- *Tuesday, April 3, 2012 in Courthouse Annex*
  - *6 p.m. – Swine*
  - *7 p.m. – Horse*
  - *7:30 p.m. - Steers*

DISTRICT 4-H CONTESTS

District 8 4-H Contest Dates & Locations:

- **April 13** – 4-H *Fashion Show* – Tarleton State University – Registration begins at 1:15 p.m.
- **April 21** – *Livestock Judging* in College Station
- **April 21**– Meats Judging in College Station
- **April 25** – Mohair Judging in Stephenville
- **April 29** – *Shooting Sports Contest* – Leon County Gun Club, Buffalo, TX – 8:00 a.m. *entry deadline* on Wednesday, **April 13**.
- **May 5** – *4-H Roundup* – 9:00 a.m. – Meridian, TX (Details to follow); *Quiz Bowl* time – 10:00.

Youth Volunteers Needed!

Erath County is sponsoring the 2012 Kids & Kows & More on **May 10**. Senior and intermediate 4-H-ers have assisted as group leaders in the past. If you would like to help this year, call the Extension office by April 12th and let us know.

We will take care of sending an excuse to your school.

4-H FCS Task Force to Meet

The 4-H FCS Task Force will meet on Monday, **April 16th** to decide on project ideas for the upcoming Food Camp and Clothing Camp. Any interested 4-H youth or parent is invited to attend. The meeting will be held from 4:30-5:30 here at our office. If you have ideas, please let us know. Our Food Camp and Clothing Camp are always popular and fill up quickly because *YOU* make it fun by planning such cool activities!

Dates for everyone to remember if you are interested in attending these camps – mark them on your calendar! We'll have more specific sign up information in the new newsletter:

Food Camp – Wednesday, **June 6** – probably from 9-3
Clothing Camp – Tuesday, **July 17 – July 19th** – first session from 9-12 daily and second session from 1-4. We can take a total of 15 youth for the morning and 15 youth for the afternoon. The morning session is repeated in the afternoon.

NEW DIVISION FOR 2013 COUNTY SHOW

The Erath County Junior Livestock Association Board met in March and decided to add a Poultry Show for 2013. This division will be broilers and exhibitors will show a pen of three birds. Birds must be ordered through the Extension Office in October and will arrive late November or early-December. Exhibitors will have birds on feed roughly 6 weeks before they exhibit them at the county show.

This is a great opportunity for youth that have limited space for a livestock project and/or are interested in learning more about poultry projects. In addition it is a great, low cost opportunity to participate in the county show. A pen of birds will cost about $40.00 plus your feed. A broiler project will require that you provide some type of enclosed housing. There are many different options and we can assist you in designing your facility. You can modify some type of existing facility relativity cheap. Ideally you would like to have about 2 square foot per bird.

The ECJLA Board will be working over the next couple of months to finalize the new project. This summer we will offer a poultry workshop so that you can learn more about the project and see if it will work for you.

If you are interested in more information and learning more about the poultry project contact the Extension office at (254) 965-1460 and we will notify you as soon as the project is finalized.

Major Stock Show Results

Houston Livestock Show

Lamb Show:

- *FWX – Class 1*
  16th – Kindall Manning
- *Medium Wool – Class 3*
  15th – Kylie Manning
- *Medium Wool – Class 5*
  6th – Rebecca Wilson

Goat Show:

- *Class 11*
  8th – Kylie Manning
- *Class 18*
  5th – Audrey Turner

Beef Heifers:

- *Red Angus Class 4*
  1st – Colton Curry and **Division I Champion, Reserve Breed Champion and Senior Showmanship Winner**
- *Red Angus Class 14*
  3rd – Carson Ballinger
- *Santa Gertrudis Class 1*
  5th – Ryan Hess
- *Santa Gertrudis Class 7*
  7th – Jordan Hess
- *Shorthorn Class 1*
  1st – Kase Renfro
  2nd – Kade Renfro

Steers:

- *Hereford Class 1*
  6th – Bunker Funderburgh
- *Angus Class 2*
  1st – Jettie Funderburgh and **Breed Champion**
- *Red Angus Class 2*
  1st – Will Pettit and **Reserve Breed Champion**
- *Chianina Class 4*
  9th – Audrey Turner
- *ABC Class 1*
  6th – Bayli Williams

Star of Texas

Goat Show:

Class 9
4th – Audrey Turner and **Senior Showmanship Winner**

District Entomology Results

The District Entomology contest was held in Stephenville on Thursday, March 29, 2012. Erath 4-H had two competitors at the District contest; Nathan Starnes a junior participant and Eammon Dealney an intermediate participant.

This was Nathan's first year to participate in the contest and Eammon's second year. Both of our participants did extremely well in this year's contest. Nathan was 1st High Individual – Junior and Eammon was 1st High Individual – Intermediate.

Congratulations! Ya'll did a great job!

Erath County Fashion Show Results

Erath 4-Hers did an awesome job getting ready for this year's Fashion Show. The Fashion Show was held in the Courthouse Annex. This year Hood County participants also joined us due to their agent being on maternity leave.

4-Hers Kelley Royal, Haylee Fritts and Anneke VanderHorst served as the narrators for the Fashion Show which included Buying, Construction, and Storyboard Divisions. Special thanks to the judges for the event: Dr. Karol Blaylock, Mrs. Lynn Lovette, Shawna Pettit and Jessica Gandara. Also, a thank you to all 4-Hers and their parents for providing a breakfast item for the event!

Results were as follows:

Junior:

Buying-Casual
- 1st – Morgan McKinzie

Buying-Sportswear
- 1st – Victoria Saucedo

Construction Casual
- 1st – Aubrey Kellar

Storyboard-Accessories
- 1st – Morgan McKinzie

Storyboard –Jewelry
- 1st – Allisa Adams
- 2nd – Victoria Saucedo

Intermediate:

Buying-Casual
- 1st – Anneke VanderHorst

Buying-Dressy
- 1st – Riley McKinzie
- 2nd – Allison Divin

Construction-Dressy
- 1st – Madelyn McKenzie

Storyboard-Non-Wearable
- 1st – Anneke VanderHorst

Storyboard-Wearable
- 1st – Madelyn McKenzie
- 2nd – Riley McKinzie

Storyboard-Accessory
- 1st – Hanna Powell

Senior:

Buying-Casual
- 1st – Haylee Fritts

Buying-Formal
- 1st – Kelley Royal

Construction-Specialty
- 1st – Laurie Tolboom

Congratulations to all!!!

4-H CLUBS - MONTHLY MEETING SCHEDULE

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

NO COUNTY COUNCIIL MEETING IN APRIL