ERATH COUNTY 4-H NEWS

SEPTEMBER 2012

4-H AWARDS BANQUET

Erath 4-H will provide the meat and drinks again this year at our annual Awards Banquet. We ask the clubs to help by providing the sides, desserts, drinks & paper goods. We tried to make assignments based on club size:

Stephenville: 8 side dishes
Shooting Sports: Plates, cups, utensils, napkins & 4 dz rolls
Lamb & Goat: 8 side dishes
Dairy: 8 desserts
Dublin: 4 side dishes
Horse: 4 dz rolls & 4 desserts
Morgan Mill: 10 bags of ice, butter

(This is assuming that each dessert will serve 10-12 people, and each side dish will serve 6-8 people. If your club assignment will be a hardship on your club or club members, please let us know.)

All 4-H families are encouraged to attend the banquet. **Please RSVP** no later than 4:30 pm on Tues., Sept. 11, so we will know how much meat to buy. RSVP by phone, email, or by filling out the form online at: http://erath.agrilife.org/annual-4-h-awards-banquet-sept-15-2012/

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United Way

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FOOD CHALLENGE PRACTICE DATES

Tues., Sept. 25
Wed., Oct. 10
Mon., Oct. 15

All practices will begin at
4:30 pm
and end at
6:00 pm

All practices will be held at the Texas A&M AgriLife Research and Extension Center (1129 North US 281 – corner of Lingleville Highway and 281).

Practices are both for Jr/Int. team members and Sr. teams. Older 4-Hers will be asked to help lead some of the presentations.

FOOD CHALLENGE

COUNTY CONTEST
NOVEMBER 3, 2012
TX A&M AgriLife Research
& Extension Center
DISTRICT CONTEST
DECEMBER 3, 2012
Belton Expo Center

Mark your calendars now if you are interested in participating in the upcoming Food Challenge. This project concentrates on improving culinary knowledge and skills.

The youth get a predetermined list of ingredients. Then team members must develop a recipe and prepare the dish in 40 minutes. Teams then make a presentation to the judges discussing nutritional value, food safety, food preparation steps, serving size, and cost of the dish. If you need more information about the project in general, go to:

http://texas4-h.tamu.edu/healthy_lifestyles#foodc

TEAMS & PRACTICES

We have quite a number of teams registered now but there is still room for more. If you are interested in participating at the county contest, please call our office and register so we can be in contact with you about project specifics.

County wide practices do not take the place of practice at home and with your group on your own time. They are intended to help teach you the concepts and guidelines, but to be truly competitive, you need to practice even more!

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RECIPE RALLY

PRACTICE WORKSHOP

JANUARY 3, 2013
10:00 AM
TX A&M AgriLife Research & Extension Center

In the 4-H Recipe Rally, intermediate and senior 4-H members are challenged with selecting, creating, and/or altering a recipe and submitting a video, via YouTube. The video should highlight the 4-H member demonstrating the preparation of the recipe while also discussing nutrients, food safety practices, serving size and cost analysis, as well as their inspiration for selection or creation of the recipe.

The theme for the 2013 contest is "Dairy." Winners will advance to State Round-Up.

In order to help 4-Hers, we will be offering a practice taping session followed by actually taping your segment in order to help you meet the deadline.

This means you need to have found a recipe and practiced it before the workshop on January 3!

Be thinking about this. For ideas and inspiration, you can view some of last year's videos at:

http://texas4-h.tamu.edu/healthy_lifestyles#recipe

FOOD CAMP

We had a great time at 4-H Food Camp in August! We had a good attendance this year at camp with 45 youth and adults in attendance.

Campers rotated around five different sessions as they arrived at camp – MyPlate, Interview Skills, Food Preparation, Food Safety, and Menu Planning. Then, they actually participated in a real "Food Challenge" where they were given a list of ingredients and had to work together as a team to make a dish. After lunch, they attended sessions on Food Garnishing, Cake Decorating, and Healthy Kid Snacks.

See photos of Food Camp on our Facebook Page.

Project Forms Due by Sept. 7th

In order to make sure all of our 4-Hers are recognized at our annual 4-H Awards Banquet for this year's achievements, we ask that you complete a project form for all projects that you participated in. Deliver or email forms to the County Extension Office by **5 pm on Sept. 7th.**

Please call or email the office if you would like blank forms emailed to you.

Lots of members of the community including Texas Health Resources-Ellen Wells; TSU-Paula McKeehan; 4-H Specialist – Laura Heubinger; -4-H volunteer leaders – Betty Manning & DeeAnn Fritz, 4-Her – Haylee Fritts and Star Council – Harriet Frazier, Chelsea Pendergrass, Randi Williams and Maggie presented sessions. *Thanks also to all the volunteers who came as helpers to make the day run smoothly!*

PHOTOGRAPHY CATEGORIES:

- People
- Animals - Wildlife
- Animals - Domestic
- Marine / Aquatics
- Elements of Design
- Nature / Landscape
- Plant / Flora
- Details & Macros
- Digital Darkroom
- Theme
- Night Photography
- Food
- Dominant Color
- Catch All

See descriptions of categories and download full contest rules and instructions at:

agrilife.org/photo-contest-2012/

Model & Property Releases: *contestants acknowledge that they have sufficient written permission of any recognizable locations or people appearing in their photos granting the contestant and Texas 4-H and Youth Development Program to publish and use as needed.*

PHOTOGRAPHY CONTEST

SUBMISSION DEADLINE:

SEPTEMBER 11, 2012

BY 5:00 PM

This contest is open to junior, intermediate and senior 4-Hers, however, this contest does not qualify seniors for the State contest in the Spring of 2013.

Submissions will be judged on the county level and first place winners in each category in each age division will advance to the district contest.

Photography Contest Requirements:

- All photos will be submitted digitally via CD, USB flashdrive or email to mmlogan@ag.tamu.edu
- Photos must have been taken between October 1, 2011 and September 11, 2012 and must be an original photo taken by the 4-H contestant.
- **Size/Format:** photos need to be in JPEG/jpg format and must not exceed 1.5 MB.
- **Quantity:** Contestants may submit 1 photo per category

Horse Show will begin at 9 am.

To enter the Horse Show, contact Peggy Tolboom at 254-445-3436 or equest@embarqmail.com.

Receive a discount if you enter prior to Sept. 22.

CONGRATULATIONS!!!

Erath 4-H had two Recordbooks compete at the State level: **Kline Jones** in Dairy and **Conner McKinzie** in Public Speaking.

Congratulations to Kline for receiving 3rd and Conner for receiving 5th in their categories!!

ACADEMIC ELIGIBILITY

Our office will automatically check the academic eligibility of all 4-H members who enter ANY 4-H contest or competition, 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.

JUNIOR LIVESTOCK SHOW OF ERATH COUNTY
JANUARY 12-15

STEER & DAIRY VALIDATION
September 15
9 - 11:30 am
Stephenville Cattle Co.

POULTRY DEADLINE
October 5, 2012
Deadline to order & pay for Broilers, & deadline to pay entry fee

SWINE VALIDATION
October 27
9 - 11:30 am
ECLA Showbarn

LAMB & GOAT VALIDATION
October 30
3 - 6:30 pm
Stephenville High School

MAJOR SHOW SWINE TAG ORDER DEADLINE:
October 19th by 5 pm
Tags are $9 ea
(due when placing order)

Heart O' Texas (Waco): Oct. 4 - 13, 2012
Entry Deadline: September 7, 2012
HOTFair.com

Entry Deadlines for all major stock shows listed below: November 7, 2012

Ft. Worth: January 18 - February 9, 2013
fwssr.com

San Antonio: February 7 - 24, 2013
SARodeo.com

San Angelo: February 9-24, 2013
SanAngeloRodeo.com

Houston: February 25 - March 17, 2013
hlsr.com

Star of Texas (Austin): March 8-23, 2012
RodeoAustin.com

On **Nov. 7th from 8 am - 6 pm**, our staff will be available at the Extension Office to assist with filling out entries for Major Stock Shows. Entry forms will be available and there will be a notary present.

Remember to bring:
- youth's social security number
- check to pay entry fees
- animal's papers (if animal is registered)
- youth to sign entry forms
- parent to sign entry forms

HOLIDAY CLASSIC

NOVEMBER 10-11, 2012
BELTON, TX
Free sponsored event for District 8 4-H & FFA members & their families

If you plan to exhibit market lambs, goats, swine, or cattle this year, it is highly recommended that you attend Holiday Classic. This workshop will cover showmanship and nutrition.

Doing one large workshop for several counties enables us to bring in the most knowledgable experts for each species, which means you are getting excellent information and advice.

Each youth that attends a specie clinic will be entered in a drawing to receive a set of Lister Clippers.

RAFFLE TICKETS FOR SALE!
$1 each or 6 for $5

Prizes: Paul Scales, showbox,
$200 certificate, $300 certificate.

Raffle tickets will be available for purchase at the Extension Office and on-site during Holiday Classic. Need not be present to win.

LIVESTOCK JUDGING CONTEST

OCTOBER 7, 2012
WACO, TX (during Heart O' Texas Fair)
Registration: 7 - 7:30 am
Call Extension Office to enter by September 24, 2012

SCHOOL EXCUSES

Parents, please remember to 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.

Info we will need:

- Student's name
- School name
- Dates to be excused from school for stock show participation

2013 YOUTH FAIR

COUNTY CONTEST

JANUARY 12, 2013

Erath County Show Grounds

For those of you new to 4-H or perhaps have never entered the Youth Fair, here are the basics. The Youth Fair started in 2005 as a way to promote 4-H and offer an opportunity for 4-Hers to enter different items in a "fair-like" atmosphere in conjunction with the livestock show.

Some 4-Hers will never have an animal project and this allows them an opportunity to participate at the show as well. In addition, many of our livestock show kids enter other projects as well.

Our Youth Fair is held at the Stock Show Grounds Saturday, January 12 – on the same day as the Dairy Show and the new Poultry Show.

It costs $5.00 per entry to enter this contest. All entry fees go back to the 4-Hers as prize money for 1st - 3rd place winners in each division. There is also a Best of Show for each category, which had additional prize money last year.

Over the years, due to the generosity of sponsors, we have gradually raised the money prizes for our kids. Last year, 1st place winners received $26, 2nd place $21, and 3rd place $16. In addition, there is add-on money for Best of Show in each division.

A committee of youth and adult meet in the summer to plan the Youth Fair. This year, there are just a few changes. Listed in the sidebars are the Divisions and categories so you can begin working on your projects you'd like to enter.

You may enter the same photographs you enter in this year's photography contest as well as entering an item you made at this year's Clothing Camp!

Complete rules and guidelines will be found in next month's newsletter, but this is enough to get you thinking about projects you can be making.

DIVISIONS

Shop Art

- **Woodworking** (bookends, chuck wagon chairs, wood carving, etc.)
- **Welding** (will be divided into metal art (using plasma machine) and other (mig, stick/arc, etc.). Examples: horse shoe wreaths, lamps, signs, etc.

Arts and Crafts

- **Drawings** (any medium-pastels, oil, etc.)
- **Jewelry** (handmade from beads, crystals, etc.)
- **Textiles** (anything made from cloth, fiber, etc. Examples-crochet, sewn items, clothing, no-sew tie blankets, etc.)

Photography

- Animals
- Landmarks
- Catch All (any photo that doesn't fit into Animals or Landmarks)

2013 YOUTH FAIR
(CONTINUED)

This year we will, again, have a silent auction of items 4-Hers want to donate. In addition, we'll also ask clubs to donate a basket, like last year, that all 4-Hers will sell tickets for prior to the event.

Proceeds for both of these items will benefit Erath County United Way and "Erath County Animal Shelter."

It has been our tradition to help raise money for the organization that funds 4-H – United Way. And every year we choose another community organization to receive the other half of the funds. 4-H likes to set the example of giving back to the community since

FASHION SHOW & CONSUMER DECISION MAKING

We will begin practices for these projects right after the first of the year, so if you are interested in either project, you might mark some dates down now:

San Antonio Consumer Decision Making Contest
- February 16 in San Antonio

Storyboard Workshop
- February 19 – 4:30-6:00 – Research and Extension Center

District Consumer Decision Making Contest
– March 2 in Waco

Buying Workshop – March 5 – 4:30-6:00 – R & E Center

County Fashion Show – March 23 – Stephenville

District Fashion Show
– either April 5 or 12 – Tarleton State University, Stephenville

For more information about Consumer Decision Making – contact project leaders DeAnna Powell and Melanie Royal or visit http://texas4-h.tamu.edu/project_consumer.

For more information about the Clothing project, contact Donna White or visit http://texas4-h.tamu.edu/project_clothing.

DIVISIONS (CONT.)

Foods

This whole category will have a "Winter" theme this year. This simply means you need to be creative with the entries in each category.

For example-–– you might have a Super Bowl Food Basket, a Valentine's Cookie entry, a decorated Christmas cake, etc. All these activities/events happen in the winter!

- **Desserts** (brownies, drop cookies, bar cookies, cakes, etc.)
- **Decorated Cake** can use fondant, frosting tips, etc.
- **Candy** (peanut brittle, fudge, pecan clusters etc.)
- **Food Baskets** (creative container with at least one homemade item such as bread, salsa, etc).

PROJECTS

Beef
- Beef Quiz Bowl
- Show Steers

Clothing & Textiles
- Fashion Show
- Storyboard

Consumer Education
- Consumer Decision Making

Dairy
- Dairy Judging
- Show Heifers

Dog Care & Training (in progress)

Entomology

Food and Nutrition
- Food Challenge
- Food Show (Senior 4-Hers only)
- Recipe Rally

4-H ENROLLMENT for 2012-2013

Enrollment is now open for 4-H Youth as well as Adult Volunteers for the 2012-2013 year. Members must re-enroll every year so that we have accurate information for you so we know how to contact you, where to send your newsletter, which school to send your academic eligibility letters to, etc.

Enrollments must be done online through 4-H Connect at Texas.4HOnline.com.

All profiles changed to INACTIVE ON AUGUST 15th so you must re-enroll for the 2012-13 4-H year.

Profile items have changed for the 2012-13 year so it is important that everyone (youth and adults) update their profile before submitting.

If you are a returning 4-H member, login with the email address where you receive 4-H reminders at. (Select forgot password if necessary.)

Please do this first so we don't have duplicates in the system.

When enrolling, you must choose at least one project. See sidebars for a list of current Erath 4-H projects.

Contact our office if you have any problems completing your online enrollment and we will be glad to help you.

>>> Remember that a $20 Participation fee is due upon enrollment. After October 31, 2012, fee will increase to $25.

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NEW PROJECTS

WOODWORKING

We are excited to offer a woodworking project taught by Jim Pack. Jim taught this class last year and has offered to do it again this year! Jim will get us details on the exact project soon. We are asking for your input to see how many 4-Hers might be interested in this project! So don't delay letting us know!

Who: Limited to 6 youth since power tools will be used. If we had another adult leader to come and help, we might consider more youth. If you are interested in helping, please let us know!

What: Woodworking 4-H project – learn the basics of making a simple project using specific woodworking tools.

When: TBA

Where: Jim Pack's shop – Directions will be given to those who sign up.

Cost: TBA – just enough to cover the cost of the project.

How to Enroll: First six 4-H club members who sign up and pay the course fee will be project members.

Deadline to Enroll: TBA – Call now to indicate your interest.

VETERINARY SCIENCE

We have had several 4-Hers express their interest in getting the Vet Science project started in Erath County. The Veterinary Science project deals with the techniques and procedures involved in caring for animals. It includes learning how veterinarians are most effective.

In order to get the project running, there are a few things we need to do.

1. Establish the number of 4-Hers who are interested. If you would like to participate in this project please let the office know.
2. Locate a 4-H volunteer who is interested in leading the project. If you are interested in leading the project or know of someone who would be, please call the office to talk to Megan.
3. Host an interest meeting.

PROJECTS

Lambs & Goats
- Show Goats
- Show Lambs

Horse
- Horse Judging
- Horse Shows
- Horse Quiz Bowl

Livestock Judging

Mohair Judging

Poultry

Photography

Public Speaking

Shooting Sports

Swine
- Show pigs

Veterinary Science (in progress)

Woodworking

CLUB MEETING CHANGES

Dairy Club
(date change)
- 3rd Thursday
- Southwest Dairy Center
- 7 pm

Horse Club
New manager:
Amy Gillespie
254-445-3573

The full Club Meeting Schedule for all 4-H clubs in Erath County is on page 16, however, we recommend that you contact your club manager this month to verify meeting dates, times and locations.

CLUB CHARTERS for 2012-2013

DUE IN EXTENSION OFFICE
BY 4:30 PM
OCTOBER 1ST

ATTN: CLUB MANAGERS & PRESIDENTS

It's that time of year again. As we start our new 4-H year, we need to file for club charters. This year club charters are due in our office by 4:30 pm on October 1st.

At the Club Manager's meeting on August 21st, club managers were given a packet of materials that included the information needed for chartering. If you were not able to make it to the meeting, please stop by the office to get your packet.

Also, we ask that Club Managers let us know of Club Meeting date/time/location changes or of any events you would like us to list on our calendar.

SEPTEMBER ONLY Meeting Changes

- Stephenville Club will keep their regularly scheduled meeting date and time and will meet on September 3rd (Labor Day) at 6:30 pm.
- Morgan Mill Club will not meet on their regularly scheduled date, since it falls on Labor Day. But for September only, will meet on Tuesday, Sept. 4th at 6 pm.
- Cowboy Capital Horse Club will not meet on their regularly scheduled date, since it falls on Labor Day. But for September only, will meet on Tuesday, Sept. 4th at 6:30 pm at Peggy Tolboom's house.

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HUNTER SAFETY CLASS

SEPTEMBER 17 - 20
6:00 - 9:00 PM
TX A&M AgriLife Research & Extension Center

Shooting Sports will sponsor a Hunter Safety Class Sept 17 - 20 from 6:00 - 9:00 pm each night.

Cost is $15.00. You must attend all 4 nights to be hunter safety certified.

POOL PARTY

SEPTEMBER 4TH
5:00 PM
Tolboom's house

The Cowboy Capital Horse Club invites all 4-H members to a pool party on Tuesday, Sept. 4th. Please come at 5 pm and bring your horse if you have one. If you don't have one, we will have some to loan. We will be practicing showmanship. RSVP to Peggy Tolboom at 445-3436.

ONLINE CALENDAR

For those of you who are nerds and techies, and like to access everything online or on your smart phone, we have put our 4-H Calendar online at:

http://erath.agrilife.org/erath-4-h/4-h-calendar/

It is a Google calendar, so you can add it to your Google calendar and view it along with your other appointments.

It syncs with our office's main Outlook Calendar, so if an event or deadline is on our office calendar, it will also be on the Google calendar.

It is color-coded for easy viewing: 4-H events are in green and deadlines are in orange.

If you prefer to use Outlook, email JoDitt to request that she "share" the 4-H Calendar with you.

The Extension Office will be closed on Monday, September 3rd for Labor Day Holiday.

LIKE Erath 4-H on Facebook at:
Facebook.com/Erath4H
Our facebook page is where we will post the most current news, upcoming events, updates, and contest results, as we receive them.
We also post lots of photos on facebook.

Check out our albums for:

- Food Camp
- Clothing Camp
- Firecracker 100
- District 8 Leadership Lab
- State 4-H Round-Up
- Cross Timbers Lamb & Goat

ERATH 4-HERS EXPERIENCE TEXAS CONGRESS

The week of July 15th - 18th, 2012 held many new experiences for over three-hundred and fifty 4-Hers from across the state. Every other year the Texas 4-H and Youth Development Program hosts an event called Texas 4-H Congress. This is a premiere citizenship and leadership event offered for Texas 4-H members. This event allows 4-H members from across the State to participate in the legislative process.

4-H members who participate have the opportunity to serve in one of six roles; the roles being: House Member, Senate Member, Lobbyist, Press Corp, Technology Team or as a member of the Texas 4-H State Council. Once participants are selected, they have the opportunity to apply to be a Lobbyist, Press Corp member or a member of the Technology Team; otherwise they will remain a member of either the House or the Senate.

Each county across the state who has 4-H members participating in Congress are required to submit at least one Bill to be utilized in the Legislative process at Congress. Erath 4-H members participating came together this summer to write a bill for submission. Being the Erath County representation, they chose to write a bill in regards to the Dairy Industry.

Erath 4-H was proud to have three of their own members participate in 2012 Texas 4-H Congress; Kenna Faulkenberry, Kylie Manning and Chase Vineyard. Chase has served as the 2011-2012 State 4-H Council President and was able to serve as the Governor during Texas 4-H Congress. Kenna Faulkenberry was a member of the House of Representatives and Kylie Manning was a member of the Senate.

Along with serving as members of Congress, these 4-H Members also had the opportunity to meet Governor Rick Perry. Erath 4-H members who attended described their experiences at Congress as moments they would never forget.

****Photo provided by: Texas 4-H and Youth Development*** Photo includes 4-H members from District 8 4-H, including Kylie Manning, Chase Vineyard & Kenna Faulkenberry from Erath County.*

SEPTEMBER

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
West Texas Fair (Abilene) - Sept. 7 - 15 State Fair of Texas (Dallas) - Sept. 28 - Oct. 21						1
2	LABOR DAY (County Holiday 3 Stephenville Club Mtg. - 6:30 pm	Morgan Mill Club Mtg. - 4 pm 4 Shooting Sports Club Mtg. - 6 pm Horse Club Mtg. - 6:30 pm	5	6	Project Forms due 7	8
9	Heart of Texas Entry Deadline 10 Dublin Club Mtg. - 6:30 Lamb & Goat Mtg.-6:30	Photography Sbbmissions Due 11 RSVP for Banquet	12	13	14	**Awards Banquet** 15 Dairy & Steer Validation (County) Pasture to Packer
16	17	18	19 Major Show Swine Tag Orders Deadline	20 Dairy Club Mtg. - 7 pm	21	**District Council Retreat** 22
District Council Retreat 23	24	Food Challenge Practice - 4:30 pm 25	26	27	28	Pasture to Packer 29

October Events & Deadlines

Oct. 1
- Club Charters Due

Oct. 5
- Poultry Deadline

Oct. 7 - 13
- Nat'l 4-H Week

Oct. 10
- Food Challenge Practice

Oct. 15
- Food Challenge Practice

Oct. 27
- Swine Validation

Oct. 30
- Lamb & Goat Validation

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	CLUB MANAGER NEEDED				
Morgan Mill	Morgan Mill Community Center	1st Monday	4:00 pm	Elizabeth Starnes	254-592-2000
Stephenville	Foster's Home for Children	1st Monday	6:30 pm	David Wilson	485-3480
County Council	Extension Office – Courthouse Annex	As Needed	5:30 pm	Contact: Megan Logan	965-1460
PROJECT CLUBS					
Dairy Club	Southwest Regional Dairy	3rd Thursday	7:00 pm	Paulette & Barry Cavitt	728-3047
Horse Club	Research & Extension Center	1st Monday	6:30 pm	Amy Gillespie	445-3573
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

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