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Eastland County

4-H Focus



December 2021



The members of Texas A&M AgriLife provide equal opportunities in programs, education and employment, without regard to race, color, sex, religion, national origin, age, disability, genetic information, or veteran status.



Meeting Dates



Highway 6 4-H Club

Highway 6 4-H Club will not have a meeting in this month.

Club Leader: ShaMarie Tamminga

Phone: 325-642-5336

Email: shamarietamminga@gmail.com

Rising Star 4-H Club

Monday, December 13th

@ 4:30PM

First Baptist Church

306 N Main Rising Star, TX

Club Leader: Caryl Lawrence

Phone: 325-642-8616

Email: hccattlecompany@gmail.com

Cisco 4-H Club

Cisco 4-H Club will not have a meeting this month.

Club Leader: Sarah Sellers

Phone: 817-602-2251

4-H County Council

Wednesday, March 17th

@ 5:30PM

County Extension Office

102 N Lamar Ste 307 Eastland, TX

Club Leader: Amy O'Brien-Glenn

Phone: 254-629-2222

Email: amy.obrien-glenn@ag.tamu.edu

Adult Leaders

Wednesday, March 17th @ 5:30PM

County Extension Office

102 N Lamar Ste 307 Eastland, TX

Club President: Pam Chaney

Phone: 254-631-8440



Practice Dates



Archery

Archery practices will resume in Spring 2022.

Rifle

Monday, December 20th @ 5:30pm

County Extension Office

102 N Lamar Suite 307 Eastland, TX

Project Leaders:

TJ Cummings & Judge Jon Glenn

Phone: 254-629-2222

Email: tj.cummings@ag.tamu.edu

Plant ID

Tuesday, December 21st @ 5:30pm

County Extension Office

102 N Lamar Suite 307 Eastland, TX

Project Leaders:

TJ Cummings & ShaMarie Tamminga

Phone: 254-629-2222

Email: tj.cummings@ag.tamu.edu

Photography

Wednesday, December 15th @ 5:30pm

County Extension Office

102 N Lamar Suite 307 Eastland, TX

Project Leader: Carolina Boelter

Phone: 254-629-2222

Food Challenge

Monday, December 6th @ 4:00pm

County Extension Office

102 N Lamar Ste 307 Eastland, TX

Project Leader: Amy O'Brien-Glenn

Phone: 254-629-2222

Email: amyobrien-glenn@ag.tamu.edu

Stitching Saturdays

Saturday, December 18th @ 10:00am

JT Ranch Quilt Shop

106 Conrad Hilton Blvd Cisco, TX

\$20—supplies included

\$25—supplies and lunch included

Phone: 254-433-9050



DISTRICT 8 AG PRODUCT ID CONTEST RESULTS



Team Results:

Intermediate Team—9th Place

Karsyn Dodrill, Saylor Monty, Zane Sellers

Senior Team—7th Place

Kelsey Eisenbach, Giada Gregory, Colt Lawrence

Individual Results:

Karsyn Dodrill—Intermediate—34th Place

Saylor Monty—Intermediate—24th Place

Zane Sellers—Intermediate—36th Place

Kelsey Eisenbach—Senior—11th Place

Giada Gregory—Senior—25th Place

Colt Lawrence—Senior—28th Place

Congratulations to each of our hardworking 4-H members!





EASTLAND COUNTY 4-H FOOD SHOW & FOOD CHALLENGE CONTESTS RESULTS

Food Show

Senior Division

Kelsey Eisenbach—Appetizer—1st Place

Intermediate Division

Saylor Monty—Appetizer—1st Place

Bradlee Eisenbach—Side Dish—1st Place

Karsyn Dodrill—Healthy Dessert—1st Place

Junior Division

Sawyer Monty—Appetizer—1st Place

Harper Hutton—Main Dish—1st Place

Kayden Nichols—Healthy Dessert—1st Place

Zane Sellers—Healthy Dessert—2nd Place

Clover Kid Division

Parker Eisenbach—Main Dish—1st Place

Eva Sellers—Healthy Dessert—1st Place

Food Challenge

Intermediate Division

The Crazy Cookers—1st Place

Karsyn Dodrill, Saylor Monty, Emiley Tamminga

Junior Division

The Cisco Chefs—1st Place

Harper Hutton, Kayden Nichols, Zane Sellers, Ainsley Whetstone

***Congratulations to each of our hardworking 4-H members!
Good luck at District 8 4-H Food Show and Food Challenge!***



EASTLAND COUNTY 4-H

CHRISTMAS PARTY



Saturday, December 4th

2:30pm—6pm

The Majestic Theater will open at 2:30pm for everyone to get refreshments and find a seat. (Enrolled 4-H members will receive a free popcorn and drink, family members/friends will need to purchase their own refreshments).

*We will be watching **How the Grinch Stole Christmas** and **A Charlie Brown Christmas**, beginning at 3pm. The movies will be over at approximately 5pm.*

After the movies, we will walk over to the Judge Scott Bailey Center to make Christmas Cards for our county's nursing homes and to play some games!

We will be having a Chinese Christmas Gift Exchange. Please bring one wrapped gift per child (for those wishing to participate) that is \$10 or less.



Head over to One Starry Night and the Lighted Christmas Parade with your parents at 6pm for more holiday fun!



EASTLAND COUNTY LIVESTOCK SHOW

January 12th-15th

ECLRA Show Grounds

TENTATIVE SCHEDULE

Tuesday, January 11

8:00 AM – 5:00 PM – **Art, Canning, Photography & Sewing early entries taken** (County Extension Office)

Wednesday, January 12

9:00 AM—Gates open for animals to be admitted

9:00 AM – 7:00 PM—**Art, Photography, Canning & Sewing entries for Creative Arts Contest** accepted (Hutto-Humiston Building)

4:00 PM—Scales Open—HOGS ONLY

5:00 PM—Chicken and Turkey Check In

6:00 PM—Chickens and Turkeys must be in place

7:00 PM—**Poultry Show**—Broilers followed by Turkeys (Moylan Exposition Arena)

7:00 PM—Hogs must be weighed and in place

7:00 PM—Deadline to turn in Art, Photography, Canning & Sewing entries

Thursday, January 13

8:00 AM—**Swine Show**—Breeding followed by Prospect Pigs, then Market (Moylan Exposition Arena)

8:30 AM—Cattle Check In

9:00 AM—Ag Mechanics (Hutto-Humiston Building)

11:00 AM—Cattle must be weighed and heifer papers turned in

2:00 PM—**Cattle Show**—Beef Heifers, then Steers (Outside Showring)

Immediately following Steer show, Commercial Heifer Show (Commercial Cattle Pens)

****If bad weather, then cattle will show immediately after hog show****

4:00 PM—Scales open for Lambs, Goats and Rabbits

7:00 PM—Lambs, Goats and Rabbits must be weighed and in place

Breeding rabbits need to check in (do not need to bring breeding rabbits)

Friday, January 14

8:00 AM—**Rabbit Show** (Market followed by Breeding)

8:30 AM – 10:00 AM – **Creative Arts Baking entries accepted** (Hutto-Humiston Building)

10:00 AM—**Angora Goats**—Breeding followed by Market (Moylan Exposition Arena)

11:00 AM—**Market Lambs** followed by **Market Meat Goats** (Moylan Exposition Arena)

INTERMISSION

12:00 PM – 5:00 PM – Creative Arts Entries Displayed (Hutto-Humiston Building)

1:00 PM—**Breeding Sheep** followed by **Breeding Meat Goats** (Moylan Exposition Arena)

5:00 PM – 7:00 PM – **Creative Arts entries must be picked up** (Hutto-Humiston Building)

Saturday, January 15

12:00 PM—Buyers Meal

1:00 PM—Auction and Presentation of Awards *****No animals at the sale*****

Schedules and rule books can be picked up at the Eastland County Extension Office or found at:

<https://eastland.agrilife.org/eastland-county-livestock-show/>



EASTLAND COUNTY



CREATIVE ARTS CONTEST

January 12—15, 2021

Hutto-Humiston Building

ECLRA Show Grounds

Contests include Art, Photography, Baking, Canning and Sewing!

**All Eastland County residents are encouraged to enter,
age 5 and up, including professionals!**

Youth Entries \$1 Adult Entries \$2 Professional Entries \$3

Art, Photography, Canning and Sewing entries can be turned in at the Eastland County Extension Office on Tuesday, January 11, 2022 between 8am and 5pm, or they can be turned in at the ECLRA Show Grounds, Hutto-Humiston Building, on Wednesday, January 12, 2021 between 9am and 7pm.

Baking entries must be turned in at the ECLRA Show Grounds, Hutto-Humiston Building, on Friday, January 14, 2021 between 8:30am and 10:00am.

Judging will begin at 3:00pm on Thursday, January 13, 2021.

Judging for baking entries will begin at 10:30am on Friday, January 14, 2021.

Display will begin at 12:00pm on Friday, January 14, 2021.

All entries must be picked up between 5pm and 7pm on Friday, January 14, 2021.

For more information, call the Eastland County Extension Office at 254-629-2222.

Rules and entry forms can be found at <https://eastland.agrilife.org/fcs/creative-arts-contest/>



RABBIT VALIDATION



Tuesday, December 14th

4PM—6PM

ECLRA Show Grounds

All Market Rabbits will need to be at validation.

All exhibitors showing Breeding Rabbits will need to be at validation.

Breeding Rabbits do not need to be at validation.

For more information, call the Eastland County Extension Office at 254-629-2222.

UPCOMING STOCK SHOWS

- SandHills Stock Show & Rodeo—January 5th-15th
- Eastland County Stock Show—January 12th-15th
- Fort Worth Stock Show & Rodeo—January 14th-February 5th
- San Angelo Stock Show & Rodeo—February 3rd-20th
- San Antonio Stock Show & Rodeo—February 10th-27th
- Houston Livestock Show & Rodeo—February 28th-March 20th
- Austin Livestock Show & Rodeo—March 12th-26th





The History of Christmas



By Saylor Monty, Highway 6 Club Reporter and County Council Secretary

What is the history of Christmas? Well, it wasn't always pine trees and Christmas stockings. Christmas is the celebration of the birth of Baby Jesus in Bethlehem. Christmas is celebrated on December 25th and is both a sacred religious holiday and a worldwide cultural and commercial phenomenon. For two millennia, people around the world have been observing it with traditions and practices that are both religious and secular in nature. Christians celebrate Christmas Day as the anniversary of the birth of Jesus of Nazareth, the spiritual leader whose teachings form the basis of their religion. Popular customs include exchanging gifts, decorating Christmas trees, attending church, sharing meals with family and friends and, of course, waiting for Santa Claus to arrive. December 25th, Christmas Day, has been a federal holiday in the United States since 1870.

The middle of winter has long been a time of celebration around the world. Centuries before the arrival of the man called Jesus, early Europeans celebrated light and birth in the darkest days of winter. Many people rejoiced during the winter solstice, when the worst of the winter was behind them, and they could look forward to longer days and extended hours of sunlight. In the early years of Christianity, Easter was the main holiday; the birth of Jesus was not celebrated. In the fourth century, church officials decided to institute the birth of Jesus as a holiday.

Unfortunately, the Bible does not mention a date for his birth. The custom spread to Egypt by 432 A.D. and to England by the end of the sixth century. By holding Christmas at the same time as traditional winter solstice festivals, church leaders increased the chances that Christmas would be popularly embraced but gave up the ability to dictate how it was celebrated. By the Middle Ages, Christianity had replaced pagan religion. On Christmas, believers attended church, then celebrated with their families at home, like we do today.



Merry Christmas, everyone!

