

# TEXAS A&M AGRI LIFE EXTENSION

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Eastland County

# 4-H Focus



## March—April 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

Tuesday, March 2nd

@ 6:30 pm

Leon River Cowboy Church

491 CR 447 Eastland, TX

Club Leader: ShaMarie Tamminga

Phone: 325-642-5336

Email: shamarietamminga@gmail.com

## Rising Star 4-H Club

Thursday, March 11th

@ 4:15 pm

First Baptist Church

306 N Main Rising Star, TX

Club Leader: Caryl Lawrence

Phone: 325-642-8616

## Cisco 4-H Club

Thursday, March 18th

@ 5:30 pm

Myrtle Wilks Community Center

1498 I-20 Frontage Rd Cisco, TX

Club Leader: Sarah Sellers

Phone: 817-602-2251

## 4-H County Council

Monday, March 15th

@ 5:00 pm

Leon River Cowboy Church

491 CR 447 Eastland, TX

Club Leader: Regina Watkins

Phone: 817-441-6036

Email: scottwatkins@att.net



# Meeting Dates



## Adult Leaders

Please contact the Adult Leaders President, Pam Chaney, for the next meeting date and time.

Club President: Pam Chaney  
Phone: 254-631-8440

## Archery

Please contact the Archery Club Leader, Brad Robinson, for the next meeting date and time.

Club Leader: Brad Robinson  
Phone: 254-631-9527

## Leadership & Citizenship

Please contact the Leadership & Citizenship project leaders, Judge Jon Glenn and Amy O'Brien-Glenn, for the next meeting date and time.

Project Leaders: Judge Jon Glenn &  
Amy O'Brien-Glenn  
Phone: 254-629-2222

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

Building leaders today for tomorrow.

*"You were born for such a time as this."*

## Rifle

Please contact the Rifle project leaders, TJ Cummings and Judge Jon Glenn, for the next meeting date and time.

Project Leaders: TJ Cummings &  
Judge Jon Glenn  
Phone: 254-629-2222

Email: tj.cummings@ag.tamu.edu



# **EASTLAND COUNTY 4-H PHOTOGRAPHY CONTEST**



**Entries due Friday, March 5th**

*All entries must be the work of the exhibitor and taken after January 1, 2020.*

*Photographs must be printed in an 8x10, mounted on foam board and submitted in a clear plastic sleeve.*

*1st, 2nd and 3rd will be awarded in each category.*

*Best of Show will be awarded in each age division.*

*All 1st place entries will advance to District 8 4-H Photography Contest.*

## **Categories:**

Animals—Domestic

Animals—Wildlife

Catch-All

Details & Macro

Elements of Design

Enhanced

Food

Landscape & Nature

Long Exposure

Motion/Action

People

Plant/Flora

Shadow/Silhouette

Theme— *“What does the pandemic look like to you?”*

***Exhibitors may enter as many categories as they wish,***

***but only one entry per category is permitted.***



# **DISTRICT 8 4-H**

## **DUDS TO DAZZLE, STORYBOARD, FASHION SHOW & NATURAL FIBER**

**Duds to Dazzle (In-Person): Monday, April 19th @ Cleburne Conference Center**

**Fashion Show (Virtually via Zoom): Tuesday, April 20th**

**Storyboard and Natural Fiber will be uploaded**

Entries due Monday, March 15th

Fashion Show: Individual Natural Fiber: Individual (Seniors only)

Storyboard: Individual

Duds to Dazzle: Team (3-5 members)

*If you are interested in participating in this event,  
please contact the Extension Office at 254-629-2222.*

# **DISTRICT 8 4-H**

## **CONSUMER DECISION MAKING**

**Monday, April 19th**

**Cleburne Conference Center**

Entries due Monday, March 15th

Team (3-4 members)

Individual (only if a team cannot be made)

*If you are interested in participating in this event,  
please contact the Extension Office at 254-629-2222.*





# **MULTI-DISTRICT 4-H LIVESTOCK & MEAT JUDGING CONTESTS**



**Saturday, April 24th**

**Livestock Judging @ Brazos Expo Center**

**Meat Judging & ID @ Rosenthal Meat Science & Technology Center**

Entries due Friday, March 26th

Individual or Team (3-4 members)

*If you are interested in participating in this event,  
please contact the Extension Office at 254-629-2222.*

## **DISTRICT 8 4-H JUDGING CONTESTS**

**Date & Location TBA**

Livestock Skill-a-thon   Entomology ID   Plant ID

Mohair Judging   Wool Judging

Range Evaluation   Ag Product ID

Entry deadlines will be announced via  
Facebook and email as soon as possible.



*If you are interested in participating in this event,  
please contact the Extension Office at 254-629-2222.*





# DISTRICT 8 4-H ROUNDUP



## Entries due Friday, April 9th

### Educational Presentations

- Via Zoom on April 26th and 27th beginning at 4PM
- Individual or a Team of 2
- Categories include Ag Technology & Farm Safety, Animal Science, Beef, Horse, Health & Wellness, Open FCH, Open, Promote 4-H and Safety & Injury Prevention
- Subject should address emerging or current issues in your chosen category
- Visuals and aid props are allowed
- Time Limit: 12 minutes—points will be deducted for overtime

### Public Speaking

- Via Zoom on April 29th beginning at 4PM
- Individual only
- Subject should address emerging or current issues
- Visuals and aid props are not allowed
- Time Limit: 5-7 minutes

### Share-the-Fun

- Will be recorded and submitted for judging—must be submitted as a YouTube Video
- Individual or Group (maximum of nine participants)
- Video links and act descriptions must be uploaded to the Google Link which will be emailed to each team after the entry deadline and must be uploaded April 20th-24th
- Categories include Celebrate 4-H, Choreographed Routines, Dramedy, Musical/Instrumental, Poetry/Prose, Solo/Band Performance and Vocal
- Time Limit: 6 minutes

### FCH, Horse and Livestock Quiz Bowls

- Will remain an in-person event on May 1st (location has yet to be determined)
- Teams of 4, no Individual entries or teams of less than 4

4-H members may enter a maximum on one contest from each of the three columns below.

Column One	Column Two	Column Three
Livestock Quiz Bowl	STF Choreographed Routines	Agricultural Technology & Farm Safety Ed Pres
Horse Quiz Bowl	STF Dramedy	Animal Science Educational Presentation
FCH Quiz Bowl	STF Poetry/Prose	Beef Educational Presentation
	STF Vocal	Health & Wellness Educational Presentation
		Horse Educational Presentation
		Open Ag & Natural Resources Educational Pres
		Open Family & Community Health Ed Pres
		Open Educational Presentation
		Promote 4-H Educational Presentation
		Public Speaking
		Safety & Injury Prevention Educational Presentation
		STF Celebrate 4-H
		STF Musical/Instrumental
		STF Solo/Band



# 2021 EASTLAND COUNTY LIVESTOCK SHOW



<b>Colton Alford</b>	Champion Market Swine, Yorkshire
<b>Jaxon Durant</b>	Fifth Place, Market Goat
<b>Kelsey Eisenbach</b>	First Place, Market Rabbits
<b>Kylee Gaston</b>	Reserve Supreme Beef Heifer Champion Market Steer, British Champion Breeding Beef Heifer, European
<b>Madelynn Gosnell</b>	Supreme Champion Breeding Swine Champion Breeding Swine, Berkshire Champion Breeding Swine, Yorkshire Champion Breeding Swine, Cross
<b>Canon Harris</b>	Reserve Supreme Breeding Swine Breeding Swine Showmanship, Junior First Place, Market Swine
<b>Dawson Hearne</b>	Third Place, Market Goat
<b>Luke Henry</b>	Reserve Champion Light Weight Goat Third Place, Market Lamb
<b>Kye Herrington</b>	First Place, Market Swine
<b>Kynnley Herrington</b>	Market Swine Showmanship, Senior Breeding Swine Showmanship, Senior Champion Market Swine, White OPB Reserve Champion Market Swine, Black OPB
<b>Tristan Hull</b>	First Place, Market Swine, Hampshire Fifth Place, Market Goat





# 2021 EASTLAND COUNTY LIVESTOCK SHOW



<b>Bryce Irby</b>	Reserve Champion Hampshire
<b>Luke Irby</b>	Fourth Place, Market Rabbits
<b>Colt Lawrence</b>	Supreme Champion Angora Buck Reserve Grand Champion Market Angora Reserve Grand Champion Broiler Reserve Supreme Angora Doe Market Angora Goat Showmanship, Junior Breeding Angora Goat Showmanship, Junior Market Broiler Showmanship, Junior
<b>Hudson Rabb</b>	Supreme Champion Ram Reserve Supreme Ram Champion Hair Ram
<b>Brody Rainey</b>	Champion Breeding Swine, Black OPB
<b>Ty Roper</b>	Reserve Champion Fine Wool Cross
<b>Daila Sadler</b>	Market Swine Showmanship, Junior Champion Breeding Swine, White OPB Champion Market Lamb, Southdown Reserve Champion Fine Wool Second Place, Market Swine
<b>Emiley Tamminga</b>	Champion Breeding Swine, Hampshire
<b>Pebbles Whitaker</b>	Breeding Beef Showmanship, Junior
<b>Ryleigh Whitaker</b>	Champion Breeding Beef Heifer, American

***Congratulations to all of our hardworking and dedicated 4-H members!***



# 2021 EASTLAND COUNTY CREATIVE ARTS CONTEST



## **Kylee Gaston**

1st Place, Art, Junior Youth, 3-Dimensional-Miscellaneous  
1st Place, Photography, Junior Youth, Animals-Color  
1st Place, Photography, Junior Youth, Plant/Flora-Color  
1st Place, Photography, Junior Youth, Natural Landscapes-Color  
1st Place, Baking, Junior Youth, Cakes-Pound Cake  
1st Place, Baking, Junior Youth, Pies-Cobblers  
1st Place, Baking, Junior Youth, Cookies-General  
1st Place, Sewing, Junior Youth, Household Item  
Best of Show, Photography, Junior Youth  
Best of Show, Baking, Junior Youth  
Best of Show, Sewing, Junior Youth

## **GiGi Gregory**

3rd Place, Photography, Senior Youth, Animals-Color  
1st Place, Photography, Senior Youth, Plant/Flora-Color  
1st Place, Photography, Senior Youth, Architecture-Color  
2nd Place, Photography, Senior Youth, Action-Color  
1st Place, Photography, Senior Youth, Natural Landscapes-Color  
2nd Place, Photography, Senior Youth, Details/Macro-Color  
1st Place, Photography, Senior Youth, Textures/Patterns-Color  
2nd Place, Photography, Senior Youth, Automobile/Machinery-Color  
1st Place, Photography, Senior Youth, Special Effects  
1st Place, Photography, Senior Youth, Miscellaneous  
1st Place, Baking, Senior Youth, Cakes-Pound Cake  
1st Place, Canning, Senior Youth, Class B: Jams, Jellies & Preserves  
Best of Show, Canning, Senior Youth

## **Carson Gilbert**

1st Place, Photography, Elementary Youth, Animals-Color  
1st Place, Photography, Elementary Youth, Plant/Flora-Color  
1st Place, Photography, Elementary Youth, Architecture-Color  
1st Place, Photography, Elementary Youth, Action-Color  
1st Place, Photography, Elementary Youth, Natural Landscapes-Color  
1st Place, Photography, Elementary Youth, Natural Landscapes-Black&White  
1st Place, Photography, Elementary Youth, Details/Macro-Color  
1st Place, Photography, Elementary Youth, Special Effects  
Best of Show, Photography, Elementary Youth



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<b>Colt Lawrence</b>	1st Place, Photography, Senior Youth, Automobile/Machinery-Color 1st Place, Baking, Senior Youth, Cookies-Bars Best of Show, Photography, Senior Youth Best of Show, Baking, Senior Youth
<b>Saylor Monty</b>	1st Place, Baking, Intermediate Youth, Cakes-Sheet Cake Best of Show, Baking, Intermediate Youth
<b>Jeithin Odom</b>	1st Place, Art, Intermediate Youth, 3-Dimensional-Miscellaneous
<b>Barbie Reyes</b>	1st Place, Art, Intermediate Youth, Painting-Animal Subjects
<b>Junior Reyes</b>	1st Place, Art, Junior Youth, Painting-Animal Subjects Best of Show, Art, Junior Youth
<b>Sarah Reyes</b>	1st Place, Art, Elementary Youth, Painting-Animal Subjects Best of Show, Art, Elementary Youth
<b>Cody Scott</b>	1st Place, Baking, Elementary Youth, Cakes-Pound Cake 1st Place, Baking, Elementary Youth, Cookies-Bars Best of Show, Baking, Elementary Youth
<b>Emiley Tamminga</b>	1st Place, Art, Junior Youth, Drawing-Landscape 1st Place, Art, Junior Youth, Drawing-Miscellaneous

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# UPCOMING IMPORTANT DATES



- District 8 4-H Horse Judging entries due: March 15th
- District 8 4-H Rifle Match entries due: March 26th
- District 8 4-H Leaders 4 Life Skillathon entries due: March 26th
- Horse Validation opens: April 1st
- Texas 4-H Photography Contest entries due (Seniors Only): April 10th
- Texas 4-H Roundup entries due (Seniors Only): May 7th

## UPCOMING STOCK SHOWS

- Houston Livestock Show: February 26th—March 21st
- Austin Stock Show: March 12th—28th

***Call the Eastland County Extension Office at 254-629-2222 if you need an Excused Absence Letter sent to your school for any stock shows you will be participating in.***



## COVID 19 and 4-H



We encourage you to be socially responsible by helping to minimize the spread and impacts of this virus. Please keep washing your hands and take care of yourself, your family and friends. If you feel sick, take actions to not spread the disease, especially among the elderly or those with underlying health challenges. You can find additional resources at [texashelp.tamu.edu](http://texashelp.tamu.edu), [dshs.texas.gov/coronavirus/](http://dshs.texas.gov/coronavirus/) and [www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html](http://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html)

Thank you for your continued support and leadership!



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Greetings Eastland County 4-H members,

My name is Ryleigh Whitaker, and I am currently serving as your County Council president.

As we all know, the last year has been extremely trying for those of us in the livestock industry. From COVID to the great “Ice Blast” of 2021, we have sure faced some tough times. It’s easy to get discouraged, but I encourage you to persevere and avoid partaking in negativity. Now, more than ever, it is crucial to serve as a positive light for the industry that we all love.

Here are a few things you can do to share an uplifting, positive message with others:

1. Share the love on social media.

Instead of focusing on the stock show that didn’t happen or the cow that didn’t make it during the ice storm, show the world what farm kids are really made of. Share a picture of yourself feeding and caring for your animals, breaking frozen ice, or volunteering to help others in need. Just put a positive spin on it!

2. Lend a helping hand.

Many of us are very fortunate. We have a place to stay warm and food on the table. If you are able, give back to those in need. Many of our neighbors have hit some all time lows due to unemployment, failed health, etc. Give back, fix them dinner, or even just serve as a friend and visit with those who may be lonely. Random acts of kindness bring joy to all involved!

3. Smile.

Yep. That’s it. Just greeting someone you pass with a smile might just serve as the encouragement that person needs to get through the day. A smile is free and powerful! Try it out sometime!

So, I truly hope this newsletter finds all of you well, healthy, and happy. Should you need anything at all, please reach out. We have a great group willing to lend a helping hand!

With love,  
Ryleigh