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Eastland County

**4-H Newsletter**

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**March 2025**



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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.



# Club Meeting Dates



## Carbon 4-H Club

**Monday, March 17th  
@ 6:30PM**

Carbon Christian Academy  
515 Anthracite St Carbon, TX

*Club Leader: Randi Gibson*

*Phone: 254-631-9353*

*Email: randilynngibson@gmail.com*

## Cisco 4-H Club

**Monday, March 17th  
@ 6:00PM**

Conrad Hilton Center  
309 Conrad Hilton Blvd Cisco, TX  
***Wear your 4-H green!***

*Club Leader: Jamie McDowell*

*Phone: 325-665-9573*

## Highway 6 4-H Club

**Thursday, March 6th  
@ 5:30PM**

AA Events Center  
409 Old Hwy 80 Olden, TX

*Club Leader: Shandy Monty*

*Phone: 254-631-7105*

## Rising Star 4-H Club

**Thursday, March 20th  
@ 4:30PM**

First Baptist Church  
306 N Main Rising Star, TX

*Club Leader: Caryl Lawrence*

*Phone: 325-642-8616*

*Email: hccattlecompany@gmail.com*

## Adult Leaders & 4-H County Council

**Wednesday, March 19th @ 5:30PM**

County Extension Office

102 N Lamar Ste 307 Eastland, TX 76448



# Practice Dates



## Shooting Sports

### Archery

Monday, March 24th  
@ 6:00PM

Eastland Archery Range  
CR 536 Eastland, TX

*Project Leader: Randi Gibson*

### Pistol

Monday, March 4th  
@ 6:00PM

Eastland Rifle & Pistol Club Range  
599 CR 536 Eastland, TX

*Project Leaders: Chris Gibson &  
Thom Cameron*

### Rifle

Monday, March 17th  
@ 5:30PM

Eastland County Extension Office  
102 N Lamar St #307 Eastland, TX

*Project Leaders: TJ Cummings &  
Judge Jon Glenn*

***All participants must be enrolled  
in 4-H and be accompanied by a  
parent/guardian.***

## Duds to Dazzle

Wednesday, March 12th  
Wednesday, March 26th  
@ 4:00PM—5:00PM

Eastland County Extension Office  
102 N Lamar St #307 Eastland, TX

*Project Leader: Amy O'Brien-Glenn  
amy.obrien-glenn@ag.tamu.edu  
254-629-2222*

***All participants must be enrolled  
in 4-H and be accompanied by a  
parent/guardian.***

## Beginning Sewing "Make and Take"

Saturday, March 8th  
10:00AM—2:00PM

JT Ranch Quilt Shop  
706 Conrad Hilton Blvd Cisco, TX

\$25.00 per class

Bring good scissors, a seam  
ripper, fabric pins and a lunch.

**Must register by March 4th. and  
pre-pay at:**

**[https://www.choateranch.com/  
module/class/381531/youth-  
stitching-Saturday](https://www.choateranch.com/module/class/381531/youth-stitching-Saturday)**

Or call Mrs. Jerry Choate at 254-433-9050



# VALIDATION TAG ORDERS



## Steer & Heifer Tags

**Tag orders & payment are due Friday, March 21st. Tags are \$30 each.**

This is the **ONLY** validation opportunity for Steers for the Fall 2025 shows and the Spring 2026 shows. There will not be another steer validation later in the year.

For Heifers, this validation will cover the Fall 2025 show season. There will be another opportunity to order tags in August and validate in October. Once validated, heifers remain eligible for their entire show career, unless they change breed or ownership.

## Fall 2025 Show Season Sheep & Goat Tags

**Tag orders & payment are due Monday, March 31st. Tags will be \$15 each.**

This validation will cover the Fall 2025 show season. All market and breeding sheep & goats must be validated for major stock shows.

Market projects validated in June for the Fall 2025 show season are also validated for the Spring 2026 show season, unless there are changes.

If any tags (including TLBA/TGBA) are added or changed, or if there is a change in breed or ownership, the project must be completely revalidated.

Breeding projects are validated for a three-year period; unless there are changes in tags, breed, or ownership, they do not need to be validated every year.

There will be another opportunity to order validation tags in August and validate in October for those who only plan on showing in the Spring 2026 show season.

## Fall 2025 Show Season Pig Tags

**Tag orders & payment are due Friday, April 15th. Tags are \$18 each.**

This validation will cover **ONLY** the Fall 2025 show season.

All market and breeding pigs must be validated for major stock shows.

There will be another opportunity to order validation tags in September and validate in November for those who plan on showing in the Spring 2026 show season.

**We can accept cash (must be the exact amount) or check/money order (made payable to "Eastland County Ag Fund". We cannot accept card/virtual payments.**

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



# EASTLAND COUNTY 4-H PHOTOGRAPHY CONTEST



**Entries due Friday, March 7th**

All entries must be the work of the exhibitor and taken between March 1, 2024 and March 1, 2025. Photographs must be printed (8x10 size only), mounted and submitted in a clear plastic sleeve.

*Please see the rules for more information on mounting and photo submission.*

*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.*

*All 1st place Senior entries will advance to Texas 4-H Photography Contest.*

*(Clover Kids are welcome to enter the county contest, but will not be eligible to advance.)*

## **Clover Kid & Junior Age Divisions—3 Categories:**

Animals-Domestic/Wildlife      Plant/Landscape/Nature      People

## **Intermediate Age Division—6 Categories:**

Animals-Domestic/Wildlife      Plant/Landscape/Nature      People  
Details/Macro      Elements of Design      Catch-All

## **Senior Age Division—18 Categories:**

Animals—Domestic	Animals—Wildlife	Catch-All
Details & Macro	Dominant Color	Elements of Design
Enhanced	Food	Landscape & Nature
Leading Line	Long Exposure	Motion/Action
People	Plant/Flora	Reflections
Shadow/Silhouette	Transportation	Theme-“Patriotism”

*Exhibitors may enter as many categories as they wish, but only one entry per category is permitted.*

***Rules and entry forms can be found on our website:***

[https://eastland.agrilife.org/eastland-county-4-h/4-h-contests/  
eastland-county-4-h-photography-contest/](https://eastland.agrilife.org/eastland-county-4-h/4-h-contests/eastland-county-4-h-photography-contest/)





# TEXAS 4-H VIRTUAL REEL 'EM IN FISHING SKILL-A-THON



***Open to all Texas 4-H members and Clover Kids!***

***Freshwater and Saltwater Divisions!***

***All first time 4-H participants will receive an official Check-it-Stik!***

***Clover Kids will receive a 4-H fishing lure!***

***3 ways to participate. Earn a 4-H Sportfishing Certification & Pin by doing all 3!***

**Spring Fishing Contest: April 5th—May 30th**

***Fish at any location! All fish must be caught using rod & reel.***

**Spring Registration Dates: February 15th—March 15th**

**Register through your account on 4-H Online.**

*(when registering, please select "Pay by Check" instead of entering your card info. The Eastland County 4-H Adult Leaders pay for all 4-H contest entry fees.)*

***NEW!* Skill-a-thon Virtual Contest: May 15th—31st**

***Fishing skills and quiz will be emailed to registered participants on May 15th.***

***Participants will need to record a skills demonstration video and complete a knowledge quiz.***

**Registration Dates: February 15th—May 1st**

**Register through your account on 4-H Online.**

*(when registering, please select "Pay by Check" instead of entering your card info. The Eastland County 4-H Adult Leaders pay for all 4-H contest entry fees.)*

**Live Educational Programs: March 20th, April 3rd & April 17th**

**Register at: [https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSd8I5F\\_e1V8cpn7NoREINsWEho0ewBeBvc6b5vkSbR5f71qtg/viewform](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSd8I5F_e1V8cpn7NoREINsWEho0ewBeBvc6b5vkSbR5f71qtg/viewform)**

***Conducted via Zoom. Youth and adults are welcome to participate at no cost. Q&A session at the end of each program. Presentations will be recorded and emailed to those who register in advance but are unable to attend.***

**4-H members will upload photos of their fish to FishDonkey for judging.**

**Clover Kids will not earn a place on the FishDonkey Official Leaderboard, but can compete for bragging rights and a certificate!**

**Check out the rules for all of the different ways to win!**



For rules and more information, please visit:

**<https://d54-h.tamu.edu/2025-texas-4-h-virtual-sportfishing-program/>**





# **EASTLAND COUNTY 4-H FASHION SHOW & NATURAL FIBER**



**Friday, March 28th**

**Time: 3:00PM**

*(detailed schedule will be released on March 24th)*

**Location: 4:18 Coffee Company**

**112 N Lamar St Eastland, TX**

**(located inside the Eastland Historic Hotel)**

**Entries due to the Extension Office March 21st**

Rules and entry forms can be picked up at the Eastland County Extension Office or can be found at:

<https://eastland.agrilife.org/eastland-county-4-h/4-h-contests/eastland-county-4-h-fashion-show-and-natural-fiber-contest/>

**One entry per 4-H member.**

*You cannot enter multiple categories or enter one Buying and one Construction.*

Natural Fiber Contest is for Senior 4-H members only.

*Senior 4-H members can have one entry in Fashion Show, and one entry in Natural Fiber.*

All 1st place Fashion Show & Natural Fiber recipients will advance to the District 8 4-H Fashion Show held on April 28th in Cleburne.

*For more information, contact the*

*Eastland County Extension Office at 254-629-2222.*





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



**Monday, April 28th  
Cleburne Conference Center  
1501 W Henderson      Cleburne, TX**

## **Duds to Dazzle Contest**

Entries due to Extension Office by April 4th

Team contest—3-5 members

*All team members must be in the same age division*

## **Storyboard Contest**

Entries due to Extension Office by April 4th

Individual contest

2025 theme is “Design for a Greener Future”

*Your challenge is to create a storyboard that embodies the eco-conscious movement, showcasing how sustainable materials can be transformed into innovative and stylish products.*

Entries must include the Storyboard Label and a digital/photo submission of the Storyboard

*All 1st place Eastland County 4-H Fashion Show & Natural Fiber recipients will automatically advance to the District 8 4-H Contest.*

For rules and information, please visit:

<https://d84-h.tamu.edu/events-and-activities/fashion-show-fashion-storyboard/>



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







# DISTRICT 8 4-H ROUNDUP



**Saturday, April 26th**  
**West High School      1008 Jerry Mashek Dr. West, TX**

**Entries are due to the Extension Office by April 4th.**

**Contests include Educational Presentations, Public Speaking and the 4-H Talent Showcase.**

*4-H members may enter a maximum of one contest from each section below:*

*Section 1:*

*4-H TS - Choreographed Routines*

*4-H TS – Variety Show*

*4-H TS – Vocal*

*4-H TS – Musical/Instrumental*

*Section 2:*

*Agriculture & Natural Resources Ed Pres*

*Animal Science Ed Pres*

*Beef Ed Pres*

*Health & Wellness Ed Pres*

*Horse Ed Pres*

*Family & Consumer Education Ed Pres*

*Open Ed Pres*

*Promote 4-H Ed Pres*

*Public Speaking*

*Safety & Injury Prevention Ed Pres*

*STEM Ed Pres*

*Sheep & Goat Ed Pres*

*Swine Ed Pres*

*4-H TS – 4-H Skit*

*4-H TS – Poetry/Prose*

*4-H TS – Solo/Band*

## **Educational Presentations:**

Educational Presentations are open to individuals or teams of two. Educational Presentations are limited to 12 minutes, with 9 minutes for setup and cleanup. Following the presentation, there will be 5 minutes for the judges to ask questions. The use of charts, photographs, computer presentations, graphics/programs, and other visual materials are permitted. A laptop, extension cord, projector, and easel will be provided. Presentations should be in some form of Microsoft Office. The contestant will be responsible for all other materials and equipment. Take into consideration that internet connectivity will not be available.

## **Public Speaking:**

Public Speaking presentations are limited to 5-7 minutes and should be suitable as a platform speech or radio broadcast. Point deductions will be taken for presentations under 5 minutes or over 7 minutes. Following the presentation, there will be 5 minutes for the judges to ask questions. Visual aids and props are not permitted.

## **4-H Talent Showcase:**

4-H Talent Showcase is open to individuals or teams of up to nine members. 4-H Talent Showcase presentations are limited to 6 minutes, with 4 minutes for setup and cleanup. Props are allowed. All props and equipment are the responsibility of the 4-H member; no equipment or props will be provided. There will be no piano provided. Take into consideration that internet connectivity will not be available.



# UPCOMING DATES & ENTRIES



- Eastland County 4-H Photography Contest entries due—March 7th
- Eastland County 4-H Fashion Show Contest entries due—March 21st
- Eastland County 4-H Fashion Show Contest—March 28th
- District 8 4-H Horse Judging Contest entries due—March 21st
- District 8 4-H Duds to Dazzle Contest entries due—April 4th
- District 8 4-H Consumer Decision Making entries due—April 4th
- District 8 4-H Livestock Judging Contest entries due—April 11th
- District 8 4-H Meat Judging Contest entries due—April 11th
- District 8 4-H Soil Judging Contest entries due—April 11th
- District 8 4-H Roundup entries due—April 4th
- District 8 4-H Horse Judging Contest—April 12th
- District 8 4-H Consumer Decision Making Contest—April 24th
- District 8 4-H Fashion Show & Duds to Dazzle Contests—April 28th
- District 8 4-H Livestock, Meat & Soil Judging Contests—May 3rd
- District 8 4-H Roundup—April 26th
- District 8 4-H Horse Show entries due—May 16th
- District 8 4-H SURGE Leadership Lab registration due—May 16th
- District 8 4-H Council Officer Applications due—May 16th
- Texas 4-H Roundup—June 2nd—5th
- Eastland County 4-H Record Book Contest entries due—June 6th
- Eastland County 4-H Project Forms and Award Applications due—June 6th
- District 8 4-H Horse Show—TBA
- District 8 4-H SURGE Leadership Lab—June 24th—26th