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Wichita County 4-H



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AGENT NOTES KATRENA MITCHELL, 4-H YOUTH DEVELOPMENT

For all of our new 4-H families, welcome! If you see something you'd like to do, let us know. Even if you put it in the 'projects' section on 4-H online, please respond to emails on what your 4-Her would like to participate in. There are lots of 4-H activities to get involved with.

Watch for your Friday emails with more specific times or feel free to call or email!



4-H Enrollment

The new 4-H year kicked off on September 1, 2022.

4-H enrollment is done online at **Texas.4Honline.com**. If you don't feel comfortable completing online, stop by the office and we can help you!

Enrollment is done every year by both the 4-Her and volunteers.

We encourage at least one parent per family to enroll as a volunteer leader. Per Texas 4-H guidelines, if you transport a child other than your own to a 4-H activity, you should be a registered 4-H volunteer.

4-H enrollment is normally \$25 per 4-Her until Nov 1 and then the fee increases to \$30. Adults can register as volunteers for \$10.

Keep checking our Facebook or Instagram and the weekly emails for project dates as they get scheduled moving forward!

We also have REMIND: text @h3dhha to the number 81010





4-H CLUB **MEETINGS**

Burkburnett 4-H: 4th Monday of the month 6pm BMS Cafeteria

Cowpoke City 4-H: TBD

Valley View 4-H: 1st Monday of the month is being rescheduled for Oct.

Explorers 4-H: TBD

Holy Family Classical Academy TBD Details still in the works for Horse Club & Outdoor Adventures.

Why Attend a 4-H Meeting?

4-H meetings are the best way to meet other 4-Hers and learn about upcoming projects and activities. Meetings are led by Club Officers with the support of the Club Manager and the Extension Agents.

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I pledge my **HEAD** to clearer thinking, my **HEART** to greater loyalty, my HANDS to larger service, and my **HEALTH** to better living, for my club, my community, my country, and my world.

Club Managers: Burkburnett 4-H: Susann Bailey & Amy Fischer

> **Cowpoke City 4-H: Danelle Ivey**

> > **Explorers 4-H: Kathy Love**

Valley View 4-H: **Kris Lovelady & Angie Adams**

2022-23 District 3 4-H Contests

Here's the calendar of District 4-H Contests for this year.

Food Show & Livestock Judging are up first!

Now's the time to speak up if you want to participate in either of those!

If you see a project you'd like to know more about, ask!

We are always looking for great volunteers and parents to help coach these.

2022-2023 DISTRICT 3 4-H CONTEST DATES					
DATE	EVENT	LOCATION	REGISTRATION	LATE REGISTRATION	FEE
Saturday, November 5, 2022	Food Show	Vernon	Sept. 1 - Oct. 21	Oct. 22 - 28	\$5 per person Late Fee \$25 + \$5
Wednesday, November 9, 2022	Livestock Judging	Vernon	Sept. 1 - Oct. 18	Oct. 19 - 26	\$15 per person Late Fee \$25 + \$15
Thursday, November 17, 2022	Leaders 4 Life	Decatur	Sept. 1 - Nov. 3	Nov. 4-10	\$10 per person Late Fee \$25 + \$10
Wednesday, November 30, 2022	Food Challenge	Jacksboro	Sept. 1 - Nov. 8	Nov. 9 - 16	\$10 per person Late Fee \$25 + \$10
Wednesday, December 14, 2022	PDC Meeting	TBD			
Monday, December 19, 2022	Ag Product ID	TBD	Sept. 1 - Dec. 4	Dec. 5 - 11	\$15 per person Late Fee \$25 + \$10
Monday, December 19, 2022	Livestock Skill-a-thon	TBD	Sept. 1 - Dec. 4	Dec. 5 - 11	\$10 per person Late Fee \$25 + \$10
Saturday, April 1, 2023	Fashion Show	Archer City	Jan. 1 - March 17	March 18 - 24th	\$15 per person Late Fee \$25 + \$15
Saturday, April 1, 2023	Duds to Dazzle	Archer City	Jan. 1 - March 17	March 18 - 24th	\$10 per person Late Fee \$25 + \$10
Saturday, April 1, 2023	Fashion Storyboard	Virtual	Jan. 1 - March 17	March 18 - 24th	\$5 per person
Saturday, April 15, 2023	Consumer Decision Making	Vernon	Jan. 1 - March 23	March 24 - April 1	\$5 per person Late Fee \$25 + \$5
Saturday, April 15, 2023	District Roundup, Share the Fun, S.E.T	/ Vernon	Jan. 1 - March 23	March 24 - April 1	\$5 Per Person
Saturday, April 15, 2023	Photography	Virtual			\$2 per photograph
Saturday, April 22, 2023	Rifle/Pistol	Wichita Falls- NWTF&S	Jan. 1 - April 8		\$20/\$25 Late Fee \$25 +Reg
Tentative 4/28/23	Horse Judging	Vernon	Jan. 1 - April 4	April 5 - 12	\$20 per person Late Fee \$25 + \$20
Monday, May 1, 2023	FCH Quiz Bowl - PM	Vernon	Jan. 1 - April 16	April 17 - 23	\$5 per person Late Fee \$25 + \$5
Monday, May 1, 2023	Livestock Quiz Bowl	Vernon	Jan. 1 - April 16	April 17 - 23	\$5 per person Late Fee \$25 + \$5
Monday, May 1, 2023	Horse Quiz Bowl	Vernon	Jan. 1 - April 16	April 17 - 23	\$5 per person Late Fee \$25 + \$5
Saturday, May 6, 2023	Trap Contest	Iowa Park	Jan. 1 - April 14	April 15 - 26	\$35 per person Late Fee \$25 + \$35
Saturday, May 13, 2023	Archery	Archer City	Jan. 1 - April 21	April 22 - 29	\$25 per person Late Fee \$25 + \$25
6/15/2023 - 6/17/23	Teen Leader Lab	Leuders TX	Jan. 1 - May 25	May 26 - June 1	Youth \$140 / CEA \$125
6/21/2023 - 6/23/2023	Horse Show	ТВА	Jan. 1 - May 30	May 31 - June 7	Entry TBA + Late Fee \$100.00
Sunday, July 17, 2023	Record Book Judging	Archer City	Jan. 1 - June 26	June 26- July 3	\$0, Late Fee \$25
ТВА	Meat Judging	Lubbock TTU			\$20 per person Late Fee \$25 + \$10

Ways of communication:

- Watch for and read Friday emails
- Follow Wichita County 4-H Club on Facebook & Instagram
- Most of the Clubs also have their own Facebook Page or Group. Join them!
- Sign up for REMIND: text @h3dhha to the number 81010
- Any questions--call the office or text Katrena at 940-631-1861



Food Show

This year's theme of the food show is Backyard BBQ! Do you like to cook or bake? This project is for you! Make a dish and present it to a panel of judges. Wow them with your knowledge of MyPlate and what nutrients are in your dish!

Don't be afraid to showcase your culinary skills by experimenting with flavors and dishes commonly found at a backyard BBQ.
Summer isn't the only time for a Backyard BBQ! Sometimes, a backyard BBQ means you get to enjoy special dishes that you only see at a BBQ. The grill usually comes out and families have started gathering around to experiment with different flavors. Now is the time for you to get creative with flavors and recipes commonly found at backyard BBQs. You may even want to try out a new piece of kitchen equipment such as a grill plate or indoor grill.
Remember, not all backyard BBQ dishes even require a grill! Many Backyard BBQ favorites can be prepared on the stovetop, in the oven, in non-cook methods, or using special equipment.

If interested in this project or would like to help lead this project, please let us know ASAP. County Contest is tentatively scheduled for Oct 15th if needed!

District Contest is on Saturday, November 5th.

4-HFood Challenge

Teams of 3-5 4-Hers



4-Hers work together to create a dish with a set of specific ingredients given to them. They have a certain amount of time to make the dish then they present it to a panel of judges.



Interested in this project?

Grab some teammates or sign up individually and be placed on a team.

Email if you are interested.

District Contest is Nov 30 in Jacksboro





The project includes learning about food safety, important nutritional needs, teamwork and creative thinking! Grab your friends and make a team!





For more info, contact Katrena

Food Show & Food Challenge

I have not had anyone state that they want to participate in the Food Show yet but it's not too late.

I do have 2 full Intermediate teams for Food Challenge. Room for Jr & Sr teams!

Current Projects!

Livestock Judging

Had their first meeting this week but still time to get involved! Learn how to compare livestock and make placements like a show judge! Email Coach Amy Fischer at akfischer98@gmail.com

Ag Product ID:

Meeting this Thursday at 6pm at the Iowa Park RAC. Learn how to identify Texas crops and learn some facts about them! Email Coach Angie Adams at adams4tx@gmail.com

4-H Flip!

Take an item and update, upcycle or renew into a new item! Redo your item and we will set up to sell them at Market Day on Nov 12! All "before" photos are <u>due this Friday by 5pm</u>! Email them to Katrena

Shooting Sports!

<u>Cowpoke City</u> offers up shooting sports practices on a weekly basis all dependent upon weather and a few other things. Club Manager and Coach Danelle Ivey can be reached by text at 915-433-5431

Northwest Texas Field & Streams Shooting Sports Our partners at NWTFS will be starting a Rifle/Pistol class for 4-Hers on Oct 23 at 1pm. Sessions will be held every Sunday thru Dec 6 from 1- 4:30pm at the Gun Range on Old Friberg Rd. \$25 Fee Please sign up with Katrena!

Wildlife Contest

If anyone may be interested in learning about ecoregions, wildlife species and habitat management, this is a great project to go with! Katrina Huffstutler is gearing up to coach this project and the goal is to go compete at the Ft Worth Stock Show Jan 16 with an entry deadline of Dec 1. Speak up if this might be of interest and I can send you the resource guide.

Validation & Tag Orders!

Time to order tags for the Spring Majors & the county show! Oct 14 is the last date to order sheep/goat tags.

What is validation and why do we do it?

Validation provides proof of ownership of an animal by a certain date. There are many reasons this is important but mostly because we want to ensure that the 4-Her has ownership and possession of the animal in plenty of time to prepare it for the show.

WICHITA COUNTY FALL VALIDATION SCHEDULE

FOR SPRING MAJORS & 2023 COUNTY SHOW

TAG ORDERS:

Heifer UINS: due Sept 13. Tags will be \$17.

Sheep/Goats: due by Aug 26-- \$17 After Aug 26-Oct 14—tags will be \$27

County Show ONLY lambs/goats: due by Oct 14 and are \$5

Use Google Form to order all Heifer/Sheep/Goat tags

Swine tags due Sept 15th (4-Her deadline) Major Show tags \$15; County Show tags \$3 Email Katrena to order all 4-H Swine tags

Validation Dates:

(All animals must be validated on these dates in order to show at Spring Majors or at the County Show.)

Heifers: Oct 27 3-5pm Potts Farm
Sheep/Goats: Oct 24 3-5pm Iowa Park Ag Barn Oct 25 3-5pm Wichita Falls Ag Barn
Swine: Nov 27 Burk Ag Barn 2pm Nov 28 Wichita Falls Ag Barn 4pm Nov 28 City View Ag Barn 5pm Nov 29 Electra Ag Barn 4:30pm Nov 30 Iowa Park Ag Barn 4:30pm

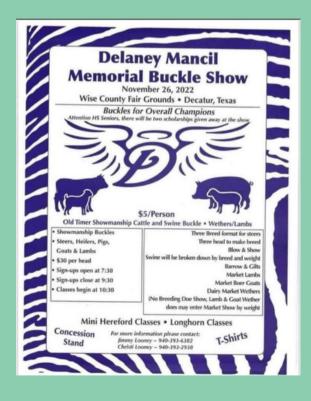
Dairy Goat validation:

A Google form is being created where you will put all identifying information (tattoo) for your animal. Then you will need to bring your animal to a validation date to verify the tattoo or have a tattoo put in the animal's ear.

Local Jackpot Shows!

Even if you're not ready to show, attending and watching other 4-H and FFA youth show, will help you learn until you're ready to enter the ring! This is not all that are happening but ones that I've seen posted here and there.







Save the Date THANKSGIVING Steers November 19, 2022 Heifers Market Sheep Jack Co Fair Barn wether Dams 1012 State Hwy 59 Market Goats Jacksboro, TX 76458 wether Does Swine Barn Opens 7:00am Weight Cards Due 9:00am Show Starts Josh Hutton 940-229-0202 10:00am Hosted by Penrin 4-H Club and PYSA



\$25 PRE-REGISTRATION (SEE LINK BELOW) * \$30 REGISTER DAY OF SHOW \$5 SHOWMANSHIP FEE DAY OF SHOW - CASH ONLY



SAVE THE DATE

Boomtown Classic

116 Gresham Rd, Burkburnett, TX 76354

November 19-20, 2022

November 19th Girl's night out gilt show Weight cards due @ 6pm Show starts @ 7pm

November 20th Market swine show – 2 rings Weight cards due @ 8am **Ring A show starts @ 9am**

SAVE THE DATE

OCTOBER 22, 2022

JACK COUNTY FAIR BARN 1072 STATE HWY 59, JACKSBORO TX 16458

REGISTRATION STARTS AT 7:30 AM SHOW STARTS AT 10:00 AM

CATTLE, SHEEP, GOATS ****NEW THIS YEAR SWINE CLASSES****

AWARDS FOR CLASS, DIVISION, AND OVERALL WINNERS







-Steers (American, British Exotic) Shown by weight -Heifers (American, British, Exotic) Shown by Age Under 30 months

BEVOND THE RING JUNIOR LIVESTOCK ASSOCIATION SANCTIONED

Kodie Dutlaw Klassic

Swine

SUPT: Steve Bradshaw (940) 210-8686 Breeds: Light OPB. Dark OPB, Duroc, Hamp, York, Berkshire Light Cross, Dark Cross (must have 3/Breed)



SUPT: Todd Vineyard (254) 977-2045 Judge: Rachelle Coble Shown by Weight

SHOWMANSHIP 9:30 AM ALL RINGS - S5 PEE WEE - UNDER 8 JUNIOR 3RD - 5TH INTERMEDIATE 6TH - 8TH SENIOR - HIGHSCHOOL ADULT 19-21

Market Goats SUPT: Bryan Finley (817)229-9727 -Wethers and Does (Shown by Weight)

Dairy Goats

SUPT: Kelly Martin

(940)210-2506

-Wethers

-Junior Does

-Senior Does

November 5th, 2022





Quality Counts

If you are showing any animal at the County Show or at a Major, you must complete Quality Counts. You complete this your first year, then when you change grades from 5th to 6th and then 8th to 9th. QC numbers must be added to your entry forms. This course does take time to complete so don't wait til the last minute!





This will be a must attend for anyone who'd like to show and/or learn more about rabbits! The presenter is former 4-Her who has been very successful with her rabbits at many levels of showing.

IF you are wanting to show rabbits at the County Show in Jan, let us know ASAP! We have only a few names on our breeder list!

Attention Parents!

We have a couple of Volunteer Job openings and are looking for people to volunteer!

Want to be a Shooting Sports Coach? A training will be held in Archer City on Oct 22 & 23. Deadline to register is Oct 18. *Must be a registered 4-H volunteer!

Club Managers: Help schedule club meetings & activities. Grab a friend as your Co-Manager!

Needed for the Horse Club & Outdoor Adventures!

Project Leaders: Help teach a project. Can be a one time opportunity or a series of lessons. Ex: Food & Nutrition Project Are you handy with a crockpot? Able to cut up a chicken? Know how to can? Know how to supervise 4-Hers learning or making a dish? We need you!

Volunteers have to be registered on 4Honline.com

Veterans Day Parade

The parade is Saturday, Nov 5. Katrena will be at the District Food Show in Vernon so if a parent is willing to step up and take on taking the lead on this and especially the day of, we would be very grateful! Time commitment would be just a couple of hours on that Saturday plus some prep work on a truck/trailer.

<u>Graduating Seniors:</u>

The Wichita Co Jr Livestock Show scholarship is NOW open! Access the application by visiting the scholarship portal at wfacf.org, click on the "Scholarship" tab, Scholarship Information. Deadline is Oct 31

How 4-H Works

(This is a repeat of a post from last year but has great tips!)

We have so many new 4-H families this year and I just want to welcome you and Thank you for joining us! I'm getting a lot of the same questions and I know many more of you probably have the same or similar questions but haven't asked yet. I understand as I'm not a big question asker!

How 4-H works after you've joined your Club is as simple or as complicated as you'd like it to be. We have 4-Hers who do one or 2 projects and others who do as much as can fit into their schedules. We can offer projects as long as we have volunteer leaders who give of their time.

Your 2 County Agents: David Graf and myself can't be everywhere and Club Managers can't either as much as we'd all love to!

Many of our projects can be self guided at home. For example, if you want to learn how to make a jelly and your parent or family friend knows how, that can be a project. We do focus a lot on projects that usually end up with a contest opportunity at the end of the project but that's not always the case. Much of the time, the project is just the learning opportunity which is the most important.

If you would like to share a hobby or skill that you have or know someone with a skill, we'd love to set up the opportunity for you to share that. It can be a one time commitment or a short series.

We will host county wide opportunities as much as possible throughout the year for all to attend if possible. Clubs may also host opportunities throughout the year as well. All that info will be shared on our social media and in our Friday emails.

For our shooting sports projects, you must be coached by a Texas 4-H Certified Shooting Sports coach. Even if you've been shooting for years, a 4-H Coach needs to work with you to be able to sign off that you're doing things safely and by 4-H guidelines. If you're a parent with a love of shooting sports, we'd love to have you as a coach! Even if you just want to coach your own child, becoming a certified coach will help!

My advice to anyone new to 4-H is to pick one project and dive in! Get with me or your Club Manager and see how we can help. Even if we don't have a specific plan for that project, your request may be what we need to get it going! We have some great 4-Hers who have been in a few years and would love to answer your questions and be a mentor as well.

My goal for this year and each year is to support you in whatever project or projects you choose. There's no such thing as too many questions or contacting me too much to ask those questions. That's how we all learn!

I am here to help you!

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