

HALE COUNTY 4-H
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HALE COUNTY 4-H
*Clover
Connection*

March 2021

MAJOR

New COVID-19 Programming Guidelines

Due to Agency protocols, anyone (4-Hers, parents, volunteers, and leaders) attending any 4-H contest, practice, club meeting, etc. must complete the mandatory COVID-19 Screening Form every time. Please have this completed before arriving to any 4-H event. Attached you will find the form.

MAJOR

Junior Leader Lab Counselor Application

<https://forms.gle/9N5E9kWC58DTpiMF7>

Applications must be completed by March 12, 2021.

To apply, you must be completing 9th-12th grade for the 2020-2021 school year. You will be notified by March 22nd as to whether you have been selected or not. If selected, you will be sent information regarding registering on 4-HOnline. Cost is \$100, unless you were chosen as Counselor of the Year at the 2019 JLL. Counselors will serve from June 1st to the 4th.

For questions or more information, contact Audra Guess at 291-5270.

D2 4-H Junior Leader Lab



Dates:
June 2-4

Where:
Ceta Canyon!!!

Who Can Attend:
Members who have completed 3rd-7th grades

Cost:
will be in letter

4-H Online opens
April 5 at 7 am.
Closes when full
or April 19.

Detailed letter will be released March 10.
Counselor apps released on 2/16 and due 3/12.

WANT TO SHOWCASE YOUR PROJECT?

Write about your project (& add educational info) & send to Audra (audra.guess@ag.tamu.edu) to be featured in the newsletter.
(These are some examples. All projects are welcome.)



HEADS • HEART • HANDS • HEALTH



JOIN THE CLUB

Abernathy 4-H Clover Kids Club

WHEN: Thursday, March 4th at 3:30 p.m.
 WHERE: Abernathy Elementary School Cafeteria
 CLUB MANAGER: Ginger Moore & Brandi Holder

Abernathy 4-H Club

WHEN: Monday, March 8th at 7:00 p.m.
 WHERE: Abernathy Elementary School Cafeteria
 CLUB MANAGERS: Angie Carver & Holly Williamson

Cotton Center 4-H Club

WHEN: Friday, March 5th at 5:30 p.m.
 WHERE: First Baptist Church
 CLUB MANAGER: Shelley Berry

Hale Center 4-H Club

WHEN: TBA
 WHERE: Akin Elementary School Cafeteria
 CLUB MANAGER: Kim Rowell

Hale County 4-H Horse Club

WHEN: Monday, March 8th at 6:30 p.m.
 WHERE: First Presbyterian Church
 CLUB MANAGERS: Kelley Bozeman, Sherrie Cheyne,
 & Lisa Wright

Plainview 4-H Clover Kids Club

WHEN: Monday, March 8th at 6:00 p.m.
 WHERE: First Presbyterian Church
 CLUB MANAGER: Beverly Wall

Plainview 4-H Club

WHEN: Monday, March 8th at 6:30 p.m.
 WHERE: First Presbyterian Church
 CLUB MANAGER: Stacy Offield

Petersburg 4-H Project Club

WHEN: NO CLUB MEETING
 WHERE: TBA
 CLUB MANAGER: Courtney Kattner

REMEMBER: ALL MEMBERS HAVE TO ENROLL ON 4-H ONLINE AND PAY THE MEMBERSHIP FEE OF \$30 IN ORDER TO PARTICIPATE IN ANY 4-H ACTIVITIES, INCLUDING SHOOTING SPORTS AND/OR SHOWING LIVESTOCK. PARENTS AND ADULTS NEED TO REGISTER IF THEY PLAN TO VOLUNTEER.

****YOU MUST RE-ENROLL EVERY YEAR!****

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This will be a great way to keep updated on what is going on in Hale County 4-H!



HEAD



HEART



HANDS



HEALTH

**** If you have anything for next month's newsletter, get it to the office by Monday, March 22nd by 4:00 p.m.!****

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♦ ♦ TO MAKE THE BEST BETTER ♦ ♦

Upcoming Spring Contests **Food Challenge**

DISTRICT CONTEST: Monday, April 26th at Mallet Event Center in Levelland

4-HONLINE: Opens April 1st & Closes April 7th at 12:00 p.m.

LEADER: Audra Guess

If you have any questions, contact Audra Guess at 291-5270.

Food Show

COUNTY FOOD SHOW: Monday, March 22nd in Plainview HOST CLUB: Hale County 4-H Horse Club

COUNTY FOOD SHOW ENTRY DEADLINE: Entry & Recipe due by Monday, March 8th at 9:00 a.m.

<https://counties.agrilife.org/hale/4-h/foodshow/>

DISTRICT FOOD SHOW: Saturday, April 17th at Mallet Event Center in Levelland (Begins at 8:30 a.m.)

4-HONLINE: Opens March 26th & Closes March 31st at 12:00 p.m.

LEADER: Audra Guess

If you would like to assist with Food and Nutrition activities, please contact Audra Guess at 291-5270.

FCH Bowl (formerly Nutrition Quiz Bowl)

If you are interested in participating, contact Audra Guess 291-5270 or audra.guess@ag.tamu.edu.

DISTRICT CONTEST: Saturday, April 17th at Mallet Event Center in Levelland (Begins at 9:45 a.m.)

4-HONLINE: Opens March 26th & Closes March 31st at 12:00 p.m.

LEADER: Audra Guess

Consumer Decision Making (CDM)

If you are interested in participating, contact Audra Guess at 291-5270 or audra.guess@ag.tamu.edu.

DISTRICT CONTEST: Saturday, April 17th at Mallet Event Center in Levelland (Begins at 1:00 p.m.)

4-HONLINE: Opens March 26th & Closes March 31st at 12:00 p.m.

LEADER: Audra Guess

Senior Fashion Show

DISTRICT CONTEST: Tuesday, March 30th

LOCATION: still to be determined virtual or in-person

4-HONLINE: Opens March 8th & Closes March 12th at 12:00 p.m.

LEADER: Audra Guess

Photography

COUNTY CONTEST: Photos due by April 14th at 12:00 p.m. to audra.guess@ag.tamu.edu

DISTRICT CONTEST: Photos due by May 5th at 12:00 p.m.

4-HONLINE: TBA

STATE CONTEST (Seniors Only): 4-HOnline opens April 1st & Closes April 14th by 12:00 p.m.

*For more information on these contests, contact Audra Guess at 291-5270 or
audra.guess@ag.tamu.edu.*

Upcoming Spring Contests

Livestock Quiz Bowl

DISTRICT CONTEST: Monday, April 12th at Whitharal ISD in Levelland (Begins at 4:00 p.m.)
4-HONLINE: Opens March 22nd & Closes March 31st at 12:00 p.m.
LEADER: Audra Guess & Andy Hart

Horse Quiz Bowl

DISTRICT CONTEST: Thursday, April 1st at Lubbock County Extension Office (Begins at 4:30 p.m.)
4-HONLINE: Opens March 8th & Closes March 12th at 12:00 p.m.
LEADER: Carolyn Curry & Samara Reed

Grass ID and Soils Judging

PRACTICES: Every Tuesday and Thursday (except during Spring Break) at Garland Street Church of Christ
TIME: Soils Judging at 5:30 p.m.-6:00 p.m. Grass ID at 6:00 p.m.-6:30 p.m.
DISTRICT CONTEST: Grass ID - Saturday, April 17th at Mallet Event Center in Levelland
Soils Judging - Thursday, April 22nd at West Texas A&M University in Canyon
4-HONLINE: Grass ID - Opens March 26th & Closes March 31st at 12:00 p.m.
Soils Judging - Opens April 1 & Closes April 7th at 12:00 p.m.
LEADER: Beverly Wall, 774-1040

Entomology ID (Ento)

The first practice will be after Spring Break. If you are interested in competing on a team, call Extension Office by March 17th to get your name on the list.
DISTRICT CONTEST: Saturday, April 17th at Mallet Event Center in Levelland
4-HONLINE: Opens March 26th & Closes March 31st at 12:00 p.m.
LEADER: Blayne Reed

Livestock Judging

If any 4-Her is interested in judging livestock, practices will be starting soon. Call the Extension Office to get your name on the list.
DISTRICT CONTEST: Sunday, April 18th
4-HONLINE: Opens March 29th & Closes April 7th at 12:00 p.m.
LEADER: Andy Hart

Meat Judging

PRACTICES: March 7, 14, 21 at 4:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. at Abernathy Ag Building
March 27 (Tech Invitational);
April 9-10 (Clarendon/WTAMU Invitationals)
DISTRICT CONTEST: Friday, April 23rd at Texas Tech University
4-HONLINE: Opens April 5th & Closes April 14th at 12:00 p.m.
LEADER: Wendy Woerner, 632-9522

Horse Judging

PRACTICES: On your own
DISTRICT CONTEST: Friday, April 23rd at West Texas A&M University in Canyon
4-HONLINE: Opens March 20th & Closes March 31st at 12:00 p.m.
LEADER: Kelley Bozeman, 774-0343

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Mandatory Shooting Sports Safety Meeting **Rifle, Archery, & Shotgun**

PLEASE NOTE DATES ARE SUBJECT TO **CHANGE!**

Parents must be present at safety meetings & practices.
4-Hers must be active on 4-HOnline in order to participate.

Rifle

Practices: Woodman of the World Building in Hale Center

March 6, 13, 20, 27 April 3

Changes: Coaches only with shooter on range.

We will only have three lanes open, not five.

NO PARENTS IN WOW building.

Shooters required to wear mask!

District Contest: Saturday, April 10th (Date subject to change due to COVID-19)

4-HOnline: Opens March 15th & Closes March 24th at 12:00 p.m.

Leaders: David Hooper, 292-8981 or Priscilla Hooper, 292-8124

Archery

ONLY ONE Safety Meeting: Masks are required!

When: Monday, April 5th at 4:00 p.m.

Where: Shotgun Range (at Exit 54 N. I-27, cross over interstate, turn west go 1/4 mile)

Forms: Need to be filled out and emailed back to County Office by March 29th

Fees: Due April 5th at safety meeting

New shooters are \$45 & \$20 for second shooter in family

For those who attended 2020 safety meeting & paid fees, you will not need to pay.

Practices: 4:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. at Shotgun Range (Masks are required on range unless shooting!)

Mondays April 5, 12, 19, 26

Saturdays April 17, 24 May 1

District Contest: Saturday, May 8th (Date subject to change due to COVID-19)

4-HOnline: TBA

Leader: Priscilla Hooper, 292-8124

Shotgun

Safety Meeting: TBA

Fees: For all returning and new shooters, fees are \$40 & \$20 for second shooter in family.

Practice Dates: 3:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. at Shotgun Range (Masks are required unless you're shooting!)

April 18, 25 May 2, 16, 23, 30 June 6, 13, 30

District Contest: Tentatively set for June 25-26 (Date subject to change due to COVID-19)

4-HOnline: TBA

Leader: Dina Schur, 774-7615



4-H Livestock Projects, Reminders & Results



Coming April 2021

VALIDATION TAG ORDER

- Steer
- Heifer (Spring)
- State Fair Lamb
- State Fair Goat
- State Fair Swine

Basic Outline for *Thank You Letters*

Greeting:

Dear Mr. and Mrs. Smith
Dear Local Business,

Thank you: Thank them for their generosity and support

Thank you for buying my hog at the auction and for supporting the 4-H program.
Thank you for purchasing the Grand Champion Rabbit trophy...
Thank you for buying my goat, I really appreciate your generosity.

Information on what was learned during the animal project: What you enjoyed learning

I learned all about pig nutrition this year.
This year I learned how to groom my goat all by myself.

How you grew as a person or what 4-H means to you:

4-H has been so much fun because of the new friends I've met.
I've had many opportunities to lead this year at 4-H meetings.
4-H has taught me about working hard this summer.

What do you plan on doing with the money:

I plan to put the money from the sale of my hog into my college fund.
I am going to use the money to buy a good breeding doe for my new herd.

Thanks:

Thanks again for buying my goat at auction!
I really do appreciate your support!
Source-thrivingonordinary.com

Excused Absences for School for Livestock Shows

Parents are responsible for sending specific dates of each exhibitor missing school by the deadline.

<u>Show</u>	<u>Deadline</u>
Austin	Monday, March 1st

<https://hale.agrilife.org/links/spring-majors/school-absence-form/>

If no dates are received by the deadline, no excuse letter will be sent to the schools.

Texas 4-H Livestock Ambassador

WHEN & WHERE:

Texas A&M-Kingsville

Texas A&M-College Station

Texas Tech University/West Texas A&M University

COST: \$250

Monday, June 21st to Thursday, June 24th

Monday, July 12th to Thursday, July 15th

Monday, July 19th to Thursday, July 22nd

Selection Criteria:

- *Senior age 4-H youth who have exhibited a superior level of ambition regarding his/her livestock projects
- *Students with a profound interest in animal science, animal production, and advocacy
- *Students have shown advanced leadership qualities and a willingness to help others
- *Top 25% class rank

Application Process:

- *Applicant goes to https://agrilife.az1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_dgRaHGetXUSY70p
- *Applicant is required to submit a 2 minute introduction and justification video on why he/she feels he/she should be chosen to be a Livestock Ambassador.
- *Applicant will complete the application and enter the contact information of supervising CEA
- *CEA will be automatically emailed a recommendation survey
- *A selection committee will review the applications and accept 25 participants per short course

Applications are due **Saturday, May 1st.**

ENTRY FORMS

Entry forms can be obtained from TCFB by contacting Brady Miller or Rachel Hernandez at membership@tcfb.org. Feel free to call the TCFB office at (800) 358-3681. Entry forms are also available at www.tcfb.org.

The TCFB Allied Industries Committee conducts the contest. If you would like a personal visit by a representative, please contact TCFB at (800) 358-3681.

IMPORTANT DATES

March 1:
Earliest date steers can be validated.

March 24:
Last date steers can be purchased and validated.

April 14:
Entry form, validation information and entry fee must be received by TCFB.

July 13 - 16:
Final steer closeout weights.

July 16:
Steers delivered at the Amarillo Livestock Auction for check-in by 9:00 a.m.

July 21:
Digital record book due and emailed by 5:00 p.m.

July 30:
Contest Day at West Texas A&M University

Junior/Senior participants check in from 7:30 a.m. to 7:50 a.m.
Contest begins at 8:00 a.m. Winners to be announced that afternoon following the contest.

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2021 TCFB JUNIOR FED BEEF CHALLENGE

July 30, 2021

Agriculture & Natural Sciences Building
West Texas A&M University
Canyon, Texas

TCFA JUNIOR FED BEEF CHALLENGE

The objective of the Junior Fed Beef Challenge is to encourage young people to gain practical experience in feeding commercial beef cattle. This program stresses the importance of proper animal husbandry and financial management.

INFORMATION

Steers must be validated between March 1 and March 24. Official entry deadline is April 14 and must include the validation date, photo of the steer with the TCFB ear tag visible, scale tickets and a \$35.00 per person entry fee. For entry information and to obtain an Official Rule Book, A-H, ISA leaders and feedyard managers should contact Brady Miller or Rachel Hernandez at (800) 358-3681. Contestants or the adult leader may contact TCFB to order contest ear tags. (allow a minimum of one week lead time before validation deadline).

After entries are received by TCFB, the adult leader and contestants will be sent details for the written exam and oral interview/presentation.

OVERALL SCORING
(Ponder Points: Part of Total)

Steer Points (pen total)	100
Record Keeping	100
Digital Record Book	20 pts.
Steer Photos	10 pts.
Feed Samples	30 pts.
(10 pts. each x 3)	
Weight Tickets	20 pts.
(10 pts. start/end weight)	
Online BQA Certificate	10 pts.
Drug Certificate	150
Interview/Presentation	150
Written Exam	TOTAL 500

STEER POINTS

USDA	Primal/Choice	Select
Yield Grades		
0-1.99	40	30
2.0-2.99	39-30	29-20
3.0-3.99	29-20	19-10
4.0-5.9	10-0	5-0

Carcasses grading Average Choice will receive 2 extra points. Those grading High Choice will receive 5 extra points, carcasses grading Prime will receive 10 extra points (up to the maximum of 150 carcass points for the pen of three). A maximum of 15 points will be awarded for performance based on average daily gain and feed conversion.

2020 JUNIOR FED BEEF CHALLENGE WINNERS

SENIOR DIVISION AWARDS

Scholarships will be awarded to the highest overall points in the Senior Division.

Champion Overall	\$5,000
Reserve Overall	\$3,000
First Runner-Up	\$2,000

These winners will be recognized at the TCFB Annual Convention in Oklahoma City, OK, Oct. 24-26, 2021.

TOP EVENT AWARDS:

Best Written Exam	\$500 prize
Best Oral Interview	\$500 prize
Top Pen Steer Points	\$500 prize
Top Individual Carcass	\$500 prize
Top Rookie	\$500 prize

JUNIOR DIVISION AWARDS

An achievement award will be presented to the overall winner. The winner will be recognized at the TCFB Annual Convention in Oklahoma City, OK, Oct. 24-26, 2021.

TOP EVENT AWARDS:

Best Written Exam	\$250 prize
Best Presentation	\$250 prize
Top Pen Steer Points	\$250 prize
Top Individual Carcass	\$250 prize
Top Rookie	\$250 prize

The top Senior and top Junior contestants in each event will be recognized with a plaque. Second and third place winners will receive a certificate of excellence.

Sr. Division Overall Champion
Luke Bludau
Hallettsville, TX

Jr. Division Overall Champion
Emma Stevenson
Earth, TX



Drake Woerner
Breed Champion Polled Hereford Steer
The Patriot Junior Market Steer Show



Berkley Carver
1st place Light Weight Hereford Steer
The Patriot Junior Market Steer Show



Cash Martin
1st place Light Weight Cross Barrow
San Antonio Stock Show & Rodeo



Kelton Carver
2nd place Light Weight Angus Steer
The Patriot Junior Market Steer Show



Landry Miller
2nd place Heavy Weight Cross Barrow
San Antonio Stock Show & Rodeo



Kellin Hart
3rd place Fine Wool Lamb
San Antonio Stock Show & Rodeo



Chayce Campbell
3rd place Hereford Steer
San Antonio Stock Show & Rodeo



Graden Allen
3rd place Heavy Weight American Steer
San Angelo Stock Show & Rodeo



Hagen Pate
3rd place Ag Mechanics
Outdoor Cooker-Other
San Angelo Stock Show & Rodeo



Stetson Lewis
5th place Chester White Barrow
San Antonio Stock Show & Rodeo



Reese Huffaker
5th place Medium Weight Duroc Barrow
San Antonio Stock Show & Rodeo



Brenna Lewis
5th place Medium Weight Duroc Barrow
San Antonio Stock Show & Rodeo



Sydney Miller
5th place Light Weight Duroc Barrow
San Antonio Stock Show & Rodeo

Texas' Elite Showcase Results

Hale County 4-H won Premier 4-H Club at the Texas' Elite Showcase. They earned the most points of any 4-H club in Texas. Points are earned by placing gilts 1st through 5th place in each class.

Pictured: Stetson Lewis, Brenna Lewis, Sydney Miller, Bryleigh Beyers, Cash Martin, Landry Miller

Not pictured: Reese Huffaker, Samuel Carver



Cash Martin
Reserve Champion Chester Gilt



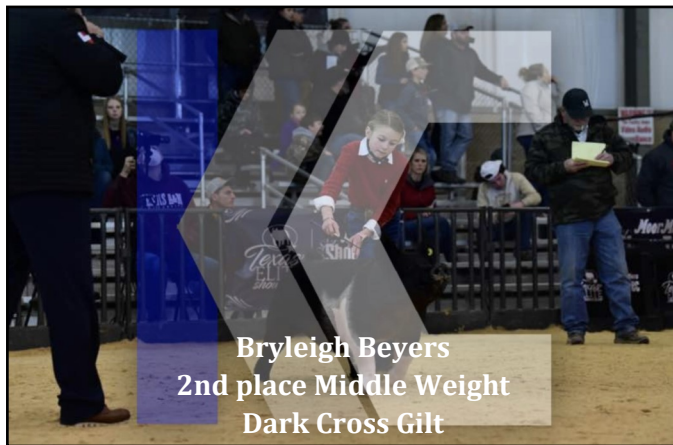
Bryleigh Beyers
Reserve Champion Light Weight
Dark Cross Gilt



Landry Miller
1st place Chester Gilt



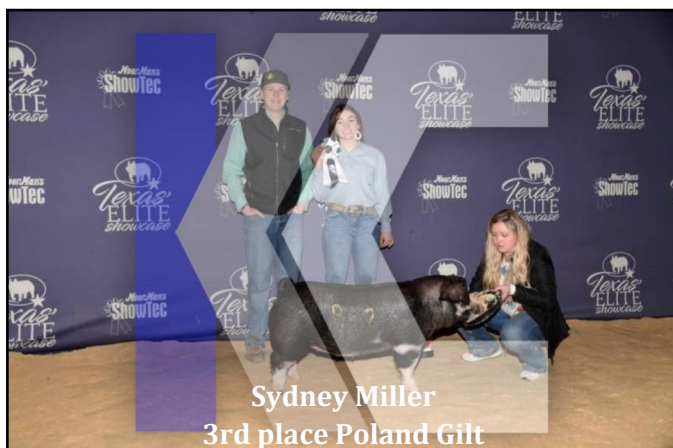
Stetson Lewis
1st place Chester Gilt



Bryleigh Beyers
2nd place Middle Weight
Dark Cross Gilt



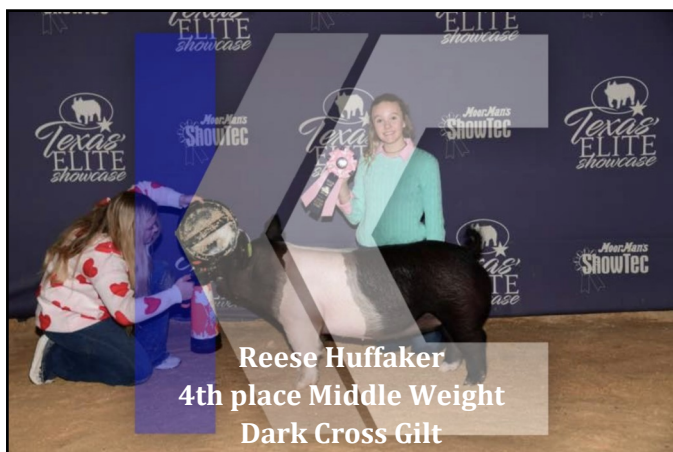
Bryleigh Beyers
2nd place Middle Weight
Dark Cross Gilt



Sydney Miller
3rd place Poland Gilt



Landry Miller
3rd place Heavy Weight
Dark Cross Gilt



Reese Huffaker
4th place Middle Weight
Dark Cross Gilt



Reese Huffaker
4th place Light Weight
Dark Cross Gilt



Sydney Miller
5th place Berkshire Gilt

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If you need any type of accommodation to participate in this program or have questions about the physical access provided, please contact Audra Guess or Andy Hart at the Hale County Extension Office at least two weeks prior to the program or event.

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March 2021

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 Austin Excused Absence Dates due	2 5:30 p.m.-Soils Judging 6:00 p.m.-Grass ID	3	4 3:30 p.m.-Abernathy Clover Kids 5:30 p.m.-Soils Judging 6:00 p.m.-Grass ID	5 5:30 p.m.-Cotton Center	6 Rifle-time signed up for
7 4:00 p.m.-Meat Judging	8 County Food Show Entries due by 9:00 a.m. 4-HOnline Opens: D. Horse Quiz Bowl & Sr. Fashion Show 6:00 p.m.-Plainview Clover Kids 6:30 p.m.-Plainview & Horse Club 7:00 p.m.-Abernathy	9 5:30 p.m.-Soils Judging 6:00 p.m.-Grass ID	10	11 5:30 p.m.-Soils Judging 6:00 p.m.-Grass ID	12 4-HOnline Closes at 12:00 p.m.: D. Horse Quiz Bowl & Sr. Fashion Show Jr. Leader Lab Counselor Applications due	13 Rifle-time signed up for
14 4:00 p.m.-Meat Judging 	15 4-HOnline Opens: D. Rifle	16	17 	18	19	20 Rifle-time signed up for 4-HOnline Opens: D. Horse Judging
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21 4:00 p.m.-Meat Judging	22 6:00 p.m.-County Food Show 4-HOnline Opens: D. Livestock Quiz Bowl	23 5:30 p.m.-Soils Judging 6:00 p.m.-Grass ID	24 4-HOnline Closes at 12:00 p.m.: D. Rifle	25 5:30 p.m.-Soils Judging 6:00 p.m.-Grass ID	26 4-HOnline Opens: D. Food Show, FCH Bowl, CDM, Ento ID, Grass ID	27 Rifle-time signed up for Texas Tech Invitational- Meat Judging
28	29 4-HOnline Opens: D. Livestock Judging Archery Forms due to Office	30 5:30 p.m.-Soils Judging 6:00 p.m.-Grass ID D. Sr. Fashion Show	31 4-HOnline Closes at 12:00 p.m.: D. Food Show, FCH Bowl, CDM, Ento ID, Grass ID, Horse Judging, Livestock Quiz Bowl			