

# Liberty County 4-H Chronicle

## May 2021



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| <b>May 6th</b>       | Green Thumb Garden Club—Extension Office       | <b>May 27th</b>         | Green Thumb Garden Club—Extension Office             |
| <b>May 6th</b>       | Recordbook Training (Virtual)                  | <b>June 1st</b>         | Scholarship, Record books and Award Applications due |
| <b>May 8th</b>       | TVE Large Animal Tag-in (6 -10 am)             | <b>June 6th - 21st</b>  | Instructional Horse Show                             |
| <b>May 12th-15th</b> | Dayton FFA Livestock Show                      | <b>June 15th</b>        | 4-H Club Charter paperwork due                       |
| <b>May 13th</b>      | Green Thumb Garden Club—Extension Office       | <b>June 22nd-23rd</b>   | D9 4-H Horse Show—Bryan                              |
| <b>May 14th</b>      | Liberty County 4-H Ambassador Applications Due | <b>June 29-July 1st</b> | Senior Leadership Lab                                |
| <b>May 20th</b>      | Green Thumb Garden Club—Extension Office       |                         |  |



**Summer 4-H Camp Dates will be released soon!**



Congratulations to Abigail Dillard from Tarkington 4-H & Lacey Dillard from the Trinity Trailblazers 4-H Club for successfully completing the 5K and sharing their completion results.

Stay tuned for the next 5K!

Discover Yourself in 4-H

Question: What type of 4H Summer Camp(s) would you like to attend?

Email your response to JoLynn Reynolds at [jlreynolds@ag.tamu.edu](mailto:jlreynolds@ag.tamu.edu) for 1 point on your County Points Log.



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### Green Thumb Garden Club

Every Thursday starting April 22—May 27 from 4:15 to 5:30 pm. At the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Office Backyard located at 501 Palmer Ave., Liberty, TX 77575.

- **FREE Afterschool Program**
- **Ages 3rd grade and up**
- **Fun Games, Gardening, and Goodies**

Come play in the dirt and learn how to grow your own healthy lifestyle!  
Call Alexis Cordova at 936-334-3230 for more details.  
Sign up by April 16th at <https://liberty.agrilife.org/family-life/green-thumb-garden-club/>

**It's not to late to join the fun!**

**4-Her's receive 1 pt for every session attended.**

## Congratulations to our Livestock Judging teams!



Pictured above District 9 4th Place Intermediate Livestock Judging Team: Chance Sutton, Cameron Ripkowski, Payton Hanson, and Savannah Hanson

**RECORD BOOK TRAINING**

**RECORD BOOK TRAINING:  
MAY 06, 2021 AT 6:00 PM**

**EVENTBRITE**

**GUEST SPEAKER:  
MICHELLE MIHALEK  
MONTGOMERY COUNTY 4-H AGENT**

**PUBLIC SPEAKING**

**What is so important about keeping an exceptional record book?**

- It gives YOU the opportunity to tell your 4-H story!
- Show Off your project accomplishments! It's your time to shine!
- If your record book is detailed, in order, and really highlights all of your time, effort, and work, you could even compete!
- Lastly, it will prepare you for your future when applying for college scholarships

**District-Wide Training**

**4-H RECORD BOOK CATEGORIES**

|   |                               |
|---|-------------------------------|
| Agricultural Sciences                             | Citizenship & Civic Education |
| Consumer Education                                | Food & Nutrition              |
| Gardening & Horticulture                          | Fashion & Interior Design     |
| Beef  | Horse                         |
| Plant & Soil Science                              | Health & Personal Safety      |
| Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics | Leadership                    |
| Sheep   | Public Speaking               |
|   | Shooting Sports               |
|   | Theatre & Performance Arts    |
|   | Swine                         |
|   | Photography                   |
|   | Poultry                       |
|   | Rabbit                        |
|   | Veterinary Science            |
|   | Goats                         |
|   | Dog Care & Training           |
|   | Entomology                    |

**CITIZENSHIP**

FOR MORE INFORMATION, CONTACT:

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# Points Logs Due June 1st



## Good Luck to our Big Time in D9

Kaylie Perdue— Photography, Photography Judging,  
Educational Presentation

Mya Abdalla—Fashion Show

Emily Capps—Fashion Show

Hagen LaBuff—Share the Fun

Marlee Brooks—Share the Fun



Beginning June 1st through end of July, New Weekly Challenges will be posted on a **Liberty County 4-H Health Rocks Member only Website**. There will be interactive videos, activities and discussions that you can do from home, followed by a short day camp the first week in August. Must be in 6th-12th grade Sept. 1, 2021. Email [ancordova@ag.tamu.edu](mailto:ancordova@ag.tamu.edu) if interested!

## Dayton FFA Livestock Show Schedule

### WEDNESDAY, MAY 12, 2021

4:30 p.m. Livestock enter through back gate on North Winfree  
5:00-7:00 p.m. Check in Market Swine  
6:00 p.m. Sift/Judge Market Broilers  
7:00 p.m. Market Goat weigh-in  
7:30-8:30 p.m. Market Steer and Commercial Heifer weigh-in

### THURSDAY, MAY 13, 2021

7:00-7:30 a.m. Check in Breeding Rabbits  
7:30-8:00 a.m. Market Rabbit weigh-in  
8:00 a.m. Judge Market Rabbits and Breeding Rabbits  
8:30 a.m. Judge Market Swine  
11:00 p.m. Judge Market Goats  
12:00 p.m. UNIFIED SHOW  
5:00 p.m. Agriculture Mechanics Show

### FRIDAY, MAY 14, 2021

9:00 a.m. Judge Commercial Heifers and Market Steers

### SATURDAY, MAY 15, 2021

9:00 a.m. MANDATORY Market Exhibitor Meeting  
11:00 a.m. Young Farmers Bar-B-Que  
12:30 p.m. Dayton FFA Market Livestock Auction

### SUNDAY, MAY 16, 2021

7:30-8:30 a.m. All Exhibitors (or a representative) must check-in  
Agriscience teachers will release upon livestock  
check out and facilities clean

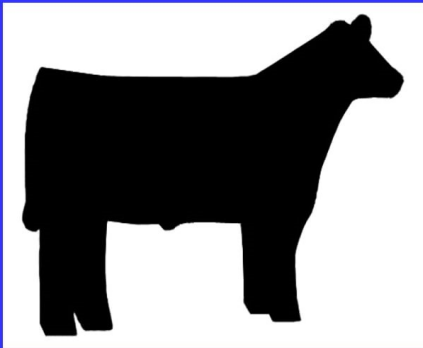
**DAYTON  
FFA  
LIVESTOCK  
SHOW &  
RODEO**



**2021****Market Steer and Commercial Heifer****Tag in Date: Saturday, May 8****6:00 am - 10:00 am**

**Entries and in county forms deadline is MIDNIGHT May 6th.  
NO hand delivered forms will be accepted-must be emailed or faxed.  
No exceptions  
Bangs Vaccination is needed for commercial heifers by tag in**

**Market Steer weights:  
500-900 lbs.**



**Commercial Heifer weights:  
400-800 lbs.**

**ALLIANCE PARTNERS**

Texas 4-H Alliance members have special programs set up for Texas 4-H members, their families and supporters the program. These business organizations offer discounts for services or merchandise, and in return a portion of the proceeds are donated to the Texas 4-H Foundation and/or the local county 4-H programs where the businesses are located.

Thank you to these Texas 4-H Alliance Members!





# District Updates

## Major Livestock Show Validation Information

This is just a reminder to start thinking about your 4-H members participation in Major Livestock Shows for Fall 2021 and Spring 2022. This is not a decision that you can make last minute. Tags are ordered months in advance and cannot be obtained last minute. Tags also cannot be obtained from other counties, if you are a Liberty County exhibitor, they must be ordered through the Liberty County Extension Office. Tags and UINS must be paid for at time of order. Please do not show up to validation expecting a tag or UIN if you did not pre-order and pay. \*\*It is never too early to contact the office and put your name on the list for major tags.\*\* Payment for tags or UINS is due prior to tags being ordered by the Extension Office. If you have any questions regarding tag orders or validation, please contact Amanda Brooks at 936-334-3230 or amanda.brooks@ag.tamu.edu.

## Tag order and Validation schedule:

### June

- State Steer & Heifer Validation:  
**June 12 at TVE from 7 am -10 am.**  
(This will be for State Fair 2021 and all Spring 2022 Major Shows)

- State Fair 2021 Lamb and Goat Validation:  
**June 15 at Extension Office from 4-6 pm**

- State Fair Swine Validation:  
**June 24 at Extension Office from 4-6 pm.**

### August

- Lamb and Goat tag orders due  
(for Spring 2022 major shows)

### September

- Spring Heifer UIN orders due  
(For shows beginning in Spring 2022)
- Swine tag orders due (for Spring 2022 major shows)
- Unvalidated/revalidate heifers

### October

- Spring Heifer Validation  
(For shows beginning in Spring 2022)
- State Lamb and Goat Validation  
(for Spring 2022 major shows)

### November

- State Swine Validation (for Spring 2022 major shows)



**2021 4-H Virtual Crappie Fishing Skill-a-thon Program**

*Open statewide to all Texas 4-H members*

**May 8, 15 & 22**

- Participate in 1, 2, or all 3 fishing events
- One time entry fee for all program components
- Register as an individual, team, or both
- Open to 4-H youth K-12th grades
- Fish at YOUR favorite spot!
- Post fish pics in 2021 4-H Fishing Facebook group

**Categories & Fees:**

|                       |                  |
|-----------------------|------------------|
| State-wide Individual | \$25             |
| State-wide Team       | \$25/team member |

**Optional Categories & Fees:**

|                        |                  |
|------------------------|------------------|
| District Individual    | \$15             |
| District Team          | \$15/team member |
| Big Crappie Individual | \$10             |
| Big Crappie Team       | \$10/team member |

**Weekly Skill-a-thon Sessions:**

- Monday - Fishing Tips & Tricks
- Tuesday - Cooking with Crappie
- Wednesday - Visit with the Game Warden
- Thursday - Fishing Safety
- Friday - Fishing Trivia Game

*hosted by District 5 sponsored by Texas Farm Credit and T&I Industries*

**Prizes awarded weekly for all entry categories!**

**FREE official Check-It-Stik to first 50 registered by April 23rd**

**Click to:** REGISTER, JOIN FB Group, READ Rules

**All state and local laws must be followed**  
<https://tpwd.texas.gov/regulations/outdoor-annual/fishing/freshwater-fishing/>  
 The 4-H family entered is responsible for the safety of youth anglers during the events

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## Horse Validation Information

Any 4-H member that will be participating in the District and/or State Horse Shows must be validate their horse. Validation should be completed online at [texas.4honline.com](https://texas.4honline.com) (4-H connect).

### Validations dates are:

April 16th - May 1st - \$20.00 per horse

District 9 Horse Show June 22-23,  
2021 Brazos County Expo Bryan, Tx

Texas 4-H Horse Show July 24-30,  
2021 Brazos County Expo Bryan, Tx

Step-by-step validation instructions are available and can be downloaded at:

<https://animalscience.tamu.edu/livestock-species/equine/state-4h-show/>



# District Updates



## WHAT IS TEXAS SPEAKS?

TexasSpeaks is a state-wide online survey conducted by Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service with the purpose of listening to Texas citizens as they identify the strengths and needs of their communities.

Data from the survey will be aggregated at local levels and provided to local stakeholders. Additionally, statewide data will be aggregated and made available to state agencies and decision makers.

## WHAT IS THE GOAL?

To engage as many Texas citizens as possible to create the most accurate and helpful data to support Texas communities at both the state and local levels.

## QUICK FACTS ABOUT THE SURVEY

- Online
- Open to the public
- Anonymous
- Takes 10 minutes
- Includes an opportunity to collect open-ended feedback



**PARTICIPATE TODAY!**  
<http://tx.ag/texaspeaks>

## Contact

Dr. Scott Cummings  
[s-cummings@tamu.edu](mailto:s-cummings@tamu.edu)  
979-229-3187

track the progress >> [TEXASSPEAKS.TAMU.EDU](http://TEXASSPEAKS.TAMU.EDU)

## BLINN COLLEGE DISTRICT LIVESTOCK JUDGING CAMP

**Never let good enough be enough!**

### June 20-22, 2021

*Experienced, Ages 14 and up*

### June 24-26, 2021

*Novice, Ages 8-13*

**Register online at [www.blinn.edu/livestock-judging-camp](http://www.blinn.edu/livestock-judging-camp)**

**Registration Deadline - June 7**

**Cost: \$300 | Space may be limited**

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|---|---|---|
| <b>Brice Mund</b><br>979-224-4423<br><a href="mailto:brice.mund@blinn.edu">brice.mund@blinn.edu</a> | <b>Quest Newberry</b><br>361-449-5824<br><a href="mailto:quest.newberry@blinn.edu">quest.newberry@blinn.edu</a> | <b>Clayton Schram</b><br>979-627-5665<br><a href="mailto:clayton.schram@blinn.edu">clayton.schram@blinn.edu</a> |
|---|---|---|

WJ. "Bill" Rankin Agricultural Complex on the Blinn-Brenham Campus  
1409 Old Mill Creek Road, Brenham, TX 77833

**BLINN**  
COLLEGE DISTRICT  
Agricultural Sciences

## YOUTH LIVESTOCK PROGRAMS

*in action*

Embracing our Past.  
Engaging our Present.  
Defining our Future.

### AN ASSESSMENT OF THE TEXAS 4-H AND FFA YOUTH LIVESTOCK PROGRAM: SCOPE, PERCEPTIONS, AND RETURN-ON-INVESTMENT (Three surveys – CEA, AST, livestock exhibitor families)

The livestock project fosters an environment for increasing educational outcomes and life skill traits such as:

**responsibility, SPORTSMANSHIP, work ethic, RESPECT, ETHICAL DECISION MAKING, ANIMAL SCIENCE AND FOOD SUPPLY KNOWLEDGE, safe animal handling & welfare** and producing safe food animal products.

**ALL 3 RESPONDENT GROUPS AGREED** life skills (99.5%) and educational outcomes (98.5%) learned through the livestock project are *relevant* relevant in real-world application.

**97.90%** of all respondents agreed participation in the livestock project is **worth the investment** when all intrinsic and extrinsic returns were considered.



Livestock exhibitor families reported they invested approximately 25.88 hours per exhibitor per week in time spent with their livestock projects. Texas young people invest an estimated

**37,234,635.40** hours per year working with their livestock!

**ALL 3 RESPONDENT GROUPS INDICATED** the livestock project is *definitely worth*

the investment in the areas of: family time spent together, educational outcomes, life skill development, professional connections, and career preparation.



[www.texasyouthlivestock.com](http://www.texasyouthlivestock.com)

## DESIGN YOUR OWN APP!

Virtual Tech Camps are the perfect way to sharpen your STEM skills and bond with new friends, all online from the comfort of home!



**TEXAS 4-H  
5-G TECH  
ACADEMY**



**GRADES 6 TO 12**

**JUNE 14TH - JULY 23RD**

### CONTACT US:

Harris County - Jennifer Ramos  
[jennifer.amos@ag.tamu.edu](mailto:jennifer.amos@ag.tamu.edu)



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# Around the County

## FOOD PRESERVATION

|        |              |                                      |
|--------|--------------|--------------------------------------|
| May 4  | 5:30-6:30 pm | Intro & Equipment                    |
| May 11 | 5:30-6:30 pm | Water Bath Basics & Salsa            |
| May 18 | 5:30-6:30 pm | Jams, Jellies & Pickles              |
| May 25 | 5:30-6:30 pm | Pressure Canning Basics & Vegetables |

\$20 for the series

Pre Register thru eventbrite links

All classes held online

Educational programs of the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service are open to all people without regard to race, color, religion, sex, national origin, age, disability, genetic information or veteran status.

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Registration:

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/food-preservation-series-tickets-150434438455>



Join us for 4 days of  
**FREE FUN!!**

Hands on interactive Learning Experience for School Aged Children!

Topics Include:

MyPlate  
Energy Balance  
Preparing Nutritious Meals  
Healthy Hydration  
And **MUCH** more!



Monday, July 19, 2021

—Through—

Thursday, July 22, 2021

All classes start at 10:30am  
(will last approximately 1 hour)

Location:

Austin Memorial Library  
220 S Bonham  
Cleveland, TX 77327



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*Virtual* **LEAD** Academy

**JUNE 1-3, 2021 ON ZOOM**

**Youth Workshops @ 4:45pm, 6:00pm, & 7:15pm**

**Adult Workshops @ 11:00 am, 12:15pm, 6:00pm, & 7:15pm**

*More information coming soon*

[texas4h.wpengine.com/events/lead/](https://texas4h.wpengine.com/events/lead/)



LEAD Academy 2021 will be held on Zoom June 1-3, 2021 and will feature a range of topics for both you and adults. Make plans now to join us! More details and session topics will be available soon, but keep up to date with the latest news at this [link](#).

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## BACK YARD Teaching GARDENS



**Groundbreaking Ceremony and Dedication Event**

**Friday, June 4th, 2021**

**5:00 p.m.**

You are cordially invited to join the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Staff and the Leadership Advisory Board members, as we ceremoniously break ground on the launch of our **LONG AWAITED Back Yard Teaching Gardens.**

*We will hold a brief ceremony with comments from honored community leaders and those who have worked tirelessly to ensure the project's success.*

*A special rededication of the greenhouse in Mr. Edgar "Bubba" Groce's honor will follow. Light refreshments and seating will be offered. Please dress comfortably as this is an outdoor event.*



Texas A&M AgriLife Extension **Backyard**  
501 Palmer Ave  
Liberty, TX 77575



For questions please contact the AgriLife Extension Office at (936) 334-3230.





Grand Champion Market Steer  
Sydni Gullledge  
Dolen 4-H



Grand Champion American Heifer  
Caiden Pickett  
Mid-County 4-H



Reserve Champion Exotic Heifer  
Emma Claire Wiggins  
Mid-County 4-H



Reserve Champion Market Goat  
Morgan Abbott  
Tarkington 4-H



Reserve Champion F-1 Heifer  
Riley Bautsch  
Mid-County 4-H

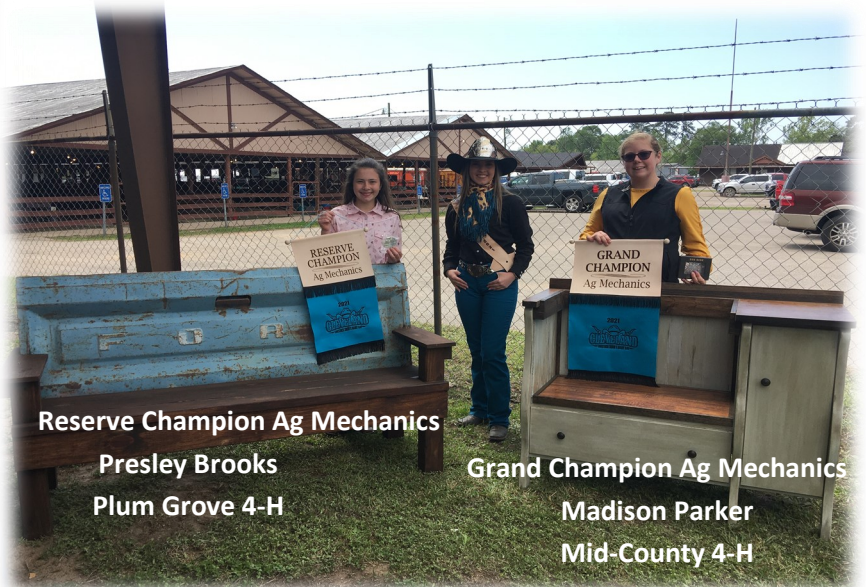


Reserve Champion Market Steer  
Chase Anderson  
Mid-County 4-H





Best of Show Jr. Food  
Emma Claire Wiggins  
Mid-County 4-H



Reserve Champion Ag Mechanics  
Presley Brooks  
Plum Grove 4-H

Grand Champion Ag Mechanics  
Madison Parker  
Mid-County 4-H



Best of Show Craft  
Mason Gerloff  
Tarkington 4-H

I PLEDGE  
**MY HEAD**  
to clearer *thinking*  
**MY HEART** to greater *loyalty*  
**MY HANDS** TO LARGER SERVICE  
**MY HEALTH** to better living  
FOR MY CLUB & MY  
MY COMMUNITY WORLD.  
MY COUNTRY



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