

NEWSLETTER

January

2024

SAVE THE DATE!

January 6- Cattle Showmanship Clinic 10 am- County Show Barns

January 7- weigh & ultrasound commercial cattle -3:30 pm- Berry's east pens

January 9- Sheep/Goat Clinic

January 11- 1st Year Exhibitor Project Form DUE

January 11- Commercial record books DUE by 5 pm at extension office

January 13- Happy, Kress, & Tulia Local Stock Shows

January 13- Commercial Interviews at Golf Course 4pm (Kens Place, Tulia)

January 14-16- Swisher County Stock Show



Stock Shows

Happy Local Show

Check In: January 12, 2024
by 5:00 p.m. at the
Happy Community Center

January 13, 2024
10:00 a.m. -
cattle, followed by lambs, goats,
and Swine.

Kress Local Show

Check In: January 12, 2024
by 5:00 p.m.
January 13, 2024
9:30 a.m.
goats., Lambs, Heifers, Steers
Lunch break
followed by Swine Show
Pee Wee Show at the conclusion of
Swine Show

Tulia Local Show

Check In: January 12, 2024
All animals in BARN
before 7 p.m.
7 p.m. -
exhibitor/parent meeting
followed by weigh-in.

January 13, 2024
9:00 a.m.
Heifers, Lambs,
Goats and Swine

Swisher County Stock Show

January 14-16, 2024

Wednesday January 11, 2024

Commercial Projects forms due to Extension Office by 5 pm
sign up for interview time

Friday, January 12, 2024

1st Year Exhibitor Project Forms due to Extension Office
Commercial Record book Judging

Saturday, January 13, 2024

4:00 pm- Commercial Interviews at golf course
5:00 pm- All Animals (except commercial projects & rabbits)
must be in barn (or as soon as your local show is finished)
5:00 pm- Weigh, sift, & classify steers-check heifer papers
6:00 pm- weigh, sift, classify lambs & goats

Sunday, January 14, 2024

8:00 a.m.- Weigh, classify, and sift barrows,
(Barrows must be classified when weighed)
9 a.m. - 12 p.m.- Pickup Showmanship Numbers
12 noon- Devotional
1:00 p.m. -Heifer and Steer Show
between Steer/ Heifer Show - announce Commercial Winners
3:00 p.m.- Check in and weigh rabbits
4:00 p.m. - Rabbit Show or immediately following Steer Show

Monday, January 15, 2024

7 a.m. - 12 p.m.- Pickup Showmanship Numbers
8:00 a.m. - Lamb Show
10:30 a.m.- Goat Show-or immediately following Lamb Show
1:00 p.m.- Swine Show-or immediately following Goat Show

Tuesday, January 16, 2024

6:00- 6:45 p.m. - Buyers Appreciation Supper / Youth
Exhibitor & Family Celebration Supper
6:30 p.m.- Exhibitor Line - (sale order will be posted on
January 16)
6:45 p.m.- Presentation of Awards, Parade of Champions
7:00 p.m.- Livestock Auction Sale

County Stock Show 1st Year Exhibitor Award

Selection of the 1st Year Exhibitor Award is based on
project forms and observations made by the award
sponsor. One award will be given per year.

PROJECT FORMS are DUE to the Extension Office by
Thursday, January 11, 2024 by 4 PM

Commercial Projects

January 7- Weigh & Ultrasound cattle- Berry's east pens

January 11- Record Books DUE at extension office by 5 pm
(Sign up for interview time)

January 12- Record book judging

January 13- Interviews starting at 4 pm Kens Place

January 14- awards between heifer and steer show

2024 Swisher County Livestock Show Sale

Tuesday, January 16, 2024

6:00 PM - Buyers Appreciation Supper- Concession stand & arena area

6:00 PM-Youth Exhibitor & Family Celebration Supper-sheep & goat barn

-Parents, grandparents ,and anyone interested can purchase tickets to the Buyers Appreciation Supper. The cost is \$100.00 per couple and buys 2 steak dinners and spots at a table during the auction and meal.

-There will be plenty of spectator seating at the auction

Exhibitors and Family Celebration Supper- will be FREE to all-
adult volunteers will serve hamburgerts

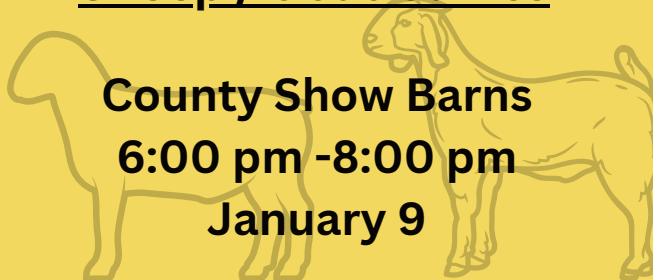


Sheep / Goat Clinics

County Show Barns

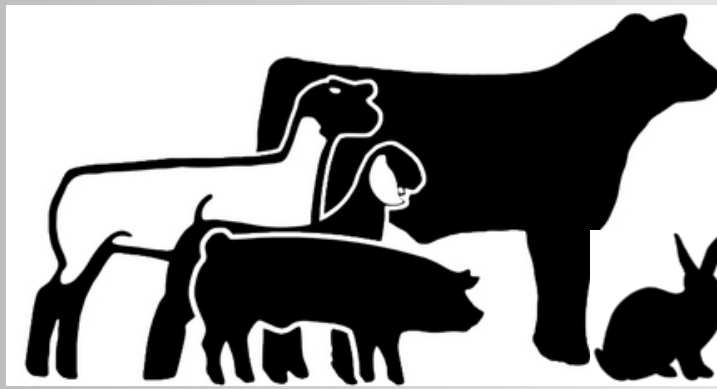
6:00 pm -8:00 pm

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If you are needing help with travel plans to any major stock show
contact Jason ASAP!

If you have any questions, please call the Extension Office
806-995-3726



2024 Swisher County Stock Show **TO DO LIST**



Upload two photos of you preferably with your livestock project by January 10 at

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSc2GYAqj5x6b3GXmvUQdkhXesuHByINLaXNj0tYIKleNkhtag/viewform?usp=sf_link



Purchase shavings- Exhibitors MUST provide their own shavings. Shavings WILL NOT be provided for any species.



Commercial Project Forms due to Extension Office by 5 PM on January 11



First Year 4-H Exhibitors - turn in project forms to the Extension Office on January 11 by 4 PM to be considered for the **1st Year Exhibitor Award**.



4-H Members- complete project forms. All **4H Exhibitors**, showing livestock in the County Stock Show, are required to turn in a project form BEFORE they receive their showmanship number.



Check your email, remind, and Facebook for assignments for your local show and the County Show Concession Stands.

2024 Swisher County Stock Show Concession Stand

The County Stock Show Concession Stand is the major fundraising event for the entire Swisher County 4-H Program and all 4-H members benefit from these funds. For example, when your child receives \$10 for competing in a District 4-H Contest, the money comes from the proceeds of the stock show concession stand. Please watch for information from your club managers or buyers' club for concession stands at the Happy, Kress and Tulia Local Shows.

ALL 4-H Families are expected to work and donate items for the Stock Show Concession Stand whether or not your child is showing.

Senior and Intermediate age 4-H youth may work in the concession stand. Must have one adult for every youth working.

ONLY Adults to run the cash register and charge book.

Call the Extension Office ASAP to sign-up for a shift.

ATTENTION

If your are interested in:
Public Speaking, Educational Presentations or
4-H Talent Showcase
Please contact the Extension Office
D-2 Contest will be March 25, 2024

Phone: 806-995-3726



Texas Stock Shows



Sandhills Livestock Show
January 3-13, 2024



Ft. Worth Livestock Show
January 12- February 3, 2024



San Angelo Livestock Show
February 1-18, 2024



Texas Elite Showcase
February 9-11, 2024



San Antonio Livestock Show
February 8-25, 2024



Houston Livestock Show
February 27- March 17, 2024



Rodeo Austin Livestock Show
March 8- 23, 2024



4-H Rifle Project Safety Meeting

January 4 & 11, 2024– 6:30 PM

January 7, 2024– 5:00 PM

Swisher County Annex Room

- ~You **MUST** attend one safety meeting to participate in the rifle project.
- ~You **MUST** be enrolled as a 4-H member through 4-H Online to participate in the rifle project.
- ~Contact the Extension Office 806-995-3726 or Jay Thornton 806-662-7579 ASAP with any conflict on dates.
- ~ Please bring \$20.00 to help cover the cost of ammunition

Congratulations

*District 2 4-H
Fall Community Service
Challenge*

WINNERS:

1st Place - Garza County - 36 blankets

2nd Place - Lubbock County - 35 blankets

3rd Place - Swisher County - 32 blankets



Arizona National Livestock Show

**Addilyn Reed- 7th High Senior
Individual Livestock Judging**

**Rhett Reed- 6th High Junior
Individual Livestock Judging**



Texas 4-H Foundation Opportunity

💰 Texas 4-H Opportunity Scholarships- Due Feb. 15 💰

- Bailey is glad to review/edit D2 Scholarships! Please have those sent to her by January 5th!
- Guidelines & Portal can be found here: <https://texas4hfoundation.org/types-of-scholarships/>
- Training video can be found here: <https://d24-h.tamu.edu/scholarships/>
- Please reach out if there are any questions!



Calling high school seniors and college students! Invest in your future, and apply for one of our Texas Farm Bureau scholarships today! Deadline is March 1, 2024.
Application details, eligibility and more: <https://txfb.us/scholarships24>



How can I know what's going on with 4-H?



Sign up to receive text messages to remind you about 4-H Club Meetings and events:

Tulia 4-H

Text @79088 to 806-730-2385 to receive reminders about Town & Country 4-H Club Meetings and project activities for Tulia 4-H members.

Happy 4-H

Text @79042 to 806-730-2385 to receive reminders about Happy 4-H Club Meetings and project activities for Happy 4-H members.

Kress 4-H

Text @kress52 to 806-730-2385 to receive reminders about Kress 4-H Club Meetings and project activities for Kress 4-H members.



Follow our Facebook pages:

Swisher County-Texas A&M AgriLife Extension

Kress 4-H

Happy 4-H Club/Swisher County

Town & Country 4-H/Swisher County

South Plains-District 2 4-H



Check your email for the weekly 4-H Update and monthly 4-H Newsletter.

Call or email the County Extension Office:

806-995-3726

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Jason-jason.wade@ag.tamu.edu

Amanda-amanda.hernandez@ag.tamu.edu

School Absences & 4-H Events

Parents, Please notify your 4-Her's school of the exact dates of upcoming school absences. Make sure you understand your school districts policy for 10 day/90% attendance requirements. Some of the schools have pre-arranged absence forms that need to be filled out and turned into the school 3 days prior to the absence. Visit with school teachers to determine plans concerning homework, test, projects, etc. and Make sure your 4-H'er is passing all subjects prior to and during absence period. Eligibility for competing in any event must be determined prior to the event, whether you are missing school or not. In order for a 4-H'er to compete they must be considered academically eligible by the school. A copy of your 4-H'er's report card must be turned in to the Extension Office as proof of eligibility when 4-H'er WILL NOT miss school. The Extension Office sends a correspondence for events when a 4-H'er WILL miss school.

****MAKE SURE YOU ARE ENROLLED:****

Go to 4-H Online at:

<https://texas.4Honline.com>

Remember if you are re-enrolling:

PLEASE JUST UPDATE YOUR PROFILE

DO NOT create a new profile.

You must pay by : CREDIT or DEBIT CARD.

DO NOT choose County Check.

Enrollment -\$30.00



Swisher County 4-H Clover Kids



WHO: Tulia, Kress & Happy Kids who are in the Kindergarten- 2nd Grade

WHAT: Monthly activities to learn about 4-H projects, hands on activities, and snacks.

WHEN: Fourth Monday of each month. 6-7 p.m.

**WHERE: Swisher County Annex Meeting Room
310 West Broadway, Tulia**

2023-2024

Happy 4-H Club Officers

President..... Kannon Flowers
1st Vice President..... Lynnlea Johnson
2nd Vice President..... Bailey Acker
3rd vice President..... Jane Berry
Treasurer..... Chisom Sturgess
Secretary..... Hudson McAtee
Reporter..... Hudson Butler
Sargent at Arms..... Weston Wheeler
Historian..... Chesney Sturgess
SR. Council Delegate..... Emmy Holstein
Bailey Acker
JR Council Delegates..... Leila McAtee
Grady Holstein, Weston Wheeler
Club Manager..... Bilynn Johnson
Assistant Club Manager..... Christina Flowers

2023-2024

Town & Country Club Officers

President..... Laynee Unterkircher
1st Vice President..... Shaleigh Long
2nd Vice President..... Avary Wesley
3rd vice President..... Sally Wells
Secretary..... Kari Johnson
Treasurer..... Henri Nolen
SR Council Delegate..... Brooklynn Shelburne
JR Council Delegates..... Henri Nolen,
Cutter Shelburne, Claire Martin
Club Manager..... Ashley Shelburne
Assistant Club Manager..... Aaron Wesley

2023-2024

Kress 4-H Club Officers

President..... Avery Goss
1st Vice President..... Tripp Runnels
2nd Vice President..... Addi Reed
Secretary..... Rhett Reed
Treasurer..... Lane Goss
Reporter/Member Recognition.....
Cutter Jewkes
SR. Council Delegate..... Avery Goss
JR. Council Delegate..... TBD
Member Recognition
Club Manager..... Tiffany Reed
Assistant Club Manager..... Jaime Goss

2023-2024

County 4-H Council Officers

Co-Chairs..... Laynee Unterkircher
CW Johnson
Secretary..... Jane Berry.
Treasurer..... Tripp Runnels.
Reporter..... Lynnlea Johnson
District council Delegates..... Addi Reed
Chesney Sturgess.
District council Delegates Alter.....
Avery Goss, Sally Wells
District Delegates At Large..... Shaleigh Long
Junior Council Delegates... Chisom Sturgess
Hudson Butler
Junior Council Delegates Alter..... Rhett Reed
Grady Holstein

4-H CLUB MEETINGS

4-H CLUBS ARE THE GOOD WAY TO FIND OUT WHAT'S GOING ON, LEARN LEADERSHIP SKILLS, AND BE INVOLVED IN COMMUNITY SERVICE. IT IS IMPORTANT THAT PARENTS ATTEND 4-H CLUB MEETINGS. YOUR FAMILY WILL GET THE MOST OUT OF THE 4-H PROGRAM IF YOU PARTICIPATE TOGETHER. CLUB MANAGERS WORK HARD TO MAKE MEETINGS FUN AND INTERESTING. SWISHER COUNTY 4-H HAS FOUR CLUBS. MAKE PLANS TO BE AN ACTIVE PART OF A 4-H CLUB THIS YEAR AND BRING A FRIEND.



**4-H MOTTO AND PLEDGE
IN SUPPORT OF THE 4-H CLUB MOTTO,
"TO MAKE THE BEST BETTER,"**

**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 COMMUNITY, MY COUNTRY, AND MY WORLD.**

**4-H SLOGAN
LEARN BY DOING.**

**4-H PRAYER
HELP ME, O LORD, TO LIVE SO THAT THE WORLD MAY BE A LITTLE
BETTER BECAUSE THOU DIDST MAKE ME.
AMEN.**



4-H MONTHLY CLUB MEETINGS

Kress Club Meeting

January 8, 2024

Kress Methodist Church -7:00 p.m.

~Program- Stock Show Project Forms

~ Refreshments- Harrison Family

~ Community Service -TBA

****everyone bring the Kress Buyers Club tickets and money collected so far.****



Happy Club Meeting

January 8, 2024

Methodist Church- 6:00 p.m.

~ Program-Stock Show Project Forms

~ Refreshments- Jane Berry

~Community Service- Emmerson Holstein, Jane Berry

****Bring items for the Happy Local Show Concession Stand**



Clover Kids Meeting

January 22, 2024- 6:00 p.m.- Annex Meeting Room

Program- Tie Dye T-shirts

Leaders- Tripp Runnels, Weston Wheeler

Town & Country Club Meeting

January 22, 2024 -7:00 p.m.- Annex Meeting Room

Program- TBA

Texas AgriLife Extension Service

Swisher County

310 W. Broadway

Tulia, Texas 79088

Phone: 806.995.3726

Fax: 806.995.2364



E-mail: swisher-tx@tamu.edu Swisher County Extension is on the Web at <http://swisher-tx.tamu.edu/>

You can get the newsletter, find out information about up- coming events, and find out about Swisher County.

Swisher County 4-H Texas AgriLife Extension Service

A handwritten signature in cursive that reads "Calley Runnels".

Calley Runnels, CEA-FCH

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Jason Wade".

Jason Wade, CEA-ANR

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*Happy
New Year!*

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Sandhills Stock
Show
Odessa

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Sandhills Stock
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Happy Meeting
Kress Meeting

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Sheep/Goat
Clinic 6-8 pm
Show Barns

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1st year Exhibitor
Project Forms
DUE-by 4 PM

Commercial
Projects Forms
DUE-by 5:00 pm

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LOCAL SHOWS:
Tulia, Happy, Kress

COUNTY SHOW:
ALL animals in
barn by 5:00 p.m.
check heifer papers-
Weigh steers

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Ft. Worth
Livestock Show

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2024 Swisher County Stock Show

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Ft. Worth
Livestock Show

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Clover Kids
Town & Country

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FEBRUARY 2024

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