# **CLOVER CONNECTION**

Young County 4-H Newsletter



## **WELCOME TO YOUNG COUNTY 4-H**

We are excited to kick-off the new 2021-2022 4-H year! Look forward to seeing you soon!

Get Involved!



CLUB MEETINGS

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PROJECT MEETINGS



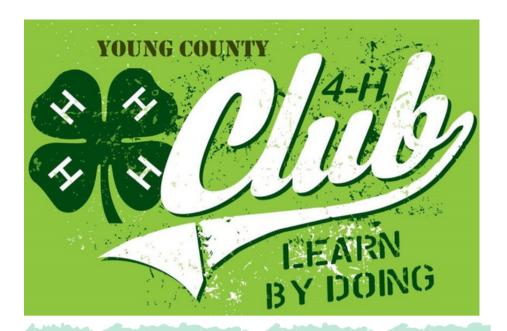
VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

## STEP ONE: ENROLL IN 4-H

Enroll in Young County 4-H by registering online.

Young County 4-H Enrollment kicks off September 1, 2021 and will remain open through August 31, 2022. To enroll in Young County 4-H please visit the Texas 4-HOnline registration link: <a href="https://texas.4honline.com/">https://texas.4honline.com/</a> and complete your family and member profile. All returning and new 4-H members will need to go online and update their membership status for the new 2021-2022 year. Membership fee is \$25 through October 31. November 1 registration will increase to \$30 for remain the same throughout the year. Membership is valid for 1 year. Instructions have been included in





## STEP TWO: JOIN A CLUB!

Participation in club meetings is a crucial component of the leadership development within our 4-H program. We encourage everyone to attend.

CLUB SELECTION					
Olney 4-H	The Refuge Olney, TX	1st Thursday	6:00-7:00pm	Olney Community Club	Lindsey Hickman Club Manager
Saltfork 4-H	NISD Cafeteria Newcastle, TX	2nd Monday	4:00-5:00pm	Newcastle Community Club	Dancey Creel Club Manager
Lone Star 4-HClub	Extension Office Graham, TX	3rd Monday	6:00-7:00pm	Graham Community Club	Loretta Shields Club Manager
Renewed 4-HClub	Nifty Thrifty Service Project Crisis Center <sub>Club Meeting</sub> Graham, TX	Last Friday of the month	10:00am-11:00am 11:00am-12:00pm	Home-School Club	Jaime Buse Club Manage Gabby Pittcock Assistant Club Manager
Open Door 4-H Club	Open Door School Graham, TX	2nd Friday	2:00-3:00pm	In-School Club	Emily Hines Club Manager

# PLEASE REFER TO MONTHLY CALENDAR AS MEETINGS MAY CHANGE DUE TO HOLIDAYS AND/OR OTHER SCHEDULE CONFLICTS.



# WHICH CLUB DO I JOIN?

Club(s) membership is determined by:

- Your Availability
  - Your Interest
  - Your Location

4-H is more than just a club. We're Family! 99

#### **CLUB MEMBERSHIP**

4-H Clubs are the most traditional and effective delivery mode of 4-H programming to youth.

Club meetings are learning "laboratories" where members develop social skills including communicating and working with others, practice leadership skills, develop strong character, and become responsible citizens by participating in community service activities. It's a wonderful way for youth to become exposed to new and exciting experiences and activities in a safe and familiar environment.

Club Meetings are held once a month and generally include an ice breaker, inspiration, program, business, recreation and/or community service project.

Meetings typically last 60-90 minutes. Club Meetings & Times are published in the 4-H monthly Calendar.



#### **CLUB OPPORTUNITY**

#### Club Officers

Clubs generally elect officers at the end of the 4-H year in order for officers to attend a leadership training over the summer.

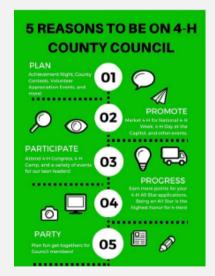
However, this year many clubs will be electing officers at the September or October 4-H Club Meeting. If you are interested in running for office please visit with your club manager regarding officer responsibilities.

#### COUNTY OPPORTUNITY

#### Council Membership

4-H County Council plan and coordinate 4-H activities in the county. The Young County 4-H Council also promotes county, district and state level 4-H activities.

County Council is comprised of 4-H members from each of the various 4-H clubs in the County. Clubs are encouraged to have two to three council delegates who will attend the County 4-H Council meetings.



#### Ambassadors

Ambassadors help to promote and advertise 4-H to other youth, volunteers, and community leaders.

They help others understand how 4-H affects the lives of young people and how it addresses key youth issues in the community and state.

## STEP THREE: GET INVOLVED!

To experience 4-H as it was intended; club, project, community service, & leadership should be on your mind.



## BE A LEADER!

All 4-H Clubs create opportunities to develop and use leadership skills. Members will elect officers such as President, Vice-President, Secretary, and Treasurer. Additional examples include opportunities for youth to mentor other members, plan events, conduct fundraisers, use parliamentary procedure to make decisions, and many other leadership skills.

Each county offers a variety of opportunities for 4-H members to get involved beyond their club. Reach out to the Young County Extension Office to find out what you could do, such as serve on advisory councils, plan 4-H events, serve as mentors, help promote 4-H or teach 4-H programs... depending on the leadership role that fits you best!



### STEP FOUR: PARTICIPATE!

Find the projects that interest you, check the calendar, and plan to attend to see if it fits you, your schedule, etc.



## COOKING 101

Texas 4-H

If you want to be a star in the kitchen, try the food & nutrition project! You'll learn kitchen and cooking safety, how to prepare nutritious meals and snacks, and meal ideas to reduce your risk of disease. Learning experiences focus on nutrition, food purchasing, food preparation, food safety, and related careers. Project contest opportunities include:

**Food Challenge**: teams of 3-4 students receive a list of ingredients and have 40 minutes to create a dish. The teams then present their dish to judges are scored on preparation, serving size, food safety concerns, nutritional value and cost.

Food Show: You choose a recipe from the contest categories and then prepare and present it to a panel of judges. During your interview with the judges, you will show how you prepared it, the nutrients and ingredients, personal dietary needs, healthy substitutions, and a cost analysis.

Family & Community Health (FCH) Quiz Bowl: A "Quiz Bowl" is a quiz game that tests teams of 4 on their knowledge of basic nutrition, consumer information, food and kitchen safety, food preparation skills and storage, and health. Up against the clock, the 4-Hers buzz in to answer a question and earn points for correct answers. Teams advance in a tournament-system bracket to win the competition.

Agriculture Product Identification: Contest provides youth the ability to further their knowledge and skills when evaluating agricultural products grown in Texas. For the Agriculture Product Identification contest, 20 Texas agricultural products are selected and exhibited at separate stations. Contestants select the correct identification of each product from four possible answers. Following the product identification, each station has one multiple-choice question pertaining to the product on display.

# FOOD & NUTRITION PROJECT UPDATES

#### Project Meeting

Facilitator: Penny Berend Introductory Meeting September 19

Location: Young County Arena

Time: 2:00pm

Activity: Cookie Decorating Kit \$10 RSVP Required for Kit September 940-549-0737

Traditional Project Meetings Monthly: October-December Location: NCTC

Location: NCTC Details Coming Soon!

## Food Challenge & Food Show

Facilitator: Penny Berend Contest Workshop

Location: NCTC Time: October 11 Coach: 4-H Parent

**Team Food Challenge Practices** 

Parent Led

Coach: Penny Berend

Individual Food Show Practices
Location: Extension Office
Time: By Appointment

# Important Upcoming Dates

County Food Show October 31

Location: NCTC-Graham

County Food Challenge

November 14

Location: NCTC-Graham

District 3 Food Challenge

December 1

Location: Jacksboro

District 3 Food Show

December 1

Location: Jacksboro

District 3 Family & Community Health Quiz Bowl - December 15

Location: Vernon

District 3 Ag Product ID Contest December 15

Location: Goree, Tx

# LIVESTOCK PROJECT UPDATES

Project Leader: Savanna Williams

#### Validation Dates

Sheep/Goat:

October 25th - 4pm Location: Newcastle ISD

Swine:

November 16th - 4pm

Location: Graham Project Center

November 18th - 4pm

Location: Olney Project Center

Rabbit:

December 15th - 4pm

Location: Young County Arena

#### Livestock Judging Practice

Every Tuesday in September Location: Extension Office Time: 4:45pm-6:00pm

State Fair of Tx Contest: Oct. 4th Location: Dallas, Tx

District Contest: November 10th Location: Vernon, Tx

# "To Make The Best BETTER"

# Important Upcoming Dates

Graham Finance Committee Fall Brawl Jackpot Pig Show - Oct. 30th Location: Young County Arena

Graham Finance Committee Annual Fish Fry - November 13th Location: Young County Arena

District 3 Livestock Quiz Bowl - December 6th

Location: Vernon, Tx

District 3 Livestock Skillathon/Ag Product ID Contest - December 15th

Location: Goree, Tx



# THE HANDS IN YOUTH LIVESTOCK PROJECTS

Texas Youth Livestock Association

One person, two hands - that means double the abilities, opportunities, talents, and skills, doubling the hands in agriculture. That prospect for achievement, work, failure, learning, and teaching lives in people spanning the earth.

That day in and day out push to raise the best, be the best, and encourage the best is seen in hundreds of pairs of hands across our lone star state every year. Texas is home to thousands of youth livestock projects during every rotation of the sun. Hogs, goats, sheep, cattle, rabbits, and equine. 4-H members work day in and day out with passion, determination, dedication, and skill to raise and exhibit livestock that are an example of the best of the best and safest in our food chain.

The hands of youth livestock exhibitors do more than raise livestock projects that are an example of the highest quality animals in our food chain. Those hands also work to learn, lead, mentor and serve. Thousands of 4-H youth, both young and old, use their hands day in and day out to succeed with livestock projects and build a better future for themselves and those around them.



#### RABBIT PROJECT

Project Leader: Diana Tubb

Kick-Off & Introduction - October 3 Location: Young County Arena Time: 2PM

A rabbit project is a great way to get started with an animal project. Rabbits do not require a lot of fancy or expensive housing or equipment, which makes them one of the more affordable animal projects to begin your animal science experience. Many times youth who are living in an urban area are not able to have an animal project, but since rabbits are housed in hutches, they are great for urban and rural settings.

# RANGE PROJECT: PLANT IDENTIFICATION

Project Leader: John Paclik

Practices have been Postponed until further notice due to weather and COVID concerns.

You will learn to identify all of the 74 native and introduced grasses which are listed on the Master Plant List for 4-H. The grasses in the grass contest are important for their value in making decisions about the Texas forage resources, their health, and help to determine the change that has occurred on our land base in Texas. You will learn how plants grow, grazing impacts on land, grass and plant identification and examination.



#### **CLOVERBUD PROJECT**

Project Leader: Volunteers Needed

Kick-Off Meeting - October
Location: Extension Office
Clover Kids age K-2 Grade.
Details will be emailed to enrolled 4-H
Clover Kids as they become available.



# BEEF PROJECT: JUNIOR COMMERCIAL STEER

Project Leader: Dancey Creel

The Junior Commercial Steer Feeding & Management Show is designed to encourage more 4-H and FFA members to participate in a practical beef production program that highlights the commercial cattle industry. Emphasis on feeding economy is not only recommended but is a prerequisite for entry in this show. This contest is designed to be a learning experience emphasizing selection of cattle, record keeping, feeding, animal health, industry standards, public speaking, and technical knowledge.

**Information Meeting - September 02** Location: Newcastle ISD Cafeteria @5pm

**Kick-Off Meeting - September 13**Location: Newcastle ISD Cafeteria @ 5pm

Cattle Processing/Weigh-In/Project Deadline - September 15 Graham Sale Barn @ 5pm

#### PHOTOGRAPHY PROJECT

Project Leader: Haily Gober



Kick-Off & Introduction - TBA Location: Extension Office

Picture yourself in the photography project! In this project, you will have the opportunity to learn how to use a digital camera, lighting, and other photography equipment to get great photos. You will learn to review and evaluate photos for quality and eye-appeal. You can discover techniques in editing and developing photographs for display, competition, or personal enjoyment.

#### FALL HORSE RIDING SCHEDULE

Project Leader: William & Ashley Hysmith

Kick-Off Meeting - Sept. 7th Location: YCA Barclay Room

Time: 5:30pm

Arena Fun Ride - Sept. 19th Location: YCA Back Arena

Time: 2-4pm

Throckmorton Playday - Sept. 26th

Arena Fun Ride - Oct. 17th Location: YCA Back Arena Time: 2-4pm

Throckmorton Playday - Oct. 24th

Arena Fun Ride - Nov. 14th Location: Hysmith Arena Time: 2-4pm

Throckmorton Playday - Nov. 21th

Christmas Stroll Parade - Dec 2nd Location: Downtown Graham Ride as a Group

Arena Fun Ride - Dec 19th Location: YCA Back Arena Time: 2-4pm

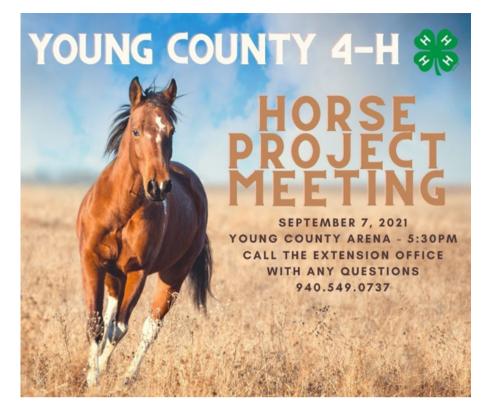
#### HORSE QUIZ BOWL

The primary objective of Horse Bowl contests is to provide an opportunity for youth enrolled in 4-H horse projects to demonstrate their knowledge of equine related subject matter in a competitive setting where attitudes of friendliness and fairness prevail.

#### Study Material:

https://texasyouthlivestock.com/w pcontent/uploads/2013/11/equineyouth-horse-quiz-bowll-1.pdf

District 3 Horse Quiz Bowl Contest - April 13th Location: Vernon, Tx



#### CALLING ALL HORSE ENTHUSIASTS!

Many people, young and old, are discovering the satisfaction and pleasure that horses can bring them. The 4-H Horse Project can be an exciting and worthwhile experience for both you and your horse.

The Young County 4-H Horse Project is open to all of age 4-H members and provides many opportunities for youth to learn about, work with, and exhibit equine. There is something for every age group and skill level with the opportunity of advancement or achievement always available through events such as Horse Show, Educational Presentation, and Quiz Bowl. You can also compete with your horse through breed and event associations

Whether you grew up with horses or simply have always loved them from afar, you can learn a lot in the horse project!

Please contact Project Leader William Hysmith 254.592.9166





## SHOOTING SPORTS

This project covers firearm safety and teaches responsible handling and use for a variety of firearms, including pistols, rifles, shotguns, muzzleloading, and archery.

In the Shooting Sports project, youth will learn: how to load and shoot a variety of firearms, proper maintenance of firearms, parts, and accessories, proper safety procedures in handling and shooting, about shooting sports competitions and how to participate, hunting procedures, laws and ethics related to shooting, hunting, and firearms use, and about careers related to firearms and shooting sports.

#### **Requirements**

All shooters must be enrolled in 4-H Online, have completed 4-H & city waivers, and have attended a safety meeting! Rules & Additional information can be located on the Texas 4-H Shooting Sports website & District 3 4-H.



#### **ARCHERY**

Coach: David Cook, William Hysmith

Archery Project will kick off with two Safety meetings on Monday, September 13th at the Archery Depot located on the corner of 4th and West. Practice will continue through the fall with two separate practice times each Monday.

Practice A - 5:30pm Practice B - 6:30pm

All 4-H Members will need to contact Coach David to get on the practice list in order to meet all safety requirements.

If you are not active on Facebook, please shoot Coach David a message so that he can notify you of any last minute cancellations or changes that need to be communicated.

#### SHOTGUN

Coach: Charlie Rogers, Bradley Herpeche Shotgun will kick-off this fall! Safety Meeting & Practice Schedule will be announced soon!

#### RIFLE

Coach: Rusty Hughes
Rifle practices are typically held in
the Spring months beginning in
February. A rifle introduction &
safety meeting is being scheduled for
the fall to see how many 4-H
members are interested in
participating. Stay Tuned!

66 You miss 100% of the SHOTS you don't take."

# IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES

4-H Archery Club 2nd Annual Fun Shoot - September 25th Location: Archery Depot

D3 Shooting Sports Coaches Training - November 20 Location: D3 To be Announced Soon



## NATIONAL 4-H WEEK

Millions of youth, parents, volunteers and alumni across the country will celebrate National 4-H Week from October 3-9, 2021. This year's theme, *Find Your Spark*, is a campaign that will encourage you to find what interests them in 4-H, empowering them with the skills they need to succeed in life and career.

Throughout National 4-H Week, Young County 4-H will showcase the many ways 4-H helps youth find their spark through hands-on learning experiences, as well as highlight the remarkable 4-H youth in our community who work each day to make a positive impact on those around them.

4-H was founded on the belief that when kids are empowered to pursue their passions and chart their own course, their unique skills grow and take shape, helping them to become true leaders in their lives, careers and communities.



# IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES

National 4-H Week Proclamation Signing - Sept. 27th

Location: Young County

Courthouse Time: 9:15am

National 4-H Week October 3-9

Location: Young County 4-H

National 4-H Week Challenge October 3-9 Daily Challenges

Location: Facebook Challenge

Time: TBA

One Day 4-H County Service Project - TBA Location: Loving Cemetery

4-H Fall Club Service Project Operation Child Boxes
October-November
Location: Participating 4-H Clubs
Operation Christmas Box
Operation Birthday Box

66 Our HANDS for larger service





# TEXAS 4HONLINE FAMILY ENROLLMENT TIPS

http://texas.4honline.com

#### **NEW FAMILY**

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Select to set up a profile Setup only one family profile per household.	Start adding a member Enter one enrollment profile at a time. The Next button will take you through each screen.	Review Fees Youth Fees vary with date enrolled. Adult Fees pay \$10.00.	YOUTH  Review enrollment and fees. Click Back to make corrections. Click Submit.	Adult  Review enrollment and fees.  Click Back to make  corrections. Click Submit.	
Enter an e-mail address that is checked often. This will be how you get communication.	Youth selects at least one club and one project. Adult selects volunteer type, clubs and projects.	Add and select a credit card to pay for the fees.	Status changes to pending. Local county office reviews and approves.	Adult completes Screening and Required trainings.	
Create a password. Requirements are displayed on the screen if not validated.  Enter information in all the fields on the Questions screen. Youth Birthdate and school grade determines eligibility.		Or select payment collected by county office. A confirmation screen will popup.	Payment is locked-in. Credit card is charged or county mails payment.	Status changes to pending. Local county office approves. Payment is locked-in. Credit card is charged or county mails payment.	
Complete the Health and Consents Screens. Click Next through each screen.		Select payment and agree to Payment and Refund terms.	Status changes to appproved after payment is received.	Status changes to approved after payment is received, screening approved and trainings completed.	

Contact the local county office before starting a profile, to make sure you are selecting a club which fits your family needs. Find your local county office online at:  $\frac{http://counties.agrilife.org}{http://counties.agrilife.org}$ 

#### **RETURNING FAMILY**

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Login with the family email address and password. Requirements are displayed on the screen if not validated.	Click Enroll Now next to the member's name.	Review Fees Youth Fees vary on date enrolled. Adult Fees are \$10.00.	YOUTH  Review Enrollment and fees. Click Back to make corrections. Click Submit.	Adult  Review Enrollment and fees.  Click Back to make  corrections. Click Submit.	
Contact the local county Extension Office for password assistance or click Reset Password link.	You can only enroll one member at a time.	Add and select a credit card to pay for the fees.	Status changes to pending. Local county office reviews and approves.	Adult completes screening and required trainings. (if applicable)	
Do Not Create a NEW Family Profile.	Click Next through each screen. You must enter school, grade, clubs and projects.	Or select payment collected by county office. A confirmation screen will popup.	Payment is locked-in. Credit card is charged or county mails payment.	Status changes to pending. Local county office approves. Payment is locked-in. Credit card is charged or county mails payment.	
Review and update family information.	Complete the Health and Consents Screens.	Select payment	Status changes to appproved after payment is received.	Status changes to approved after payment is received, screening approved and trainings completed.	

If the family has moved to a NEW county in Texas, contact local county office to have the FAMILY PROFILE moved to the new county. Do not create a new profile.

The system will send automatic notifications to the family email address in the system!

## 4-H VOLUNTEER CONTACT LIST

	С	lub Management			
	Club Manager	Loretta Shields	325-665-1359	lynnpetershill@gmail.com	
Lone Star 4-H Community Club	Assistant Club Manager	Amy Heathcoat	940-567-1436	amy.heathcoat@grahamisd.com	
Olney 4-H Community Club	Club Manager	Lindsey Hickam	940-781-0358	rlhickam@outlook.com	
Open Door 4-H In-School Club	Club Manager	Emily Hines	940-282-9385	ehines@opendoorgraham.com	
Saltfork 4-H Community Club	Club Manager	Dancey Creel	940-781-0997	dancey@me.com	
Renewed 4-H Home School	Club Manager	Jamie Buse	325-669-6281	jamielbuse@gmail.com	
Community Club	Assistant Club Manager	Gabby Pitcock	940-282-9424	gabbypitcock@live.com	
		oject Management		Sand Processing in control	
		griculture & Livestock	•		
Agriculture & Livestock	Coach	Savanna Williams	940-549-0737	savanna.williams@ag.tamu.edu	
Horse	Leader	William Hysmith	254-592-9166	ashley@hysmithauto.com	
Rabbits	Leader	Diana Tubb	940-250-9091	dkayder3@gmail.com	
		Christine Richards	940-550-4060	randc@digitalpassage.com	
	Fam	nily & Community Health			
Consumer Education	Leader	Denise Cyr	817-306-4163	deniselcyr@gmail.com	
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Photography	Leader	Haily Gober	940-521-7557	hailyraehoward@yahoo.com	
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		Bradley Herpeche	940-456-2723	bherpechejr@gmail.com	
	Coach: Rifle	Rusty Hughes	940-456-1613	rhughesconstruction@outlook.com	
	PROJECT	VOLUNTEER OPPORTU	IITIES		
Leadership & Citizenship -Public Speaking -Theatre & Performing Arts -Youth Entrepreneurship	Volunteer Needed	Call Extension Office	940-549-0737	Young-tx@tamu.edu	
Agriculture & Livestock -Veterinary Science -Horticulture/Gardening	Volunteer Needed	Call Extension Office	940-549-0737	Young-tx@tamu.edu	
Natural Resources -Outdoor Education & Life Skills -Wildlife & Fisheries -Sportsfishing	Volunteer Needed	Call Extension Office	940-549-0737	Young-tx@tamu.edu	

# September

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			14-H Online Enrollment Opens Sign Up!	2 Commercial Steers Information Meeting Newcastle Cafeteria 5:00pm	3	4
5	6  ★ LABOR DAY ★	7 Livestock Judging Practice - 4:45pm Extension Office Horse Project Kick-Off - 5:30pm YCA - Barclay Room	8	9 Olney 4-H Club The Refuge 6-7pm	10	11
12	13 Saltfork 4-H Club Newcastle Cafeteria 4-5:00pm Commercial Steers Kick-Off Meeting Newcastle Cafeteria 5-6:00pm Archery A, 5:30 pm Archery B, 6:30pm	14 Livestock Judging Practice - 4:45pm Extension Office	15 Commercial Steers Project Deadline/ Graham Sale Barn 5:00pm	16	17 Open Door 4-H Club 2-3:00pm <i>Tentative</i>	18
19 Horse Project Arena Fun Ride YCA - Back Arena 2-4:00pm  Food & Nutrition Project Kick-Off YCA 2:00-3:00pm	Archery A, 5:30 pm Archery B, 6:30pm Lonestar 4-H Club Extension Office 6 -7pm	21 Livestock Judging Practice - 4:45pm Extension Office	22	23	24  Renewed 4-H 10am S.Project 11am Meeting Nifty Thrifty/ Crisis Center	25 Archery Fun Shoot Archery Barn See Flyer for Details
26	27 4-H Proclamation Signing, County Courthouse, 9:30am Archery A, 5:30 pm Archery B, 6:30pm	Livestock Judging Practice - 4:45pm Extension Office	29	30	10   12   2 10   - 3 8 7 6 5 4	