





Leon County 4-H December Newsletter

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
NOT TOO LATE to Enroll in Leon County 4-H! \$30/4-H Member Free/ Clover Kid Free/Adults	LCYLS Exhibitors! NEW ONLINE Entry Process! Check it out on Page 4-5 and visit https://lcyls.blogspot.com/	LCYLS Exhibitors! Enter Prior to Validation via: https://lcyls.blogspot.com/p/entry-information-and-record-book.html			<u>December 1</u>	<u>December 2</u> 4-H Archery Shootout: 8:30am @Expo Center Oakwood 4-H Club Bake Sale: TBA Palestine, TX
<u>December 3</u>	<u>December 4</u>	<u>December 5</u>	<u>December 6</u>	<u>December 7</u>	<u>December 8</u>	<u>December 9</u>
	LCYLS Lamb & Goat Validation: 4-6pm @Expo Center Broilers Orders DUE: Order Online via Fair Entry NJLS Broilers Orders DUE: Normangee FFA LCYLS Board Meeting: 6pm, Expo Buffalo XMAS Lighting Event: 6-9pm, City Hall– 4-H Volunteer Opp	Horse Riding Group: 6pm, Expo Center Archery: 6-8pm, Archery Barn <div> TAE4-HYDP– Winter Board Meetings: Ms. Cassie Out of Office. Please EMAIL if you need anything! </div>		Holiday Fair Entries DUE: 3-6pm, Annex 1 1st Floor (Baked Goods, Photos, Arts, Crafts, etc...) 4-H Bug Club Meeting: 6pm, Ext. Office	Holiday Fair Judging: Annex 1 1st Floor 	4-H Parade Float: Meet @4:30pm, CHS Parking Lot! Parade Starts at 5pm RSVP! Holiday Fair Awards & Pick Up Entries: 3-6pm, Annex 1 4-H Booth @ Xmas Market: 3-5pm, Courthouse Square (Volunteers & Baked Goods NEEDED! Sign up Via QR Code)
<u>December 10</u>	<u>December 11</u>	<u>December 12</u>	<u>December 13</u>	<u>December 14</u>	<u>December 15</u>	<u>December 16</u>
	4-H Christmas Party: 6-8:30pm, Jewett Civic Center Buffalo, Centerville, Leon, Oakwood, & Normangee 4-H Club Meetings: 6-6:15pm, Jewett Civic Center	Horse Riding Group: 6pm, Expo Center Archery: 6-8pm, Archery Barn Leon County EEA Xmas Party: Agents will be Out of Office Normangee 4-H Toy Drive: NJLS Barn	D8 4-H Food Show & Food Challenge Contest: Belton, TX– Good Luck!		Leon County Master Gardeners Xmas Party: Agents will be Out of Office Richard Parrish's Retirement Party: 12:30-2:30pm, FBC Centerville	DAR Wreath Laying on Veterans Grave: 11am, Buffalo Cemetery (Volunteer Opp)
<u>December 17</u>	<u>December 18</u>	<u>December 19</u>	<u>December 20</u>	<u>December 21</u>	<u>December 22</u>	<u>December 23</u>
Salvation Army Bell– Volunteer Opp: 12/17-23- 4-8pm, Buffalo Brookshires	Leon County Offices Christmas Party– Agents will be busy Salvation Army Bell	Horse Riding Group: 6pm, Expo Center Archery: 6-8pm, Archery Barn Salvation Army Bell	Salvation Army Bell– Volunteer Opp: 12/17-23- 4-8pm, Buffalo Brookshires	Salvation Army Bell– Volunteer Opp: 12/17-23- 4-8pm, Buffalo Brookshires	Broiler Pick Up for San Antonio Majors Leon County Offices CLOSE @Noon Salvation Army Bell	Salvation Army Bell– Volunteer Opp: 12/17-23- 4-8pm, Buffalo Brookshires
<u>December 24</u>	<u>December 25</u>	<u>December 26</u>	<u>December 27</u>	<u>December 28</u>	<u>December 29</u>	<u>December 30</u>
	Merry Christmas to all of our 4-H Families! Have a Blessed Day! Leon County Offices CLOSED	Horse Riding Group– TBA: 6pm, Expo Center Archery: 6-8pm, Archery Barn Leon County Offices CLOSED	<div> Agents in & Out of Office All Week to Celebrate Christmas! Please CALL or EMAIL before Stopping by! </div>		Cattle Fitting Workshop: Expo Center RSVP to 903-391-3245	<u>December 31</u> Ms. Cassie's Wedding

<https://leon.agrilife.org/4-h/>



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<https://www.4honline.com/>

Leon County Extension



4-H Clubs

Buffalo 4-H

5th Meeting- Monday, December 11, 2023 at 6:00pm

Centerville 4-H

4th Meeting- Monday, December 11, 2023 at 6:00pm

Leon 4-H

4th Meeting- Monday, December 11, 2023 at 6:00pm

Normangee 4-H

4th Meeting- Monday, December 11, 2023 at 6:00pm

Oakwood 4-H

4th Meeting- Monday, December 11, 2023 at 6:00pm

Leon County 4-H Christmas Party

Monday, December 11, 2023 from 6:00-8:30pm

More Information at:

• <https://leon.agrilife.org/4-h/leon-co-4-h-clubs-project-groups/>
• or Contact Leon County Extension Office!

• *Meeting Dates Subject to Change during Year!*



You Are Invited!



LEON COUNTY 4H CHRISTMAS PARTY

**MONDAY, DECEMBER 11TH
JEWETT CIVIC CENTER
6:00-8:30PM**

What to Bring: *(Optional)*

- \$ for Kona Ice/Hot Cocoa
- Toy for Tots Donation
- Christmas Cheer
- Crazy Sweater
- Dessert/Snack to Share

**4-H Members & Clover Kids
Are Welcome!**

**Bring Friends & Family!
Parents, drop off your kids or
stay & Join in on the FUN!**



Activities:

December 4-H Club Meeting 6:00-6:15pm

Donate a Toy
(Unwrapped) to
Toys for Tots!

Crazy Sweater Contest
Christmas Movie
Photo Booth
Photos with Santa
Snacks & Drinks
Crafts
Games



Hosted by Leon County 4-H Council Officers & Members!

VALIDATION DATES

2024 LEON COUNTY YOUTH LIVESTOCK SHOW
AT LEAST ONE PARENT/GUARDIAN MUST BE
PRESENT AT VALIDATION ALONG WITH THE
EXHIBITOR TO COMPLETE ALL FORMS

COMMERCIAL HEIFERS

Monday, November 13, 2023
 Buffalo Auction Barn
 3:00 to 6:00PM

MEETING DATE

(Attendance is encouraged; See Commercial Heifer Rule 8)
 Monday, October 23, 2023 @ 7:00 pm

STEERS & HALTER HEIFERS

Monday, November 13, 2023
 Buffalo Animal Hospital
 4:00 to 6:00 PM

LAMBS & GOATS

Monday, December 4, 2023
 Leon County Expo Center
 4:00 to 6:00 PM

MARKET & BREEDING SWINE

Monday, January 8, 2024
 Leon County Expo Center 2:00 to 6:00 PM

Exhibitors Must Enter Number of Gilts for Breeding Show at validation.

RABBITS

Monday, March 11, 2024
 Leon County Expo Center 4:00 to 6:00 PM

BROILER ORDER DEADLINE

December 4, 2023
 Leon County AgriLife Extension Office 5 PM

BROILER PICK-UP

Will notify when you place order
 Centerville Ag Shop 3:00 to 4:00 PM

SCHOLARSHIP DEADLINE

Scholarship Details available starting Jan 8, 2024



LAMB, GOAT AND
BROILER ENTRIES
NOW OPEN!!!



Validation (Orders due)
Monday, December 4



ENTRIES ONLINE ONLY

NO PAPER FORMS THIS YEAR!!!!



NEW!!!! Leon County Youth Livestock Show ENTRY PROCESS! NEW!!!

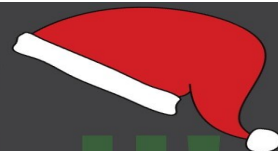
!!!ONLINE ENTRIES ONLY!!!

All entries for the 2024 LCYLS will be through Fair Entry this year!! Each family needs to set up an account and add their respective entries. NO PAPER FORMS. Entries are due by each species validation time and a copy of your email should be brought to your respective validation with payment.

<https://fairentry.com/Fair/SignIn/19424>

Need help with the registration process? Check out our step-by-step instructions at <https://lcyys.blogspot.com/.../entry-information-and...>

For a comprehensive guide to the Show Rules and all the information you need, head to <https://lcyys.blogspot.com/>



CHRISTMAS 4-H!

PROMOTE

**Ride the
4-H
Christmas
Parade
Float!**

DECEMBER 9TH

Meet at the Centerville
High School Parking Lot
at 4:30pm! Parade will
take off at 5:00pm!

PLEASE WEAR A SANTA
HAT/COWBOY HAT, 4-H T-SHIRT
&/OR COWBOY
COUNTRY /CHRISTMAS ATTIRE!

Open to 4-H & Clover Kid Members!

Parade Theme: Cowboy Christmas

LET MS. CASSIE KNOW IF YOU'LL BE RIDING!

CASSIE.FERGUSON@AG.TAMU.EDU OR TEXT 979-969-9871



Leon County 4-H

CHRISTMAS BAKE SALE

**3:00PM
UNTIL
SOLD OUT!**

**SATURDAY,
DECEMBER 9TH!**

**BAKED
GOODS &
VOLUNTEERS
NEEDED!**

SIGN UP TO DONATE OR VOLUNTEER AT:

[HTTPS://WWW.SIGNUPGENIUS.COM/GO/508084FAE
A622A6FA7-46544689-VOLUNTEERBAKE](https://www.signupgenius.com/go/508084FAE-A622A6FA7-46544689-VOLUNTEERBAKE)

@ CHRISTMAS MARKET ON THE SQUARE



MAGIC OF CHRISTMAS

Holiday Fair

December 7-9, 2023

Leon County Annex 1 (1st Floor)- Centerville, TX

Schedule:

Entry Check-in:

December 7th 3:00-6:00pm

Judging:

Morning of December 8th

Awards Displayed:

December 9th 3:00-6:00pm

Pick up Items & Awards:

December 9th 3:00-6:00pm

December 11th 6:00-8:00pm

@ Christmas 4-H Party- Jewett Civic Center

Divisions:

A - Cakes

B - Yeast Breads

C - Quick Breads

D - Pies

E - Decorated Baked Goods

F - Cookies

G - Clothing

H - Textile Crafts

I - Needlework

J - Photography

OPEN TO TRI-COUNTY AREA YOUTH! \$1.00/ENTRY

RULES & GUIDELINES:

[HTTPS://LEON.AGRILIFE.ORG/HOLIDAY-FAIR/](https://leon.agrilife.org/holiday-fair/)





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LEON COUNTY 4-H & MADISON COUNTY 4-H HORSE RIDING GROUP

4-H HORSE RIDING GROUP

- Tuesdays 6:00-8:00pm
- Dates: December 5, 12, 19 & 26- TBA
- Leon County Expo Center
- Learn: Basic Riding Skills, Maintenance, Daily Care, Proper Tack & Practice All Speed Events!
- Questions: Contact Kristen Johnson @281-323-5134
- Horses MUST have a negative Coggins test!
- Must have a horse or make arrangements to share a horse.
- Must be a Leon County 4-H or Madison County 4-H member (*Enrollment OPENS September 1*)
- Adults helping or riding MUST be Leon County 4-H or Madison County 4-H Adult Volunteer! (*Enrollment OPENS September 1*)
- MUST Complete Interest Form & Waiver at: <https://leon.agrilife.org/horse/>
 - (4-H Horse Club Riding Dates are Subject to change due to Expo Center & Project Leader availability)



4-H HORSE SHOW

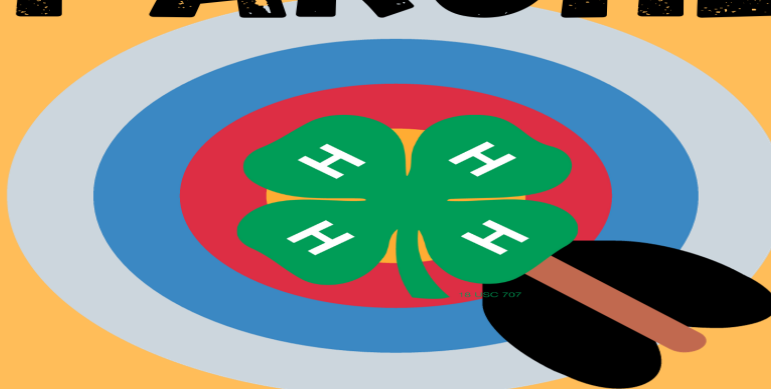
- Contests:
 - D8 4-H (6/18-19/24) or D9 4-H Horse Show- June
 - TX 4-H Horse Show- July
 - Other's Across State- All Year Long
- Must Validate your Horse in Spring via 4-H Online
 - <https://texasyouthlivestock.com/horse-validation/>

Questions about Leon County 4-H Contact
cassie.ferguson@ag.tamu.edu
Questions about Madison County 4-H Contact
936-348-2234

To learn more visit:
<https://leon.agrilife.org/horse/>
<https://madison.agrilife.org/>

<https://texas4-h.tamu.edu/projects/horse/>

4-H ARCHERY



2023-2024 Practice Schedule: Tuesdays!
Practices Subject to Be Changed due to Weather/Coach Out!
December 5, 12, 19, & 26 from 6:00-8:00pm
(Don't need to RSVP/Show Up & Check It Out!)

Location: Old Show Barn- Rodeo Rd. Centerville, TX

Time: 6:00-8:00pm

Follow us on Facebook @ leon4harchery
Follow us on Remind App! Text @CVILLEARCH to 81010

Check to see updates for practices & contests!

Visit: <https://leon.agrilife.org/4-h/4-h-projects/shooting-sports-contests/>

MUST BE ENROLLED IN 4-H to ATTEND a 4-H Archery Practice!!!!

Archery Shoot Out Contest:

Saturday, December 2, 2023 @Leon Co. Expo Center

Archery Coach Steve Schultz: 979-219-3302
Archery Manager, Dallas Ware: 936-648-8954

4-H Volunteer Opportunity!

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 16TH FROM 11:00AM-NOON
BUFFALO CEMETERY (BEHIND BISD ELEMENTARY)



The Daughters of the American Revolution need volunteers to help lay 100 wreaths on veteran's graves! Need 5-10 Helpers!
 Text Cassie at 979-969-9871 or
 email cassie.ferguson@ag.tamu.edu to volunteer!



4-H VOLUNTEER
 OPPORTUNITY

RING the Salvation Army Bell!

Salvation Army of
 Leon County
 benefits Leon
 County families in
 need! **Volunteer**
 &/or **Donate** today!

Ring the Bell
 & Sign up for a 1
 hour shift on
 December 17-23 from
 4:00-8:00pm
 at Buffalo
 Brookshire Brothers!

Wear a **4-H** or
Christmas Shirt! If
 you cannot work
 the whole hour
 that is okay! **More**
information is on
sign up genius!



Sign up at:
<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/508084FAEA622A6FA7-46544420-salvation>

Questions: cassie.ferguson@ag.tamu.edu or Ms. Cassie at 979-969-9871



NJLS VALIDATION DATES



Must be a Normangee ISD Student or be Home Schooled (living in NISD School District) plus be an active member in good standing of 4-H or FFA to participate

November 6, 2023

Steers, Heifers, Lambs & Goats
@ J5 Barn from 4-6 pm

December TBD

Broiler Orders due to Normangee FFA
Contact John Mark Schroeder

January 8, 2024

Swine
@ NJLS Barn from 3-6 pm

March TBD

Rabbits
@NJLS Barn from 4-6 pm

NJLS Show
April 12 - 13, 2024

Questions Contact:

Paul Byrd - 936-348-0281

Ron Newsom - 979-224-7702

Royce G Shaw, Jr. - 936-581-1450

John Mark Schroeder - 979-446-5368

JOIN US FOR A CATTLE FITTING CLINIC WITH KIRK STIERWALT



DECEMBER 29, 2023
LEON COUNTY EXPO
3637 CR 305, Buffalo, TX

TO REGISTER CONTACT:

Nita Syphrett 903-391-3245 or
Jerald Syphrett 346-833-6131

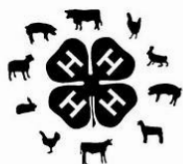




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LEON COUNTY LIVESTOCK CLINIC



**SATURDAY,
JANUARY 13
2024**

**REGISTRATION STARTS
AT 8:00PM & CLINIC
STARTS AT 8:30PM**

RSVP AT:

<https://leon.agrilife.org/leon-county-livestock-clinic-registration-form/>



**GEARED TOWARD CURRENT LEON COUNTY
4-H & FFA MEMBERS AND PROSPECTIVE
MEMBERS INTERESTED IN SHOWING A
LIVESTOCK PROJECT IN LEON COUNTY!**

Introduction to Basic Livestock Care

Breakout Sessions:

- Cattle
- Lambs
- Goats
- Poultry
- Rabbits
- Swine



Questions contact Leon County Extension Office at
903-536-2531 or cassie.ferguson@ag.tamu.edu

Leon County 4-H Google Calendar!

**GOOGLE
CALENDAR
4-H**



note: Stay up to Date with Leon
County 4-H Events!

Follow the link/QR Code to add Calendar:
[https://calendar.google.com/calendar/u/0?
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Leon County Agrilife Extension Website → <https://leon.agrilife.org/>

4-H Tab → <https://leon.agrilife.org/4-h/>

Leon County Extension Facebook Page → "Leon County Extension"

Leon County 4-H Instagram → @leoncounty4h

Leon County 4-H Twitter → @leoncounty4h

Leon County 4-H Google Calendar → [https://calendar.google.com/
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Events, News, Pictures and so much more are added to these sites weekly!!!



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Ag/Nr Agent- Madison/Leon

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