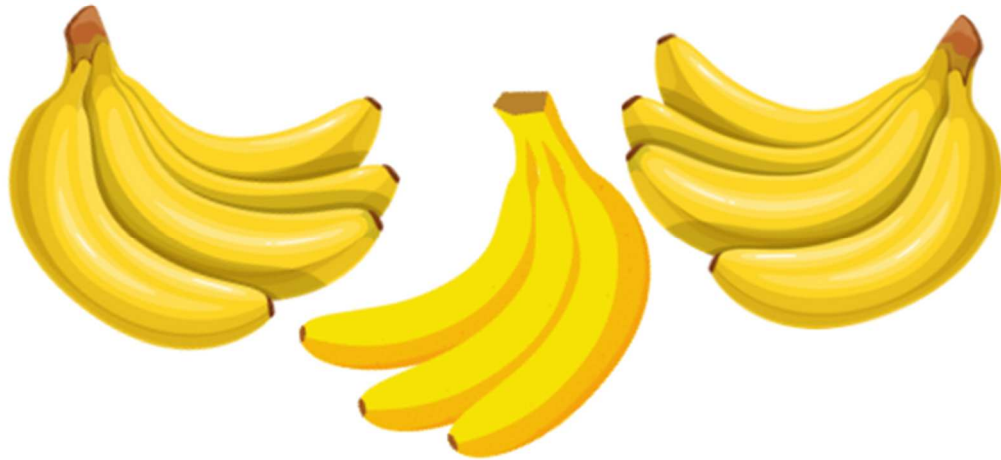


Awards, Recognition and Scholarships

Going Bananas over 4-H





Livestock Judging competitors at 2023 Rodeo Austin.



Cake Exhibitors at the LCJLS await the Judge's decision.



Madison P., Reserve Champion (Brown Swiss Jr. Female), Dairy Cattle, 2023 Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo

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County 4-H Awards

The Lee County 4-H Council and Parent Volunteer Association host an annual 4-H Awards Program. 4-H'ers are recognized for their 4-H participation during the previous year. It is also a way to promote the variety of opportunities in 4-H and to recognize more 4-H members.

Nomination forms are available on the Extension website; usually after January 1.

All 4-H members applying for awards Gold, Silver or Bronze Star, Rookie, Honor Roll, All-Star Letterman, must submit the appropriate paperwork and application on or before **May 3, 2024**.

Record Books for County competition will be due **May 3, 2024**. If you do not complete your record book by the deadline, you forfeit any recognitions which require a record book. Awards are based on the grade you just completed.

The 2024 Lee County 4-H Awards Program will be held August 18, 2024, at 2 pm, in the Family Life Center of St. John's Lutheran Church in Lincoln.

I Dare You Award

The National Danforth "*I Dare You*" award is offered to Senior 4-H members in recognition of excellence in character and well-balanced personal development, as well as demonstrated leadership. In August of each year, Senior 4-H'ers, who have timely completed Record Books, will receive applications for the award.

Outstanding Member Award

Club Managers select up to three Club Members to be recognized as Outstanding Members for their club. Aspects of club membership considered when selecting an Outstanding Member

are: club meeting attendance, number of projects, club fund raising (not County), club officer positions held, club presentations, and community service involvement.

Star Awards

The **Star Awards** are a high achievement award. The award has three different levels:

- Gold — grades 9th through 12th
- Silver — grades 6th through 8th
- Bronze — grades 3rd through 5th

It is intended that a 4-H member receive each Star Award only once in their 4-H career. Counties receive an award quota based on the number of enrolled 4-H members.

The award will be presented to the most deserving young person(s) without regard to gender. The following requirements must be met:

- have "active" 4-H membership
- submit a record book in the year to be considered for the award
- complete a variety of projects and activities

National 4-H Week

October 1 - 7, 2023 is National 4-H Week. All Lee County 4-H Clubs are encouraged to promote the 4-H program throughout the year, but should plan something special for the National 4-H Week.

In years past, clubs have prepared posters and exhibits. There are several types of fliers available through the Extension office which can be used for your promotional activities, and the Extension office has plenty of 4-H and related computer graphics that might be useful for your displays.

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Graduating Seniors are encouraged to visit with their school's counselor. School counselors work collaboratively with the student, so the student is knowledgeable about college and scholarship exploration.

Local Scholarships

Parent Volunteer Association

Each year, the Lee County 4-H Parent Volunteer Association (PVA) offers scholarships to eligible graduating 4-H Members. Applications are due to the Lee County Extension office by the first Monday in December. Recipients are notified in February.

To be eligible to receive a PVA Scholarship application, the graduating 4-H member must be registered in 4-H ONLINE before **November 1**.

The Applicant must:

- have been enrolled for a minimum of two (2) consecutive years of the four high school academic years;
- have attended a minimum of four (4) club meetings during each enrolled 4-H year;
- have formally applied for enrollment in a technical, vocational or other school of higher education (field of study is not relevant); and
- be a candidate for graduation from high school during the academic year

Applications are e-mailed to each graduating 4-H member, based upon **active** enrollments in 4-H ONLINE as of 8 am, November 1, 2023.

Lee County Jr. Livestock Show

The Lee County Junior Livestock Show awards scholarships to eligible LCJLS exhibitors. Applications are available through your school counselor's office.

Go-Texan Scholarship

The Lee County Go-Texan Committee offers scholarships to youth as part of the Houston Livestock Show activities. Applications are available through your school counselor's office.

Lee County Wildlife Association Scholarship

The Lee County Wildlife Association (LCWA) awards four scholarships each year, as well as the Harold Kutschke Memorial Scholarship. Scholarships are awarded during the LCWA Annual meeting, the first Friday in February.

Applicant's parent/legal guardian or grandparent must show an active membership with LCWA as of March 1 of the current year. Applications are available on-line at:

<https://leecountywildlife.org/scholarships>

4-H Scholarships

The Texas 4-H and Youth Development is committed to assisting young people in having the resources and information to make the right decisions about their future.

To explore the Scholarship and College Support opportunities, visit the Texas 4-H and Youth Development website.

<https://texas4hfoundation.org/types-of-scholarships/>



The Lee County Texas Stars 4-H Club earned First Place in Drill at the 2023 State 4-H Horse Show.

Former Lee County 4-H member, Reyse Jatzlau (holding trophy), now serves the Lee County 4-H program as a Drill Master with the Texas Stars.



The Senior Team, made of MiKayla K., Emma S., Emma L. and Emme D., brought home 4th place in the Consumer Decision Making Judging contest at the San Antonio Livestock Show.

Competitors at District Roundup.
Front Row: MiKayla K. and Hunter C..

Back row: Paizley W., Emma L., Emma S., Emme D. and Kayden C.





Kayden C., Emma B. and Keely D. brought home 3rd Place competing in the Side Dish Category of the Food Challenge Contest at the 2023 Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo.



Caitlyn G., Ethan R. and MiKayla K. competed in Consumer Decision Making at the 2023 State 4-H Roundup, held in College Station.



Just some of the Lee County 4-H contestants at District 9 Roundup (Big Time in D9). Front row: Kimberly W., MiKayla K. and Paizley W. Back row: Caitlyn G., Emma L., Emma S., Emme D.



Kyndle B. brought home a 1st Place for her entry at Big Time D9 Fashion Show. She competed in Construction/Semi-Formal to Formal.

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ENTRY DEADLINE: THURSDAY, DECEMBER 7, 2023



Kenzie S. exhibits her Hereford in the Junior Breeding Cattle Department during the 2023 LCJLS show.



Younger siblings can join in during the LCJLS Show on Saturday morning for Pee Wee Showmanship. Qualified exhibitors accompany each youth as they receive instruction on the use of a show stick in guiding the swine through the arena.



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VALIDATION DATES

Market Steers	\$10/animal validation fee	LCJLS Barn	September 10, 2023 / 1:00 pm - 3:00 pm
Haltered Commercial Heifers			<i>Bred Commercial Heifers must be presented with ear tags.</i>
Bred Commercial Heifers			
Market Goats	\$10/animal validation fee	LCJLS Barn	November 12, 2023 / 1:00 pm - 3:00 pm
Market Lambs			
Market Hogs	\$10/animal validation fee	LCJLS Barn	December 3, 2023 / 1:00 pm - 3:00 pm
Meat Rabbits	No validation fee.	LCJLS Barn	January 28, 2024 / 1:00 pm - 2:00 pm

ADDITIONAL DATES

Breeding Rabbits Must be owned by November 1, 2023

Breeding Heifers Must be registered in the Exhibitor's name by November 1, 2023

Broilers Must be ordered/entered by December 7, 2023

Regular/Decorated Cakes Must submit recipe with entry by December 7, 2023

VALIDATION REQUIREMENTS: All validations will be done at the same place and time for each Department. An exhibitor can validate an unlimited number of animals in each division for the cost of \$10 per head, excluding rabbits and broilers. Payment must be made at the time of validation. State Validated animals will NOT be required to be presented at County Validation, HOWEVER, you must declare and pay your County Validation Fees at State Validation. Exhibitors must exhibit the animals validated in his/her name or immediate family. Exhibitors will be responsible for handling the animals at validation. DNA samples will be obtained from livestock at the time of county level validation which must match DNA obtained anytime during the feeding period.

See LCJLS Rules for additional Validation requirements per species.

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All exhibitors participating in the Lee County Junior Livestock Show (LCJLS), are personally responsible for reviewing rules for the Show, as rules may change from year to year. Extension Agents are available to assist in your project management throughout the year.

Entry deadline, work days and project requirements will be announced in the Show rules. Rules are posted on the Show's website at:

<https://www.leecountyjuniorlivestockshow.com/>

- **Thank-You Note** — Thank-You Notes are to be written to each Buyer and then delivered to

the Extension office, in an addressed and pre-stamped envelope. Deadline for turning in Thank-You Notes will be announced when Buyer Slips are sent to the Exhibitor.

- **Delivery Slip** — Exhibitors of meat rabbits, poultry and cakes, who make the Sale, are required to have the Buyer sign/date a delivery slip. Delivery date is set at Buyer's request. Delivery Slips are to be turned in to the Extension office within four weeks of the Show.

Prize and/or sale money will be withheld until Thank-You Notes and Delivery Slips are turned in.

Show Weights

Show weights are the weight ranges for each specific species. Only animals within show weights will be permitted to be show. A 3-pound weight tolerance will be allowed on the minimum and maximum weight limit; meat rabbits are allowed a 3 oz. tolerance per pen.

Animals within the tolerance will be recorded at the minimum or maximum weight.

Meat Rabbits — 10.5 lbs. - 16.5 lbs. per pen

Market Lambs — at least 100 lbs.

Market Hogs — at least 230 lbs., but not over 290 lbs.

Market Steers — minimum 1,000 lbs.

Market Goats — between 70 lbs. to 125 lbs.

Average Daily Gain

Average Daily Gain (ADG) is the amount of weight gained per day by the animal over a given period of time. If your animal does not make the minimum weight or is overweight, you may not be able to participate in LCJLS. By keeping track of your ADG every two weeks, you can determine if your animal is in the weight range required for the stock show.

Weight breaks are published merely as a reference tool. Breaks fluctuate from year to year.

WEIGHT BREAKS		2023	2022	2021
Steers	Brahman Cross	1095-1207	1233-1385	1109-1407
	Light Wt	1022-1138	1127-1209	1048-1156
	Middle Wt	1194-1276	1229-1312	1205-1308
	Heavy Wt	1288-1442	1347-1561	1315-1399
Swine	Light Wt A	227-241	220-232	227-239
	Light Wt B	242-249	233-239	240-249
	Middle Wt A	250-257	241-246	250-257
	Middle Wt B	258-263	247-254	258-266
	Lt Heavy Wt A	264-269	255-261	----
	Lt Heavy Wt B	270-275	263-267	----
	Heavy Wt A	278-287	268-273	268-273
	Heavy Wt B	282-290	274-280	274-278
Lambs	Light Wt	117-143	111-141	114-131
	Middle Wt	144-150	142-150	140-149
	Lt Heavy Wt	152-156	152-162	150-158
	Heavy Wt	159-173	164-190	160-177
Goats	Light Wt	70-86	70-81	67-87
	Middle Wt	87-96	84-89	89-99
	Lt Heavy Wt	97-101	90-101	100-105
	Heavy Wt	102-111	104-122	110-117

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For example, an animal weighs 800 pounds on January 1 and weighs 841.5 pounds on January 15; the animal gained 41.5 pounds in 14 days.

$$41.5 \text{ lbs.} \div 14 \text{ days} = 2.96 \text{ lbs./day}$$

$$\frac{\text{total pounds gained}}{\text{number of days fed}} = \text{Avg. Daily Gain}$$

Weigh-In Countdown

Based on the ADG calculated for your livestock project, feed can be adjusted according to the number of days before official stock show weigh-in.

Review the LCJLS Rules for additional information regarding your livestock project.

DATE	#Days	DATE	#Days	DATE	#Days	DATE	#Days	DATE	#Days
NOV 30	90	DEC 19	71	JAN 06	53	JAN 24	35	FEB 11	17
DEC 01	89	DEC 20	70	JAN 07	52	JAN 25	34	FEB 12	16
DEC 02	88	DEC 21	69	JAN 08	51	JAN 26	33	FEB 13	15
DEC 03	87	DEC 22	68	JAN 09	50	JAN 27	32	FEB 14	14
DEC 04	86	DEC 23	67	JAN 10	49	JAN 28	31	FEB 15	13
DEC 05	85	DEC 24	66	JAN 11	48	JAN 29	30	FEB 16	12
DEC 06	84	DEC 25	65	JAN 12	47	JAN 30	29	FEB 17	11
DEC 07	83	DEC 26	64	JAN 13	46	JAN 31	28	FEB 18	10
DEC 08	82	DEC 27	63	JAN 14	45	FEB 01	27	FEB 19	9
DEC 09	81	DEC 28	62	JAN 15	44	FEB 02	26	FEB 20	8
DEC 10	80	DEC 29	61	JAN 16	43	FEB 03	25	FEB 21	7
DEC 11	79	DEC 30	60	JAN 17	42	FEB 04	24	FEB 22	6
DEC 12	78	DEC 31	59	JAN 18	41	FEB 05	23	FEB 23	5
DEC 13	77	JAN 01	58	JAN 19	40	FEB 06	22	FEB 24	4
DEC 14	76	JAN 02	57	JAN 20	39	FEB 07	21	FEB 25	3
DEC 15	75	JAN 03	56	JAN 21	38	FEB 08	20	FEB 26	2
DEC 16	74	JAN 04	55	JAN 22	37	FEB 09	19	FEB 27	1
DEC 17	73	JAN 05	54	JAN 23	36	FEB 10	18	FEB 28	WEIGH IN
DEC 18	72								

Cake Baking Tips

MOST IMPORTANT !!! Use **FRESH** ingredients. To know it's fresh, unseal the product as you set out your ingredients. The quality of pre-opened items can be questionable.

• Cake Pans

Use shiny metal pans. Shiny aluminum pans reflect heat away from the cake and give it a tender, light-brown crust. Dark pans can cause a thick, dark crust. Insulated pans require a longer baking time.

Use a properly sized pan. When checking the size, measure from inside edge to inside edge. A cake made in a pan that is too large can be flat and overbaked, while one made in a pan that is too small may overflow during baking or take longer to bake.

Prepare the pan according to recipe directions. Pans for butter cakes are usually greased and floured.

Heat the oven 10 to 15 minutes before baking.

Fill pans halfway. This will ensure that the cake bakes evenly and that the batter doesn't overflow the pan during baking.

Carefully space pans in the oven. Place single pans in the middle of the center rack. For more than one pan, leave at least 1 inch between the pans and the sides of the oven for good air circulation.

• Cake Batter

Measure ingredients accurately. Be sure to add them in the order and manner specified in the recipe.

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Cake Baking Tips

Don't over beat or under beat the batter. Over beating or under beating will affect the texture and volume of the cake.

• Cake Doneness

Under baked cakes are soggy, pale and raw-tasting; overbaked cakes are dry, too brown and may stick in the pan. To be sure that your cake is done, follow these simple steps.

- 1) Check for doneness at the minimum baking time, then check at 1-minute intervals until the cake is done.
- 2) Butter cakes are done when:
 - ◇ a toothpick inserted in the center comes out clean
 - ◇ the top is rounded, smooth and springs back when lightly touched in the center.
- 3) Foam cakes are done when:
 - ◇ the top springs back when touched
 - ◇ the cracks on top look and feel dry.



• Cooling the Cake

After cake has baked the specified time, remove it from the oven and let it cool in the pan on a wire rack for 10 minutes. Run a thin knife between the cake and side of the pan. Unmold from pan by placing on wire rack against cake top and turning both cooling rack and pan over. Lift pan off carefully. Cool at least one hour.

• Icing the Cake

Decorating a cake can be as simple as swirling creamy frosting over its layers. For best results, take these steps to make your finished product a "work of art":

- 1) Make sure the cake is cool prior to icing.
- 2) Get rid of loose crumbs. Brushing the layers with a pastry brush or your hand works great.
- 3) To keep the serving plate clean, tuck strips of waxed paper under the edge of the cake before you frost it. Spread about ½ cup frosting on the top of the first cake layer.
- 4) Place the second cake layer, top side up, on top of the frosted layer. Spread a thin coating of frosting on the sides of the cake to seal in any crumbs. Let stand 15 minutes.
- 5) Add a thicker coating of frosting to the sides of the cake. Then, frost the sides again, swirling and building up the top edge of the frosting about ¼ inch above the cake.

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- 6) Spread the remaining frosting on top of the cake, blending it with the frosting at the edge. Remove the strips of waxed paper once you've finished.
- 7) Let the cake stand, if time allows, for about an hour before slicing to allow the frosting to set up.

• Storing the Cake

To keep cakes at the peak of their flavor and quality:

- 1) Store when completely cooled.
- 2) Cakes with frostings or fillings containing dairy products should be refrigerated.
- 3) Store under cake cover or large bowl.

If a cake has a fluffy cooked frosting, insert a knife handle under an edge of the cake cover so it isn't airtight. The frosting can be totally absorbed by the cake when stored in an airtight container.



Lincoln 4-H Club member, Emma Dangler, won 2nd Place - 7th Grade at the 2023 LCJLS.

If you don't have a cake cover, cakes with creamy frostings also can be covered lightly with foil, plastic wrap or waxed paper. To keep the frosting from sticking to the protective covering, insert several toothpicks halfway into the cake around the edges and in the center to support the covering.

Poster Contest

The LCJLS Poster Contest is an annual contest. **The entry deadline is Tuesday, January 30.** Posters must be dropped off at the Lee County Extension office before 5 pm.

The Contest is sponsored by Bluebonnet Electric and coordinated by Lee County 4-H. The Contest is open to all youth of Lee County with competition at each individual grade level, Kindergarten through 12th Grade. The First Place winner for each grade will receive a cash prize.

The main goal of the contest is to create an effective, hand drawn "marketing poster" advertisement supporting the Lee County Junior Livestock Show.

First, Second and Third Place posters, in each grade division, will be displayed in the LCJLS Exhibit Hall during the Livestock Show.

Poster Entry - 2024

Please Print

First Name

Last Name

Grade

Teacher's Name

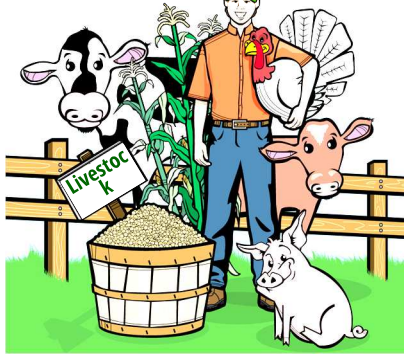
School Name - or - if home schooled, Phone #
Cut out and attach to the back of the poster.

Poster Contest

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Do you like to draw?



sponsored by:

Bluebonnet

Each age division will receive...

- * **1st Place - \$25 and a Rosette Ribbon**
- * **2nd and 3rd Place - a Rosette Ribbon**



Contest Rules and Information

1. The main goal of the contest is to create an effective, hand drawn "marketing poster" advertisement supporting LCJLS.
2. Contest is open to students who are currently enrolled in a Lee County School or reside in Lee County.
3. A winner will be awarded from each grade, Kindergarten through 12th.
4. *One entry per student.*
5. Poster design **MUST** include the words:

**Lee County
Junior Livestock Show
Feb. 28 - March 2, 2024**
6. Poster should be no larger than 14" x 22".
7. Poster can be drawn on half-size poster board, drawing paper or art paper, using livestock show scenes **ONLY** (examples: cows, sheep, goats, pigs, chickens, or cakes for the cake show). **[Rodeo scenes and farm scenes will not be considered.]**
8. No embellishments of any sort (i.e., fabrics, accessories, foam cutouts, stencils, sand, toys or food products).
9. Any poster not following the rules will be disqualified.
10. Attach an entry label on the back of each poster.
11. First, Second, Third Place and Honorable Mention posters, will be displayed in the LCJLS Exhibit Hall during the Show.
12. Announcement of winners will be posted on lee.agrilife.org and on Facebook at LeeCounty4H.
13. Photos of contest winners will be taken at the LCJLS Exhibit Hall on:

ENTRY DEADLINE: January 30, 2024

Deliver posters to Lee County Extension, 310 S Grimes, Giddings

Contest Coordinated by: **LEE COUNTY 4-H**

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