

ANDREWS COUNTY 4-H NEWSLETTER

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Next 4-H Meeting is March 16th 4-H Club Officer Nominations

Due to Spring Break our 4-H Club meeting has been moved to Monday, March 16th at 6:30pm at the Extension Office. Please make plans to attend as we will be taking nominations for club officers and sweethearts at this meeting. A list of club officer duties is included in this newsletter. Please read through them to determine if you would like to run for any of the positions. All members are encouraged to attend and partake in this fun parliamentary procedure. Nominating and electing officers are important parts of club business. Much of the success of our club depends on the officers we elect.

Leather Working Class

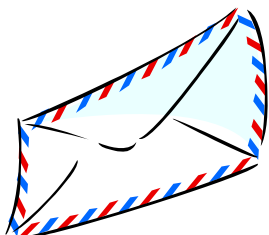
Leather class will begin Monday, March 23rd. Beginners will meet from 6pm-7pm and advanced participants will meet from 7pm-8pm at the Extension Office. Please call ASAP to register for the class! Only 10 kids per class will be accepted. For more information, please call the Extension Office at 524-1421.



ACJLA Exhibitors:

Bring Thank You Letters to Extension Office

Thank You letters are due to the Extension Office as soon as possible. If you sold an animal at the Andrews County Junior Livestock Show, please bring your thank you letters, stamped and addressed, to our office. It is very important to write a good thank you letter. It will be appreciated by your buyer and may even prompt them to purchase your animal at next year's show! Once letters are turned into the office, you will receive your buyers picture to be hand delivered. Sale checks should be available for pick up after Spring Break. If there are any questions, please call the Extension Office at 524-1421.



UPCOMING EVENTS

MARCH:

- 8 DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME BEGINS
- 9 FASHION STORYBOARD MEETING 1PM-4PM
- 10-11 DUDS TO DAZZLE PRACTICE 9AM-12PM
- 16 GENERAL 4-H MEETING
- 16 HORSE CLUB MEETING @ 7:30PM
- 16 PHOTOGRAPHY PROJECT PHOTOS DUE
- 21 PRE DISTRICT RIFLE CONTEST @ MONAHANS
- 24 HORSE RIDING NIGHT @ ACE 6PM-8PM
- 26 ADULT LEADERS ASSOCIATION MEETING

APRIL:

- 2 D6 DUDS TO DAZZLE COMPETITION AT JRC
- 11 D6 RIFLE COMPETITION @ IRAAN
- 13 GENERAL 4-H MEETING
- 17 COUNTY FASHION SHOW



4-H Horse Validation Program

Horse validation is now open on 4-H Connect. If you validate between March 1st-April 15th the cost is \$10 per horse. From April 16th-May 1st the cost is \$20 per horse. If you plan on participating in District or State Horse competition, you will need to complete validation by the May 1st deadline. The District Horse Show will take place on June 22-23 in Fort Stockton and the State Horse Show will take place on July 18-25 in Abilene. If you need assistance, please call the Extension Office at 524-1421.

D6 4-H Horse Quiz Bowl

The D6 4-H Horse Quiz Bowl competition will take place on Saturday, March 28th in Ector County. Good luck to our Andrews Senior team as they compete against others in our district.

Horse Riding Night

The next horse riding night is scheduled for Tuesday, March 24th at the ACE Arena from 6pm-8pm. Please bring your horse and proper riding equipment to participate. For more information, please contact the Extension Office at 524-1421.

Ear Tag Order for 2015 State Fair of Texas

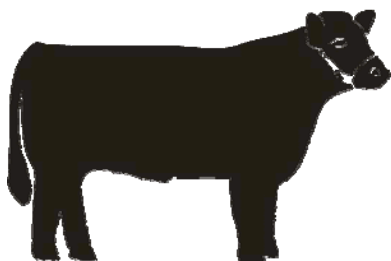
Time is fast approaching to make decisions on how many ear tags you will need for the upcoming 2015 State Fair of Texas (lamb, goats, barrows). The deadline for ordering tags is Monday, April 12th. Please call or come by the Extension Office anytime Monday-Friday from 8am-5pm (closed 12-1 for lunch). Cost is \$10 per tag.



2015-2016 Major Show Steer Validation

It is time to plan for the 2015-2016 Texas 4-H/FFA Steer Validation Program. If you are planning on showing steers at any of the major shows in Texas (Odessa, Ft. Worth, San Antonio, San Angelo, Houston, Austin, or Dallas) then you will need to order tags for validation. The deadline to order steer tags is Monday, April 20, 2015. Cost for each tag is \$10 per tag. Checks must accompany orders and should be made payable to Andrews County Junior Livestock Association (ACJLA). Since refunds cannot be given, please order the number of tags as accurately as possible.

If you are unsure of the number of tags needed, order a few extra to be safe. All major livestock shows require all 4-H and FFA steers to be validated in the Texas 4-H/FFA Steer Validation Program and identified appropriately with an official



Texas steer tag, nose print, hair sample and tattoo. All Andrews County steers will be validated in June. Please note that this is only a validation of ownership. This is not an entry to a show. County and Major show entries will be made separately. If there are any questions, please call the Extension Office at 524-1421.

Shooting Sports Meets Thursdays

The Andrews 4-H Shooting Sports club meets on Thursdays. Email and text reminders are sent out each week with additional info on time and place of each meeting. We are currently meeting at the Extension Office as the new Shooting Range nears completion. If you haven't signed up for the Shooting Sports text reminder yet, be sure to text "@5c812" to 81010. Whenever we have information about the program, we will send out a mass text for everyone to read.



4-H Club Shirts for Sale

We have Andrews 4-H Club shirts on sale at the Extension Office. They are \$12 each and the sizes available are YS, YM, YL, AS, AM, AL, AXL, and AXXL.

ACJLA Stock Show Shirts for Sale

We also have a few County Stock Show shirts for sale as well. They are \$10 each and sizes available are AS, AM, AL and AXL.

There are no holds for shirts and they will be sold on a first come first serve basis. So hurry to the office and get yours before they are all gone!

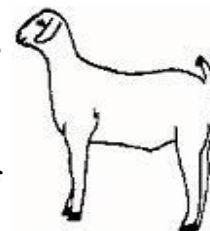
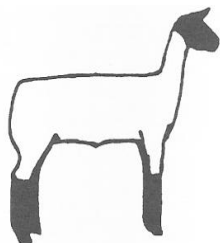
Adult Leaders Association Scholarship

ALA scholarship applications are available for pick up at the Extension Office. Completed applications are due back to the Extension Office by May 1st. All 4-H seniors who have completed 2 4-H projects and been an active member for a minimum of 2 years is eligible to apply. For more information, please call the Extension Office at 432-524-1421.



Howard College Lamb & Goat Camp

Big plans are being made for the 2015 Howard College Lamb & Goat Camp. Lamb camp will be June 7th, 8th & 9th and Goat camp will be June 14th, 15th & 16th in Big Spring. Remember that only the first 200 paid entries will be accepted for each camp, so get your entries in early! Cost for the camp is \$85 per person which includes 4 meals and a camp t-shirt and cap. Participants need to make their own hotel reservations. The County Extension Office has entry information if you would like to know more or need an entry form.



4-H CLUB OFFICER RESPONSIBILITIES

Presiding as a club officer requires leadership skills and commitment to the club. Each elected member will receive a 4-H Club Officer Handbook that will give a detailed description of each position and will give samples of meeting formats and forms that are needed to have successful club meetings. Elected members will also have help from ALA Leaders and Extension Agents.

So go ahead, take a chance and run for office! GOOD LUCK!!

President: (9th-12th grade, must be in 2 or more active 4-H projects, commit to attend 2/3 of all scheduled meetings) preside at all club meetings using basic parliamentary procedures; remember that good club meetings should have inspiration (5-10 min– motto, pledge, song), business (15 min– roll call, minutes, committee reports), program (15-20 min– talks, demonstrations) and recreation (30 min– games, refreshments).

Vice President: (9th-12 grade, must be in 2 or more active 4-H projects, commit to attend 2/3 of all scheduled meetings) assist the president; preside at meetings in the absence of the president; serve as president if the president leaves the club or resigns his office; serve as a host to any guest speakers of your club meetings; introduce any guest speakers at the meeting and give some information about what the speaker will discuss.

Secretary: (6th-12th grade, must be in 2 or more active 4-H projects, commit to attend 2/3 of all scheduled meetings) call roll and check attendance; read minutes from the last meeting; keep complete and accurate minutes of all meetings; write letters for the club.

Treasurer: (6th-12th grade, must be in 2 or more active 4-H projects, commit to attend 2/3 of all scheduled meetings) give reports of the club's financial condition at each meeting; report on profits of any fundraisers the club has; keep accurate records of all receipts and expenditures of club funds.

Reporter: (6th-12th grade, must be in 2 or more active 4-H projects, commit to attend 2/3 of all scheduled meetings) submit interesting reports and pictures of club activities to local newspaper, radio and television stations; report club news to the Extension Office to be included in the 4-H newsletter.

Community Service Chair: (3rd-6th grade, active in 4-H and strong desire to serve) research community service needs for Andrews County, propose and help plan 4 community service projects to fit the needs of our community.

Health & Safety Officer: (3rd-6th grade, active in 4-H and strong desire to serve) provide a 5 minute presentation on health and/or safety at each of the 4-H meetings.

Sweethearts: present awards to members at 4-H functions and events; represent and promote Andrews County 4-H Club at local radio station and in the community.