

# ANDREWS COUNTY 4-H NEWSLETTER

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## Next 4-H Meeting March 21st 4-H Club Officer Nominations

Due to Spring Break our 4-H Club meeting as been moved down a week to March 21st

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. We have also added a few more officer positions to allow more members to be elected into office. 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 tasks of club business. Much of the success of our club depends on the officers we elect.

## Community Service- Write "Thank You" Letters to Troops

For our March community service project we will write "Thank You" letters to our troops through the organization Operation Gratitude. So think of encouraging words to say and also ways to express how grateful we are that these soldiers serve our country.

## 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 to them. Sale checks should be available for pick up sometime after Spring Break. If there are any questions, please call the Extension Office at 524-1421.



### UPCOMING EVENTS

#### MARCH:

- 1 HORSE VALIDATION OPENS ON 4-H CONNECT
- 3 FASHION STORYBOARD CLASS @ 6PM
- 3 WOOL JUDGING PRACTICE @ 7:30 AT ACE
- 14-18 SPRING BREAK!
- 21 GENERAL 4-H MEETING @ 6:30PM
- 24 FASHION STORYBOARD CLASS @ 6PM
- 24 WOOL JUDGING PRACTICE @ 7:30 AT ACE
- 31 ALA MEETING AT NOON
- 32 WOOL JUDGING PRACTICE @ 7:30 AT ACE

#### APRIL:

- 1 CLOTHING PROJECTS DUE TO COUNTY OFFICE
- 2 D6 DUDS TO DAZZLE COMPETITION @ RANKIN
- 11 GENERAL 4-H MEETING @ 6:30PM
- 15 DEADLINE FOR STATE PHOTOGRAPHY ENTRY ON 4-H CONNECT
- 20 D6 WOOL JUDGING COMPETITION @ SAN ANGELO
- 28 ALA MEETING AT NOON

## **Clothing Project Deadline April 1st**

The clothing project is open to 4-H members that are 3rd grade through 12th grade. There is not a classroom setting for this project this year so participants will need to work on these projects at home. Each participant must turn in a completed sewing project to the Extension Office by April 1st. The categories for competition are Everyday Living, Refashion, Semi-Formal to Formal, and Theatre/Costume. If there are any questions, please call the Extension Office at 524-1421.

## **Fashion Storyboard Class**

Fashion Storyboard will meet Thursday, March 3rd at 6pm at the Extension Office. We will go over the basic overview of the project, the theme and categories, and discuss deadlines to turn in completed projects. Fashion Storyboard is drawing fashion designs that “tell the story” using photos, magazine clippings fabric swatches, etc... This project really gives 4-Hers a chance to artistically express their inspirations for their designs. If there are any questions please call the Extension Office at 524-1421.

## **Next Fashion Storyboard Class @ Against the Grain Art Studio!**

The next Fashion Storyboard class will take place on Thursday, March 24th at the Against the Grain Art Studio beginning at 6pm. This is located at 107 NW 9th Street. Mrs. Andrea Taliaferro-Taylor is excited to open up her studio to our Fashion Storyboard participants and will she will give some great insight and inspiration on how to be creative with fashion design.

## **District 6 Duds to Dazzle Competition April 2nd in Rankin**

District 6 Duds to Dazzle competition will take place on Saturday, April 2nd in Rankin. This competition is a team of 3-5 participants that redesign or repurpose discarded items and present their creations to judges. If you are interested in the Duds to Dazzle project, please contact the Extension Office 524-1421 by Monday, March 14th.



### **PHOTO CATEGORIES:**

<b>Animals– Domestic</b>	<b>Animals– Wildlife</b>
<b>Catch-All</b>	<b>Details &amp; Macro</b>
<b>Digital Darkroom</b>	<b>Dominant Color</b>
<b>Elements of Design</b>	<b>Food</b>
<b>Marine/Aquatic</b>	<b>Nature &amp; Landscape</b>
<b>Night Photography</b>	<b>People</b>
<b>Plant/Flora</b>	<b>Storyboard</b>
<b>Theme– 4-H Ribbons, Awards &amp; Recognition</b>	

## **4-H Photography Things to Remember...**

State photography entries are due by April 15th on 4-H Connect. This is open to senior age group only (9th-12th grade)

Photos for the County competition are due to the Extension Office by June 24th. This is open to 3rd-12th grade.

Top 3 photos per age group at the County level will qualify for District competition and must register on 4-H Connect by July 29th.

The Extension Office will have a printer and photo paper available to print your photos during the week of Spring Break from 8am-4pm.

## Shooting Sports News

The Andrews Shooting Sports project is open to youth in grades 3-12. Email and text reminders are sent out each week with information on meeting and practice times. If you haven't signed up for the shooting sports text reminder yet, be sure to text "@5c812" to 81010. Also, call our office if you would like to be added to our shooting sports group on facebook. For more information on the Shooting Sports project call the Extension Office at 524-1421.



## Wool Judging– Upcoming Practices

4-H Wool Judging practices are scheduled as follows:

***Thurs, March 3rd - Thurs, March 24th - Thurs, March 31st***

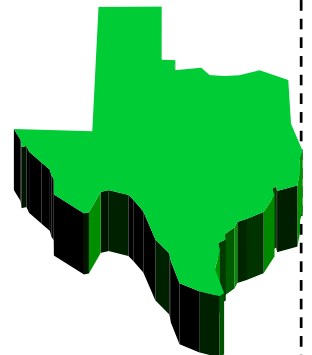
Each practice will take place at 7:30pm at the 4-H Room in the ACE Arena. District wool judging competition has been moved to April 20th at San Angelo and deadline to register is March 25th on 4-H Connect.

For questions or additional information please call the Extension Office at 524-1421.



## DISTRICT & STATE 4-H ROUNDUP

Mark your calendars! This year's district six roundup will be May 7th in Fort Stockton. Competitions that will take place at D6 Round Up are consumer decision making, fashion show, dance, fashion storyboard, educational presentation, entomology ID, public speaking and share the fun. State 4-H Round Up will be in College Station on the Texas A&M campus on June 7-10th. Most events are qualifying for senior age, but there are also lots of invitational events for younger 4-Hers to be a part of! If you have any questions or would like more information please come by or call the Extension office at 524-1421.



## County Camp II June 29-July 1 in Brownwood

Registration is now open for County Camp II that will take place in Brownwood June 29-July 1, 2016. Youth ages 9-18 are encouraged to attend this 2 night/ 3day camp. The cost is \$180 if you register by June 13th. Campers will experience team-building and communication skills development through their participation in programs such as Challenge Course activities, water games, rifle, archery, arts, swimming, dance, color run, and environmental education.

For more information on County Camp and other camps offered this summer, please visit the <http://texas4hcenter.tamu.edu> or call the Extension Office

\* If you child participated in this year's 4-H fundraiser and completed 2 4-H projects, he/she will be eligible to receive a \$100 reimbursement for any summer camp registration fee. Reimbursements will be given upon return from the camp.



## **4-H Project Barn Clean Up and Key Return**

If you used a pen at the project barns next to the ACE Arena to hold your animal it needs to be cleaned out thoroughly. Also please clean out your storage room and remove your belongings. Once it has been inspected, your name will be checked off our list. This will ensure that your County Show sale check will be released to you once "thank you" notes are turned in. If there are any questions please call the Extension Office at 524-1421.



## **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 cost is \$20 per horse. If you plan on participating in District or State Horse competition, then you will need to complete validation by the May 1st deadline. The District Horse Show will take place June 20-21 in Fort Stockton and the State Horse Show will be forthcoming in next month's newsletter. If you need assistance, please call the Extension Office at 524-1421.



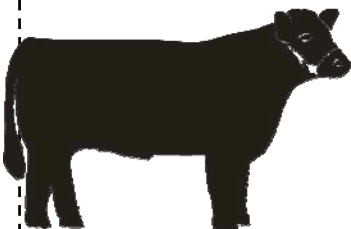
## **Ear Tag Order for 2016 State Fair of Texas**

Time is fast approaching to make decisions on how many ear tags you will need for the upcoming 2016 State Fair of Texas (lamb, goats, barrows). The deadline for ordering tags is Monday, April 18th. 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 2016-2017 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 18, 2016. 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.



# 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).

**1st 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.

**2nd Vice President: (6th-12th grade, must be in 2 or more active 4-H projects, commit to attend 2/3 of all scheduled meetings.)** assist the president and vice-president; preside at meetings in the absence of the president and vice-president; in charge of recreation planning of games.

**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.

# 4-H CLUB OFFICER RESPONSIBILITIES

## CONTINUED...

**Council Delegate:** (6th-12th grade; currently active in 4-H and strong desire to serve) organize radio spots to promote 4-H; attend other city wide meetings that could benefit our club and report back; make presentations about the 4-H Club at other city wide meetings.

**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.

**Song Leader:** (3rd-12th grade; currently active in 4-H and strong desire to lead) come up with a list of songs to sing for each meeting, or a playlist of songs to play as guests arrive and during recreation; in charge of pledge and motto.

**Junior Sweetheart:** (3rd-5th grade) 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.

**Intermediate Sweetheart:** (6th-8th grade) 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.

**Senior Sweetheart:** (9th-12th grade) 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.

