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Next 4-H Meeting is September 14th

The next Andrews County 4-H meeting is scheduled for Monday, September 14th at 6:30pm at the Extension Office. General meetings are held on the second Monday of every month. All 4-H members and their families are invited to attend these monthly meetings.

Bring a Rock to Paint!!

Please bring a rock or stone to the meeting as we will paint them as our community service project. You can get as creative as you'd like and personalize your rock to represent your 4-H project interests.



Do you enjoy shooting sports? Draw a target on your rock! Do you enjoy the food project? You may draw a chef hat! All decorated rocks will be deposited in the rock bed, located just behind our green 4-H sign at the office. If there are any questions, please call the Andrews County Extension Office at 524-1421.

UPCOMING EVENTS

SEPTEMBER:

- 7 LABOR DAY
- 10 FOOD & NUTRITION PROJECT KICK OFF 6PM
- 12-13 PBF STEER/ LAMB/GOAT SHOW
- 14 GENERAL 4-H MEETING @ 6:30PM
- 19 PERMIAN BASIN FAIR MODELING CONTEST @ ODESSA
- 19 PBF SWINE/RABBIT SHOW
- 19 4-H NIGHT AT THE RANGERS BALLPARK
- 24 ALA MEETING AT NOON

OCTOBER:

- 3 D6 ONE DAY 4-H EVENT @ MIDLAND
- 4-10 NATIONAL 4-H WEEK
- 12 GENERAL 4-H MEETING AT 6:30PM
- 13 LAMB AND GOAT VALIDATION @ ACE

FOOD PROJECT KICK-OFF SET FOR SEPT 10th!

The 4-H Food and Nutrition Project will kick-off on Thursday, September 10th from 6:00-7:00pm at the Extension Office. This year's theme is *Picnic Perfect!* At the kick off participants will fill out a registration form, meet their food leader and find out what day and time each class will be held. There will be a one time \$5 fee at registration to help cover the cost of food purchased for each class. 4-H'ers who sign up for these cooking classes will learn food preparation techniques, food safety, nutrition facts and budget-wise food shopping. The project will last 6 weeks (one class per week) and will end with the 4-H County Food Show where participants will compete against each other by age group. The top winners will go on to compete at the District level. If you are interested in cooking or have questions about the project, please call Joanna at 524-1421.



Parents: It's time to re-enroll your kids on 4-H Connect!

4-H Connect Re-Enrollment - (<https://texas.4honline.com>)

August 14th is the last day of the 2014-2015 4-H year. On Saturday, August 15th all 4-H Connect profiles will change to an "inactive" status. EVERY 4-H MEMBER WILL NEED TO RE-ENROLL ON 4-H CONNECT. YOU WILL NOT BE ALLOWED TO PARTICIPATE IN ANY 4-H ACTIVITY UNTIL MEMBERSHIP IS ACTIVE. Additionally, there is a \$20 participation fee for every 4-H enrollment. If you sign up early then the fee will be paid for. This is great news so hurry and take advantage of this opportunity! There are different ways to sign up. At the 4-H Pool Party Kick-Off everyone will receive a paper enrollment form that they can fill out and turn in. Also, you can visit the web link (above) and re-enroll yourself. Or if you prefer, you can call the Extension Office and Crystal (secretary) will walk you through the process. If you have any other questions or need help signing up on 4-H Connect contact the Extension Office at 524-1421.



4-H Fundraiser Sign Sale– Packets are Still Available!!!

If you would like to participate in our sign sale fundraiser, there are still packets available at the office. Each packet has 5 signs that say "We support Andrews 4-H Club" that are sold to local businesses for \$25 each. The deadline to participate is

October 12th and all money and unsold signs are due back by this date. There are many benefits to fundraising for our 4-H Club. Those of you that sell signs will receive a \$100 voucher that can be applied to any 4-H camp you attend in the summer. There are also other state 4-H events that can be reimbursed, if you participate in raising money for our club. For more info please contact the Extension Office at 524-1421.



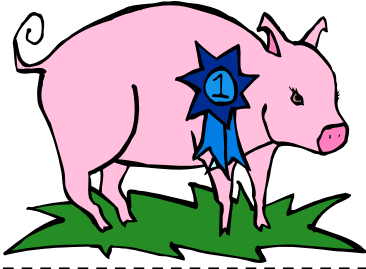
Andrews County Shooting Sports

The Andrews County 4-H Shooting Sports Project is getting ready to kick off the new 4-H season! A Safety Orientation meeting will be scheduled this month and all kids participating in shooting sports must go through this training before shooting. Shooting Sports project leaders will go over safety at this meeting and discuss the fall practice schedule for rifle, shotgun and archery. For more information contact the County Extension Office at 432-524-1421.

If you would like to sign up for text message reminders for Shooting Sports news, please send a text from your phone to the number 81010 and enter @5c812 in the message box. If you have any questions call the CEO at 524-1421.



2014-2015 TEXAS 4-H/FFA SWINE VALIDATION PROGRAM

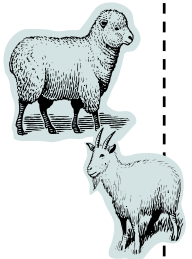


It's that time again to order major show swine tags for the 2016 major show season. Tags will need to be ordered for any barrow going to majors and gilts entering the Texas Star show in San Angelo. Tags will cost \$10 each and order must be received before September 21, 2015. Validation will occur November 17, 2015.

Lamb & Goat Validation for County & Major Shows

Lamb and Goat validation for the 2016 Andrews County Junior Livestock Show and for the 2015-2016 major shows will be Tuesday, October 13th from 5:00pm-7:30pm at the ACE Arena.

(County Entry Cards will be filled out at the validation. County tags will be \$5 each and County entry fee is \$5 per animal so please bring your wallet.)



District 6 One Day 4-H Community Service Project

The D6 4-H Council would like to invite everyone in the D6 4-H program, youth and adults, to participate in this year's D6 One Day 4-H Event benefiting the American Diabetes Association (ADA). You can do so by registering as a member of the **D6 4-H SUPERHEROES** team, raising funds, and participating in the annual Step Out: Walk to Stop Diabetes event taking place on the Midland College campus the morning of Saturday, October 3rd.

To register, go to <http://stepout.diabetes.org/> and click on the "Register" button and complete your online registration form to join the **D6 4-H SUPERHEROES** team. There are three participant types: Red Strider (participant with diabetes); Step Out Walker (participate on-site the day of the event); and a Virtual Walker (cannot attend the day of the event, but pledges to be a virtual team member by raising funds for the effort).

There is no fee to register to be a team member, but you have the option to choose to make an online donation, and/or bring a check(s) to turn in on-site the morning of the event. All checks should be made payable to ADA.

Registration will begin at 8am in front of the Allison Fine Arts Building at Midland College, with the 5K walk/run (3.1 miles) at 9am.

If you want to learn more about Step Out: Walk to Stop Diabetes and the ADA, more information can be accessed on diabetes.org/stepout and www.diabetes.org.



4-H Volunteer Leadership Opportunities

Volunteer 4-H leaders are the key to successful 4-H and youth programs. They help young people develop into responsible and productive individuals.

Working with youth is exciting and challenging, and it provides personal satisfaction. Young people do not develop their understanding, attitudes and skills overnight. They need and want guidance and encouragement as they strive to discover their own abilities.

Because young people are lively and active, 4-H volunteer often need several different kinds of leadership skills. The 4-H and Youth Development Program has a place for you. You can contribute as a volunteer in many ways:

Club manager The club manager is the organizational leader of a 4-H club or group. He or she provides leadership to the organization and operation of the 4-H club.

Assistant club manager The assistant helps the club manager in needed areas and assumes responsibility for one of the main functions of the club.

Project leader The 4-H project leader is responsible for helping youth learn through their active participation in a specific project. They also serve as advisors for new project group members.

4-H activity leader 4-H activity leaders are responsible for helping youth learn by actively participating in one or more activities available in the 4-H and youth development program. For example: recreation, music, public speaking, share the fun/theater arts, exhibitions, field trips, community service, exchange programs, recognition programs and fund raising activities.

New member and family greeter The greeter is responsible for providing orientation to new members and families, encouraging them to participate in the 4-H program during their first year.

4-H youth advisor The 4-H youth advisor is an adult who helps youth identify their goals, develop their objectives, plan and carry out a program. The advisor also helps encourage of discussion among the youth.

4-H teen leaders Teen leaders are people ages 16 to 19 who assume responsibility for working with a group or club under the supervision of an adult advisor.

4-H junior leaders Junior leaders are 4-H members who work with adult leaders serving in specific functions in the 4-H club or group.

If you are interested in volunteering for any of these leadership roles, please contact the Extension Office at 432-524-1421.