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Next 4-H Meeting is October 12th

The next Andrews County 4-H meeting is scheduled for Monday, October 12th at 6:30pm at the Extension Office. There is no school on this day but we will meet. 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.

Community Service Project- Can Food Drive

For the month of October we will begin collecting can goods as a community service project. Please bring your canned goods to the meeting on October 12th. The Andrews County Library will be hosting a Christmas Tree can food drive next month and we want to get a head start on the competition. All goods will be donated to the local food pantry to help stock up for the holidays.



UPCOMING EVENTS

OCTOBER:

3 D6 ONE DAY 4-H
EVENT @ MIDLAND

4-10 NATIONAL 4-H WEEK

10 ONE DAY 4-H PROJECT
@ TRACTOR SUPPLY CO.

12 GENERAL 4-H MEETING
AT 6:30PM

13 LAMB AND GOAT VALI-
DATION @ ACE

17 RABBIT VALIDATION @
ACE

29 ALA MEETING AT
NOON

NOVEMBER:

5 MAJOR SHOW ENTRY
NIGHT 6PM-8PM

7 COUNTY FOOD SHOW @
9AM AT COMMUNITY
BUILDING

14 DISTRICT FOOD SHOW
@ FORT STOCKTON

16 GENERAL 4-H MEETING
AT 6:30PM

17 SWINE VALIDATION @
ACE

19 ALA MEETING AT
NOON

National 4-H Week October 4-10, 2015

National 4-H Week is our week to SHINE!! Show your 4-H spirit in any and every way you can throughout the week of October 4-10, 2014. One suggestion is to wear your 4-H shirts to school and community functions during the week. If you don't have a 4-H shirt we still have some here at the office to purchase. Also, you can tell a friend about 4-H and invite them to the next meeting.

D6 ONE DAY 4H PROJECT OCTOBER 3RD

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. Youth and adults have the option to participate in person, or be a VIRTUAL team member if you cannot attend in person. Participation, in person or virtually, will look awesome on a 4-H member's scholarship application or in a recordbook! 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.



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.



Andrews County Food Show Saturday, November 7th

Recipes due to office October 9th!

The Andrews County 4-H Food Show will be held on Saturday, November 7th at the Community Building from 9am-12pm. If you are planning on participating in this event your recipe needs to be turned in to the Extension Office no later than October 9th. This will give us enough time to

re-type each recipe to create a 4-H cookbook. Each participant will receive a cookbook and additional books may be purchased for \$5 each. Remember that the recipe should follow this year's theme "Picnic Perfect" and should fit into one of the following categories: (1) Protein, (2) Fruit & Vegetable, (3) Grains and (4) Dairy. For questions please call 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 has been tentatively scheduled for Thursday, October 15th. Emails and text reminders will go out when this is confirmed. 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.

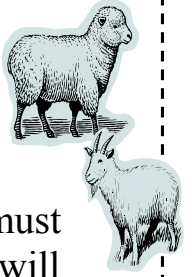
Thank you to everyone for your patience as our Shooting Range nears completion. We are currently looking into hosting some practices in Gaines County and Midland County, until we can use our own facilities.

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.



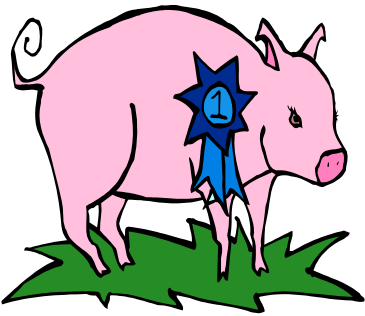
Lamb & Goat Validation for County & Major Shows

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. If you plan on showing a lamb or goat in the Andrews County Show or at any major shows you must validate on this date. (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.) Parents must be present to sign paperwork. The 2015 Andrews County Junior Livestock Show will take place January 12-16, 2016.



Swine Validation for County & Major Shows

Swine validation will take place on Tuesday, November 17th from 5pm-7:30pm at the ACE Arena. If you plan on showing hogs at County or Major shows you will need to validate on this date. There is a \$5 fee for county validation and a \$5 county show entry fee. If you missed the State tag order deadline, you may order late tags at \$20 per tag. Please call the Extension Office no later than October 16th. No late tags will be ordered after this date.



Rabbit Validation for County & Major Shows

Rabbit validation for the 2015 Andrews County Junior Livestock Show will be held on Saturday, October 17th from 9:00am-11:00am at the 4-H room at the ACE Arena. If you are planning on showing a rabbit at the County Show you must have your rabbit tattooed and validated on this date. There is a \$5 fee for the tattoo/validation and a \$5 fee for the county show entry.



Major Livestock Show Entry Night November 5th

Major Show Entry Night is scheduled for Thursday, November 5th from 6:00pm-8:00pm at the Extension Office. For the meeting please bring social security numbers. Exhibitors and parents must be present to sign entry cards. Check or money order will only be accepted (NO CASH). If you plan on entering any major shows in Texas (Fort Worth, Austin, Odessa, Houston, San Antonio or San Angelo) you will need to come to this meeting to complete entry forms and payment must accompany forms. If you cannot make this meeting you must make arrangements to turn in your completed forms by Friday, November 6th. For questions, please call the Extension Office at 524-1421.

*Swine validation is on November 17th (after entry night) so you will need to know if you are taking any hogs to majors before the actual validation process.



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.