

ANDREWS COUNTY 4-H NEWSLETTER

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4-H Christmas Party December 14th

Our 4-H Christmas Party will take place Monday, December 14th at 6:30pm at the Extension Office. Join us for some Christmas cheer as we gather together to eat, laugh, drink hot chocolate and sing Christmas tunes!

BRING A SNACK/DESSERT- Please bring a dessert or snack of some sort for all to enjoy! Some suggestions include cookies, chips and dip, veggie tray, and banana nut bread. We will have a hot chocolate bar set up with all the fixins for just the right cup of cocoa!



BRING AN ORNAMENT- We will have a Christmas ornament gift exchange! Please bring one Christmas ornament for each child to exchange with another. Each ornament should be limited to \$5 or less or can be a home-made ornament.



BRING YOUR UGLY SWEATERS- we will have an ugly Christmas sweater contest and there will also be an ugly Christmas sweater photo booth to capture all the fun memories. There will be an official judging and winner will get a tacky medal prize and bragging rights for a year!



BRING CAN GOODS- you may bring can goods to add to our tree at the Library for our community service project. You will also have the option to make a monetary donation at the party and we will go to Thriftway to purchase can goods to place under our tree.



4-H Christmas Caroling at Nursing Home

The Andrews 4-H Club will be Christmas Caroling at our local Nursing Home on Sunday, December 13th at 3:00pm. Please wear a 4-H shirt or you may wear a red or green shirt, anything that looks Christmas-like. All 4-H members and families are welcome to participate!



UPCOMING EVENTS

DECEMBER:

3 WOOL JUDGING PRACTICE @ 4-H ROOM @ ACE @ 7:30PM

5 DISTRICT FOOD CHALLENGE @ RANKIN

13 CHRISTMAS CAROLING @ NURSING HOME 3PM

14 4-H MEETING & CHRISTMAS PARTY @ 6:30PM

17 ALA MEETING AT NOON

25 CHRISTMAS DAY!

JANUARY:

1 NEW YEAR'S DAY!

4-6 CLIP DAYS @ ACE ARENA 12PM-8PM

10-12 CLIP DAYS @ ACE ARENA 12PM-8PM

11 GENERAL 4-H MEETING @ 6:30PM

12-15 ANDREWS COUNTY JUNIOR LIVESTOCK SHOW

Next Wool Judging Practice Dec 3rd

Please mark your calendars...4-H Wool Judging practices are scheduled as follows:

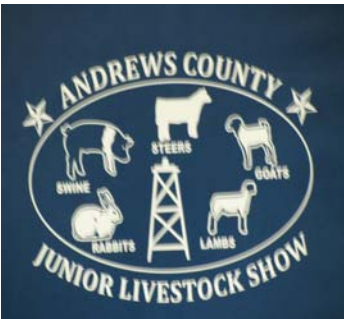
Thursday, December 3rd

Thursday, January 21st

Thursday, February 4th - Thursday, February 25th

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. If you are interested in learning about wool judging or joining a team then you won't want to miss this meeting. For questions or additional information please call the Extension Office at 524-1421.



2016 Andrews County Junior Livestock Show

Schedule of Events

- **Tuesday, January 12, 2016**– Animals begin arriving in ACE Arena; Heifers and Steers must be in the ACE by 5pm; Weigh, Sift & Classify Heifers and Steers at 5pm; Move rabbits into ACE Arena by 5:00pm; Rabbit Show and Judging at 5:30pm; Heifer and Steer Show and Judging immediately following Rabbit Show
- **Wednesday, January 13, 2016**– Goats, lambs, swine in ACE Arena by 3:00pm; Weigh, sift and classify starting at 4:00pm.
- **Thursday, January 14, 2016**– Swine Show and Judging at 5:30pm.
- **Friday, January 15, 2016**– Lamb Show and Judging at 5:00pm; Goat Show and Judging 30 minutes after Lamb Show
- **Saturday, January 16, 2016**– Buyers Breakfast at 7:30am; Introduction and Scholarship Presentations at 8:30am; Exhibitor Premium Sale at 9:00am

Livestock Project Clipping/Shearing Days

The 4-H room at the ACE Arena will be open January 4th, 5th, and 6th from 12pm to 8pm to allow exhibitors time to shear animals and prepare for the SandHills Stock Show and the Andrews County Stock Show. The room and equipment will become available again January 10th, 11th, and 12th from 12pm to 8pm and will only be open from 8am-12pm noon on the 13th. ALL ANIMALS IN COUNTY SHOW MUST BE SHEARED BY WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 13TH AT NOON. NO EXCEPTIONS. If you cannot make any of the above dates to clip your animal then you will need to contact Amanda Necessary to make other arrangements. Please do not wait until the very last minute and get caught in a bind. If there are any questions, please call the Extension Office at 432-524-1421.



Andrews County Shooting Sports– Archery Practices

Please mark your calendar for the upcoming archery practices that will take place this month. If weather is bad on any of these dates the practice will be canceled and a notice will go out the day of practice. All practices will take place at the new shooting range.

Saturday, December 12th at 11:00am—Sunday, December 13th at 2:00pm
Saturday, December 19th at 11:00am



The range is located off of NW CR 7000 about 12 miles north of town. Go north on Hwy 385 towards Seminole for 11 miles then turn west on CR 7000. Go down about 1.5 miles (you will cross two cattle guards) and the destination is on the right. Look for the bright green gate. If you pass the two story house you've gone to far!

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. For questions call the CEO at 524-1421.

4-H Livestock, Showmanship/Feeding Clinic Dec 19th in Lubbock

LUBBOCK – The Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service has set the District 2 Livestock Ambassadors Steer, Swine, Lamb and Goat Showmanship/Feeding Clinic for Dec. 19 at the Texas Tech Arena in Lubbock.

Robert Scott, AgriLife Extension agent in Lubbock County, said the program will last from 10 a.m. until noon and is free to 4-H and FFA members.

Exhibitors may bring their steers, heifers, lambs, goats and swine, said Scott. For more information, contact Scott at 806-775-1680, rj-scott@tamu.edu.

“This has become a popular event for us as it will actually be led by a dozen Texas 4-H Livestock Ambassadors with much show ring experience themselves, which will give youth, along with their families, a chance to gain experience from older 4-H members,” Scott said.

The Texas 4-H Livestock Ambassador program involves high school-aged 4-H members who receive in-depth instruction before serving as representatives of the agricultural industry in Texas, Scott said. They are required to complete a minimum of 30 hours service annually, and in many cases that service is centered on helping novice 4-H members with their livestock projects.

“We’ve selected 12 top ambassadors from Lubbock and surrounding counties to conduct this training,” he said. “They are all longtime 4-H members with firsthand experience on the skills necessary to successfully compete in the show ring. This is a prime opportunity for youngsters new to showing to learn from experienced youth in a hands-on setting.”

Re-enroll on 4-H Connect...It's Just That Simple!

Everyone that participates in a 4-H project should be enrolled on 4-H Connect.

3 WAYS TO DO IT:

1. Visit the website (<https://texas.4honline.com>) to log in and update your profile(s). Your username is your email address. If you don't remember your password call the Extension Office (524-1421) and we will reset your password.
2. Call Crystal at the Extension Office 524-1421 and update your profile. She will log on through the county box, update your profile and submit enrollment for you. This process takes about 5 minutes.
3. Stop by the Extension Office, 851 E. Broadway and pick up a paper enrollment form to be filled out and returned.





Andrews County 4-H Livestock Clinic Schedule

December 2015

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3	4	5 Steer Showmanship Clinic @ ACE, 9:30 am
6 Sheep/Goat Clinic – wt check @ ACE, 2pm	7	8	9	10	11	12
13 Swine Clinic – wt check @ TBA, 2pm	14	15	16	17	18	19
20 Sheep/Goat Clinic – wt check @ ACE, 2pm	21	22	23	24 Christmas Eve	25 Christmas Day	26
27	28 School out - Holiday's	29	30	31		

Notes:

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