

ANDREWS COUNTY 4-H NEWSLETTER

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4-H CHRISTMAS PARTY IS DEC 12TH @ COMM BUILDING/ SKATING RINK

Our 4-H Christmas Party will take place Monday, December 12th at **6:00pm** at the **Community Building**. Join us for some

Christmas cheer as we gather to eat, laugh, and sing Christmas tunes!

BRING A FINGER FOOD for all to enjoy! Some suggestions include cookies, chips and dip, veggie tray, and pigs in a blanket. After a brief 4H meeting we will drive over to the Andrews Skating Rink from 7pm-9pm.

BRING AN UNWRAPPED GIFT (\$5 or less) to the skating rink. All collected gifts will be donated to the Operation Blessing Toy Drive to be distributed to kids in Andrews.

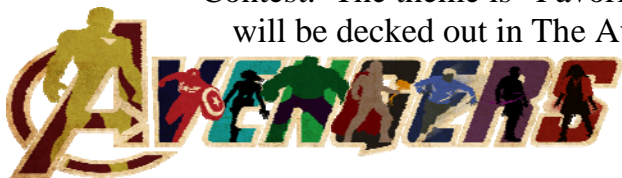


MANDATORY ATTENDANCE AT DECEMBER 4-H MEETING FOR LIVESTOCK EXHIBITORS

All participants entering into the county stock show are required to attend the monthly 4-H meeting in December. As done two years ago, ACJLA will present their expectations and rules. The meeting will be held Monday, December 12th at 6pm at the Community Building. This is also our Christmas Party so bring a potluck food item, unwrapped gift to donate to charity and join us at the Andrews Skating Rink afterwards for skating. If you cannot attend this meeting you **MUST** attend the FFA meeting on December 5th.

4H Christmas Tree Decorating @ Library Dec 6th

On December 6th at 5pm 4H members will meet at the County Library to decorate our Christmas tree for the 2nd Annual Christmas Tree Decorating Contest. The theme is "Favorite Movie" and this year our 4H tree will be decked out in The Avengers. So please bring any and



everything you have that might help our tree look amazing! You can be as creative as you'd like!

4-H Caroling at Nursing Home & Movie - Dec 16th

The Andrews 4-H Club will be Christmas Caroling at our local Nursing Home on Friday, December 16th at 6:30pm. 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! Afterwards we will meet up at the Extension Office to watch a Christmas movie and drink some hot cocoa!



UPCOMING EVENTS

DECEMBER:

- 3 D6 FALL ROUNDUP @ MONAHANS
- 6 4H CHRISTMAS TREE DECORATING @ LIBRARY 5PM
- 10 PIGGIN IN THE PERMIAN @ MIDLAND
- 10 SWINE/LAMB/GOAT CLINICS @ MIDLAND
- 12 4H CHRISTMAS PARTY AND SKATING 6PM-9PM
- 14-15 OPERATION BLESSING TOY DRIVE @ JRC
- 16 4H CHRISTMAS CAROLING @ NURSING HOME & MOVIE
- 29 ALA MEETING @ NOON

JANUARY:

- 9 4-H MEETING @ ACE ARENA 6:30PM
- 10-14 ANDREWS COUNTY JUNIOR LIVESTOCK SHOW
- 17 4H PHOTOGRAPHY PROJECT KICK OFF 6PM
- 23 PUBLIC SPEAKING PROJECT BEGINS 6PM-8PM
- 26 ALA MEETING @ NOON
- 30 PUBLIC SPEAKING PROJECT MEETING 6PM-8PM

Operation Blessing Seeking Help for the Toy Drive Dec 14-15

Operation Blessing is hosting a toy drive and dinner for local families in need and they need additional help to make sure things run smoothly. On Wednesday, December 14th



beginning at 1pm volunteers will meet at JCR to set up toy stations and will work until set up is complete, around 8pm. Please feel free to come and go and keep in mind that any kind of help is very much appreciated. On Thursday, December 15th helpers will also be needed to distribute the toys and/or help serve dinner. This is a great opportunity to be of service to the Andrews Community.

Piggin' In The Permian -December 10th @ Midland Horseshoe Arena

Piggin in the Permian 12th Annual Show is scheduled for December 10th at the Midland Horseshoe Arena. Entry fee is \$25 per head if mailed in before December 5th. Cash will only be accepted on day of show at \$30 per head. Barns open Dec 9th at 6pm and pigs will be penned 2 per pen so be sure to take a divider. Barrows and gilts will be shown together and no pigs over 125lbs. Cash prizes for top 5 placings. For more info contact the CEO.

SWINE CLINIC @ Piggin in the Permian

A Swine clinic has been scheduled for December 10th in conjunction with the Piggin in the Permian Show. The clinic will take place from 9am-10:30am at the Horseshoe Arena and topics covered will be showmanship and getting ready for show. Guest clinicians are Paige Futrell and Devin McBryde.

SHEEP & GOAT CLINIC

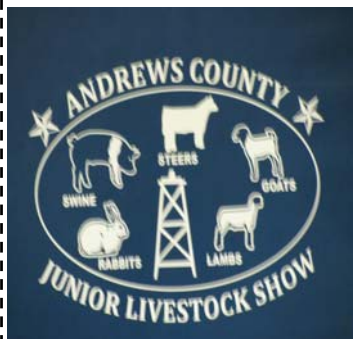
A Sheep and Goat clinic has been scheduled for December 10th at the Midland County Extension Office from 1:30pm-3:30pm. Guest clinician will be Dawson County Ag Agent, Gary Rotchetzky and topics covered will be fitting and getting ready for show.

Shearing and Wool Classing Schools in San Angelo

Applications are being accepted for Sheep Shearing School and Wool Classing School that will take place January 3-5, 2017 at the AgriLife Research Center in San Angelo. Applicants must be at least 16 years of age and cost is \$150. The sheep shearing school will prepare individuals to become professional sheep shearers by providing proper animal handling techniques and proper use of professional shearing equipment and tool maintenance. The wool classing school will equip individuals with basic knowledge to properly prepare and package wool for commercial marketing. Participants will be exposed to wool objective measurement techniques, wool biology, improvement through genetic selection and proper package labeling. Apply online at: <http://agrilife.org/sheepandgoat/registration>. Deadline is December 2nd, however will be extended a few more days. Selected individuals will be notified by December 7th.

TEXAS SHEEP & GOAT
RAISERS ASSOCIATION





2017 Andrews County Junior Livestock Show **Schedule of Events**

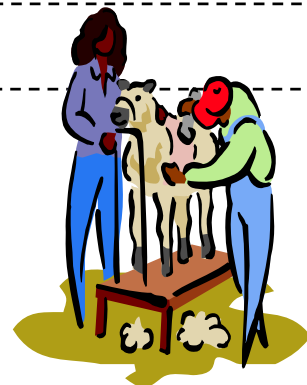
- **Tuesday, January 10, 2017**– Animals begin arriving in ACE Arena; Heifers and Steers must be in the ACE by 5pm; Weigh, Sift & Classify Heifers and Steers at 5pm; Move rabbits into ACE Arena by 5:00pm; Rabbit Show and Judging at 5:30pm; Heifer and Steer Show and Judging immediately following Rabbit Show
- **Wednesday, January 11, 2017**– Goats, lambs, swine in ACE Arena by 3:00pm; Weigh, sift and classify starting at 4:00pm.
- **Thursday, January 12, 2017**– Swine Show and Judging at 5:30pm.
- **Friday, January 13, 2017**– Lamb Show and Judging at 5:30pm; Goat Show and Judging 30 minutes after Lamb Show
- **Saturday, January 14, 2017**– 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 3rd and 4th from 2pm to 9pm 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 8th, 9th, and 10th from 2pm to 9pm and will only be open from 8am-12pm noon on the 11th. **ALL ANIMALS IN COUNTY SHOW MUST BE SHEARED BY WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 11TH 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.

*Please note that the agent will be unavailable to assist during the steer /rabbit show on the 10th.



ATTN SENIOR EXHIBITORS:

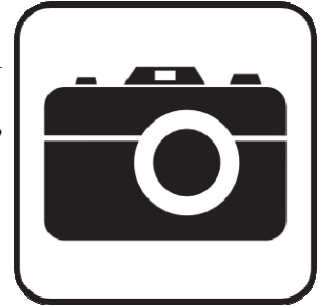
ACJLA Scholarship Applications Due by Dec 16th

ACJLA Scholarship Applications are due to the Extension Office by 5:00pm on Friday, December 16th. Applications may be turned in before this date but none will be accepted after. Interviews will take place on Monday, December 19th at the Extension Office. Times will be determined by number of applications received and you will be notified on the 19th of a specific time. Applications must be filled out **COMPLETELY** and a copy of High School **TRANSCRIPT** must accompany they application.

4H Photography Kick Off Meeting January 17th

4-H Photography will kick off on Tuesday, January 17th at 6:00pm at the Extension Office. This project is open to 3rd grade and up. We will go over categories for photos, deadlines for submitting photos, and rules for checking out cameras. The theme category this year is "Reflections."

This category is for photos that are shot off any natural or artificial reflective surface. For more information on the photography project please call the Extension Office at 524-1421.



Public Speaking Classes Offered for MS/HS Jan 23rd and 30th

Does the thought of speaking in front of large groups make you nervous? Do you want to learn how to be a better speaker? Overcome the fear of crowds and improve your presentation skills in the public speaking project! Andrews 4-H Club will offer public speaking classes on

Monday, January 23rd and Monday, January 30th from 6pm-8pm at the Extension Office.

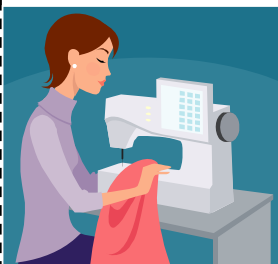
These classes are open to Middle School and High School 4-H members to gain knowledge and skills in public speaking. You will learn how to prepare with research, organization, and then present on any given topic. Those that wish to compete at the District level will have an opportunity at the D6 Spring Roundup in May. Any High School 4Hers that win at district will advance to State competition, taking place June 6th at College Station.

For more information contact Suzanne at the Extension Office 524-1421.

Clothing & Textile Projects Coming Soon!

The Clothing & Textile project is just around the corner! This year we are offering a variety of projects that will appeal to just about everyone.

- ♦ **Fashion Show**– Participants construct their own garments, while expressing their knowledge about fabrics, construction, care and fashion. Categories are: refashion, everyday living, semi-formal to formal and theater/costume.
- ♦ **Fashion Storyboard**–draw out your fashion designs. The storyboard "tells the story" of your idea. You can add illustrations, flats, and materials that have influenced your design.
- ♦ **Duds to Dazzle**– team up to redesign or repurpose discarded items and present creation to judges. This contest is timed and contestants only have a box of supplies and each other to depend on.
- ♦ **Quilting**– expand your sewing skills and experiences by learning more on how to construct a quilt, including quilting design and quilt construction



LOOKING FOR SEWING LEADERS!!

If you know how to sew and would like to help lead a class or you know someone that does, please call the Extension Office at 524-1421.