

Livestock Project Newsletter

Andrews County 4-H



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If you haven't done so already... be sure to register for free by October 31st!! After that date, there will be a \$5 registration fee.

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New Beginnings

Hey y'all!

Welcome to the first edition of a bi-weekly livestock newsletter!

With all of the information I receive at the office and so many youth showing, I want to make sure everyone receives the information they need... and then some.

These newsletters will be contain mostly dates and deadlines for county and state events, but I also plan to put some tips and tricks in here that will help you with your projects.

We will cover all species from rabbits to cattle and everything in between. Also, I will let you know of any and all contests within the livestock realm that will hopefully spark new interests and expand our wonderful program!

First and foremost, who am I?

For those of you who haven't heard or I haven't met yet, I'm your new county ag agent! My name is Amanda Necessary (yes it is necessary!) and I am a central Texas native from Clifton, just north of Waco.

I grew up in 4-H showing mostly sheep and goats, but I did also show steers, rabbits and chickens. I participated in many other 4-H events but stock shows are what I loved most!

I attended Tarleton State University in Stephenville after visiting the campus many times for 4-H and FFA events, and received my bachelor's and master's degree in agriculture from there. After that I went to Iowa to work with a large pork production company for almost a year. I wanted to come back to Texas (after freezing in a super-cold winter) and found the wonderful community of Andrews that I now call home!



Amanda Necessary, County Extension Agent—Ag and N/R

If we haven't met yet feel free to come by the Extension Office for a visit; and, if you ever have any questions give me a call, text or e-mail and I'll be glad to help!

-Amanda

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PARENTS AND VOLUNTEERS—Call for Judging Coaches

As we begin the fall show season, we are preparing for spring judging contests. This is another way for exhibitors to learn more about their own animal projects and other areas!

There are numerous contests that are hosted each year and Andrews County 4-H has even participated in a few of these in past.

Below are a few that we hope to have teams for:

- Wool -Livestock
- Meat -Horse
- Range, Plant ID and Wildlife
- Skill-a-thons
- Quiz Bowls

We are not limited to just these. There are more available pending youth interest and volunteers.

Just as a leader in any other 4-H project, coaching revolves around your schedule and is flexible.

If any volunteers are willing to help coach please contact Amanda at the Extension Office - (432)524-1421

Have you ever scrambled at a Calf Scramble?



Not sure what a calf scramble is...? Have you ever gone to a major stock show and saw kids running in a large rodeo arena, chasing after calves and attempting to halter it as it's running away?!

Have you ever wanted to be one of those kids?

In case you didn't know, winning a calf scramble allows the participant to receive a special scholarship to provide financial assistance in the purchase of a livestock project for the following show season!

Now is the time to decide if you want to participate in calf scrambles at major shows!

Some of the general rules include:

- Dependent on the show, youth must be minimum of 12yrs and not more than 18 yrs by January 1, 2015
- Must exhibit the animal the following year at that stock show
- May have to maintain a record book for that animal

For youth younger than 12... you may not be old enough right now, but pretty soon you will be so if you're interested in this, come talk to me and we'll get you prepared for scrambles down the road!

Each show is different as far as their rules so call the Extension Office for more information.

FYI...

I have scrambled before, and I had a blast! It's really a lot of fun and you make so many memories!

YOU DO NOT HAVE TO OWN A HORSE TO PARTICIPATE!!!

4-H Horse Club

For those who are interested in participating in the horse projects, Andrews County 4-H is starting up a Horse Club that will include horse judging and quiz bowl teams, skills training for horse shows and events and general training to broaden your education about horses.

Horse Club meetings will be held every third Monday at the Extension Office at 6p.m. Please do not bring horses just yet as we are in the beginning phases of the horse club. We will inform you when you can start bringing horses!

You will need to register for 4-H on 4-H Connect as well as fill out a Horse Project form to participate. The Horse Project form informs the volunteer leaders of your current knowledge, goals you wish to achieve and contact information.

Record Book reminder...

As with all 4-H projects, livestock projects have a category for each species within the 4-H record book program. Each member is able to create a record book and tell their story!

Turning in record books allow the participant to receive additional recognition for the time they spent with their animals and the lessons they learned.

Submitting record books also allow the participant to apply for the Gold Clover award in junior and senior categories as well as for college scholarships their

senior year! ...and not just ALA or ACJLA scholarships, but from the State and National 4-H program as well!

You're already doing the work, now it's time to write it down and be recognized for it!

Record books are due late spring/early summer so you still have plenty of time, but for more information to know what to prepare for, call us at the Extension Office today!



Important Deadlines

- 10/25 Fall Spectacular Entries Due
- 10/27 Battle on the Border Entries Due
- 11/1 San Antonio Calf Scramble Registration Due, Extension Office
- 11/7 Southern Mesa Lamb and Goat Show Entries
- 11/14 RSVP to West Region Sheep, Goat and Swine Livestock and Showmanship Clinic
- 11/15 Fort Worth Stock Show and Rodeo Entries Due, Extension Office
- 11/15 Sandhills Stock Show Entries Due, Extension Office
- 12/1 San Antonio Livestock Show and Rodeo Entries Due, Extension Office
- 12/1 Rodeo Austin Entries Due, Extension Office

If entries must go through the Extension office, they are noted with “Extension Office.” Please make sure to get these to us by scheduled dates as the deadlines are not flexible. These pertain to all major stock shows.

Important Dates

- 10/11 Rabbit Validation—A.C.E. 8:30am (County)
- 10/13 4-H Meeting—Extension Office, 6:30pm
- 10/14 Sheep/Goat Validation—A.C.E. 5pm (County and Majors)
- 10/18 “Making Tracks” Rabbit Clinic—A.C.E. 10am
- 10/18 Steer Clinic—A.C.E. TBA
- 10/31 Battle on the Border Pig Show— Plains, 10am
- 11/1 ACJLA Fundraiser Truck Drawing –Odessa, TBA
- 11/1 Battle on the Border Lamb and Goat Show—Plains, 10am
- 11/6 Major Show Entry Night—Extension Office, 6pm
- 11/8 “All Ears” Rabbit Clinic—A.C.E. 10am
- 11/8-9 Fall Spectacular Jackpot—San Angelo, 8am
- 11/8-9 TBSS Jackpot— San Angelo, TBA
- 11/10 County Show Entry Night, 4-H Meeting—Extension Office, 6:30pm
- 11/15 Southern Mesa Lamb & Goat Show—Lamesa, 8:30am
- 11/18 Swine Validation—A.C.E. 5pm (County & Majors)
- 11/22 TBSS Jackpot—Belton, TBA
- 11/22 West Region Livestock Clinic—Big Lake, 9:30 (Sheep, Goats and Swine)
- 12/6-7 Dimmit County Classic—Dimmit, 8:am
- 12/13 “Showmanship & Showing” Rabbit Clinic—A.C.E. 10am

Be sure to fill out the Livestock Project form at the Extension Office so we can start scheduling project visits!!

Andrews County 4-H Club Meetings are held every 2nd Monday of the month — 6:30pm at the Extension Office

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To make the best better... summer and fall show wins!

It's been a very busy summer for Andrews County 4-H at jackpot shows, local fairs and the start of majors! We had many of our members out working their animals and refining their show skills.

I can't list all of the placings here because we just had so many, but I do want to say congratulations and excellent job to all who participated in this summers' shows!

Also, a big congratulations goes out to Linda Rainey and Rainey Club Lambs for breeding the lamb that took the title of Grand Champion Finewool at the 2014 State Fair of Texas!!!! Rainey Club Lambs have had a great deal of success this summer and this was the icing on the cake!

I do try to get everyone's placings and photos at all shows, but sometimes I'm unable to do so. Please send me any placings and photos you have and I will feature them in the newsletter as the year progresses! You can send them to my e-mail at amanda.necessary@ag.tamu.edu



Mckenna Long and her Reserve Champion Fine wool at the 2014 Panhandle South plains Fair in Lubbock



Bailey Sanchez won Reserve Champion Finewool at Nolan County Fair and won many other titles at several summers shows



Tanner Stokes and his 4th place Medium wool at the 2014 State Fair of Texas in Dallas