

# Livestock Project Newsletter

## Andrews County 4-H



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### Here we go again!

Well, there's no denying that we've been busy this past year... so much so, that I just realized I haven't sent one of these out since May... YIKES!! I'll work on making sure that doesn't happen again!

*For our new families, this is a bi-weekly newsletter to give updates on anything livestock related. It includes tips and tricks to help with your animals, important dates and times, recent wins by our members and anything else that I can add in here.*

I can honestly say, I can't believe another 4-H year and show season is upon us. It feels like I just finished last years' show season (Austin in March for me)... although counting back, that was 8 months ago. Since then we have had a summer full of 4-H activities and

kicked off a great and busy new year! That being said, there are many more projects in 4-H besides livestock if you are looking for more. We have the clothing and leatherwork project starting up after Christmas and we will kick off wool judging practices this month. Shooting sports is well under way with the required orientations and soon we will be out practicing at the new range (stop and do a happy dance!) ... and there is still so much more! I want to take a second and say a personal THANK YOU to all who take the time to volunteer! There is so much that 4-H has to offer and we couldn't do it without the help of our volunteers! Please know that your help is greatly appreciated more than we can express!

-Amanda

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### T-Shirts available at the Extension Office

We just received the new shirts so if you ordered, come by and pick your up! If you didn't, we ordered just a limited amount of extras so come get them before they are gone!



This years' shirts are safety yellow and are \$9 for short sleeve and \$13 for long sleeve. (Just want to note that I absolutely LOVE mine... it's soo comfy and I think they look

awesome!) Also, there are still shirts available for sale at the Extension Office from last year. The blue "American By Birth, 4-H By Choice" county 4-H shirts are \$12 each and the black "Show it Off" stock show shirts are \$10 each.

### 2015 4-H Record Book Awards

Congratulations to all of our members who submitted Record Books! Andrews County had 12 in the judging pool for district and all did VERY well! Here are the results:

Brianna Helbig—2nd Place Junior Goat  
 Makayla Roberts—1st Place Junior Clothing and Textiles  
 Piper Pack—2nd Place Junior Horse  
 Rylie Guerrero—1st Place Junior Shooting Sports  
 Sterlin Montague—2nd Place Junior Shooting Sports  
 Bailee Sanchez—3rd Place Intermediate Goat  
 Dasia Paradez—1st Place Intermediate

Goat  
 Tatym Pack—1st Place Intermediate Beef  
 Hesston Montague—2nd Place Senior Shooting Sports  
 Kye Kupkufske—2nd Place Senior Horse  
 Stephanie Stokes—4th Place Senior Leadership  
 Tanner Stokes—2nd Place Senior Goat

The primary purpose of a 4-H Recordbook is for our youth to develop the skills to set goals, work toward achieving them, reflect on the experiences and then set new and higher goals. There are multiple categories to

choose to enter for each age division. Recordbooks are also a requirement for the 4-H scholarship application for graduating seniors.

*If you've completed a record book in years' past using 4hreports.com, please note the system will be taken offline December 1st. Go to <http://blueuprising.com/4Hreports/index.aspx> to copy and save anything you want from there!*



## Show Preparations

Now that animals are purchased and all but swine are validated we need to focus on preparing your animal(s).

-Work your animals! I cannot say this enough... get out to the barns! The more you practice walking, holding heads up, bracing, etc. the better you *and* your animal become! And the more you are around the animal the more you learn about its habits which will help you in keeping it a healthy.

-Exercise, Exercise, Exercise! The more you make them work, the hungrier they get which causes them to eat more and increases their growth!

-We have scheduled several clinic dates to helpS with these so please see the clinic calendar! Every other Sunday, weather permitting, we will have scales available at the old arena (north of town, behind Precinct 2 barn) to get weights on animals. The main thing I wish to focus on is that you know what your animal is gaining throughout the project. We will send reminders of the showmanship clinics as they come closer.

-Make sure that you have filled out entry forms and submitted payment for the shows you plan on attending. Major stock show entry

night is November 5th so if you've state validated (or plan to swine), be sure to attend!

-Keep an eye on the weather! Especially in Texas, where we go from summer straight into winter without much of a fall, the weather change will affect your animal in more ways than one. If you know the animals habits well enough, you will notice when it's getting sick. It's supposed to be a really wet winter so put down extra bedding and install heat lamps. Put blankets on your lambs and goats-double up when it gets really cold!

-Don't forget the barns! When the worst weather of the year hits (which can be anytime in Texas), you don't want to be out trying to fight frozen and/or busted pipes. Wrap pipes, turn off the main valve, or let the water trickle to keep the lines working. Have back up plan(s) to get water to them.

-Above all, have fun and enjoy the project! Most days this is easier said than done but that's part of the learning process which is what 4-H is all about!

## Websites: Stock Shows and New State 4-H Page

Odesa-Sandhills: [http://](http://www.sandhillstockshowandrodeo.com/)

[www.sandhillstockshowandrodeo.com/](http://www.sandhillstockshowandrodeo.com/)

Fort Worth: <http://www.fwssr.com/>

San Antonio: <http://www.sarodeo.com/>

San Angelo: <http://www.sanangelorodeo.com/>

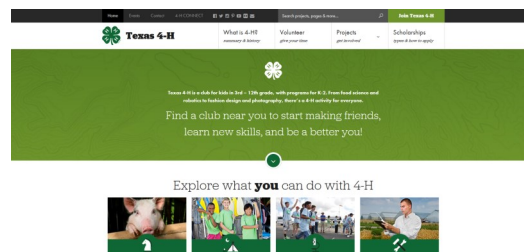
Houston: <http://www.rodeohouston.com/>

Austin: <http://www.rodeoaustin.com/>

Check out the new state 4-H Website!

It changed over the past week and has a new look!

<http://texas4-h.tamu.edu/>



## Forms of communication

We are constantly considering ways to get as much information we can out to all 250+ members and their parents. We understand each person is different in what form of communication works best so we try to accommodate as much as we can. Here are the current options we have and if you have suggestion of others let us know and we will look into them. Don't forget that you can always stop by for a visit or give us a call. We're here to help!

-First and foremost: monthly meetings! *2nd Mondays of each month!* There is at least one agent there, most of the time both and we are able to answer most questions immediately.

-Our local website is a work-in-progress but so far, every event we have information

for is on there. The events tab is where you will want to visit. We will continue to update as we gather more so keep an eye on it @ <http://andrews.agrilife.org/>

-We keep our Facebook page as up-to-date as possible! In fact, this form works best for me so this will be updated first and then others following. We are @ <https://www.facebook.com/Texas-AM-AgriLife-Extension-Service-Andrews-County-127751760581344/>

-There are several Remind (mass text) groups available with our club... one for shooting sports, one for horse and of course one for livestock! Sign up to receive text reminders by messaging "@aclivestoc" to 81010.

-E-mails: We normally send an e-mail out explaining what the event is and then a reminder (if not two) before deadlines

or the event itself. If you are not receiving these, check your Spam folder and then contact the Extension Office so we can see if there is an issue on our end.

-Newsletters: We send the majority of these via e-mail but still send some by postal mail at the members request. If you are not receiving these, contact us to determine why.

-Texting or calling me directly... I try, and am normally good about returning calls or texts within a 24 hour period. If for some reason I don't, try again... I probably was busy with an event at that time but have freed up! My cell is 254-978-0880!

-Contact the Extension Office! We keep normal office hours (8-5, closed 12-1 for lunch) no matter if one or both of the agents are there or not...we have an awesome office manager who keeps us in line!

## Important Deadlines

11/12 Major Show Entries Due—**Last day** to turn them into the Extension Office **with payment**

[Andrews Major Show Handbook](#)

[Major Show Weight Breaks](#)

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## Important Dates

11/7-8 [Battle on the Border](#) in Plainview  
 11/14 Reagan County 4-H Rodeo in Big Lake  
 11/14-15 [Fall Spectacular Jackpot and Lamb and Goat Exhibitor Camp](#) in San Angelo (lambs, goats and swine)  
 11/17 Swine Validation at A.C.E. Arena  
 11/21 [D6 4-H Livestock Training and Showmanship Clinic](#) in Big Lake  
 11/23 Wool Judging Kick-off at 4-H Room (behind A.C.E. arena)  
 12/5-6 Dimmit County Classic in Carrizo Springs  
 12/6 Seguin Swine Breeders Prospect Show in Seguin  
 12/11-12 Dash for Cash Show and Clinic in Athens (steers, lambs and goats)  
 12/12 Pigg'in' in the Permian in Midland (swine)  
 12/12 2nd Annual Southern Mesa Lamb and Goat Show in Lamesa  
 12/12 Coryell 4-H Christmas Classic in Gatesville (TJLA) (lambs and goats)  
 12/12 Mertzon Swine Club "Shakin' Bacon" Showdown in Mertzon  
 12/12 Dinosaur Valley Jackpot Show in Glen Rose—

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

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