

# Happy Easter

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## KLEBERG-KENEDY 4-H NEWSLETTER APRIL 2025



Spring is here and there are still many 4-H opportunities available to members, parents, and leaders! Continue attending your club meetings and stay involved in upcoming 4-H Events.

The Kleberg-Kenedy County 4-H Newsletter contains information on activities, events, and deadlines that allows families to select their interest in the respective project(s).



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### *Coming Up*

- State Steer & Heifer Validation Order Form **DEADLINE 4/7**
- District 12 Livestock Judging in Alice 4/10
- Kleberg-Kenedy 4-H County Council Application **DEADLINE 4/14 at 5 pm**
- By Law, Budget, and Election/Nomination committee meetings 4/14
- Spring Tractor Supply Paper Clover Campaign 4/21- 5/5

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<http://www.facebook.com/klebergkenedy4H>

**Americans with Disability Act of 1990:**

Individuals with disabilities who require an auxiliary aid, service, or accommodation in order to participate in any 4-H event are encouraged to contact the County Extension Office (361.595.8566) at least two weeks in advance of the program to see how reasonable accommodations can be made.

**School Eligibility:**

Kleberg-Kenedy County AgriLife Extension Service complies with the law set forth by legislature regarding eligibility and school absences. Members competing or simply participating in a 4-H event (judging events, presentations, livestock shows, etc.) must be certified as eligible to participate by their respective school. School Officials will be provided with a list of students entered in competitive/non-competitive 4-H events. Should a student be ineligible according to their school, 4-H members will be notified in writing of their ineligibility status by our office.

**4-H Council Meetings for the year:**

**Dates:**

**September 16th**

**November 4th**

**January 13th**

**March 3rd**

**May 5th**

- **All meetings will be held at 6:30 p.m. at the County Extension office.**
- **Club managers make your council delegates aware of the council meetings during your regular monthly club meetings.**

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**POP THE TOP**

Save your pull tabs to make a difference for kids and their families.

Contest begins with the new 4-H year on September 1.

You will have the entire 4-H year to collect your tabs!

All tabs are due to the Extension Office at the May 5, 2025 County Council meeting.



### **National Volunteer Month:**

**April is National Volunteer Month. April 20-26, 2025 is  
National Volunteer Week.**



**4-H members are encouraged to thank their club  
manager/leader.**

*We ♥ our  
Volunteers*

**Thank You to all our Volunteers for the success of the local 4-H  
Program**



### **Graduating Seniors- Graduation Cords:**



**Congratulations on all your accomplishments. May all your dreams come true.**

**Take some time to reflect on the people that where there not only through your  
achievements but through the challenges you encounter along the way.**

**Stay focused as you close this chapter of your life and move on to the next.**

**Please come by the Extension Office to pick up your graduation cords!**

### **Tractor Supply (Spring) Paper Clover Campaign:**

**Tractor Supply Company will once again be hosting their  
annual 4-H Paper Clover Campaign from April 21 -May  
5, 2025. Members are encouraged to ask family members  
and friends to support the campaign by purchasing paper  
clovers.**

**Club Mangers will be contacted directly for work  
schedule**





### **4-H Record books:**

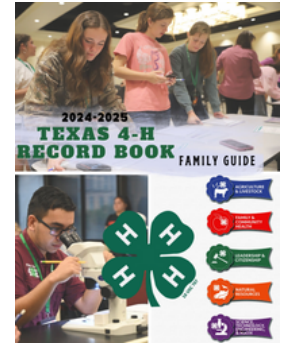
Recordbooks are due for County Judging by Monday, June 9th .

Recordbook covers are available at the Extension Office. Cost for Recordbook covers is \$4.

If you are interested in judging Recordbooks please contact Ms. Lopez  
at  
361-595-8566 or [phyllishia.lopez@agnet.tamu.edu](mailto:phyllishia.lopez@agnet.tamu.edu)

This is a great opportunity to see how other counties do Recordbooks!

Resources: <https://agrilife.org/d124h/4-h-event/4-h-recordbooks/>  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ont4X4vdDVM>



### **County 4-H Council Officer Application:**

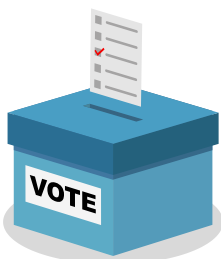


Applications were emailed directly to members eligible for council office. If you attended meetings and meet the age requirements but did not receive an emailed application, please contact the office. Applications are due Monday, April 14th by 5:00 p.m.



### **County 4-H Council Committee meeting:**

4-H members who are interested in attending one of the committee meetings are encouraged to inform Ms. Lopez. This presents a valuable opportunity for 4-H members who aspire to become future council officers or are interested in learning something new. All committees will convene on Monday, April 14th at the Extension Office.



Please see schedule for each committee:

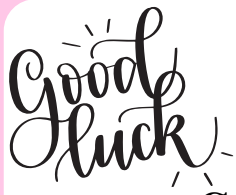
-By-Law: 6:00 p.m.

-Budget: 6:30 p.m.

-Election/Nomination: 7:00 p.m.







**Good luck to everyone competing at 4-H District  
12 Roundup and Fashion Sensation in Carrizo  
Springs April 3-4!**

### **AgStart Loan Program at Capital Farm Credit**

Is your family interested in participating in youth livestock projects, but rising input costs have prevented you from taking the next step? Capital Farm Credit offers a loan program that may be your solution. The AgStart Loan program provides youth interested in agriculture projects with the tools and resources they need to prepare for a successful career in the agricultural industry. This loan program is available to 4-H and FFA members involved junior market, breeding and commercial livestock projects.

The funds can be used to purchase and care for a junior livestock project or for a general purpose youth agricultural loan and must be repaid following the sale of the animal(s). The AgStart Loan Program is designed to offer educational and financial awareness to youth while supporting the next generation of farmers and ranchers.

For more information, visit [AgStart Loan Program | Capital Farm Credit](#) or contact Kendall Huey at [Kendall.Huey@CapitalFarmCredit.com](mailto:Kendall.Huey@CapitalFarmCredit.com).

### **District 12 Southern Classic Prospect Show**

**NOVEMBER 22, 2025 - DIMMIT COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS**

District 12 4-H is announcing the District 12 Southern Classic Prospect Show! The prospect show will be open to 4-H and FFA members 3rd through 12th grade!

We will be hosting a clinic in the morning for cattle, lambs, goats, and hogs with a prospect show to follow lunch!

Rabbits and Poultry will have clinics in the morning (no prospect show)!

2025-2026 SHOW SEASON

Kleberg-Kenedy County **Major Show Steer** Validation Tag  
Order Form

Name of Exhibitor

#1: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Exhibitor

#2: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Exhibitor

#3: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Exhibitor

#4: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_

Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Organization you are showing under: *(Circle one)*      AFFA      KFFA      RFFA      4-H

Number of Tags Requesting:

Steer Tags \_\_\_\_\_ X \$28.00 = \_\_\_\_\_

TOTAL = \_\_\_\_\_ \*

\*Non-Refundable

Order form and payment must be received no later than **April 7, 2025**

Payable to: Kleberg-Kenedy 4-H Council. Submit to:

Kleberg-Kenedy 4-H Council  
c/o State Steer Validation  
P.O. Box 1119  
Kingsville, TX 78364

**\*\*Validation scheduled for late June. Specific dates will be announced once all forms are submitted\*\***

2025-2026 SHOW SEASON

Kleberg-Kenedy County **Major Show Heifer** Validation  
(Spring) Order Form

Name of Exhibitor: \_\_\_\_\_ # of heifer(s) validating: \_\_\_\_\_

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Name of Exhibitor: \_\_\_\_\_ # of heifer(s) validating: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_

Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Organization you are showing under: *(Circle one)*    **AFFA**       **KFFA**       **RFFA**    **4-H**

Total # of heifer(s) validating:

Heifer(s) \_\_\_\_\_ X \$28.00 = \_\_\_\_\_

TOTAL = \_\_\_\_\_ \*

\*Non-Refundable

Order form and payment must be received no later than **April 7, 2025**

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% State Heifer Validation  
P.O. Box 1119  
Kingsville, TX 78364

**\*\*Validation scheduled for late June. Specific dates will be announced once all forms are submitted\*\***

**Heifers are not family validated. Heifer(s) must be registered to one exhibitor in the family.**





## **MEMORANDUM**

**TO: District 12 County Extension Agents**

**SUBJECT: 2025 District 12 4-H Livestock Judging Contest**

The 2025 District 12 4-H Livestock Judging Contest will be held at the **Jim Wells County Fairgrounds - 3001 S Johnson St in Alice, Texas** on Thursday, April 10, 2025. The contest will be open to all three age divisions and follow the same guidelines outlined in the Texas 4-H Roundup Rules and Guidelines as they relate to this contest, except as noted within this and related correspondence.

**For 2025 Contest:** District 12 will continue to use the paper scantron this year!

- We will be using the Universal Form -A 705A12 Scantrons for this contest. This is a change from the e-scorecards that have been used the last couple of years. No cellphones or tablets will be allowed at the contest!

### **Registration**

Registration for this event will be through 4-H Online from **March 12<sup>th</sup> through the registration deadline of April 2<sup>nd</sup>**. Registration should be completed by individual 4-H members. The registration fee will be \$20 per contestant.

**There will not be a late registration period or on-site registration.** **NO REFUNDS** will be given to a county and/or individual. This makes it very important for registrations to be correct. Payment is due prior to the event date. Please note, once you submit your registration for approval, you are agreeing to fulfill payment for registration regardless of whether or not you attend this event. **If you have a balance with Texas 4-H or District 12 4-H on 4-H Online, you will not be allowed to participate until the balance is paid IN FULL.**

### **Contest Details**

The contest will be hosted in Alice at the Jim Wells County Fairgrounds (see attached map) in the Livestock Barn. Check-in will begin at 7:45 A.M. - 9:15 A.M. with orientation for all contestants at 9:20 A.M. The contest will begin immediately after orientation. **NEW! Team designations will be made on 4-H Online before the day of the event.** This will allow a smoother check-in for all participants. If contestants are unsure on which team they are competing on within their County, the District 12 Office will work with the County Extension Agent. *Limited changes can be made to a team the day of the event.* Juniors and Intermediates may be on the same team but must participate in the Intermediate Division. Seniors must compete in this contest to be eligible for a state qualifying position. Only

Seniors can be on a Senior team. Contest results will be available once results have been provided and validated.

### **Contest Format**

Please note that the structure of this contest may change without notice based on availability of quality livestock and species to ensure a high-quality contest and experience. Below are details related to classes that may be part of the contest:

- 8 to 10 classes including both market and breeding classes (Market Steer, Market Lamb, Market Goat, Market Hog, Breeding Ewes, Breeding Gilts, Breeding Heifers, Breeding Bulls w/ EPDs). This may change without notice, but we will still make every effort to communicate classes closer to the event.
- Seniors – 2 sets of reasons (1-Breeding, 1-Market)
- Intermediates – 1 reasons class and 1 set of questions (5 to 10).
- Juniors – no reasons but will have 1 set of questions (5).

### **What to Bring**

All contestants should bring the following to the contest:

- Clipboard
- Several sharpened #2 pencils with good erasers
- Blank paper for notetaking *\*Templates can be used, but writing is not allowed on them before the contest begins.*

### **Agent & Volunteer Support**

There is an expectation that agents be available prior to and during the event to assist with a range of duties. Some agents (committee or others) will need to be available on Wednesday, April 9<sup>th</sup> from 8 A.M. – 5 P.M., or on an alternate day/time, to prepare the facilities in advance of the contest. During the contest, agents will assist by keeping loose livestock moving and visible, serving as group leaders, scribes, or in other capacities. After the contest, some agents need to assist in disassembling pens, moving panels, loading livestock, and transporting livestock to the point of origin.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the District Office.

Sincerely,



Grace Marshall  
District 12 4-H Specialist  
Texas 4-H



Ruben J. Saldana, Ed. D.  
District Extension Administrator  
District 12



# D12 4-H LEADERSHIP LAB

The District 12 4-H Leadership Lab is an overnight camping experience for youth in the 7th - 12th grades.

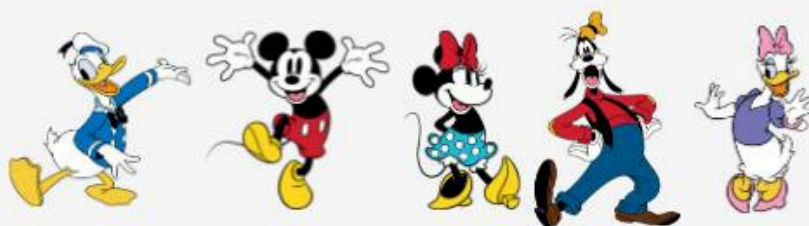
The purpose of this event is to provide our 4-H members with the opportunity to learn valuable leadership and life skills. These skills are learned and enhanced through various hands-on educational activities and team-building exercises.

**Registration:** May 1st - 23rd

**Camp Dates:** June 11th - 13th, 2025

**Location:** Texas A&M University- Kingsville

**Cost:** \$180 per attendee



Texas A&M AgriLife is committed to providing safe and non-discriminatory learning, and work environments for all members of the AgriLife community. AgriLife provides equal opportunity in all programs, activities, education, and employment to all persons regardless of race, color, sex, religion, national origin, age, disability, genetic information, veteran status, sexual orientation, gender identity, or any other classification protected by federal, state, or local law.





## 2024-2025 Kleberg- Kenedy County 4-H Club Information

Animal Round-Up 4-H	Christina Gonzalez	(361) 720-1819	TBA	TBA	Contact Manager
Country Wranglers 4-H	Christina Titus	(361) 522-7707	2nd Sunday	7:00 PM	Ricardo Baptist Church
Douglass Youth Center 4-H	Lisa Clore	(361) 522-5257	2nd Sunday	5:00 PM	Douglass Youth Center
	Nichole Saenz	(361) 522-4718			
Lil Bit of Everything 4-H	Victoria Guevara	(361) 522-1869	3rd Sunday	3:00 PM	Riviera VFD
	Crystal Jimenez	(361) 455-2570			
Lone Star 4-H	Stacie Ewers	(361) 522-7421	2nd Tuesday	6:30 PM	184 E CR 2120, Kingsville
Outdoor Country 4-H	Jennifer Alexander	(361) 455-6053	3rd Sunday	3:00 PM	347 Brenda Lane
Ricardo JackRabbits 4-H	Elias Arredondo	(361) 449-0987	1st Sunday	4:00 PM	Ricardo Jackrabbits Headquarters 232 W CR 2163
Ricardo Lucky Leaf 4-H	Carmen Tankersley	(361) 455-0106	2nd Monday	6:30 PM	Ricardo School Cafeteria
	Leslie Cortez	(361) 228-3995			
Santa Gertrudis 4-H	Julie De La Rosa	(361) 522-5997	2nd Monday	6:30 PM	Santa Gertrudis High School
Sarita Vaqueros 4-H	Leroy Salinas	(361) 296-4562	1st Sunday	2:00 PM	Sarita School Cafeteria
	Juli Salinas	(361)-296-4636			
South Texas Junior Leaders 4-H	Cynthia Bustamante	(361) 228-1288	2nd Sunday	2:00 PM	KC Hall on 14th Street/Zoom
TJLAers 4-H	Tracy Beadle	(361) 296-4667			Prospect Shows - Please contact for Date/Time/Place
Trailblazers 4-H	Melissa Green	(361) 455-1224	2nd Sunday	4:30 PM	Kleberg County Extension Office
Wild Horse Desert 4-H	Angela Bull	(361) 443-5262	3rd Sunday	4:00 PM	TBA

Updated: 08/13/2024

## 2024-2025 District 12 4-H Event Planning Calendar

Revised 9/9/2024

Event Code	Event Title/Description	Event Committee Chairperson	Event Date	Location	Information Letter Release Date	Event 4-H Online Registration Dates
SSC	Shooting Sports Coach's Training	Nikolo Guerra	9/20-9/22/24	Encino	7/15/24	Open: 8/15/2024 Close: 9/15/2024
SS-A	Shooting Sports Modified 420 & 3-D Archery Match	Frank Escobedo/Marco Ponce	12/7/24	Benavides	9/1/24	Open: 10/30/24 Close: 11/20/24
RU-HJ	Roundup - Horse Judging	Georgina Macias/Jeffery Hester	2/10/25	San Antonio	9/1/24	Open: 11/1/2024 Close: 12/1/2024
RU-MJ	Roundup - Meat Judging	Phyllishia Lopez	2/17/25	San Antonio	9/1/24	Open: 11/1/2024 Close: 12/1/2024
FA	Fashion Sensation - Fashion Storyboard	Angie Sifuentes/JoAnn Ureste	1/10/2025	Virtual	9/1/24	Open: 12/19/2024 Close: 1/8/2025
SS-P	Shooting Sports - Postal League	Christy Lansford/Jesus Rodriguez	3/1/25 thru 3/31/25	Tilden	9/1/24	Open: 1/20/2025 Close: 2/17/2025
PH	Photography	Leslie Dominguez/ Andrea Valdez	3/18-3/29/25	Virtual	9/1/24	Open: 2/3/2025 Close: 3/7/2025
SS-S	Shooting Sports Trap, Skeet & WhizBang Shoot	Omar Montemayor/ Brianna Gonzales	3/22/25	Mission	9/1/24	Open: 2/10/2025 Close: 3/10/2025
FS	Food Show	Neida Martinez/Ashlie Slayton	4/3/25	Carizzo Springs	9/1/24	Open: 2/24/2025 Close: 3/19/2025
FC	Food Challenge	Stephanie Salinas/Lilan Mezquida	4/3/25	Carizzo Springs	9/1/24	Open: 2/24/2025 Close: 3/19/2025
RU-CDM	Roundup - Consumer Decision Making	Dale Rankin	4/3/25	Carizzo Springs	9/1/24	Open: 2/24/2025 Close: 3/19/2025
FA	Fashion Sensation - Fashion Show, Duds-to-Dazzle, Natural Fiber	Angie Sifuentes/ JoAnn Ureste	4/4/25	Carizzo Springs	9/1/24	Open: 2/24/2025 Close: 3/19/2025
RU-EP	Roundup - Educational Presentations +	Alyssa Cruz/Carissa Munoz	4/4/25	Carizzo Springs	9/1/24	Open: 2/24/2025 Close: 3/19/2025
RU-LJ	Roundup - Livestock Judging	Teresa Lopez/Frank Escobedo	4/10/25	Alice	9/1/24	Open: 3/12/2024 Close: 4/2/2024
SS-R	Shooting Sports 3-P & Silhouette Rifle Match	Rogelio Mercado/Hector Soto	4/26/25	Benavides	9/1/24	Open: 3/17/2025 Close: 4/11/2025
LL	Leadership Lab	Leslie Dominguez/ Teresa Lopez	6/11 to 6/13/25	Kingsville (TBD)	9/1/24	Open: 5/1/2025 Close: 5/23/2025
EC	Election Convention Candidacy, Voter Registration & Election	Georgina Macias/ Karina Saucedo	6/13/25	Kingsville (TBD)	9/1/24	Open: 5/1/2025 Close: 5/31/2025
RB	Record Book Judging	Phyllishia Lopez/ Jesus Rodriguez	7/2/25	Virtual	9/1/24	Open: 6/1/2025 Close: 6/26/2025

# Electrify Our Service

Roundup Community Service Project 2025

MISSION: TO PROVIDE CARE AND SUPPORT TO WOMEN AND CHILDREN IN SHELTERS BY GATHERING AND DONATING NECESSARY SUPPLIES AND BLANKETS. DONATION BAGS AND BLANKETS TO BE ASSEMBLED AT ROUNDUP.

## Please bring the following items:

DISTRICTS 1 & 2: Toothbrush & Toothpaste

DISTRICTS 3 & 4: Travel Size Hair Care Products

DISTRICTS 5 & 6: Travel Size Feminine Hygiene Products

DISTRICTS 7 & 8: Socks

DISTRICTS 9 & 10: Mini Deodorant

DISTRICTS 11 & 12: Bar soap

ALL DISTRICTS: Fleece fabric to make blankets.

Please bring fabric in two-yard increments.



IF DONATING BAR SOAP AND FLEECE FABRICS PLEASE  
DROP OFF BY APRIL 2ND AT 5 PM AT THE EXTENSION  
OFFICE!





# TEXAS 4-H LANDSCAPE DESIGN

**JUNE 2, 2025**

Informational Meeting: Thursday, April 3 at 2:00 p.m.

## OBJECTIVE

- ✓ enhance landscape design knowledge & promote professionalism
- ✓ real life interaction between customer & landscape professionals
- ✓ exposure to horticulture degree & career opportunities

This is not an official Texas 4-H Roundup contest. Youth who register for landscape design have the opportunity to compete in Texas 4-H Roundup held the same week.

## EVENT CONTACT

Jayla Fry, Superintendent  
jayla.fry@ag.tamu.edu | 979-843-3308



# Rabbit and Goat Workshops

WITH CAMILA CANTU



## About me:

Throughout my high school years I was an active member of FFA where I showed rabbits and goats and took on leadership roles as Vice President of my chapter hosting goat and rabbit clinics, mentoring underclassman, and even providing shearing services for my community.



Howdy! I'm a sophomore at Texas A&M University - Kingsville majoring in Animal Science - PreVet.

I would love to get involved with your school chapter and incorporate workshops throughout the year to help prepare you for the county fair.

## Personal Accomplishments:

- Reserve Grand Champion Market Goat 2024
- Grand Champion Broiler Rabbit 2022

## Contact me!

(956) 206-4747

camila.cantu47@gmail.com

## Topics discussed throughout the year:

- grooming
- posing
- walking & bracing
- equipment
- shearing
- feed and exercise
- showmanship
- rabbit guest speaker

# HEALTHY TEXAS YOUTH AMBASSADOR APPLICATIONS OPEN



Texas 4-H Youth Development Foundation

# WATER AMBASSADOR APPLICATIONS OPEN



Texas 4-H Water Ambassadors Program

**2025** JUNE 20-22 KINGSVILLE, TX  
CHECK IN FRIDAY AFTERNOON FOR SATURDAY CLINIC

REGISTRATION IS OPEN



FOR MORE INFORMATION CALL:  
BRADLEY BUZEK (970) 456-7949 OR  
MAKENZIE GOTTSCHALK (979) 676-2508



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SATURDAY NIGHT: SUMMER SIZZLER LIVE SALE  
SUNDAY: PROSPECT SHOW



# Happy Earth day

April 11, 2025

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**family-friendly**  
**fun!**

**MAGGIE SALINAS**  
**DOWNTOWN PAVILION**  
**5:00 PM - 8:00 PM**  
**251 N. SIXTH ST.**  
**KINGSVILLE, TX 78363**

**DRUG FREE**  
**EVENT**

Partnering with  
Kleberg - Kenedy County  
District Attorney  
John Hubert

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AgriLife Extension

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For more information or questions, please call our office Kleberg & Kenedy County AgriLife Extension Service at  
361-595-8566 or email Regina.Baez@ag.tamu.edu



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**SWCD**



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