

The Nueces 4-H Clover Chronicles - February 2026

LONESOME COYOTE RANCH



2026 SPORTING CLAY CHALLENGE

benefitting

NUECES COUNTY 4-H



MARCH 28, 2026

7:30 AM GATES OPEN & REGISTRATION BEGINS
BREAKFAST PROVIDED

8:00 AM SIDE GAMES & WARM UP

\$20 PER ROUND/GAME
FAIR PAIR IN THE AIR - RAFFLE TICKET PAYOUT
2-MAN FLURRY & TRAP - CASH PAYOUT



9:30 AM SAFETY MEETING BEGINS

10:00 AM SPORTING CLAY MAIN EVENT BEGINS
LUNCH & AWARDS IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING
SIDE GAMES OPEN AFTER COURSE

ITEMS TO BRING

NOT PROVIDED

- **GUNS**
- **AMMO**
- **CART**

REGISTRATION FEES

\$850

4 MAN TEAM ENTRY

\$225

INDIVIDUAL SHOOTER

\$25 **NON-SHOOTER**

SPONSORSHIPS AVAILABLE!



For more information or to register:
Amanda Gray @ (361) 215-9283

SPORTINGCLAYCHALLENGE@LONESOMECOYOTERANCH.COM

SPONSOR RECOGNITION DEADLINE: MARCH 1, 2026

LONESOME COYOTE RANCH IS LOCATED ON FM 624
10 MILES WEST OF HWY 16 IN MCMULLEN COUNTY

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▶ February 2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 - Fort Worth - January 16 - February 7	2 - Fort Worth	3 - Fort Worth	4 - Fort Worth	5 - - Fort Worth - San Angelo - February 5 - 22	6 - Fort Worth - San Angelo	7 - Fort Worth - San Angelo
8 - San Angelo	9 - San Angelo	10- San Angelo	11- San Angelo	12 - Texas Elite - February 12 - 14 - San Angelo - San Antonio - February 12 - March 1	13 - Texas Elite - San Angelo - San Antonio	14 - Texas Elite - San Angelo - San Antonio
15- San Angelo - San Antonio	16- San Angelo - San Antonio	17- San Angelo - San Antonio	18- San Angelo - San Antonio	19- San Angelo - San Antonio	20- San Angelo - San Antonio	21- San Angelo - San Antonio
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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 - San Antonio	2 - NC4H Roundup NCC - Houston - March 2-22 - TX4H Horse Validation March 1-May 1	3 - NC4H Roundup & Fashion Events RMBRF - Houston	4 - Houston	5 - Houston	6 - Houston	7 - Houston
8 - Houston	9 - Houston	10 - Houston	11 - Houston	12 - Houston - Rio Grande - March 12 - 22	13 - Houston - Rio Grande - Rodeo Austin - March 13 - 28	14 - Houston - Rio Grande - Rodeo Austin
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29	30 - NC4H Council Meeting 7:00 p.m. NCC	31				

NUECES COUNTY 4-H (NC4H)

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NUECES COUNTY 4-H FASHION & ROUNDUP EVENTS.

Guidelines and forms were emailed to all NC4H members and adult volunteers on January 20 and 21, 2026. Guidelines & forms are available online at

<https://agrilifeextension.tamu.edu/counties/nueces-county/>.

Completed entry forms and Declaration of Eligibility forms are due in our NC4H Office by 5:00 p.m. on February 16.

Events are scheduled on March 2 and 3 as shown below.

Nueces County Center Auditorium ¶ 710 East Main Avenue ¶ Robstown, Texas 78380 ¶ Monday, March 2, 2026 ¶ Check-in at 3:00 P.M. ¶		Richard M. Borchard Regional Fairgrounds ¶ Ballroom A ¶ 1213 Terry Shamsie Boulevard ¶ Robstown, Texas 78380 ¶ Tuesday, March 3, 2026 ¶ Check-in at 3:00 P.M. ¶	
Educational Presentations [¶]	Public Speaking [¶]	Vocal [¶]	Solo/Band Performance [¶]
Poetry/Prose [¶]	4-H Skit [¶]	Choreographed Routines [¶]	Duds to Dazzle [¶]
Musical/Instrumental [¶]	Variety Show [¶]	Fashion Show [¶]	Quiz Bowls [¶]



NUECES COUNTY 4-H (NC4H)

YEARLY EVENTS AND APPROXIMATE DATES

EVENT	LEVEL	APPROXIMATE DATES
4-H Enrollment begins on 4HONLINE.com	State	August 15 (Returning), September 1(New), 2025
4-H Week	National	October 5-11, 2025
4-H Week - Texas One Day 4-H	State	October 11, 2025
4-H Year	National	September 1, 2025 to August 31, 2026
Application Deadline - Ambassador	Nueces County	June 1, 2026
Application Deadline - Awards Recognition	Nueces County	June 1, 2026
Application Deadline - Council Officer	Nueces County	April 1, 2026
Application Deadline - Scholarship NCJLS	Nueces County	March 1, 2026
Application Deadline - Scholarship Texas 4-H	State	February 2026
Awards Program and Banquet	Nueces County	August 2026
Club Charters	State	June 30, 2026
Club IRS Filings	State	September 1 - December 15, 2025
Coastal Bend Classic	District 11	December 6, 2025
Cotton Country Classic	Nueces County	November 8 & 9, 2025
County Council Meetings	Nueces County	Sept. 29, Oct. 27, Dec. 11, Jan. 26, Mar. 30, Apr. 27
Crossroads	District 11	November 6-8, 2025
Entry Deadline - ALL Major Livestock Shows	State	November 7, 2025
Entry Deadline - Nueces County Junior Livestock	Nueces County	November 1, 2025
Entry Deadline - State Fair	State	August 15, 2025
Exchange Program Trip	Nueces County	June/July 2026
Fashion Show & Fashion Storyboard	State	June 2-4, 2026
Fashion Show & Fashion Storyboard	Nueces County	March 2 & 3, 2026
Fashion Show & Fashion Storyboard	District 11	May 6 & 7, 2026
Food - Canning & Yeast Bread Show	Nueces County	October 13, 2025
Food Show & Food Challenge	District 11	December 8 & 9, 2025
Food Show & Food Challenge	State	June 2-4, 2026
Food Show & Food Challenge	Nueces County	October 28 & 29, 2025
Fundraiser- Boot, Scoot & Roll Em'	Nueces County	September 6, 2025
Fundraiser Lonesome Coyote Ranch Sporting Clay Challenge	Nueces County	March 28, 2026
Horse Show	District 11	May 27 & 28, 2026
Horse Show	State	July 19-25, 2026
Horse Validation	State	March 1 - May 1, 2026 (4HONLINE)
Judging - MultiDistrict Horse, Livestock, Meats Judging & ID	District 11	May 2, 2026
Kickoff Day!	Nueces County	September 20, 2025
Leadership Lab	District 11	June 9-11, 2026
Leadership Lab - Junior	District 11	July 7, 2026
Open House- Brewster's Street-Downtown	Nueces County	September 17, 2025
Open House- Extension Office- Robstown	Nueces County	September 23, 2025
Orders - Majors & NCJLS - Broilers	State	October 15, 2025
Orders - Majors & NCJLS- Turkey	State	August 2026
Orders Validation Tags - ALL Steers & State Fair Animals	State	April 2026
Orders Validation Tags - Majors - Heifers	State	August 22; September 15 (Late), 2025
Orders Validation Tags - Majors - Lamb & Goat	State	September 5; October 3 (Late), 2026
Orders Validation Tags - Majors - Swine	State	September 19; September 26 (Late), 2025
Photography Contest	Nueces County	January 20, 2026
Photography Contest	State	April 1-15, 2026 (4HONLINE registration; Seniors Only)
Photography Contest	District 11	March 16-20, 2026 (Juniors & Intermediates Only)
Prestige Leadership Conference	District 11	July 2026
Record Book Judging	Nueces County	June 8, 2026
Record Book Judging	District 11	July 9, 2026
Record Book Judging	State	August 2026
Roundup	State	June 2-4, 2026
Roundup	Nueces County	March 2 & 3, 2026
Roundup- Spring Spectacular	District 11	May 5 & 6, 2026
Shooting Sports Games	State	July 14-18, 2026
Texas 4-H Congress	State	July 19-22, 2026



Hello! My name is Danielle Wells, and I'm excited to introduce myself as the 4-H Agent for Nueces County. I'm looking forward to working with our 4-H youth, families, and volunteers across the county and supporting the programs that make 4-H such a great experience.

Please feel free to stop by the office or reach out anytime—I'm always happy to help and look forward to getting to know everyone!

Phone: (361) 558-4170

Email: danielle.wells@ag.tamu.edu

Office: Nueces County Extension Office



Attention Graduating Seniors!
Scholarship Applications are DUE
February 15th by 11:59pm



It is crunch-time on these applications, just a few final reminders!

- CEA Verification forms must be filled out and uploaded prior to them submitting the application!
- All information & resources can be found here Types of Scholarships - Texas 4-H Foundation at <https://texas4hfoundation.org/types-of-scholarships/>
- Applicants will NOT find out who will be receiving interviews prior to the first week of April.

I will only be available on certain days this week and next week. My office hours for those days are:

- Tuesday, February 3rd from 1pm to 5pm
- Wednesday, February 4th from 1pm to 5pm
- Thursday, February 5th from 9am to Noon and 1:30pm to 4:30pm
- Friday, February 6th from 9am to Noon and 1:30pm to 2:45pm

The following week I will be in San Angelo for the Livestock Show but I will have two days available.

- Wednesday, February 11th 1:30pm to 4:30pm
- Thursday, February, 12th 1:30pm to 4:30pm

You will need to call Chris or email Danielle to set up a time at danielle.wells@ag.tamu.edu





TEXAS 4-H NATURAL RESOURCES PROGRAM

4-H WILDLIFE PROJECT WORKSHOP

February 28, 2026

9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

West Texas A&M University, Canyon



Contact **Participants will learn:**

- Larry Hysmith at lhysmith@tamu.edu • **Wildlife Species Ecology**
- **Wildlife Habitat Features & Habitat Management**
- **4-H Wildlife Contests Strategies focusing on the 4-H WHEP State Contest to be held in D-1 on May 16th-17th (<https://texas4-h.tamu.edu/projects/wildlife-fisheries/>)**

Register on
4-H Online
February 1 - 17



Sessions will be held indoors and outdoors. Come prepared to explore and learn in the field, the woods, and the water.
Open to 4-H Youth and Adults Statewide

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Easter Basket drive for Driscoll Children's Hospital

Start date: November 1, 2025 end March 13, 2026

Hi, I'm Shiloh Klepac a Junior 4-H Ambassador for Nueces County. My community service project is an Easter basket drive for youth that are receiving medical care at Driscoll Children's Hospital. I plan to assemble baskets the middle of March at Rockin' K Farms and distribute the end of March, right before Easter. Ideally for ages 2-12. I would greatly appreciate your help in meeting my goal or exceeding it!

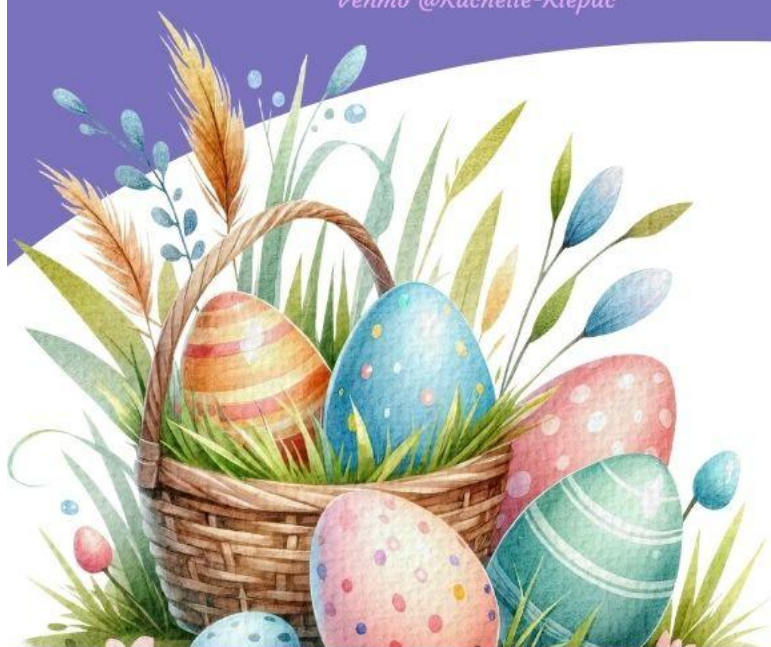
My Goal: 75 baskets

Recommended items

playing cards ~ bouncy balls ~ bubbles ~ puzzles
small stuffed animals ~ hot wheels ~ crayons
colored chalk ~ small container of play doh
small Easter notepads ~ coloring books ~ baskets

Donations drop off at 4-H club meetings,
Texas A&M AgriLife Extension office or monetary

Cash App @\$RachelleKlepac
Venmo @Rachelle-Klepac



Amazon wish list: Shiloh's Easter Basket wish list for Driscoll Children's Hospital

**Cost: \$210
per camper**
(includes 2 nights dorm
lodging, meals, t-shirt,
water bottle and
activities)



Lone Star 4-H Splash Camp

Presented by
Texas 4-H Water Ambassadors

Take the plunge for a fun-filled weekend with the Texas 4-H Water Ambassadors. Immerse yourself in hands-on and interactive water activities and expand your knowledge and appreciation of all things WATER. Make new friends and lasting memories!

Open to 6th -8th grade students



March 27th - 29th, 2026



Texas 4-H Center; 5400 FM
3021 Brownwood , Texas



**Registration is now open on the
Texas 4-H Center's website and
closes March 13th, 2026.**



Camp Activities:

- Water Fair
- Fishing
- Kayaking
- Seining
- Water model building
- High ropes course
- Dance & games

Check-in: Friday, March 27th
6:00 PM -7:30 PM

Pick-up: Sunday, March 29th
11:00 AM

Adult Chaperones Needed.

(Chaperones may attend
free of charge but must
register and be approved
Texas 4-H Adult Volunteers.)

For more information, contact us at:
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makayla.waiser@ag.tamu.edu
(325) 784-5482

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Presented by Texas 4-H Natural Resources Program

4-H Wildlife Habitat Education Project

State Contest

May 16-17, 2026

To be held in the Palo Duro Canyon State Park, Randall County

Contest is open to all 4-H Age Divisions (Jr., Int., Sr.)

Registration on 4HOnline - April 1-30, 2026

For more information on

Contest Ecoregion,

2026 Revised WHEP Manual,

Location Details,

please visit

<https://texas4-h.tamu.edu/projects/wildlife-fisheries/>

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BUC DAYS
April 30 - May 10, 2026

JOIN US AT BUC DAYS!

Register at BucDays.com

BUC DAYS
FOOD
Show



THURSDAY
MAY 7, 2026

\$5,000
in prize money awarded

BUC DAYS
PUBLIC
Speaking
COMPETITION



SATURDAY
MAY 9, 2026

\$1,500
in prize money awarded

BUC DAYS
HORTICULTURE
Competition



Sponsored by
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SATURDAY
MAY 9, 2026

\$3,000
in prize money awarded

BUC DAYS
AG PRODUCT ID
Contest



SATURDAY
MAY 9, 2026

\$1,500
in prize money awarded

BUC DAYS
FOOD
Challenge



HEB
Helping Here

FRIDAY
MAY 8, 2026

\$7,500
in prize money awarded

BUC DAYS
LIVESTOCK
Quiz Bowl

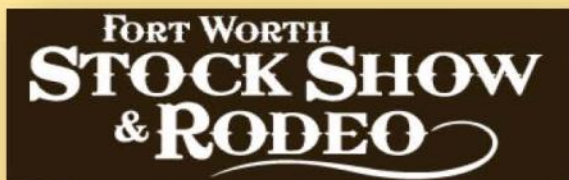


SATURDAY
MAY 9, 2026

\$3,000
in prize money awarded

TEXAS LIVESTOCK SHOWS

TEXAS LIVESTOCK SHOW	CITY	2025 - 2026 DATES
Nueces County Junior Livestock Show	Robstown	January 3, 5, 7 - 17, 2026
Fort Worth Stock Show & Rodeo	Fort Worth	January 16 - February 7, 2026
Texas Elite Showcase	Kerrville	February 12 - 14, 2026
San Antonio Stock Show & Rodeo	San Antonio	February 12 - March 1, 2026
Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo	Houston	March 2 - 22, 2026
San Angelo Livestock Show	San Angelo	February 5 - 22, 2026
Rio Grande Valley Livestock Show & Rodeo	Mercedes	March 12 - 22, 2026
Rodeo Austin	Austin	March 13 - 28, 2026





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The Nueces 4-H Clover Chronicles

THE NUECES 4-H CLOVER CHRONICLES is published monthly, except for a combined June/July issue. The newsletter contains information on activities, events, and deadlines that 4-H families need to keep up to date with happenings in the Nueces County 4-H program. It also brings educational items of interest to encourage further research by readers.

To contribute items to this newsletter for publication, the article must have a club manager's signature approval prior to submission. The 20th day of current month is the deadline for the next month's issue. For the combined June/July issue, articles are due by May 20.

THE NUECES 4-H CLOVER CHRONICLES will be emailed to all active 4-H members enrolled on 4HONLINE. For those members who prefer a hard copy document, please call the Nueces County 4H Office at 361.767.5220 to request one be mailed. The Nueces 4-H Clover Chronicles is online <https://nueces.agrilife.org/4-h-youth/4-h-youth-development/>.

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