

# Ector County 4-H Monthly Newsletter



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- 3/2 Photography County Entries due
- 3/2 Community Club Meeting at 6 pm
- 3/5 Sewing/Fashion Meeting at 5:30 pm
- 3/7 Archery - Local 3D event
- 3/7 Shotgun - Local shotgun event
- 3/15 Archery & Shotgun Practice
- 3/16 Vet Science Project Meeting at 6 pm
- 3/17 Entomology Project Meeting at 11 am
- 3/17 Horse Project Meeting at 6:30 pm
- 3/19 Sewing Meeting at 5:30 pm
- 3/22 Archery & Shotgun Practice
- 3/27-3/28 Archery State Indoor Tournament
- 3/29 Shotgun Practice
- 4/2 D6 Spring Ag Day - Sul Ross Alpine, TX
- 4/6 Community Club Meeting at 6 pm
- 4/11 D6 Rifle Contest - Val Verde
- 5/4 D6 Spring Roundup - Garden City, TX
- 6/16 D6 Horse Show - Sul Ross, Alpine, TX

### Livestock Shows

- ✓ Fort Worth  
January 16 - February 7, 2026
- ✓ San Angelo  
February 7-22, 2026
- ✓ San Antonio  
February 12 - March 1, 2026
- Houston  
March 10 - 22, 2026
- Austin  
March 7 - 28, 2026



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## Community Service Projects

Save The Date!  
BASIN ACTION DAY!  
Saturday, April 11, 2026  
9AM - 12PM  
Stay tuned for more details.

### 4-H Fundraiser's

There are various 4-H Fundraisers conducted throughout the year. We rely on everyone's assistance to make them successful.

#### Spring Calendar Fundraiser

Starts March 2<sup>nd</sup> through March 31<sup>st</sup>  
All calendars (filled or not) must be turned in by 2 PM on Friday, April 3<sup>rd</sup> to the office.

50% of the donations will go to the general 4-H Club and the remaining 50% will be divided up to the different projects.



### Enrollment

Please make sure your child is enrolled in 4-H and if you are volunteering/helping in anyway with any of the projects within 4-H, please make sure you are enrolled as a volunteer.

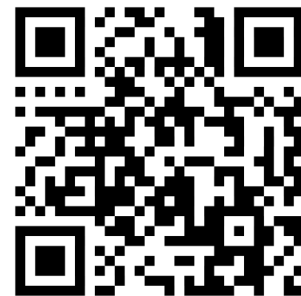
You must be enrolled before you can participate in any of the 4-H projects.

To enroll, please go to [4honline.com](http://4honline.com)



### Band App

The Band App is now the app we will be using to keep everyone informed of events, projects, updates in general. If you have requested to join the Band App for Ector Co. 4-H, but have not been approved, please reach out to Stacy and she can check into it for you..



A couple amazing things about this app is that there is an Events/Calendar feature. We will keep it updated with any events, meetings, etc. for Ector County 4-H. If you see an event on the calendar that you want to receive a reminder about a day or two before, you can select it and pick the type of reminder you would like.

Please let Stacy know if you have any questions.

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## Fashion/Sewing Project

Project Leader: Kellye Lewis

Meetings are held at the Extension Office meeting room, on Thursday's. The meetings are not every Thursday. Please see below for upcoming meetings.

Upcoming Meetings:

March 5, 2026 5:30 pm to 6:45 pm

We will be starting to assemble storyboards for District Show.

Storyboard size is 18"x24"

## Food & Nutrition Project

Project Leader: Misty Allen & Brandi Ewing

Keep practicing your cooking skills.

## Veterinary Science Project

Project Leader: Kristin Davis

Meetings are held the second Monday of the month at 6 pm, unless noted otherwise.

Upcoming Meetings:

Monday, March 16th at 6 pm  
Extension Office

## Photography Project

Project Leader: Stacey Casarez & Kara Pugh

Next meeting is Monday, March 2, 2026 @ 5pm

This will not be a normal meeting; this meeting will be to help anyone who needs assistance with uploading and submitting their photos for County Show.

All entries must be uploaded by 9 pm on Monday, March 2<sup>nd</sup> into the Google Drive folder that was emailed to you. Also, be sure your \$5 entry fee has been paid by 9 pm.

## Horse Project

Project Leader: Crystal Harrison

Meetings are held at 10-8 Boarding in Gardendale, the third Tuesday every month at 6:30 pm, unless noted otherwise.

Upcoming Meetings:

March 17, 2026 6:30 pm - 7:30 pm  
10-8 Boarding in Gardendale, TX

Please be sure to wear closed toed shoes.

## Entomology Project

Project Leader: Melissa Gilbert

Meetings are held at at the Extension Office Meeting Room on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of each month.

Upcoming Meetings:

March 17, 2026 at 11 AM  
April 21, 2026 at 11 AM

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# Shooting Sports

## Archery Project

Project Leader: Pablo Davila

If you are interested in participating in this project, please call Mr. Davila directly or call/email the office.

Mr. Davila - 432-967-5002

Office - 432-498-4071 or  
ector-tx@ag.tamu.edu

Upcoming Practices:

March 15th Archery practice 1-3 PM

March 22<sup>nd</sup> Archery practice 1-3 PM

## Shotgun Project

Project Leader: Pablo Davila

If you are interested in participating in this project, please call Mr. Davila directly or call/email the office.

Mr. Davila - 432-967-5002

Office - 432-498-4071 or  
ector-tx@ag.tamu.edu

Upcoming Practices:

March 15th Shotgun practice 4-6 PM

March 22<sup>nd</sup> Shotgun practice 4-6 PM

March 29<sup>th</sup> Shotgun practice 4-6 PM

## Rifle Project

Project Leader: Nathan Casarez

Rifle project meetings will resume in September 2026. Please stay tuned for updated information on meeting dates and times.

If you have any questions or would like additional information, please reach out to Nathan at 432-634-0265.

## Upcoming Shooting Sports Events

March 7<sup>th</sup> - Archery Local 3D event

March 7<sup>th</sup> - Shotgun Local event

March 27<sup>th</sup> -28<sup>th</sup> - Archery State  
Indoor Tournament

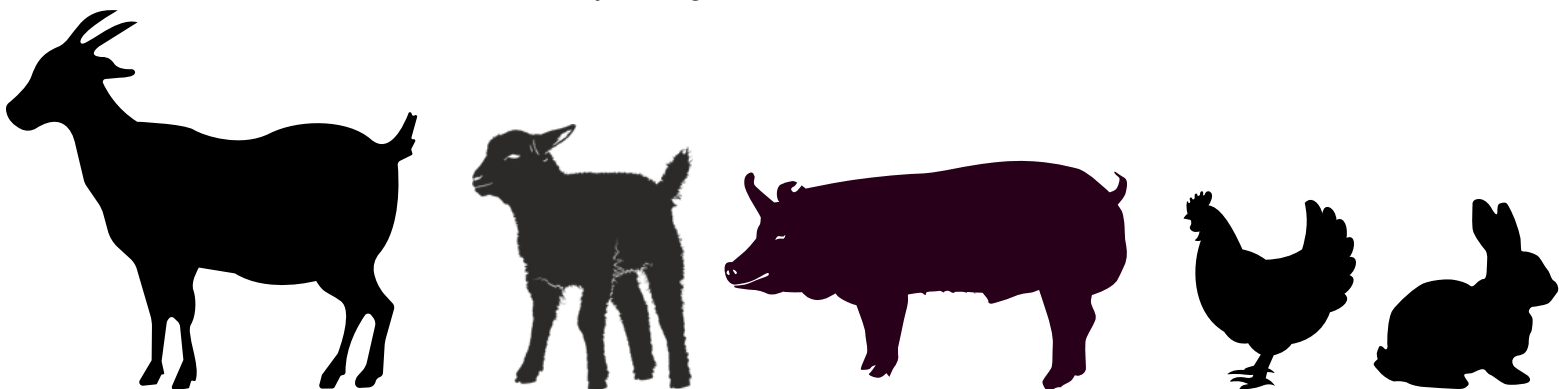
# Livestock Projects

We have several 4-H Members who are still participating in Major Livestock Shows.  
Keep up the great work.



Congratulations to everyone who has  
and is still participating in the  
livestock shows!

If you have any pictures from the livestock shows and don't mind sharing,  
please email or text them to Stacy.  
[stacy.cornejo@ag.tamu.edu](mailto:stacy.cornejo@ag.tamu.edu) or 361-308-0052



# County & Major Shows

Entries for the major shows have been turned in.

## 2025 - 2026 Livestock Shows

### Websites

Sandhills - Odessa, TX ✓  
<https://sandhillsssr.com/>

Southwest Livestock Show - Ft. worth ✓  
[www.fwssr.com](http://www.fwssr.com)

San Antonio Livestock - San Antonio ✓  
[www.sarodeo.com](http://www.sarodeo.com)

San Angelo Livestock Show - San Angelo ✓  
[www.sanangelorodeo.com](http://www.sanangelorodeo.com)

Houston Livestock Show - Houston  
[www.rodeohouston.com](http://www.rodeohouston.com)

Star of Texas Livestock Show - Austin  
[www.rodeoaustin.com](http://www.rodeoaustin.com)



### Eligibility Forms

If you are going to any of the major livestock shows, please be sure to call the office to get your Eligibility Forms. These must be completed, signed by your school and returned before you head to the livestock show(s).

Please provide the show you will be attending and what days you will be going, so that Brandi and/or Stacy can have the form ready for you.

**Good Luck**  
to everyone participating

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The Adult Leaders of Ector County 4-H Club are looking to form a couple committees to help with different events and activities throughout the year. If you are interested in helping out in any way, please feel free to sign up for a committee or two.

## Committees

### Fundraising

This committee will help with coming up with ideas for fundraisers and help coordinate when needed.

### Events

This committee will help with any events. For example, Annual Awards Banquet, Summer Swim Party, Christmas Party, etc.

### Community Service

This committee will help with coordinating community service projects for the 4-H Club.

## Adult Leader Officers

President - Amy Spain

Vice-President - Kristin Davis

Secretary - Katie Puffinbarger

Treasurer - Kema Clinton

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# DISTRICT 6 SPRING/SUMMER EVENTS

## Spring Ag Day

April 2, 2026 at Sul Ross University Alpine, TX

- Horse Judging (Team Event)
- Wildlife Contest
- Livestock Skill-a-thon (Team Event)
- Ag Product ID (Individual or Team Event)

## Spring Roundup

May 4, 2026 at Community Center Garden City, TX

- Consumer Decision Making
- Crafts
- Entomology
- Education Presentations
  - Ag Natural Resources
  - Animal Science
  - Beef
  - Family & Consumer Education
  - Health & Wellness
  - Horse
  - Open
  - Promote 4-H
  - Safety/Injury
  - Sheep & Goat
  - STEM
  - Swine
- Public Speaking
- Fashion Show
- Fashion Storyboard
- Talent Show
- Duds To Dazzles

If your 4-H member is interested in participating in any of these categories, please reach out to Stacy Cornejo at the office by email or phone and she will provide that information as she receives it from District.

# DISTRICT 6 SPRING/SUMMER EVENTS CONT.

## Horse Show

June 16, 2026 at Sul Ross Alpine, TX

### District Categories (Subject to Change)

- Yearling Longe Line
- Yearling Halter Geldings
- Yearling Halter Fillies
- Mares 5 and Over
- Mares 4 and Under
- Geldings 5 and Over
- Geldings 4 and Under
- Showmanship at Halter
- Stock Horse Showmanship
- In Hand Trail
- 3-Year-Old Futurity Trail
- Stock Horse Trail
- 2-Year-Old Futurity Pleasure Pattern
- 3-Year-Old Futurity Pleasure Pattern
- 2-Year-Old Futurity Versatility
- Stock Horse Pleasure
- Reining
- Stock Horse Horsemanship
- Pole Bending
- Barrel Racing
- Stakes Race
- Goat Tying

See next page for Validation requirements...

## Horse Validation Information – Instructions for Families

- **\*NEW IN 2026\*** - All horses are now family validated under a family profile. Any eligible 4-H members in the family profile are eligible to show the validated horses in the family profile.
- ALL horses must be validated/re-validated each year.
- Horse validation is completed for EACH HORSE and will cover all 4-H youth members in the family profile.
- All youth MUST have an active Texas 4-H Member ID before attempting to add members to your family or validate horses. You can find your member ID in 4-H Online under your “Profile” tab.
- Registration papers for registered horses MUST be uploaded.
- In order to be eligible for breed specific awards, correct registration papers for that breed must be uploaded. If the horse is registered with more than one association, it must be indicated in Texas Show Pass at the time of validation and multiple sets of registration papers can be uploaded.
- If registration papers are in the process of being transferred, list PENDING in the “Registration Number” field. The transfer process MUST be completed and submitted to the state office BEFORE May 1st, or the horse will be ineligible to compete at the District and State 4-H Horse Shows.
- The correct owner MUST be listed on the registration papers and match the Texas Show Pass system.
- Horse owners MUST be the youth, parent (biological or stepparent), brother, sister, grandparent, or legal guardian if the horse is not leased.
- Horses owned in partnership or jointly with any other person not listed above do NOT meet ownership requirements.
- Lease horses are now eligible to be validated and shown at District and State 4-H Horse Shows. An official Texas 4-H Horse Lease Agreement must be signed by the exhibitor, horse owner, and the supervising County Extension Agent. The lease period must include, at minimum, May 1st to August 31st of the current 4-H year. The lease form must be uploaded to Texas Show Pass at the time of validation.
- Youth showing futurity horses MUST be 12 years old or older and in at least the 6th grade, as of September 1st of the current 4-H year.
- There is no limit to the number of horses that can be validated. You are encouraged to validate all horses that may possibly be shown at district and/or state shows. Only state validated horses can be substituted in the event that a validated horse becomes unusable due to lameness, sickness, etc.
- More information on Texas 4-H Horse Validation can be found on page 7 of the 2026 Texas 4-H Horse Show Rules and Regulations document at <https://texasyouthlivestock.com/horse-validation/> or at <https://texas4-h.tamu.edu/events/horse/>.

All classes at the State 4-H Horse Show are open to eligible 4-H youth. Participation at the District 4-H Horse Show is not required but is encouraged; with the exception that a futurity project horse must be shown at the district horse show, district educational clinic, or other equivalent event where the project horse is present, in order to qualify for a futurity class at the state show. Participation must be verified by the County Extension Agent on the State 4-H Horse Show entry form.

## PAYMENT AND STATUS

### ANIMAL VALIDATION CAN ONLY BE PAID FOR WITH A CREDIT CARD.

- The family can submit payment of \$10.00 per horse (\$20.00 after April 15th, or \$250 from May 1st to May 5th), in the form of a **credit card ONLY**.
    - o From March 1 – April 15, the validation cost for each horse is \$10.00. The payment must be processed and completed by the April 15th deadline.
    - o From April 16 – May 1, the validation cost for each horse is \$20.00. The payment must be processed and completed by the May 1st deadline.
    - o **\*NEW IN 2026\*** - Families may add and save all of their horses to their profile and then pay for all horses in one card transaction! Check out the walk-through video and validation guide at <https://texasyouthlivestock.com/horse-validation/> for more information.
  - Any validation that has a status of “Pending Submission” is not guaranteed the amount at the time it was created and is not yet considered submitted for validation.
  - Validation will close on May 5th, and validations will not be accepted after that date. No exceptions will be made.
- Your validation will be reviewed at the county and state levels. You can track the status of your validation on Texas Show Pass under the “Horses” tab. You will be notified by June 1st if there are any issues with your validation at the state level. If your horse validation has an issue to be corrected, it will show an “Issue Reported” status next to the horse in your profile with details on the issue that must be resolved before being re-submitted.

If you have questions about Texas 4-H Horse Validation, please contact your County Extension Agent.

For helpful one-pagers and resources, please visit: <https://texasyouthlivestock.com/horse-validation/>

# Record Books



The 2025–2026 Texas 4-H Record Book Family Guide is Now Available!

Take note—there are a few changes to the Record Book format this year. Recordkeeping is one of the most valuable life skills taught in the Texas 4-H program. Members are encouraged to keep project records throughout the year and review them annually by completing a Texas 4-H Record Book.

Why it matters:

The primary purpose of a Record Book is to help youth set goals, work toward them, reflect on progress, and set new and higher goals for the future.

Real-world benefits:

Record Books also prepare young people for academic scholarships, college admissions, and even job opportunities.

I have posted a Record Book Helpful Links on the Ector County Extension website. Please click below link.  
[Record Book Helpful Links](#)

# CHECK THIS OUT LOADS OF FUN

## Summer 2026

AT THE TEXAS 4-H CENTER!

Get Ready for a summer full of friends, fun, and unforgettable adventures!

### MINI CAMP

July 1-3 | \$325  
Ages 8-14

A perfect introduction to 4-H camping! Enjoy swimming, crafts, games, and campfires while making new friends and lasting memories.



### SPECIALTY CAMP WEEK

July 6-10 | \$500  
Ages 8-14

- 4-H Hunting Camp (Extra \$5 fee for Hunting Certification)
- Food Challenge Camp
- Ropes and Team Building
- Arts & Crafts Camp
- Sports & Games
- Fishing Camp
- Aperture Academy (Ages: 10-14)

### Holiday Special

\$50 Dollars off each camp until January 7th, 2026

### COUNTY CAMPS

July 12-16  
July 26-30  
August 2-6 | \$500  
Ages 8-14

County Camp gives youth the chance to dive deeper into their favorite activities by choosing three focus areas—plus enjoy all the classic 4-H camp fun, from games and swimming to campfires and new friends!



Location: Texas  
4-H Center

### TEEN ADVENTURE CAMP

July 19-24 | \$600  
Ages 13-18

Teen Adventure Camp is packed with excitement and challenge—teens will build leadership skills, tackle outdoor adventures, and make lasting memories with friends!

Register today at:  
<https://texas4hcenter.tamu.edu/>  
Email: [makayla.waiser@ag.tamu.edu](mailto:makayla.waiser@ag.tamu.edu)  
Call: (325) 784-5482