



# PALO PINTO COUNTY 4-H

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### March 2026

- 1 **Horse Validation Deadlines** - Horses that will participate at the District or State 4-H horse show must be validated. Cost and deadlines are as follows: **March 1<sup>st</sup> - April 15<sup>th</sup> - Cost will be \$10 per horse and April 16<sup>th</sup> - May 1<sup>st</sup> - Cost will be \$20 per horse.** For more info, call the Palo Pinto County Extension office at 940-659-1228. The District Horse Show will be held June 17-19, 2026.
- 2 **4-H Horse Judging Practice** - This will be held at the Extension office in Palo Pinto beginning at 6:30 p.m.
- 5-6 **The 2026 Palo Pinto County Fair will be held March 5-6, 2026**  
**Entries are currently open for the 2026 Palo Pinto County Fair!**
  - Online registration closes for Photography - **February 22, 2026**
  - Online registration closes for all other categories - **March 5, 2026**
  - Entry drop-off for judging (does not include photography) - **March 5, 2026 from 2:00 - 8:00 p.m.** Check out the QR codes below for more information.
- 6 **Entry Deadline for the Duds to Dazzle Contest**  
Please let us know if you are interested in participating in the Duds to Dazzle contest.
- 6 **Entries for Fashion Show are Due to the Extension Office**  
If you have questions about the fashion show, please call the office at the number above.
- 6 **Entry Deadline for the Fashion Storyboard Contest**  
To register, call 940-659-1228 or email [lynette.babcock@ag.tamu.edu](mailto:lynette.babcock@ag.tamu.edu)
- 9 **4-H Horse Judging Practice** - This will be held at the Extension office in Palo Pinto beginning at 6:30 p.m.
- 24 **4-H Council Meeting** - This meeting will be held at the Extension office in Palo Pinto beginning at 6:00 p.m. The 4-H council is open to those members who wish to take an active role in leading and directing the county 4-H program.
- 30 **4-H Horse Judging Practice** - This will be held at the Extension office in Palo Pinto beginning at 6:30 p.m.

### April 2026

- 2 **Entry Deadline for District 3 4-H Roundup** - Roundup will be held in Wichita Falls on **April 17th**. 4-H Talent Showcase, Educational Presentations, and Public Speaking contests will all be held at this event. Also, there will be a Science, Engineering, & Technology poster contest. For more information about any of these events contact the Extension office. **Entry Deadline for these contests will be April 2, 2026.**
- 6 **4-H Horse Judging Practice** - This will be held at the Extension office in Palo Pinto beginning at 6:30 p.m.
- 8 **State Steer & Heifer Tag Order Deadline** - If you plan to show a steer at the 2026 State Fair, Heart O' Texas, **2027 Palo Pinto County Show**, or 2027 Major Livestock Shows, you will need to place your order for state tags by **April 8, 2026**. The tags are **\$25.00 each** and that is due when you order. Please contact the Extension office to place your order. Also, if you plan to show a heifer at the State Fair or Heart O' Texas, your tag order will be due on **April 8th** as well. All heifers will be tagged similar to steers. The tags will be **\$25.00 each** and that is due when they are ordered. Steer & Heifer Validation will take place in June. Heifers only need to be validated once in their show career unless they are changing ownership.
- 8 **State Fair Lamb & Goat Tag Order Deadline** - If you plan to show a lamb or goat at the 2026 State Fair of Texas, or Heart O' Texas, you need to order your validation tags by **April 8, 2026**. Tags are \$25.00 each; please pay when you order.
- 11 **District Duds to Dazzle Contest & Fashion Show** - These contests will be held in Archer City. Entries for these contests are due to the Extension office by **March 6th**
- 20 **4-H Horse Judging Practice** - This will be held at the Extension office in Palo Pinto beginning at 6:30 p.m.
- 21 **Record Book Workshop** - This will be held at the Extension office beginning at 6:00 p.m. Please RSVP to 940-659-1228 if you would like to attend.
- 23 **District 3 4-H Horse Judging Contest** - This will be held in Amarillo. Deadline TBA
- 27 **State Fair of Texas Pig Tag Order Deadline** - If you plan to show a pig at the 2026 State Fair of Texas or Heart O' Texas your tag order will be due by **April 27, 2026**. Tags are \$25.00 each and they need to be paid for when you order.

**Join us for a county-wide 4-H Service Project!!!**  
**Help support meals on wheels by donating items for their client closet.**  
**More information is on the back of this handout!**



# Upcoming Contest Information

- ⇒ District Fashion Show - **April 11, 2026** - Archer City
- ⇒ District Duds to Dazzle - **April 11, 2026** - Archer City
- ⇒ District Storyboard Contest - Entries submitted online
- ⇒ District 4-H Roundup Contests - **April 17, 2026**
  - Educational Presentations
  - Public Speaking
  - Science, Engineering, and Technology Poster Contest
  - 4-H Talent Showcase
    - Choreographed Routines
    - Variety Show
    - Music/Instrumental
    - Vocal
    - Poetry/Prose
    - 4-H Skit
    - Solo/Band Performance



- ⇒ District Horse Judging Contest - **April 23, 2026** - Amarillo
- ⇒ District Horse, Livestock, & FCH Quiz Bowls - **May 4, 2026** - Entry Deadline - April 20th
- ⇒ Palo Pinto County 4-H Horse Show - May 30th
- ⇒ District 3 Teen Leader Lab - **June 29 - July 1, 2026** - Brownwood
- ⇒ District Horse Show - **June 17-19, 2026**

**\*\*For more information about any of these contests, please call the Extension office at 940-659-1228 or visit: <https://palopinto.agrilife.org>**



## HELP 4-H SUPPORT MEALS ON WHEELS BY DONATING ITEMS FOR THEIR CLIENT CLOSET

Meals on Wheels of Palo Pinto County provides services throughout the county. They have recently added a client closet to help provide necessities for daily living to those that they serve.



Palo Pinto County 4-H is collecting the following items for the Client Closet:

- Pet Food
- Paper Towels
- Toilet Paper
- Laundry Pods
- Laundry Sheets
- Dish Soap

We will be taking donations in March & April.

Participate as part of your 4-H Club or as family/individual.

Contact the Extension office at 940-659-1228 to make arrangements for donation drop offs.