

MEDINA COUNTY 4-H



NEWSLETTER

April 2026



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COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING

April 28th at 6pm will be our next County Council Meeting at the Extension Office. This meeting we will have officer elections for our upcoming 2026-2027 County Council Officers. If you are interested in being an officer, applications are due April 10th. You must attend at least two out of the four meetings to vote at our April elections. We hope to see you there!

The County Council Scholarship is due May 29th. Applications can be found on our website.

UPCOMING COUNTY EVENTS

- APR 3 - County Holiday Office Closed
- APR 6 - State Fair Tags Lamb & Goat, Steer & Heifer Orders Due
- APR 10 - County Council Officer Applications Due
- APR 17 - Sausage Plate Tickets Final Count
- APR 26 - Sausage Dinner Fundraiser
- APR 27 - State Fair Swine Tags Due
- APR 28 - County Council Officer Meeting - Elections
- APR 29 - Know Before You Show Workshop
- MAY 25 - County Holiday Office Closed
- MAY 29 - County Council Scholarship Applications Due
- MAY 29 - Record Books & Star Awards Deadline



*Like us on Facebook to get news about 4-H events and contests throughout the year!

UPCOMING DISTRICT EVENTS

- APR 1 - Healthy Texas Youth Ambassador Deadline
- APR 12 - Beekeeping Essay Contest Deadline
- APR 15 - D10 Meat Judging Contest
- APR 15 - State Photography Contest Registration
- APR 20 - D10 Livestock Judging Contest
- APR 21 - Wool & Mohair Judging Contest
- APR 22 - 4-H Storyboard & Textile Contest
- APR 23 - Duds 2 Dazzle, Fashion Show Contest
- APR 24 - Talent Showcase, Consumer Decision Making
- APR 25 - Smallbore Rifle Contest

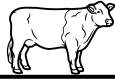
*Go to District 10 4-H website for District events

CHECK OUT OUR WEBSITE:

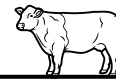
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We have switched to a new platform, please allow us time to update our website. Most order forms and other necessary forms are on the website and have been sent out through email.





LIVESTOCK PROJECT NEWS



D10 Spring Roundup

APR 15 - Meat Judging

APR 20 - Livestock Judging

APR 21 - Wool & Mohair Judging

APR 22 - Livestock Skillathon

Additional Dates & Opportunities

APR 6 - State Fair Lamb & Goat Tags due - \$27

APR 6 - State Fair Heifer Tags due - \$27

APR 6 - Steer Tags due - \$27

APR 15 - Poultry/Equine/Livestock Ambassador Applications due

APR 27 - State Fair Swine Tags - \$27

Livestock Judging Practice

Apr. 1st, 7th, 14th at 6pm & Apr. 18th (optional 1pm-5pm) at the Extension Office.

Wool & Mohair Judging Practice

Apr. 2nd, 6th, 16th at 5:30pm at the Extension Office.

OTHER OPPORTUNITIES

- Livestock Judging
- Horse Judging
- Horse Show
- Meat Judging
- Wool & Mohair Judging
- Educational Presentations
- Public Speaking
- Skillathons
 - Beef, Sheep, Swine, Livestock
- Quizbowls
 - Horse, Livestock

HORSE PROJECT

APR 15 - \$10 Validation fee deadline, price increases

May 1 - \$20 Horse Validation deadline, price increases

MAY 5 - \$250 Horse Validation late deadline

Medina County 4-H Horse & Riding Club

Medina County 4-H Horse Judges

Contact Jenn Zerr at 210-825-4433 or z.sranch@yahoo.com

*** Project Record Forms need to be submitted to Club Manager's before checks can be picked up. you can find the forms on <https://medina.agrilife.org/4-h/livestock-projects/>

TEXAS 4-H LIVESTOCK AMBASSADOR PROGRAM

KINGSVILLE, TX | CANYON, TX & LUBBOCK, TX | COLLEGE STATION, TX

Since its founding in 2007, the Texas 4-H Livestock Ambassador Program has developed knowledgeable, articulate youth who help bridge the growing gap between consumers and agriculture. Through collegiate-level training and immersive, hands-on experiences, students gain exposure to the many facets of the livestock industry while exploring higher education and career pathways. Advocacy is the common thread throughout the program, preparing Ambassadors to share research-based information and the true story of agriculture across local, regional, national, and international platforms. As a result, participants emerge equipped to serve as educators, community leaders, and dedicated stewards of the livestock industry.

EMBRACING OUR PAST. ENGAGING OUR PRESENT. DEFINING OUR FUTURE.

"THE TEXAS 4-H LIVESTOCK SHORT COURSE PROVIDED THE OPPORTUNITY TO EXPAND MY KNOWLEDGE BASE WITHIN VARIOUS AGRICULTURE PRODUCTION SYSTEMS. I WAS ABLE TO MEET PEOPLE FROM ALL OVER THE STATE WITH DIFFERENT BACKGROUNDS, AND WE HAD THE OPPORTUNITY TO COLLABORATE ON SEVERAL ISSUES CONCERNING MODERN AGRICULTURE. OVERALL, THE TEXAS 4-H LIVESTOCK SHORT COURSE SUPPLIED ME WITH THE KNOWLEDGE BASE AND CONNECTIONS I NEED TO LEAVE A LEGACY WITHIN THE AGRICULTURE INDUSTRY."

-Current Texas 4-H Livestock Ambassador

LEADERS

- Obtain opportunities to serve in advocacy roles for animal agriculture, 4-H, and junior livestock programs
- Experiences in the university setting through intensive, science-based instructions and hands-on learning
- Develop a heightened understanding of career opportunities in animal agriculture and advocacy

WWW.TEXASYOURLIVESTOCK.COM

TEXAS 4-H EQUINE AMBASSADOR PROGRAM

COLLEGE STATION, TX

Founded in 2012, the Texas 4-H Equine Ambassador Program was created to develop a new generation of knowledgeable, confident advocates for the equine industry in Texas. Through collegiate-level training and immersive, hands-on experiences, students gain exposure to the many facets of the equine industry while exploring higher education and career opportunities. Advocacy serves as the foundation of the program, preparing Ambassadors to communicate research-based, accurate information across local, regional, national, and international platforms. As a result, participants emerge prepared to bridge the gap between consumers and agriculture while serving as educators, leaders, and stewards of the equine industry.

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"THE TEXAS 4-H EQUINE AMBASSADOR SHORT COURSE WAS ONE OF THE BEST HANDS-ON CAREER EXPLORATION AND NETWORKING EVENTS THAT I HAVE EVER PARTICIPATED IN. I WAS ABLE TO EXPAND MY NETWORK AND MEET LEADING FIGURES IN THE EQUINE INDUSTRY WHILE LEARNING VALUABLE INFORMATION THAT HAS INCREASED MY KNOWLEDGE OF VARIOUS ASPECTS OF THE EQUINE INDUSTRY. I AM BOTH EAGER AND HONORED TO BE ABLE TO USE ALL THAT I HAVE GAINED THROUGH THE TYLA EQUINE AMBASSADOR SHORT COURSE AS I SERVE IN MY ROLE AS A TEXAS 4-H EQUINE AMBASSADOR, EDUCATING OTHERS ABOUT THE EQUINE INDUSTRY AND ENSURING ITS GROWTH FOR GENERATIONS TO COME."

-Current Texas 4-H Equine Ambassador

LEADERS

- Obtain opportunities to serve in advocacy roles for animal agriculture, 4-H, and junior equine programs
- Experiences in the university setting through intensive, science-based instructions and hands-on learning
- Develop a heightened understanding of career opportunities in animal agriculture and advocacy

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PROJECTS & TEAMS

- Shooting Sports - Smallbore Rifle, Shotgun, & Archery
- Western Heritage
- Outdoor Education and Living Skills
- Range Science & Plant ID
- Entomology
- Sportfishing

CHECK OUT: medina.agrilife.org/4-H for more info on our natural resources projects and a link to trainings and contests available throughout the year.

★ Interested in Range Evaluation & Plant ID? The 4-H judging program concentrates on making decisions about the rangeland resource including ecological site health determination, stocking rate, and the use of management tools to benefit the forage, soil, water, and livestock/wildlife resources.

- Contact the office for more info

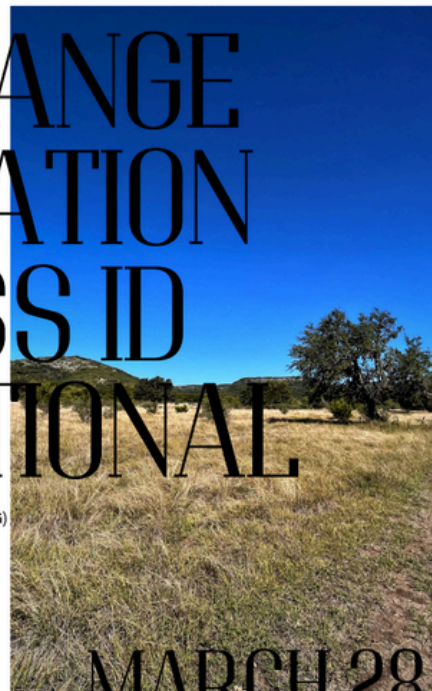
UPCOMING DATES

- APR 1-MAY 18 - Texas 4-H Outdoor Challenge Registration
- APR 12 - 4-H Beekeeping Essay Contest Deadline
- APR 15 - Tx 4-H Water Ambassador Application deadline
- APR 21 - Range & Pasture ID, Range Evaluation, Soil Judging
- APR 25 - D10 Smallbore Rifle Contest - Floresville

*Contact the office if you are interested in joining a project and we can provide you with the adult leaders contact info.



2026 RANGE EVALUATION & GRASS ID INVITATIONAL



Schedule:
8AM: Registration (GRASS ID & RANGE JUDGING)
8:45AM: Depart for Range Judging Site
9:00AM: Range Judging On-Site Orientation & Begin Contest
11:00AM: Grass ID Contest
12:00PM: Light lunch provided
1 PM: Awards

OPEN TO ALL REGISTERED 4-H MEMBERS

FOR MORE INFORMATION OR TO REGISTER, CONTACT:
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MARCH 28, 2026

8AM | LEAKEY, TEXAS

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UPCOMING DATES

- APR 1 - Healthy Texas Youth Ambassador Application Deadline
- APR 18 - Battle On The Brazos Food Challenge
- APR 23 - Duds 2 Dazzle, Fashion Show & 4-H Storyboard
- APR 24 - District 10 Consumer Decision Making & Talent Showcase
- MAY 7 - Buc Days Food Show
- MAY 8 - Buc Days Food Challenge

OPPORTUNITIES

- Food Show
- Food Challenge
- FCH Quizbowl
- AG Product ID
- Fashion Storyboard
- Natural Fiber Contest
- Youth Showcase (county)
 - Baking, canning, sewing, photography, art, dried goods
- Consumer Decision Making
- Educational Presentations
- Duds to Dazzle
- Fashion Show

**Medina County 4-H Spring
Photography Contest**

Photos must be taken from Mar. 1st -
Apr. 30th Limit: 1 photo per participant

3 Age Divisions:
Clover Kids (K-2nd grade)
Jr (3rd-7th grade)
Sr (8-12th grade)

Submit photos to the Google
Form QR Code by April 30th

Winner: Each
division winner
will receive
social media
recognition :)






4-H NEWS



JUNE 15-19 2026

Mission

TO PROVIDE HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH AN OPPORTUNITY TO EXPLORE CAREER AND LEADERSHIP OPPORTUNITIES IN A DIVERSE GLOBAL ECONOMY AS WELL AS LEARN ABOUT POST-SECONDARY DEGREE INSTITUTIONS ACROSS TEXAS



TEXAS A&M AGRILIFE EXTENSION

\$250
With Application

April 15th

GOALS

Includes

- 5 Day/4 Nights Exploration
- Hotel
- Meals
- Transportation

Registration Deadline


- Payment **MUST** be Submitted

Registration MUST be Submitted

- Experience Higher Education
- Career Choices
- Teambuilding
- Networking

Register NOW

[CLICK HERE](#)



Core4H

Participants that are not selected for the 2026 CORE Academy will be refunded their \$250. Once Selected, payments will not be refunded.

Questions Please Contact

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2026 4-H Outdoor Challenge Announcement

When: June 20-21, 2026 (Saturday/Sunday)
Where: Long Acres Ranch, Richmond

Registration:
4-H Connect (<https://texas.4honline.com>),
Registration timeline is April 1 - May 18, 2026.
Registration fee is \$60 per contestant.

Registration is limited to the first 130 contestants due to space limitation.

Lodging & Meals- Lodging and Meals are the responsibility of the contestant family. More information on any onsite food vendors will be posted later.

Rules and Resources Guide: General information is found in the 4-H Outdoor Challenge Rules and Resources Guide posted on the 4-H Outdoor Education webpage: <http://texas4-h.tamu.edu/projects/outdoor-education-living-skills/>.

10 Events for 2026 will be:

- Outdoor Safety
- Outdoor Skills
- Kayaking
- Rifletry
- Archery
- Biologist Skills
- Outdoor First Aid
- Gear Judging
- Off Road Biking
- Fishing

Find the descriptions of each event along with Study Resources in the [4-H Outdoor Challenge Rules and Resources Guide](#).

The Fishing Event will be held on the banks of Lake Moore on Long Acres Ranch which is small with grass covered banks and deep water throughout. The lake is stocked with largemouth bass and hybrid bluegill sunfish. Fishing licenses are not required as it is a private body of water.



Two Day Schedule:

- Saturday, June 20**
- 7:30-8:00 a.m.: Check-In
 - 7:30-8:30 a.m.: Gear Judging Event
 - 9:00 a.m.: First Rotation of 3 Events
 - Lunch Break
 - After Lunch: Second Rotation of 3 Events
- Sunday, June 21**
- 8:00 a.m.: Third Rotation of 3 Events
 - Final Tabulations
 - Early Afternoon: Awards
 - Depart for Home



COUNTY SPRING ROUNDUP RESULTS



COUNTY SMALLBORE RIFLE

Advancing to District

Team 1

- 1st place - Shane Hundley
- 2nd place - Gunnar Hitzfelder
- 3rd place - Heath Shepherd
- 4th place - Violet Beck

Team 2

- 5th place - Ryder Eccles
- 6th place - Leo Rihn
- 7th place - Ryan Reina
- 8th place - Colt Buckaloo

Individuals

- 9th place - Travis Busch
- 10th place - Jules Watson

FASHION SHOW

Advancing to District

- 1st place Junior Buying Ensembles - Adalynn Kohlleppel
- 1st place Int. Construction Specialty - Rachel Bouffard
- 1st place Int. Construction Ensembles - Brie Shepherd

TEXTILES & STORYBOARD

Advancing to District

- 1st place Jr. Textiles - Kaylynn Townsley
- 1st place Jr. 4-H Storyboard - Kaylynn Townsley

DUDS 2 DAZZLE

- 1st place Int. (advancing) - Sassy Sewing Sisters - Rebekah Boehme, Baylee Boehme, Olivia Wilcox, Khloe Wilson
- 2nd place Int. (advancing) - Stylish Stitches - Ilyanna Burford, Tenley Carroll, Kynzli Carroll
- 3rd place Int. - Dazzling Diamonds - Lacey Steubing, Emma Littlefield, Evie McElwee
- 1st place Sr. (advancing)- The Patchwork Pros - Rozlyn Courtade, Quinn Coleman, Mackenzie Hennessey

CLUB MANAGERS

4-H Club	Manager (s)	Phone #
Castroville	Krista Binford Amber Haby Pennie Robertson	210-364-5568 210-316-3867 210-625-2364
Devine	Carly Parson Jeanine Mello Tiffany Klein Lauren Garrison	210-413-3885 210-219-2507 830-456-5231 719-680-4456
D'Hanis	Laurie Henefey	830-426-6260
Hondo Intermediate (3rd-5th)	Sarah Reus	979-220-8414
Hondo Jr High (6th-8th)	Nicole Steubing Sandy Steubing	830-423-4589 830-931-5327
Hondo Sr High (9th-12th)	Vicky Steubing Laurie Lentz	210-275-3973 210-213-2088
LaCoste	Laura Kohlleppel Tonyha Johnson Kari Menchaca	210-288-5645 210-837-5616 210-508-3401
Rio Medina	Michael Zinsmeyer Rikki Zinsmeyer	830-931-5390 830-931-3368
Clover Kids Hondo	Madeline Steubing	830-426-0160

Club Manager Report Form

This form is for Club Managers ONLY. The QR code takes you to the link to the Google Form for the Monthly Club Manager Report Form. You can submit via the Google Form or the paper form on our website.



Project Interest Form

If you are a 4-H member interested in joining a team or project fill out the form and we can provide you with contact information, practice dates, etc.



Next 4-H Meeting Dates

Mark your calendars...

Castroville - Sunday, May 10 @6:00pm
Castroville American Legion
Devine - Tuesday, May 12 - @6:00pm
Devine Intermediate Cafeteria
D'Hanis - Wednesday, May 6 @7:30pm
D'Hanis Community Center
Hondo - Sunday, May 3 @5:00pm
St Paul Lutheran Church
LaCoste - Monday, May 11 @6:30pm
LaCoste VFW - 11230 Castro Ave.
Rio Medina - Sunday, May 10 @5:00pm
Roger's Ranch

Facebook:

Remind Code:
medina4h



HOW TO CONTACT US

We welcome any calls or emails and will respond in a timely manner.

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APRIL 2026



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 D'Hanis 4-H Club Meeting	2	3 Office Closed- County Holiday	4
5 Medina Co Horse Judgers/Horse & Riding Club Meeting 	6 State Fair Lamb/Goats Tags Due Steer/Heifer Tags Due	7	8	9	10 County Council Officer applications due	11
12 Hondo 4-H Clubs, Rio Medina 4-H Club, Castroville 4-H Club Meetings	13 LaCoste 4-H Club Meeting	14 Devine 4-H Club Meeting	15 District Meats Judging	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
District Spring Roundup						
26 Sausage Dinner Fundraiser	27 State Fair Swine Tags Due	28 County Council Meeting - Elections	29 Know Before You Show	30		

Upcoming in




- May 26 - County Holiday Office Closed
- May 29 - Recordbooks/Star Awards Due
- May 29 - County Council Scholarship Applications Due



May 2026



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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3 Hondo 4-H Clubs Meeting	4 Club Manager Meeting	5	6 D'Hanis 4-H Club Meeting	7	8	9 
10 Castroville & Rio Medina 4-H Club Meetings	11 LaCoste 4-H Club Meeting	12 Devine 4-H Club Meeting	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24 31	25 Office Closed MEMORIAL DAY	26	27	28	29 Record Books / Star Awards & County Scholarship Applications Due	30 

Upcoming news...

June 1-4 - State Roundup

June 24-26 - District Leadership Lab

July 9 - District Record Book Judging

