



Medina County 4-H Newsletter

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October 2016

IMPORTANT!!!

- QUALITY COUNTS A REQUIREMENT!!
- VALIDATION DATES
- HEIFER VALIDATIONS
- COUNTY FOOD SHOW
- FOOD & NUTRITION PROJECTS
- ENROLLMENT FOR 2016-2017
- 4-H RECORDBOOKS
- 4-H PROJECT RECORD KEEPING

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Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
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2 National 4-H Week Begins 	3 Club Manager Meeting	4 State Fair of Texas Hog Show	5 State Fair of TX Lamb & Goat Show D'Hanis Club Meeting TSC Promo Begins	6	7	8 National 4-H Week Ends One Day 4-H
9 Hondo Clubs Meeting	10 Devine, Natalia Castroville & Rio Medina Club Meetings Major Show Broiler Orders Due	11 LaCoste Club Meeting State Fair of TX Livestock Judging Contest	12	13	14 Deadline to Enter County Food Show, NQB & Food Challenge	15 Lamb & Goat Validations 8 am-11 am
16 Tractor Supply Promo Ends	17 County Show Broiler Orders Due	18 Livestock Judging Practice	19	20	21	22 Heifer Validations 10 am-12 pm
23 30	24 31 Major Show Calf Scramble Due	25 Livestock Judging Practice	26 County Food Challenge	27	28	29 County Food Show & Nutrition Quiz Bowl

Coming in November







- Nov. 1st** - 4-H Enrollment Fee changes to \$25
- Nov. 11th** - Veteran's Day (Extension Office Closed)
- Nov. 12th** - Swine Validation (Medina Valley, Natalia & Devine)
- Nov. 15th** - County Council Meeting (Tentative)
- Nov. 16th** - Scholarship Workshop
- Nov. 16th - 18th** - Major Show Signup
- Nov. 20th** - Swine Validation (Hondo)
- Nov. 24th - 25th** - Thanksgiving Holiday (Extension Office Closed on Thursday & Friday)
- Nov. 26th** - MCJLS Swine Prospect Show

Tractor Supply Promo in Castroville & Devine Oct. 5th - Oct. 16th



November 2016



Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
		1 Club Manager Meeting	2  Ft. Worth Stock Show Sign Up 8am - 5pm	3	4	5
		4-H Enrollment goes up to \$25	D'Hanis Club Meeting			
6	7	8 LaCoste Club Meeting	9	10	11  Veterans Day Extension Office Closed	12  Swine Validation (MV, Natalia & Devine)
		Livestock Judging Practice			Lonestar Elite Jackpot Show	
13 Hondo Clubs Meeting	14 Devine, Natalia, Castroville, & Rio Medina Club Meetings	15 County Council Meeting @ 7 pm (Tentative)	16-18 Major Show Sign-Up 8 AM- 5 PM 8 AM- 7 PM 8 AM- 5 PM At Extension Office			19
		Scholarship Workshop				
20  Swine Validation (Hondo)	21	22 Livestock Judging Practice	23	24  Extension Office Closed for Thanksgiving	25	26  MCJLS Swine Prospect Show
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December and January Highlights

- Dec. 1st - District Food Show - Kerrville
- Dec. 2nd - District Food Challenge & Nutrition Quiz Bowl - Kerrville
- Dec. 5th - Rabbit Showmanship Workshop
- Dec. 6th - Cattle & Poultry Showmanship Workshop
- Dec. 7th - Lamb & Goat Showmanship Workshop
- Dec. 14th- County Broiler Pick-up (approximate date)
- Dec. 24th - Jan. 1st - Extension Office Closed

- Jan. 3rd - Rabbit Validation in Devine
- The following are approximate dates for Broiler Pick-up.
- Jan. 9th thru Jan. 20th - S.A.L.E. Broiler Pick-up
- Jan. 23rd thru Jan. 31st - H.L.S.R./AUSTIN Broiler Pick-up

LIVESTOCK PROJECT NEWS *VALIDATION DATES*

Lambs and Goats	-Saturday, October 15 th 8:00 to 11:00 am at the Fair Grounds Show Barn
Heifers	-Saturday, October 22 nd 10:00 to noon at Paul Aelvoet's
Swine	-Saturday, November 12 th 8:00 to 11:00 am at Medina Valley 12:00 to 1:00 pm in Natalia 2:00 to 4:00 pm in Devine
	-Sunday, November 20 th 2:00 to 5:00 pm in Hondo
Rabbits	-Tuesday, January 3 rd 4:30 to 6:30 pm in Devine

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ANIMALS FOR SALE

Breeder lists are available at the Extension Office. We also receive flyers on upcoming events.

The 2016 Fall Show Pig Sales Trail is available by email or in the Extension Office. Contact the office for more information.



RABBIT EXHIBITORS

Breeders lists are available in the Extension Office. If you have not contacted a breeder you need to as soon as possible.

QUALITY COUNTS VERIFICATION REQUIRED FOR ALL 2016-2017 Texas Major Livestock Shows



Quality Counts verification is required for all youth exhibiting livestock (market and/or breeding) at major livestock shows in Texas (including the Ft. Worth Livestock Show, San Antonio Stock Show & Rodeo, Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo, Star of Texas Fair in Austin, San Angelo Livestock Show, Sandhills Stock Show in Odessa, State Fair of Texas in Dallas, and Heart O' Texas Fair in Waco). The verification process will require junior exhibitors to pass an online test that measures their knowledge on quality assurance and character education content items. The Quality Counts Program has now been in existence statewide for six years. Over this time, it has reached an average of 30,000 youth per year through the 4-H and FFA Programs. The program outcomes clearly demonstrate youth being more knowledgeable of best management practices associated with livestock projects. More importantly, the program's impact has demonstrated positive changes in personal character attributes as well as adoption of livestock best management practices.

If you have already taken the test you do not have to take it again unless you have taken the test as a Junior/Intermediate and have now turned 14. For more information contact Derrick Drury at 830-741-6180 or go to <http://qualitycounts.tamu.edu/>.

HEIFER VALIDATION PROGRAM

Texas is privileged to have the largest junior breeding heifer program in the nation. However, the sheer size of Texas, diversity in counties and beef breed associations has created some challenges for effectively and fairly managing the program. Because of numerous breed divisions offered, there are inconsistencies in how breed associations record purchase and transfer information. Heifer Validation is being initiated to ensure a level playing field for all junior breeding beef heifer exhibitors and to present a unified approach to verifying breeding beef heifer registration papers, ownership and physical possession.

Participating major livestock shows are requiring all junior breeding heifers to be tattooed, brands recorded and hair samples collected for the DNA Assay. All heifers must be validated by the County Validation Committee. Validation will take place **Saturday, October 22nd** from 10:00 am to 12:00 pm at Paul Aelvoet's farm south of Hondo. If you have any questions regarding Heifer Validation contact Derrick Drury at 830-741-6180.

2017 MCJLS RULE CHANGES

At the April 2016 Medina County Junior Livestock Show Board meeting there were some rule changes made. The new rules will be handed out at all validations or they can be viewed on our website: <http://medina.agrilife.org/publications/>

PROSPECT SHOWS

South Texas Double Trouble Prospect Show - Pleasanton TX November 12th
MCJLS Swine Prospect Show - Hondo TX November 26th
Hondo FFA Prospect Show - Hondo TX December 10th

For more information, please contact the Extension Office at 830-741-6180 or for more listings visit: <http://theshowbox.com>

HORSE CORNER



HORSE JUDGING

Meeting dates and time:

October 9th 2pm

October 23rd 2 pm

If you are interested in participating in horse judging, contact Russell Simpson at 405-473-2151



4-H HORSE CLUB

If you are interested in the 4-H Horse Club, please contact Melissa Brown at 830-317-0343.

Meeting dates and times:

Oct. 13th - 6pm

Hermann Son's Lodge in Devine

LIVESTOCK JUDGERS

The 1st meeting will be on **October 18th** at 6:00 pm at the Extension Office. Coach/CEA Derrick Drury will host an informational meeting over livestock judging and what we plan to do.

If you are interested in judging livestock, plan on attending. **New members are welcome!** For more information call Derrick Drury at the Extension Office 830-741-6180.



FOOD & NUTRITION PROJECTS

It's time to fire up the grill and get cooking... the 4-H Food and Nutrition projects began in September. The food and nutrition project helps participants learn to make healthy food choices, improve energy and alertness, reduce disease and illness risks, and gain knowledge of nutrients. Major learning experiences are centered around nutrition, menu planning, food buying, preparation and food safety, careers, and cultural influences.

Here are a few things you may want to get involved in:

- 4-H Food and Nutrition Quiz Bowl
- 4-H Food Show
- Food Challenge
- Recipe Rally
- SpecTra - Human Sciences Education (limited to 22 senior participants)



Rules and Guidelines for the Food Show and Food Challenge are available in the Extension Office and online at: <http://medina.agrilife.org/publications/4h-club-resources/>. The County Food Challenge will be on **Wednesday, October 26th from 6:00 pm - 7:30 pm** and the County Food Show will be on **Saturday, October 29th at the St. Paul Lutheran Church from 9 am - 11 am.**

Deadline for County Food Show and County Food Challenge is October 14th and S.A.L.E. Food Challenge deadline is November 18th.

If you are interested in the Nutrition Quiz Bowl there will be a practice session during the County Food Show. Please let us know if you will be participating by October 14th. If you would like more information regarding any of these competitions, please call the Extension Office at 830-741-6180.

SALE offers contests outside the ring. Top winners awarded scholarships.

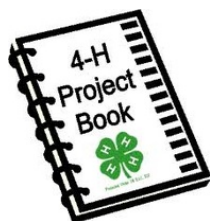
Food Challenge: The San Antonio Stock Show & Rodeo hosts a Food Challenge Show modeled after the hit TV Series "Iron Chef." This Food Challenge gives both FFA and 4-H students from across Texas the chance to showcase their cooking skills, but also requires the students to know preparation, nutritional facts, and origins of ingredients. Exhibitors compete as individuals in this competition in which they are randomly assigned into one of four categories: Bread & Cereal, Fruit & Vegetable, Main Dish, and Nutritious Snacks. The top placing exhibitors in each category advance to the Final Challenge for additional prizes and awards.

Junior Judging Contests: Junior Judging Contests are popular to Texas 4-H and FFA participants because of their value in terms of developing critical thinking and communication skills. A broad variety of contests are hosted each year at the San Antonio Stock Show & Rodeo to meet the diverse interests of our exhibitors. Exhibitors may compete as individuals or in teams in the following contests: Consumer Decision Making, Dairy Judging, Horse Bowl, Horse Judging, Livestock Judging, Meat Judging, Poultry Judging, Wildlife Habitat, and Wool Judging.

For schedules, additional information and rules see the SALE website. Entries and fees are due in the County Extension Office by **Friday, November 18th**. The entry form for entering these contests can be found at: <http://medina.agrilife.org/publications/4h-club-resources/>

RECORDKEEPING

4-H RECORDBOOKS



It's time to start keeping records for your 2016-2017 Projects. Keeping records is a great way to hold on to your memories about your incredible adventures in 4-H. Record keeping is also a great way to develop skills in time management, communication, setting goals and deadlines, money management and project evaluations. In an effort to update the current recordbook system a committee has developed an online program with a data entry system that easily allows for updates, editing and printing.

- There will be three (3) levels of recordbooks based on 4-H age (junior, intermediate, and senior). Information requested for each level will progressively add on to each other. The junior & intermediate books are significantly simplified from past recordbooks. The senior level book is similar to the past record book with some minor edits.
- Parts of the report form will be standardized to allow for ease of completion and judging.
- Much of the data from previous recordbooks that a member may have saved on their home computer may be "cut and pasted" into the new form.
- All 4-H members will begin using the new online forms or a new paper form that will be available for download from the Texas 4-H website.
- Recordbooks will still be printed and turned in (in hardcopy form) to be judged by the deadline set by your local County Extension Office.

This system is available for use at:
http://texas4-h.tamu.edu/youth_recordbooks

4-H PROJECT RECORD FORMS FOR ALL ANIMAL AND POULTRY PROJECTS

Record keeping is an important part of the 4-H Program and a good life skill to have. Records teach the skill of record keeping, encourage good work, show progress, growth and accomplishment, helps direct future plans and helps determine recognition.



The 4-H Project Record should not be confused with the "big" project recordbook in 4-H. This record is solely on your animal or poultry project and must be turned in at the end of your animal project. This is the record that is turned in along with your "thank you" notes after the County show.

As your project is conducted, management and activity records should be kept on a daily, weekly and monthly basis. At the end of your project summarize your project and reflect on specific things you learned in your project, list all activities you participated in your project, list awards and recognition you received, any leadership you may have displayed and any community service related to your project.

Again, this is a great way to plan for future projects as well as show your progress, growth and accomplishments.

For more information on this record form call the Extension Office. You can find the form on the Medina County AgriLife Extension website:

<http://medina.agrilife.org/publications/livestock-projects/>

COMMERCIAL HEIFER RECORD BOOKS

The Junior Commercial Heifer Show and Sale is an opportunity for junior exhibitors to show their commercial beef projects. Exhibitors will be required to participate in an interview beginning on the day of the show, record book judging will follow immediately after the heifer judging. Record Book directions:

- Information should be correct and legible.
- Documentation of all expenditures should be included.
- No additional photos should be included.
- Record Books may be bound as exhibitor chooses.
- Official Record Book must be used.
- No alterations of Record Book.
- Record Books are evaluated for completeness and accuracy and not on performance data.



The Commercial Heifer Record Book can be obtained at the Extension office or online at:

<http://medina.agrilife.org/publications/mcjlS-commercial-heifer-project-info>

ENROLLMENT FOR 2016-2017 4-H YEAR IS IN FULL SWING!

Each year youth and volunteers must register to be an active member of Medina County 4-H. Don't miss out on all the fun projects and workshops provided to 4-H members, receive our monthly newsletter, and join the millions of youth worldwide who "Make The Best Better". Enrollment will be on 4-H Connect at: <https://texas.4honline.com>.

Here are some tips in using 4-H CONNECT:

- If you already have a profile **DO NOT create another one!**
- If you are new to 4-H, set up a profile and follow the prompts.
- Make sure to fill out the Health Form on page 3.
- If you lost your email and password—call your county office they can tell you your e-mail address and reset your password!
- To be an official 4-H member in Texas 4-H you must have an Active profile in 4-H Connect!
- An active membership will not be granted until participation fee is paid
- You cannot register for an event until your profile is ACTIVE.

Participation Fee \$20 now
through Oct. 31st \$25
starting Nov. 1st

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If you have any questions or cannot access 4-H Connect please call the Extension Office at 830-741-6180.

SCHOLARSHIP WORKSHOP

TEXAS 4-H OPPORTUNITY SCHOLARSHIP WORKSHOP

Are you a high school junior or graduating Senior? Planning on attending college or a technical school?

If so, join us for a 4-H Scholarship Workshop on **Wednesday, November 16th at 6:00 pm**. The workshop will be held at the Medina County AgriLife Extension Office and will include: overview of the scholarship processing including the scoring and selection; criteria and eligibility; detailed review of each section of the application; and general information about college financial aid. Megan Logan, District 10 Extension Program Specialist will be conducting the workshop.

There is a scholarship category for most everyone, including:

Baccalaureate Scholarship: For students interested in a four-year degree.

Technical Certification: For students interested in joining the workforce soon after finishing high school. Some 4-H approved examples are vocational nursing, veterinary technology, and electrical design technology. More 4-H approved vocational programs are listed on page 5 of the Opportunity Scholarship Application and Guideline page.

Courageous Heart: For students who continued school and 4-H during hardship.

Collegiate Scholarships: For former 4-H students currently attending a college or university. You will need at least 30 hours of college credit and a GPA of 2.7 to apply.

Please call the Extension office at 830.741.6180 if you are planning on attending the workshop and reserve your materials.



How to Contact Us

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Office Hours: 8:00am-Noon & 1:00pm-5:00pm



You are invited
to...

Texas 4-H Scholarship Workshop



Are You A High School Junior or Senior?

**Are You Planning on Attending College?
Technical School?**

If so, join us for this 4-H Scholarship Workshop.

Medina County will be hosting a scholarship training for Texas 4-H members and parents who are wanting to learn about completing a 2017 Texas 4-H Opportunity Scholarship Application, or how to prepare and plan for applying in future years.

Megan Logan, District 10 Extension Program Specialist, will be conducting the workshop.

The workshop will include:

- Overview of the scholarship processing including the scoring and selection.
- Criteria and eligibility
- Detailed review of each section of application
- Hints and tips for submitting a quality application
- General information about college financial aid

Location: Medina County AgriLife Extension Office
Directly West of the Court House
1506 Ave M., Hondo, TX 78861
830.741.6180

**Date: November 16,
2016**

Time: 6:00 pm



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Please call the Extension Office at 830.741.6180 if you are planning on attending the workshop and to reserve your materials.

Club Managers

4-H Club	Manager(s)	Phone #
Castroville	Aris Vogt	210-274-1096
	Leticia Teague	830-534-5310
	Beth Zinsmeyer	210-391-5188
Devine Jr. (3rd-12th)	Katherine Hines	210-857-2475
	Jason Skow	210-487-0722
	Stacy Skow	210-633-6499
	John Naegelin	210-218-9097
D'Hanis	Laurie Henefey	830-426-6260
	Letha Garrison	830-931-4147
Hondo Intermediate (3rd-5th)	Jennifer Thigpen	830-426-1963
	Nicole Steubing	830-423-4589
Hondo Jr. (6th-8th)	Buffie Rogge	830-741-2195
	Laurie Lentz	210-213-2088
Hondo High (9th-12th)	Sandy Steubing	830-931-5327
	Paul Aelvoet	830-931-4223
	Chelley Gibson	830-931-5076
	Onnie Saathoff	830-741-5246
	Vicky Steubing	830-741-8030
	Tiffany Schueling-Boone	210-216-6888
LaCoste	Melinda DeCock	210-884-4977
	Tracy Chafin	830-709-5553
Natalia	Eric Owens	830-444-6184
Rio Medina	Michael Zinsmeyer	830-931-5390
	Rikki Zinsmeyer	830-931-3368

TEXAS 4-H AGE AND YEAR

Youth may participate in 4-H from September 1st of grade 3 through August 31st following completion of grade 12 with these restrictions:

Texas 4-H will have new membership eligibility based on SCHOOL GRADE and not age. The new eligibility rules and guideline are:

Minimum age - 8 (in addition to being in the 3rd grade)

Maximum age - 18 (as of August 31, 2016)

4-H Member Categories

Senior: Grades 9, 10, 11, and 12

Intermediate: Grades 6, 7, and 8

Junior: Grades 3, 4, and 5

NEXT...4-H MEETING DATES

Mark Your Calendars - Meetings will be:

Castroville - Nov 14th @ 7:30 - Castroville
Elem Cafeteria

D'Hanis - Nov 2nd @ 7:00 – D'Hanis Cafeteria

Devine - Nov 14th @ 7:00 – Devine Intermediate
Cafeteria

Hondo - Nov 13th @ 5:00 – St. Paul Lutheran
Church

LaCoste - Nov 8th @ 7:00 - LaCoste Elementary

Natalia - Nov 14th @ 7:30 – Natalia FFA
Project Center

Rio Medina - Nov 14th @ 7:00 - Mumme's Store

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