

MEDINA COUNTY 4-H



NEWSLETTER

May 2025



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SUMMER CAMPS

Keep an eye out on your email and social media for upcoming summer camp dates!!

UPCOMING COUNTY EVENTS

MAY 5 - Club Manager's Meeting
MAY 10 - Medina County 4-H Horse Club Trail Ride
MAY 23 - Turkey Orders Due
MAY 26 - County Holiday Office Closed
MAY 30 - Record Books Due
JUN 12 - Steer & State Fair Heifer Validation
JUN 14 - State Fair Lamb & Goat Validation
JUN 17 - State Fair Swine Validation
JUN 19 - Steer & State Fair Heifer Validation
JUL 4 - County Holiday Office Closed



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

UPCOMING DISTRICT EVENTS

MAY 27 - D10 Leadership Lab Closes
JUN 2-5 - State Roundup (College Station)
JUN 14-15 - Outdoor Challenge
JUN 15-19 - Texas 4-H Roping School Horse Camp
JUN 25-27 - Leadership Lab (Leakey, TX)
JUL 10 - District Record Book Judging (Fredericksburg)
JUL 6-19 - Texas 4-H Sate Games
JUL 20-26 - State 4-H Horse Show (Bryan, TX)

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

CHECK OUT OUR WEBSITE: medina.agrilife.org

Our website has been updated and will have new information throughout the year for our 4-H projects! Our project pages are updated with project info, forms and upcoming dates.





LIVESTOCK PROJECT NEWS



HORSE PROJECT

May 1 - \$20 Horse Validation deadline, price increases
 MAY 5 - \$250 Horse Validation late deadline
 MAY 10 - Horse Club Trail Ride - contact Jenn Zerr
 JUN 15-19 - Calf Roping & Breakaway School (Pg. 5)
 Medina County 4-H Horse & Riding Club
 Medina County 4-H Horse Judges
 Contact Jenn Zerr at 210-825-4433 or
 z_sranh@yahoo.com

OTHER OPPORTUNITIES

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

Validation Dates

JUN 12 - Steer & State Fair Heifer Validation (Paul Aelvoet's Place)

JUN 14 - State Fair Lamb & Goat Validation (Hondo FFA Project Center)

JUN 17 - State Fair Swine Validation

JUN 19 - Steer & State Fair Heifer Validation (Paul Aelvoet's Place)



2025 STATEWIDE TEXAS 4-H

CALF ROPING & BREAK-A-WAY SCHOOL

Tarleton State University, Stephenville, Texas

JUNE 15 -19, 2025

- ✓ Beginner to Advanced
- ✓ Roping on the Ground
- ✓ Horsemanship
- ✓ Roping off the Horse
- ✓ Flanking & Tying
- ✓ Guest Instructors

LIMITED TO THE FIRST 50 CAMPERS! PRIORITY GIVEN TO AGES 12 & UP!

FOR MORE INFO :
 Contact Jacklyn Jones-Doyle at 817-884-1296 or email 4hropingschool@gmail.com

\$650
 Price includes School, Group Insurance, Stall Rental for One Horse, Meals, and Dorm Lodging.

Find us on Facebook: 4-H Calf Roping & Breakaway School

Educational programs of Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service are open to all people without regard to race, color, sex, age, or handicap. The Texas A&M University System, U.S. Department of Agriculture, and the County Commission are equal opportunity providers. An accommodation in order to participate in this event are available.



TEXAS A&M HORSE BEGINNINGS KIDS CAMP

One-on-one time with a horse on the ground & in the saddle!

SESSION 1: May 30-31
SESSION 2: June 13-14

Ages 9-12

Learn everything that goes into taking care of a horse!

Come see your kid's growth at the horse show on day 2!

Spend lots of time bonding with the horses!

Texas Horse Help

HorseBeginnings@gmail.com



NEED FINANCIAL SUPPORT FOR YOUR ANIMAL PROJECT? Call Capital Farm Credit

YOUNG, BEGINNING AND SMALL — AgStart Loan Program

The AgStart loan program provides youth in agriculture the tools and resources needed to prepare for a successful career in the agricultural industry. This program is available to 4-H and FFA members involved in junior market, breeding and commercial livestock projects. Funds can be used to purchase and care for a junior livestock project or for a general-purpose youth agricultural loan and must be repaid following the sale of the animal(s). The AgStart loan program is designed to provide educational and financial awareness to youth while supporting the next generation of farmers and ranchers.

Who is Eligible?

Eligible youth must be enrolled in, and attending, public or private (home) elementary or secondary schools in Texas and must be a member in good standing of either a 4-H club or FFA chapter. The project must be supervised by a County Extension Agent (CEA) or Agricultural Science Teacher (AST). CEA/AST references must be submitted in the Youth Loan Submission Form. The project must produce sufficient income to repay the loan and provide the youth with practical business and educational experience in agricultural-related skills.

What Can AgStart Loan Funds Be Used For?

- Livestock, feed, seed, equipment and supplies
- Buy, rent or repair needed tools and equipment
- Pay operating expenses for the project

**Purchase of real estate is not eligible for inclusion*

How it Works:

AgStart loans may be originated for:
Junior livestock projects and general purpose youth agricultural loans

- Reduced Interest Rate Offering
- Livestock Projects: Market and breeding animals raised for youth livestock show competitions
- Max loan amount is \$25,000

General Purpose: Finance youth commercial livestock operations

- Max loan amount is \$50,000
- Loans may be repaid within 3-5 years

Take the Next Step:

To apply for an AgStart loan, the applicant must comply with Capital Farm Credit's general AgStart eligibility. Applicants must complete the following:

- AgFast application
- Youth loan submission form
- Project budget worksheet or stocker/fed cattle operating budget

Contact your local Capital Farm Credit office and let our lending staff assist you. Scan the QR code to find your local office.

Contact:
Hondo Credit Office
245 US Hwy 90 East
830-741-2040



877.944.5500
NMLS493828





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.

UPCOMING DATES

APR 1-MAY 15 - Texas 4-H Outdoor Challenge Registration

May 31 - Virtual Sportfishing Registration Deadline

JUL 6-11 - 4-H State Games - Rifle, Pistol, Muzzleloading, Hunting Skills

JUL 13-18 - Entomology Camp (Pg. 6)

JUL 14-19 - 4-H State Games - Archery

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

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TEXAS 4-H VIRTUAL SPORTFISHING PROGRAM

Program Highlights

- Fish in YOUR location
- Earn YOUR Sportfishing Certification
- Test YOUR knowledge in the 4-H Sportfishing Skill-a-thon contest
- Live EDUCATIONAL programs
- FRESHWATER and SALTWATER Divisions
- Upload pic of YOUR catch in FishDonkey Tournament app to win PRIZES

Registration

Register via 4HOnline
May 1 - May 31

Late Tournament
Registration - \$100
June 1 - June 30

Participation Fees

4-H Youth Grades 3-12
\$50 per Tournament Division
\$5 Skill-a-thon Contest

Clover Kids Ages 5-8
No Fee to Participate

Questions? Contact

Dr. Jheri-Lynn McSwain at jlmcswain@ag.tamu.edu

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4-H VIRTUAL SPORTFISHING PROGRAM OPTIONS

Participate in some or all...

Educational Programs
Posted May 29, June 12 & June 26 via Zoom link
No charge - registration required via Google below

Freshwater & Saltwater Division Tournaments
June 14 - August 9 (register via 4HOnline)
\$50 per division per 4-H angler; no fee for Clover Kids

Texas 4-H Skill-a-thon Virtual Contest
July 25 - August 10 (register via 4HOnline)
\$5 per 4-H youth

Earn your annual 4-H Sportfishing Certification by doing all 3!

Click [HERE](#) to enroll in Texas 4-H or register for tournament & skill-a-thon

Click [HERE](#) to register to participate live or receive your Zoom recording

Questions? Contact

Dr. Jheri-Lynn McSwain at jlmcswain@ag.tamu.edu

The members of Texas A&M AgLife will provide equal opportunities in program, activities, education, and employment to all persons regardless of race, color, sex, religion, national origin, age, disability, genetic information, veteran status, sexual orientation or gender identity and will strive to enhance full and equal employment opportunity throughout Texas A&M AgLife.



UPCOMING DATES

MAY 9 - Buc Days Food Show

MAY 10 - 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



FOOD TRUCK FAVORITES

Get ready to fire up your creativity and cooking skills at this year's 4-H Food Show, featuring the exciting theme "Food Truck Favorites!" From gourmet tacos to sizzling stir-fries and mouthwatering health inspired desserts, food trucks bring bold flavors and innovative dishes to the streets—now it's your turn to bring that energy to the kitchen!

Participants will showcase their culinary talents by preparing dishes inspired by popular food truck fare. Whether it's a globally inspired street food dish, a classic American favorite with a twist, or a fusion creation all your own, this competition challenges 4-H members to explore diverse flavors, unique ingredients, and creative presentation.

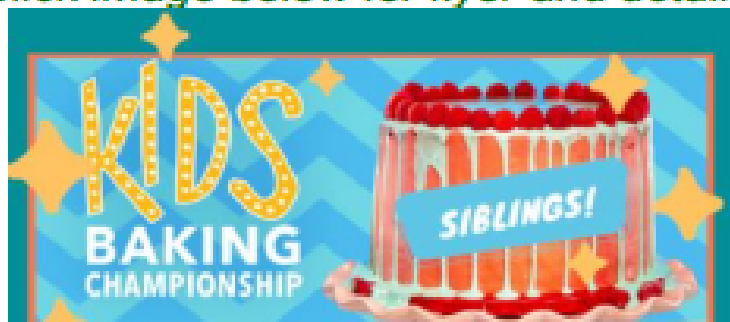
Let's hit the road and serve up some **Food Truck Favorites!**

2025/26-2026/2027
TEXAS 4-H
FOOD SHOW THEME

TEXAS A&M AGRILIFE EXTENSION

Kids Baking Championship – Siblings!

Click image below for flyer and details!



Food Network is looking for the most talented SIBLING bakers in the country for the next season of the KIDS BAKING CHAMPIONSHIP! Do you think your kids were born to bake? Well if so, this is the perfect show for them! We are looking for kids between the ages of 8-13 who want to put their baking skills to the ultimate test!

For a chance to audition, parents can fill out an application for their kids here:

<https://bakingchampionshipcasting.castingcrane.com/>



DIO 4-H ROUNDUP RESULTS



WOOL & MOHAIR JUDGING

3rd place Junior Wool Team - Fisher Gilliam, Emmi Gilliam, Hunter Gilliam
4th place Sr. Individual Wool - Zohana Wavle
3rd place Senior Mohair Team - Molly Lessing, Zohana Wavle, Briar Parson, Kyla Steubing
3rd place Sr. Individual Mohair - Molly Lessing
2nd place Jr. Individual Mohair - Fisher Gilliam

LIVESTOCK JUDGING

2nd place Jr Team Green, 1st place Swine Team - Hunter Gilliam, Emily Posey, Allison Posey, Linnie Lutz
3rd place Jr. Team Red, 3rd place cattle team, 2nd place swine team - Fisher Gilliam, Ryder Gonzales, Gunnar Hitzfelder, Tye Knowlton
1st place Cattle Team Purple - Emmi Gilliam, Sloan Welch, Quinn Ruhmann, Taytum Welch
3rd place Jr. Individual, 5th place Sheep & Goat Individual, 5th place Swine Individual - Hunter Gilliam
5th place Jr. Individual, 5th place Cattle Individual - Fisher Gilliam
8th place Jr. Individual - Linnie Lutz
10th place Jr. Individual - Quinn Ruhmann
1st place Intermediate Swine Team - Aubrey Kile, Brooklyn VanDamme, Whitley Hitzfelder, Ashlynn Stricker
5th place Swine Individual - Aubrey Kile

MEAT JUDGING

1st place Jr Team 2 - Emmi Gilliam, Callie Jones, Rory Pfeiffer, Quinn Ruhmann
2nd place Jr Team 1 - Fisher Gilliam, Hunter Gilliam, Tye Knowlton, Sam Steubing
Jr. Individual - 1st place - Rory Pfeiffer, 2nd place - Fisher Gilliam, 3rd place - Callie Jones, 4th place - Quinn Ruhmann, 5th place - Samuel Steubing
3rd place Sr Team - Carynn Jacobs, Carter Jacobs, Ava Lowe
4th place Sr. Individual - Carynn Jacobs

CONSUMER DECISION MAKING

3rd place Jr. Team 1 Hondo - Ryder Gonzales, Laney Steubing, Sam Steubing, Kalynn Townsley
Jr Individual - 4th place - Kaylynn Townsley, 5th place - Travis Lawler
2nd place Int Team 2 Hondo - Tilley Gilliam, Alex Lowe, Brynlee Howard
3rd place Int Team 1 Hondo - Luke Gilliam, Witten Reus, Joseph Halbardier, Dylan Rothe
Jr Individual - 5th place Tilley Gilliam



DIO 4-H ROUNDUP RESULTS



DUDS TO DAZZLE

Intermediate Teams

1st place Accessory - Sassy Sewing Sisters

3rd place Wearable - Stylish Stitches

TEXTILES

Jr. 1st place Kitchen Textiles - Samuel Steubing

FASHION SHOW

1st place Construction - Separates - Lacey Steubing

4-H STORYBOARD

1st place Accessory - Rory Pfeiffer

SMALLBORE RIFLE

3rd place Jr Team 1 - Kanin Stein, Gunnar Hitzfelder, Mitchell Vuillemin Jr, Shane Hundley

4th place Jr Individual - Kanin Stein

Jr- Int. 2nd place Team 1 - Brie Shepard, Whitley Bishop, Ivy Beck, Cailyn Buckaloo

1st place Jr-Int Individual - Brie Shepherd



What is Leadership Lab?

- Leadership Lab is our annual Leadership camp for 4-H members from ages 13-18. This event provides a variety of leadership, recreation, and project enhancement workshops that participants are challenged to take back to their own county and implement. District 4-H Council Delegates from the 21 counties are highly encouraged to attend and participate in the District 4-H Council Business Meeting which includes the election of the District Council Officers for the new 4-H year. Candidates for District 4-H Council will present their campaign speech and participate in a question/answer session in front of the voting delegates.
- Additional Camps can be found at <https://texas4hcenter.tamu.edu/services/youth-camps-and-retreats/>



Recordbooks



Deadline: May 30, 2025 at 5:00pm

- Recordbooks must be turned in (in hardcopy form)
to be judged by the deadline

Record keeping is also a great way to develop skills
in time management, communication, setting goals
and deadlines, money management and project
evaluations.

Age Division: Jr, Int, & Sr.

There are numerous categories that you can choose from such as
Animal Agriculture, Cattle, Swine, Photography, Food & Nutrition,
Leadership, Shooting Sports & more!

Additional info can be found at:

<https://medina.agrilife.org/4-h/4-h-recordbook/>



Star Awards



Deadline: May 30, 2025 at 5:00pm

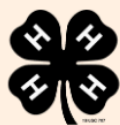
Requirements for the Gold, Silver &
Bronze Star Awards are :

- **Recordbook, Essay, Interview**

The essay and recordbooks must be turned in
by the deadline. Interview dates will be
announced once we have received all
submissions.

The requirements page can be found at:

<https://medina.agrilife.org/4-h/4-h-recordbook/>



Class of 2025



Congrats to our Medina County 4-H graduates

Hondo High 4-H

Molly Lessing
Kyla Steubing
Carynn Jacobs
Ryan Magers
Nolan Riff
Tanner Steubing
Ezekiel Wavle

LaCoste 4-H

Thomas Jaks
Corban Mueller

Rio Medina 4-H

Mikayla Zinsmeyer

D'Hanis 4-H

Abigail Arnett

Castroville 4-H

Landon Persyn

Devine 4-H

Rudy Cruz
Ave Naegelin



JULY 24-27, 2025

**TEXAS 4-H CENTER
BROWNWOOD**

**HILL COUNTRY
ADVENTURE
CAMP**

FOR MILITARY TEENS

- Wakeboarding
- Mountain Biking
- Rock Climbing
- Canoeing & Kayaking
- Campfires & Swimming

ONLY \$50

Travel costs included in camp fee

Only children of US Military members are eligible for this opportunity

CLUB MANAGERS

4-H Club	Manager (s)	Phone #
Castroville	Cindy Guzman Krista Binford Amber Haby	210-273-8055 210-364-5568 210-316-3867
Devine	Carly Parson Jeanine Mello	210-413-3885 210-219-2507
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 Kohlleppe 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...



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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May 2025



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

Upcoming news...

June 2-5 - State Roundup

June 12 - Steer & State Fair Heifer Validation

June 14 - State Fair Lamb & Goat Validation

June 14-15 - Outdoor Challenge

June 17 - State Fair Swine Validation



June 19 - Steer & State Fair Heifer Validation

June 25-27 - District Leadership Lab

July 10 - District Record Book Judging



June 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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Texas 4-H Roundup						
8	9	10	11	12 Steer & State Fair Heifer Validation	13	14 State Fair Lamb Goat Validation
15	16	17 State Fair Swine Validation	18	19 Steer & State Fair Heifer Validation	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30					
D10 Leadership Lab						

Upcoming news...

July 10 - District Record Book Judging

