

NEWSLETTER

SEPTEMBER 2023



KINNEY 4-H

NOTICE

GET ENROLLED ON 4HONLINE.COM



General 4-H Meeting
Monday, SEPTEMBER 25
6:00 pm - Extension Office
Officers come at 5:30 to
help set up for the meeting.

REMINDERS

4-H Enrollment Fee is \$25
After Oct. 30 - \$ 30
<https://4honline.com/>

Breeder Rabbit Validation
is Wed. Sept. 27 4 to 6 pm
at the Extension Office

CLOVER KIDS

Kinder to 2nd grade
can join this year.

Sheep and Goat State
Validation Tags orders
Sept. 1 to Sept. 22 \$30
Validation Oct. 14



Kinney 4-H Awards Dinner

Kinney 4-H fellowshiped with 4-H families to kick off the new year and celebrate achievements from 2022-23 on Sunday, August 13 at Slator Hall. Cindie Castro and family, Cherrise Ducharme, and Rossio Sandoval decorated and prepared a delicious dinner for all in attendance. Pedro Cardenas gave a special talk during dinner and Mr. & Mrs. J.P. Schuster installed the new officers for 2023-24.

Animal projects that competed out of County, Shooting Sports, and Duds to Dazzle were awarded pins or patches. 4-H'ers of the year awards were presented to Junior-Gabriela Gomez, Intermediate-Caroline Ducharme, and Senior-Caydie Castro. Members achieving Points levels and receiving awards were Ashlyn Castro, Jason Smith, and Calista Perez at the Bronze level. One Silver level award went Ashlyn Smith and Will Lewis earned a Gold award. A special Top Hand award also went to Will Lewis. The club gave a Friend of 4-H plaque and dinner card to Zack and Kayla Davis for their support of 4-H with many hours of paperwork, validating livestock, emergency vet services, support of stock show, and so much more that goes on all year and has for many years!

4-H was 80 members strong with youth and adult members for 2022-23 and we thank all parents, adult volunteers, leaders, & everyone that it takes to make 4-H the Best it can be!

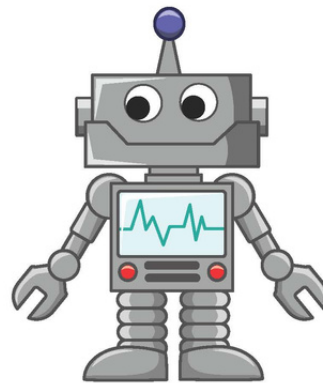


4-H Projects

ARCHERY

Archery had their first SAFETY Training Class on Monday, September 18 at the Extension Office. You must be enrolled in 4-H at 4honline.com and have a Safety Training Class before you can begin practice in Archery. Once you are an official 4-H member, make sure you are on the "REMIND" text list, so you will have Archery updates. Call 830-563-2442 if you have questions or need help.

ROBOTICS



FIRST MEETING

1:00 to 3:00 pm on Saturday, October 14th

Tech Corner at Jones Elementary

(Robotics will be every second Saturday.)

JOIN 4-H AT 4HONLINE.COM

Call 830-563-2442 for more info.

KINNEY 4-H

Livestock Quiz Bowl

Cattle | Swine | Sheep | Goats

YOU WILL LEARN:

DECISION MAKING
PROBLEM SOLVING
CRITICAL THINKING
TEAMWORK SKILLS

FOR MORE INFORMATION,

CONTACT BRET ALLEN

BY SEPTEMBER 29

CALL 830-563-2442 OR

EMAIL Bret.Allen@ag.tamu.edu



SHOOTING SPORTS

Shooting Sports SAFETY Training Class will be Thursday, **OCTOBER 3** at the Extension Office at 5:15 pm.

You must have a Safety Training Class and be enrolled in 4-H at 4honline.com and before you can begin practice. Get on the "Remind" text list for updates on Shooting Sports practices.



Dog Project coming soon. Watch for the program at the next meeting!



Breeder Rabbits and Meat Pen Rabbits



Breeder Rabbit validation is Wednesday, September 28. These rabbits are older rabbits that you show individually at the County show. All youth interested in showing rabbits should come to this meeting on Wednesday, September 28. We will also be taking orders at Breeder Validation for sets of 4 baby rabbits. Those will be validated later on Wednesday, December 14.

If you want to show a meat pen of rabbits for the County stock show, and need rabbits, then you need to put in a \$50 deposit by September 28. Pens of 4 baby rabbits will be \$285 this year. That's \$65 a bunny, adding a \$25 bag of feed that they are used to eating. The total should be paid completely by December 9th and paid sets of 4 baby rabbits will be delivered by December 14 for validation.

Several youth are looking for breeder rabbits. If you have some or know of someone that does, please contact the Extension Office.



We have a limited number of our club shirts left! Get yours at the 4-H meeting for \$18.

DOOR PRIZE

Win a chance to have your membership refunded at the next 4-H meeting. Two certificates will be given away in a drawing!



You must have passing grades to participate in Kinney County Jr. Livestock Show, Major Stock Shows & Contests, and District & State Contests.



Kinney County Jr. Livestock Show will use the grades from 2nd Six Weeks for Eligibility to Show.



January 12-13, 2024

Kinney County Jr. Livestock Show



2024 Major Livestock Show Schedule

Fort Worth Stock Show ~~~Jan. 12 to Feb. 3, 2024

Hill District Grandstand Show -- Kerrville ~~~Jan. 12 to Jan. 20, 2024

San Angelo Stock Show ~~~Feb. 1 to -Feb. 18, 2024

San Antonio Stock Show ~~~Feb. 8-25, 2024

Houston Livestock Show ~~~Feb. 27 -- Mar. 17, 2024

Austin Stock Show ~~~Mar. 8-23, 2024

This information is for reference only! Double check details of each show.
You can also check information online at web sites listed below.

Fort Worth - www.fwssr.com

Kerrville - <https://thegrandstand21.wixsite.com/2021>

San Angelo - www.sanangelorodeo.com

San Antonio - www.sarodeo.com

Houston - www.rodeohouston.com

Austin - www.rodeoaustin.com

**Deadline for LATE Sheep and Goat
State Validation Tags is **Friday, September 22**
at \$30 a tag. Payment must accompany
order. Call 830-563-2442 or email
kinney@ag.tamu.edu**

Steers and Spring Heifers were already
validated in June.

Fall Heifers validation - Oct. 20

Breeder Rabbit validation - Sept. 27

Sheep and Goat Validation - Oct. 14th

Swine Validation - Nov. 13th week

Rabbit Meat Pens - Dec. 13

Your animal projects must come to validation
to be able to show at County and you must
have State validation tags to be able to show
at the Majors outside of County.

Please call the office if you have questions.

**Want to learn more
about: Beef Cattle,
Goats, Sheep, Swine,
Horses, Poultry, and
Rabbits? Check out
[www.texasyouth
livestock.com](http://www.texasyouthlivestock.com)
and scroll down to:
What is your area of
Interest?**



Off to the Races

SAVE THE DATE



KCJLS Scholarship GALA

SATURDAY NOVEMBER 18, 2023

6 PM, Live Music by Gabe Garcia, Grand Prize drawing,
Live Auction and much more! Join us for a great time!



Learn about Quality Counts and Livestock Validation, Major Stock Shows, and explore the project books that are available. Under RESOURCES you will find: livestock project videos, worksheets to help firsttimers and more!

If you are purchasing State Validation tags for your Sheep, Goats, and/or Swine and plan on showing at Major shows outside of County. You will need a Quality Counts number. If you already have one and need to earn the next age level, following the guidelines below or call the office for help!



Quality Counts FAQ - Students/Parents

Registration/Access

- How do I access the new Quality Counts system?
 - The new Quality Counts program can be found at: <https://agrilifelearn.tamu.edu/s/product/quality-counts/01t4x000002ciQSAAY>

Helpful Hint: Follow the Enrollment Instructions!

- Can I use the same email address as my sibling to take Quality Counts?
 - No, each individual exhibitor must have their own email address to use for registration.
- I took Quality Counts previously (last year, for example). Do I have to take it again?
 - If you are planning to show at Spring major livestock shows (or other county/local shows that indicate), Quality Counts verification is required.

Helpful Hint: Exhibitors must be verified once as a junior (grades 3-5), once as an intermediate (grades 6-8) and once as a senior (grades 9-12).

- I will probably only show through 4-H (or FFA), but I am also a member of the other organization, which should I select?
 - Select both 4-H and FFA, as applicable. It is best to have both selected just in case! Keep in mind, 4-H affiliation is by county, not individual clubs.

Quality Counts Verification

- Which shows require Quality Counts verification?
 - Verification on the Quality Counts system is required for all major livestock show entries. Additionally, county and local shows may require Quality Counts numbers. Please refer to each show's rules to determine if Quality Counts verification is required for show or contest participation.
- I did not get a certificate to print when I finished Quality Counts. How do I prove I am verified?
 - Quality Counts no longer provides a certificate to print. You received an email confirmation from texasyouthlivestock@ag.tamu.edu upon your completion. This can be kept for your records to confirm verification.
- I did not receive the confirmation email. What do I do?
 - The emails are automatic and cannot be resent. Please check your spam folders. You may contact your County Extension Agent or Ag Science Teacher for the number if you did not receive the email



KINNEY 4-H OFFICERS

*** Officers are expected to attend all 4-H meetings, events, fundraisers, activities, etc.**

***WILL LEWIS**--President will prepare the agenda with the Extension Office and club manager, arrange programs and activities, and run meetings.

***CAYDIE CASTRO**--Vice President will help plan activities, and help recruit new members.

***CARALINE DUCHARME**--Secretary keeps attendance, prepares the minutes for every meeting, keeps a record of them, and turns in a copy to the office.

***DIEGO REYES**--Reporter is expected to take pictures of 4-H happenings and submit all 4-H newspaper articles through the Extension office.

***JACK LEWIS**--Treasurer is expected to meet with the 4-H book keeper and prepare the treasurer report for the monthly meetings.

Junior Council Delegate -- **NATALIA SANDOVAL**
Intermediate Council Delegate--**CALLIE HARRIS**
Senior Council Delegate--**MADELEINE DUCHARME**
Delegates are expected to attend events outside of County & bring back what they learn to their club.

Club Managers: Cherrise Ducharme & Cindie Castro

County Support Staff: Kathryn Gose
Extension Agent: Bret Allen



<https://www.facebook.com/KinneyExtension/>

THE KINNEY 4-H FACEBOOK
GROUP ADDRESS IS:
[HTTPS://WWW.FACEBOOK.COM/GROUPS/183035718927980](https://www.facebook.com/groups/183035718927980)



Text @kinney4h To: 81010



<http://kinney.agrilife.org/>

CONTACT INFORMATION



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Brackettville, TX 78832 830-563-2442 email: kinney@ag.tamu.edu



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