



TEXAS A&M AGRILIFE



JANUARY 2024

ATASCOSA COUNTY 4-H

The latest news and updates from Atascosa County 4-H



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ATASCOSA COUNTY 4-H CLUB INFORMATION



MESQUITE 4-H CLUB

3RD MONDAY OF THE MONTH
JANUARY ONLY (JANUARY 15, 2024.)

6:00 PM

PLEASANTON 1ST BAPTIST CHURCH
SUE ANN SMITH & JOHANNA HAGEN
JSPJSMITH@ATT.NET
JOHANNAHAGEN1973@GMAIL.COM

BLACKHILL 4-H CLUB

There will not be a January
meeting.

2ND SUNDAY OF THE MONTH

6:30 PM

BLACKHILL COMMUNITY CENTER
KIM LUTZ
KIMLUTZ97@GMAIL.COM

LEMING/VERDI 4-H CLUB

1ST TUESDAY OF THE MONTH
JANUARY ONLY (JANUARY 2, 2024.)

6:30 PM

VERDI COMMUNITY CENTER
CARL ROYAL
CARL.ROYAL@YAHOO.COM

LA PARITA 4-H CLUB

There will not be a January
meeting.

2ND MONDAY OF THE MONTH

6:30 PM

COWBOY FELLOWSHIP CHURCH
JOURDANTON, TX
JASON & VALERIE AGUILAR
JASON.SGC@GMAIL.COM

POTEET 4-H CLUB

3RD MONDAY OF THE MONTH
(JANUARY 15, 2024.)

6:30 PM

POTEET HIGH SCHOOL CAFETERIA
USVALDO & ANGELA LANDA

LYTLE 4-H CLUB

There will not be a January meeting.

2ND MONDAY OF THE MONTH

6:30 PM

LYTLE PRIMARY SCHOOL CAFETERIA
JENNIFER CRISWELL
JENNIFER.CRISWELL.JC@GMAIL.COM

CHARLOTTE 4-H CLUB

3RD MONDAY OF THE MONTH
JANUARY ONLY
(JANUARY 15, 2024.)

6:30 PM

CHARLOTTE FIRST BAPTIST
CHURCH FELLOWSHIP HALL
PATRICIA SCOTT

4-H Enrollment for the 2023- 2024 Year

Enrollment for the 2023 - 2024 year is open on 4-H Online. The website is: <https://v2.4honline.com>. If you are in need of guidance on how to get registered on 4-H Online please visit the family guides at: <https://texas4-h.tamu.edu/4honline>.

NO PASS NO PLAY

IN ORDER TO PARTICIPATE IN ANY 4-H SPONSORED EVENT INCLUDING STOCK SHOWS, SHOOTING SPORTS, OR OTHER CONTESTS, MEMBERS MUST BE ENROLLED WITH ONE OF OUR AREA CLUBS AND MEET THE 50% ATTENDANCE REQUIREMENT PRIOR TO THE CONTEST. PARTICIPATION IN ANY COMPETITION OR SHOOTING EVENT IS ONLY PERMITTED WHILE MEETING ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA UNDER TEXAS EDUCATION CODE 33.081 "NO PASS NO PLAY".

ATASCOSA COUNTY 4-H SHOOTING SPORTS COACHES

RIFLE

JASON AGUILAR: JASON.SGC@GMAIL.COM

210-260-6046

JIMMY MEYER JIMMYGUN-SHOP@HOTMAIL.COM

ARCHERY

PAUL MCMANUS

MACMANUSPAUL@GMAIL.COM

Livestock Weights and Project Help

The Extension Office has sheers and scales available for check out. Dale is also available to come out and help with livestock projects at home.

For more information please reach out to Dale Rankin.

Record Book Information

The updated 2023 - 2024 Texas 4-H Record Book information has been posted at: https://texas4-h.tamu.edu/wp-content/uploads/record_book_family_guide_23_24.pdf.

Records books for the Atascosa County Record Book Contest are due in June.



4-H Shooting Sports



There will be an orientation for 4-H Rifle Shooting Sports on February 4, 2024 at 2:00 p.m.

The orientation will be held at Jimmy Meyer's gun range.

For more information, please contact

Jason Aguilar: JASON.SGC@GMAIL.COM

210-260-6046

Jimmy Meyer: JIMMYGUN-SHOP@HOTMAIL.COM

Atascosa County 4-H Extension office: 830- 569- 0034.

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The Atascosa County 4-H Council will meet on Thursday, January 25, 2024 at 6:00 pm in the Atascosa County 4-H Extension Office Auditorium.

If you are a current County Council officer or Club delegate, this is a meeting for you to attend. All County Council Meetings are open to all Atascosa County 4-H members to attend.

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Atascosa County 4-H Storyboard Contest Results

Congratulations to Kolbi Perkins on placing first in the Senior Wearable category!!

A target with concentric rings of white, black, blue, red, and yellow. Five arrows with blue and white fletching are embedded in the yellow bullseye. A small red flag is attached to the top of the target's wooden frame. The target is set against a background of green foliage.

District 12 4-H Shooting Sports Results

Congratulations to all Atascosa County 4-Hers who competed in the District 12 Shooting Sports Archery Match (Modified 420 & 3-D) on December 2, 2023!

1st Place Intermediate Modified 420 Category Luke Dickens Compound Aided

1st Place Senior Modified 420 Category Tucker Fair Compound Aided

1st Place Intermediate Modified 420 Category Santiago Contreras NASP Genesis

2nd Place Intermediate Modified 420 Category Kingston Fox NASP Genesis

3rd Place Junior Modified 420 Category Elizabeth Davenport Compound Aided

3rd Place Intermediate 3-D Category Luke Dickens Compound Aided.

3rd Place Senior 3-D Category Tucker Fair Compound Aided

Stock Show Season is here!!

**Please review major stock show requirements.
Do not forget about Health Certificates.**

Fort Worth: <https://www.fwssr.com/p/livestock-shows/livestock-premium-list>

San Angelo: [https://cdn.saffire.com/files.ashx?
t=fg&rid=SanAngeloRodeo&f=Premium Book\(11\).pdf](https://cdn.saffire.com/files.ashx?t=fg&rid=SanAngeloRodeo&f=Premium Book(11).pdf)

San Antonio: [https://cdn.saffire.com/files.ashx?
t=fg&rid=SARodeo&f=2024 San Antonio Stock Show Rodeo Competitive Ev
ents Premium List\(7\).pdf](https://cdn.saffire.com/files.ashx?t=fg&rid=SARodeo&f=2024 San Antonio Stock Show Rodeo Competitive Events Premium List(7).pdf)

Houston: [https://www.rodeohouston.com/wp-
content/uploads/2023/10/2024 ExhibitorHandbook-1.pdf](https://www.rodeohouston.com/wp-content/uploads/2023/10/2024 ExhibitorHandbook-1.pdf)

Austin: [https://rodeoaustin.com/wp-content/uploads/2023/10/2024-Premium-
Book.pdf](https://rodeoaustin.com/wp-content/uploads/2023/10/2024-Premium-Book.pdf)

Texas Elite: <https://www.texaseliteshowcase.com/rules>

Grandstand: <https://thegrandstand21.wixsite.com/2021>

ACLS: <http://aclsweb.org/show-information>

**Fort Worth Livestock Show requires health papers for Market
Barrows & Market Steers.**

**All Major Livestock Shows require health papers for breeding
animals.**

2024 Atascosa County Livestock Show Schedule

MONDAY - JANUARY 8th

6:00 am **GROUND OPEN - Rabbit, Poultry, Hog & Ag Mech Move In ONLY**

7:30 am Check in & Sift Rabbits & Rabbit Showmanship

8:00 am **DEADLINE for RABBITS to be in line & on show grounds**

Immediately Following Sift Judge Rabbits

2 pm – 6 pm Ag Mech Superintendent on Site

4 pm – 5 pm Check in & Sift Poultry

6:00 pm Judge Poultry
Followed by Poultry Showmanship

6:00 pm **DEADLINE for AG MECH PROJECTS to be in place**

10:00 pm **DEADLINE for HOGS to be in place & in assigned pens**

11:00 p.m. **GROUND CLOSE - All Rabbits & Poultry
Must be off Show Grounds**

TUESDAY - JANUARY 9th

6:00 a.m. **GROUND OPEN – Goats & Lambs Move in Only**

7:00 a.m. **DEADLINE for GOATS to be in place & in assigned pens**

7:30 a.m. Weigh & Sift Goats (Market & Breeding)

Immediately Following Goats Weigh, Sift & Classify Lambs

8:00 a.m. Weigh, Sift & Classify Hogs
Check Breeding Gilt Papers

9:00 a.m. Judge Ag Mech

30 minutes after Judging **Ag Mechanics Awards Presentation**

9:00 a.m. Judge Goats - Breeding followed by Market
Followed by Goat Showmanship

Following Goat Show Judge Lambs
Followed by Lamb Showmanship

2:00 p.m. or after Lamb Show Set up Swine Arena

4:00 p.m. or after Arena Setup Swine Showmanship
Judge Breeding Gilts

11:00 pm **GROUND CLOSE – All Goats & Lambs Must be off Show Grounds**

WEDNESDAY – JANUARY 10th

6:00 am **GROUND OPEN – Cattle may begin arriving**

8:00 am Judge Market Hogs

10:00 p.m. **GROUND CLOSE - All Hogs Must be off Show Grounds**

THURSDAY – JANUARY 11th

6:00 am **GROUND OPEN**

11:00 am **DEADLINE for CATTLE to be in place & in assigned stalls**

11:30 am Weigh, Sift & Classify Steers
Check Breeding Heifer Papers

12 Noon **All Ag Mech Projects must be off Show Grounds**

2:00 pm Judge Breeding Heifers

3:00 pm Judge Market Steers
Followed by Beef Showmanship

10:00 p.m. **GROUND CLOSE - All Cattle Must be off Show Grounds**

FRIDAY – JANUARY 12TH

7:00 a.m. **GROUND OPEN**

8:00 am Lamb, Goat, Swine & Beef Skillathon Contest

10:00 am Barn Buddies

5:00 pm **DEADLINE – Award Thank You Notes Due to Livestock Office (if not turned in you will NOT receive your award until Thank You Note is turned in)**

5:00 pm Livestock Judging

Throughout the Day – Set Up for Auction

10:00 pm **GROUND CLOSE**

SATURDAY – JANUARY 13th

8:00 am **Parade of Champions – Stage in Show Arena**

8:00 am **Buyer Registration Opens – Main Showbarn**

10:00 am **Auction Sale Begins – Main Showbarn**

SETUP WORKDAYS

Sat, Dec 30th, 2023 – 8am – 12:00

Sat, Jan 6th, 2024 – 8am – 12:00

CLEANUP WORKDAY

Sat, Jan 20th, 2024 – 8am – 12:00

Market Animal Weight Requirements & Weight Tolerances			
	Min	Max	Tolerance
Poultry	None	None	N/A
Rabbits	3 lbs. 8 oz.	5 lbs. 8 oz.	+/- 2 oz.
Goats	60 lbs.	115 lbs.	+/- 2 lb.
Lambs	80 lbs.	None	+/- 2 lb.
Hogs	190 lbs.	280 lbs.	+/- 3 lb.
Steers	900 lbs.	None	N/A

Atascosa County Livestock Show Weights

Prepared October 10, 2016 following Constitution and Bylaws Revised 2016

Updated November 27, 2023

ALL EXHIBITORS NEED TO READ AND FOLLOW ATASCOSA COUNTY JUNIOR LIVESTOCK SHOW RULES AND GUIDELINES Please go to their website:

<http://acslweb.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/11/2024-Constitution.pdf> look under 2023

Revised Constitution. Or obtain a printed copy

Market Steers	Minimum of 900 Pounds
Market Swine (187-283 lbs)	190 to 280 lbs with a 3 pound tolerance
Market Sheep (78 lbs)	Minimum of 80 Pounds with a 2 pound tolerance
Market Goats	60 to 115 lbs with a 2 pound tolerance (58-117 lbs)
Market Rabbits	Weigh limit of 3 lbs, 8 oz and a maximum weight limit of 5 lbs 8 oz with a 2 ounce tolerance
Poultry	No weigh in or minimum weights on poultry

This information is for reference only official Atascosa County Junior Livestock Show Rules will supersede anything on this sheet.

2024 Atascosa County Livestock Show Reminders

- **Weight cards will be passed out each day of the show**
This will be for swine, goats, sheep, & cattle shows only
Please find your club manager or another designated individual on the day you show to pick up these weight cards. Atascosa County 4-H Extension Service staff will also be on-site if you have any questions.
- **The exhibitor may only sell one animal at the ACLS Auction even if they place in the sale with more than one animal.**
- **If you make the ACLS Auction you must let your club manager know what animal you will be selling by the end of the day on Thursday, January 11, 2024.**
- **If you receive a Grand or Reserve Champion animal, Grand or Reserve Champion Showmanship, Grand or Reserve Champion Skillathon award, or other prizes and awards at the show, you will need to write a “Thank You” letter and turn it in by Friday, January 12, 2024 at 5:00 p.m to the Livestock Office. If you get it completed before Friday, still turn it in ASAP.**
- **If you make the ACLS Auction Sale on January 13, 2024, please arrive 30 to 40 sale lots before your animal sells.**

We look forward to a fantastic 2024 Atascosa County Livestock Show!!
Good luck to all exhibitors!!



Atascosa County Livestock Show Set Up Day

**Atascosa County Livestock Show set up day
will be on
Saturday, December 30, 2023 at 8 AM.**

**We ask that if you plan on showing at the
Atascosa County Livestock Show you plan to
attend.**

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Atascosa County Livestock Show Set Up Day

**Atascosa County Livestock Show set up
day will be on
Saturday, January 6, 2024 at 8 AM.
We will be setting up the rabbit and
poultry pens on this day.**

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plan to attend.**

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Atascosa County Livestock Show Exhibitors- Auction photo

Once again this year, The Atascosa County Livestock Show requests a picture of each exhibitor. These pictures are used for the online portion of the auction sale. The buyers are able to see a picture of the exhibitor online if they choose to bid or complete an add-on.

Please email a picture of your child and their animal to
holly.kopplin@ag.tamu.edu.

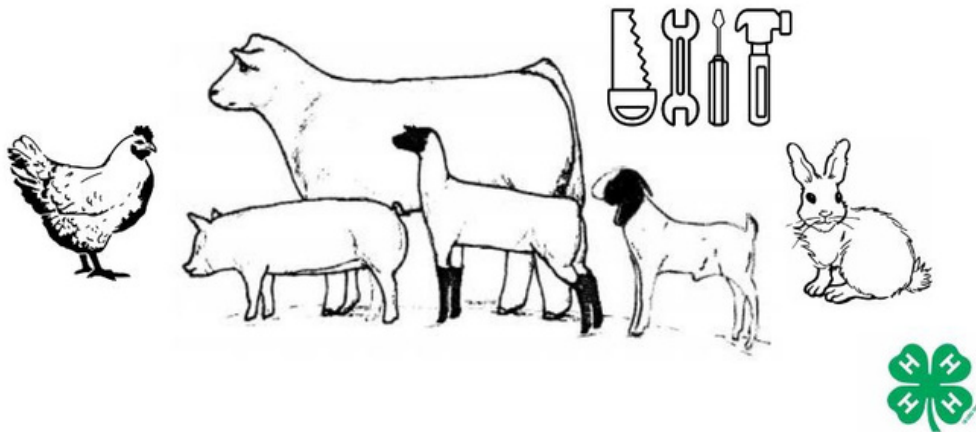
Please include their name, species of animal, and their 4-H club.

Atascosa County Livestock Show Auction Assistance- Parent help needed

Trace Blair with the ACLS Auction Committee is in need of parents to help with serving during the ACLS Auction on January 13, 2024. Each shift would be two hours.

If interested, please text or email Trace to sign up
(210) 232-0664 or tblair@wigrum.com

**Good luck to all Atascosa County 4-H Exhibitors
at the 2024 Atascosa County Livestock Show!!!**



Atascosa County Livestock Show Clean Up Day

**Atascosa County Livestock Show clean up
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Saturday, January 20, 2024 at 8 AM.**

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Atascosa County Photography Contest

The Atascosa County 4-H Photography Contest will take place February 2024. Photos will be due to holly.kopplin@ag.tamu.edu by 5PM on Thursday, February 1, 2024. This contest is open to all Atascosa County 4-H members registered on 4-H online. Grades 3rd- 12th can enter one photo per category. Clover members (grades K- 2nd) can enter 1 photo from any of the categories.

All photos must be taken from January 1, 2023 through February 1, 2024. Cameras can be a point and click, phone, manual, or automatic camera. Photos are submitted digitally for the contest. please see below for the full list of categories. For more information please visit https://texas4-h.tamu.edu/wp-content/uploads/photography_rules_24.pdf

TEXAS 4-H PHOTOGRAPHY CONTEST 2023-2024 CATEGORIES

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It is extremely important that 4-H members, project leaders, parents, and County Extension Agents review the descriptions of each category very carefully. Do not enter photographs into categories that are duplicates from other categories or ones that do not clearly meet the category description. Photographs that do not meet the description of the category will be disqualified.

ANIMALS - DOMESTIC

Photos focusing on the various animals that have been tamed and made fit for a human environment. To be considered domesticated, the animal must have their behavior, life cycle, or physiology systemically altered as a result of being under human control for many generations.

Examples: Chickens, cows, dogs, cats, hamsters, horses, pigs, sheep, goats, etc. All waterfowl (ducks and geese) should be entered in Animals - Wildlife.

ANIMALS - WILDLIFE

Category focuses on animals not typically tamed or domesticated and commonly found in the wilderness or bodies of water throughout the country and world. Photos can be of wildlife in nature, zoos, and/or petting zoos.

Examples: Birds, deer, elephants, snakes, whales, etc.

CATCH-ALL

Photos that do not fit into one of the other categories.

Not allowed: A duplicate photo also entered in another category.

DETAILS & MACRO

Getting in close is the name of the game for this category. The goal is to zoom in close on an object to see its finer details or to make small objects appear life-sized or larger than we do not normally get to see with the naked eye.

Examples: Insect eyes, veins on a leaf, a reflection in a water droplet, etc.

ELEMENTS OF DESIGN

Images use of graphic elements of design. Photos that showcase line, shape, pattern, form, texture, perspective, etc. Photo can consist of any subject matter.

Examples: Line, pattern, perspective, shape, etc.

Not allowed: Digital creations or graphic designs made in software such as Photoshop, InDesign or Illustrator.

ENHANCED

A single photo that has been technically manipulated to be an abstract, panoramic, stitched or composite image. Others variations are allowed as well.

Examples: Software edited composites and creations, images greatly manipulated with a variety of filters, photos with artistic borders, photos stitched into a panoramic, etc.

FOOD

A still life specialization of photography, aimed at producing attractive photographs of food for use in such items of advertisements, packaging, menus and/or cookbooks.

Examples: Cakes/pies, Easter eggs, fruits and place settings, ingredients, sandwiches, Thanksgiving dinner, etc.

Not allowed: A photo of alcohol beverages.

LANDSCAPE & NATURE (NON-ANIMAL)

The focus of this category includes landscapes, outdoor scenics, nature images, sunsets, urban landscapes, seascapes, cityscapes, and farms. Images focus on the beauty of the outdoors.

Examples: Gardens/landscapes, outdoors, scenics, etc.

Not allowed: Primary subject is a person or wildlife.

LEADING LINE

This image composition technique features lines that draw the viewer's eye from point A to point B, which is the primary subject.

Example: A river that begins in the foreground and draws your attention to a photogenic bridge in the background.

LONG EXPOSURE

Also known as time-exposure or slow-shutter, this technique involves using a long-duration shutter speed. It can be used to sharply capture stationary elements of an image while blurring, smearing, or obscuring the moving elements. It is also used in low-light conditions.

Examples: fireworks, moving water, light trails, Milky Way, light painting, night or low-light conditions, etc.

MOTION/ACTION

The capture of movement within a single photo. The subject appears stopped or "frozen".

Examples: Ferris wheel spinning, sporting events, horse running across a field, etc.

PEOPLE

Photos focus from all walks of life, parenting and family, children, babies, models/fashion, sports, and couples. All individuals in the photos must have provided consent and permission as a subject. If requested, a release will be needed from the photographer and subject.

Examples: Babies, families, kids, portraits, models/fashion, etc.

PLANT/FLORA

Photos of interesting, unique, and beautiful flowers and flora.

Photography can occur outdoors or indoors. Photo subject should be that of a single flower, plant, bush, tree, etc. Large collections of plant/flora should be considered for entry into the Landscape & Nature category.

Examples: A rose, an upward shot of a tree, etc.

SHADOW/SILHOUETTE

A silhouette is an outline that appears dark (typically a single color) with little or no details/features against a brighter background.

Recording patterns of light and shade for a desired effect or emphasis is the definition of a shadow. The silhouette or shadow must be the primary subject and focus of the image.

Examples: shadows/silhouettes of people, plants, animals, structures, architectures, or natural structures.

Not allowed: reflections

THEME (New)

The 2023-2024 theme is "Abandoned". Photographs capturing the essence of forgotten or neglected places, things, or structures; emphasizing its worn and forsaken nature.

Please take all necessary safety precautions around abandoned buildings/structures.

SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

**Texas 4-H Foundation Scholarship Applications opened
November 1, 2023.**

**Deadline to apply is February 15th, 2024, at 11:59 p.m.
You must complete your FAFSA (The Free Application for
Federal Student Aid) before submitting your scholarship
application at <http://www.fafsa.gov/>. This is required for
Baccalaureate, Technical, and Courageous Heart
scholarships. Please complete this before mid-December.**

**For more information please visit
<https://texas4hfoundation.org/types-of-scholarships/>**

**The 2024 State Fair of Texas Scholarship application
process is now open. The application will close on
February 1, 2024. For more information please visit
<https://bigtex.com/supporting-texans/scholarship/>**

**The Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo Scholarship
application opens December 5th, 2023.**

**Online Application closes January 31, 2024. For more
information please visit**

**[https://www.rodeohouston.com/scholarships-and-
grants/how-to-apply/](https://www.rodeohouston.com/scholarships-and-grants/how-to-apply/)**

**Texas Farm Bureau Scholarship applications close on
March 1, 2024. For more information please visit**

<https://texasfarmbureau.org/youth/scholarship-apps/>



4-H Members in Action



Atascosa County 4-H Showmanship Show was a success!! We had exhibitors come out to the Extension Office Grounds and show their Swine, Goats, Sheep and Steers.

Senior Swine Showmanship Champion- Sadie Schimelpfening



Senior Swine Showmanship Reserve Champion- Dalton Wilson



Intermediate Swine Showmanship Champion- Julio Morales



Intermediate Swine Showmanship Reserve Champion- Theo Fair



Junior Swine Showmanship Champion- Whitney Martin



Junior Swine Showmanship Reserve Champion- Caleb Estrada





4-H Members in Action

Atascosa County 4-H Showmanship Show

Senior Goat Showmanship Champion- Justin Lopez



Senior Goat Showmanship Reserve Champion- Caylee Durbin



Intermediate Goat Showmanship Champion- Elizabeth Lopez



Intermediate Goat Showmanship Reserve Champion- Katelyn Garcia



Junior Goat Showmanship Champion-Emily Lopez



Junior Goat Showmanship Reserve Champion- Anabel Garcia





4-H Members in Action



Atascosa County 4-H Showmanship Show

Senior Sheep Showmanship Champion- Reese Royal



Senior Sheep Showmanship Reserve Champion- Evelyn Caraway



Intermediate Sheep Showmanship Champion- Blakely Royal



Intermediate Sheep Showmanship Reserve Champion- Trey Caraway



Junior Sheep Showmanship Champion- Jolynn McMillan



Junior Sheep Showmanship Reserve Champion- Hattie Grothues





4-H Members in Action

Atascosa County 4-H Showmanship Show



**Senior Beef Showmanship
Champion - Ely Rankin**



**Senior Beef Showmanship Reserve
Champion- Sadie Schimelpfening**



**Intermediate Beef Showmanship
Champion- Johnelle McMillan**



**Intermediate Beef Showmanship
Reserve Champion- Adrian Jimenez**



**Junior Beef Showmanship
Champion- Hayden Haufler**



**Junior Beef Showmanship Reserve
Champion- Scottlyn Haufler**





4-H Members in Action



Atascosa County 4-H Showmanship Show



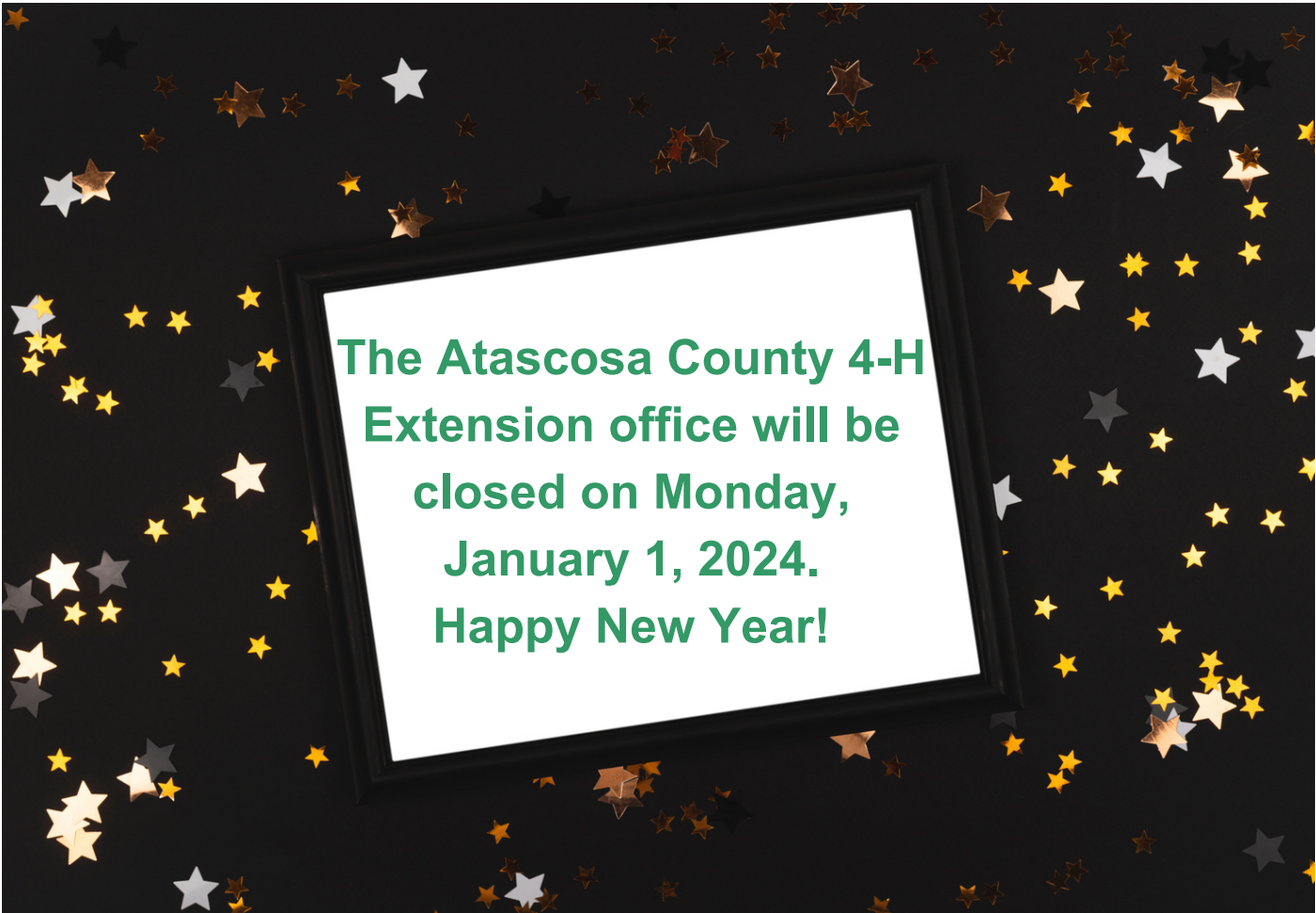


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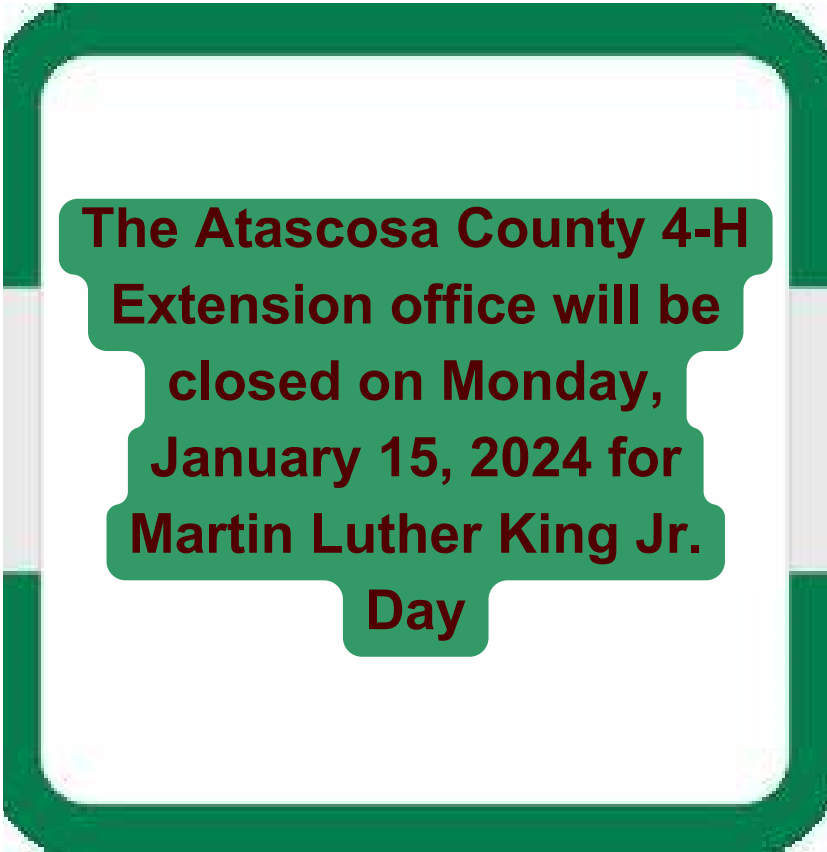


Atascosa County 4-H Showmanship Show





**The Atascosa County 4-H
Extension office will be
closed on Monday,
January 1, 2024.
Happy New Year!**



**The Atascosa County 4-H
Extension office will be
closed on Monday,
January 15, 2024 for
Martin Luther King Jr.
Day**

Texas 4-H Dog Show

Texas 4-H Dog Show will be held July 11-13, 2024 at the Walker County Fairgrounds in Huntsville, Texas. To be eligible for this show, dogs must be validated by January 10, 2024 in 4-H Online.

Dog Show validation instructions can be found at:
https://texas4-h.tamu.edu/wp-content/uploads/dog_show_validation_2024.pdf

Video instructions can be found at
<https://youtu.be/3NzoljK9Pco>.

The 2024 4-H Dog Show rules can be found at: https://texas4-h.tamu.edu/wp-content/uploads/dog_show_rules_2024.pdf

For more information please visit
<https://texas4-h.tamu.edu/events/dogshow/>



Upcoming District 12 4-H Contests

TEXAS A&M
AGRI LIFE
EXTENSION

Texas 4-H Youth Development
South District 12
2401 E. Highway 83
Weslaco, Texas 78596 USA
956-968-5581



2024 District 12 4-H Shooting Sports Postal League Match

Expanding Shooting Sports Opportunities for 4-H members in South Texas

Smallbore Rifle

- ◆ District 12 4-H Shooting Sports Guiding Principles, Texas 4-H Smallbore 3-P Rules & NRA Smallbore Rifle Rules
- ◆ 50ft 3-Position Format w/ Orion 12-Bull Target (provided)
- ◆ 3-P for Seniors & Intermediates, 1-P for Juniors
- ◆ Senior, Intermediate, & Junior Divisions
- ◆ Team & Individual Awards

Shotgun

- ◆ District 12 4-H Shooting Sports Guiding Principles, Texas 4-H Shotgun Rules, & ATA/NSSA Rules
- ◆ 2 Events: Trap & Skeet (no combined HOA)
- ◆ Senior, Intermediate, & Junior Divisions
- ◆ Individual Awards

Smallbore Pistol

- ◆ District 12 4-H Smallbore Pistol Rules, Texas 4-H Pistol Rules & NRA Int'l Pistol Rules
- ◆ 15yd 3-Stage Format (Slow, Timed, Rapid) w/ NRA B-8 Pistol Targets (provided)
- ◆ Senior, Intermediate, & Junior Divisions
- ◆ Individual Awards

Archery

- ◆ District 12 4-H Shooting Sports Guiding Principles
- ◆ 18m Indoor FITA Match Format (10 ends of 3), 9m for 1stYJ
- ◆ Target faces provided (1 per archer)
 - Barebow/Recurve/NASP - 60cm targets (5-color)
 - Compound Aided/Unaided - 40cm targets (5-color)
- ◆ Senior, Intermediate, Junior, & 1st Year Junior Divisions
- ◆ Barebow/Recurve/NASP Genesis/Compound Aided & Unaided
- ◆ Individual Awards

Registration Period:

January 26 - February 20, 2024

Match Period:

March 1 - March 31, 2024

For complete
**Rules, Guidelines &
Match Information**

<http://d124-h.tamu.edu>

If you need any type of accommodation to participate in this program or have questions about the physical access provided, please contact Grace Marshall at 956-968-5581 by March 1, 2024.

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NIXON



Steer & Heifer Prospect Show



Saturday, January 6, 2024

Nixon Livestock Show Barn
1001 East Central Ave, Nixon, TX

**\$60 Entry Fee
for 2 Rings**
Cash or check at check in



SCAN QR CODE FOR EARLY ENTRY

Heifer Check-in
7:00 - 8:30 am
Steer Weigh-in
9:00 - 10:30 am

- Heifer Showmanship will begin at 9:00 am in Ring A
- Heifer Show will follow showmanship
- Ring B (Hiefers) will begin after the conclusion of the first division in Ring A
- Steer showmanship will begin 30 min after the Heifer show concludes
- Steer Show will follow showmanship
- Concessions Available
- Blow and Go, Show off trailer
- \$5 no trailer parking fee

PRIZES Given in Ring B

- Division Champions
- Overall Champions
- Showmanship

Judges: Andrew Kimec & Monte Williams

Jackpot Showmanship (3rd - 12th Grade) - \$5 at the gate

For more information contact Loyce Rice @ 830-534-6528 or therices@gvec.net

Kendall

LIVESTOCK JUDGING CONTEST

JANUARY 7TH @ KENDALL COUNTY YAEC

Comfort, Tx

OPEN TO ALL 4-H & FFA MEMBERS!

Age Divisions:

JUNIOR: GRADES 3RD - 5TH
INTERMEDIATE: GRADES 6TH - 8TH
SENIOR: GRADES 9TH - 12TH

Schedule:

8:00 A.M. - REGISTRATION
9:00 A.M. CONTEST STARTS
AWARDS TO FOLLOW

Awards & Scholarships

**AWARDS FOR INDIVIDUALS
AND TEAMS IN EACH
DIVISION AND SPECIES**

SENIOR SCHOLARSHIPS:
HIGH IND. OVERALL
2ND HIGH IND. OVERALL

Entries:

ENTER AT JUDGINGCARD.COM
\$20.00 PER INDIVIDUAL ONLINE & ON SITE

Sponsored by:



Contest Location:

648 FM 289 - COMFORT, TX

For More Info:

Mary Rowe Foster: maryrowe96@hotmail.com or 210.633.4029
Brittini Cross : brittinshaecross@yahoo.com or 830.739.2930





15th Annual Falcon Lake Classic 4-H & FFA Prospect Show



January 6-7, 2024

**Buckles for
Grand and Reserve Champions
& Showmanship**

**Banners for
Breed Champions**

Oswaldo & Juanita Ramirez
Exhibit Hall
23rd & Glenn St.
Zapata, Texas

Updated time for
Lamb and
Goat Show

Schedule of Events

Sunday, Jan. 7

Saturday, Jan. 6
Weigh-in & Classify

7 - 9 am Hogs
9 - 11 am Steers & Heifers



HOG SHOWMANSHIP 10 am

Hog Show immediately following Showmanship
Breed Format: Duroc, Yorkshire, Hampshire,
OPB & Cross

Heifer & Steer Show

1hr after Hog Show

Division Format: American, British and Exotics

CATTLE SHOWMANSHIP

Heifer and Steer Participants- 1 buckle will be given to
winner of Cattle Showmanship



Heifer Show

Immediately after Cattle Showmanship

Steer Show

Immediately after Heifer Show



**22 Buckles
to be Awarded**

Lamb & Goat Show

Will run Simultaneously

Weigh-in & Classify
7 - 9 am Lambs & Goats

**Lambs and Goats may
move in Saturday Night*

LAMB SHOWMANSHIP 10 am

Lamb Show immediately following Showmanship
Breed Format: Southdown, Fine
Wool, Cross, & Medium Wool



GOAT SHOWMANSHIP

Goat Show immediately following showmanship



SHOWMANSHIP

Age Divisions: 9-11, 12-14 & 15-18
Showmanship Champion Buckle for Each Division

\$10 at the Gate

Winner Takes All!

Indoor Facilities

Generators Welcome

For Out of Town Exhibitors

Facilities Open 6 pm Friday

Entry Fees \$40

Pay entry fees on day of show
Checks payable to: Zapata
High School

Contact:

Fernando Rodriguez	956-763-1344
Joelvanna Sanchez	956-437-9922
Jesse Rodriguez	979-574-6510
Orlando Nava	830-776-9246



Veterans Memorial FFA Alumni



PATRIOT SHOWDOWN

LAMB & GOAT

CHECK-IN
7AM-9AM

CASH/CASHAPP DAY
OF SHOW

"Battle of the Buckles"

DATE: JANUARY 20, 2024

LOCATION: JOSE "JOE" CORREA
1205 W. GRIFFIN PARKWAY
MISSION, TX

\$45 PER HEAD
INCLUDES
SHOWMANSHIP



SHOWMANSHIP

PEEWEE & UNDER (1ST PLACE BUCKLE)

JUNIORS (1ST, 2ND, & 3RD BUCKLES)

INTERMEDIATE (1ST, 2ND, & 3RD BUCKLES)

SENIORS (1ST, 2ND, & 3RD BUCKLES)

- 9:30 AM - LAMB SHOWMANSHIP
FOLLOWED BY LAMB SHOW
- GOAT SHOWMANSHIP
FOLLOWED BY GOAT SHOW

FOR MORE INFORMATION CALL: (956) 534-1156



SHOW OFF TRAILERS



GENERATORS WELCOMED



24 BUCKLES
RIBBONS &
PRIZES

HORSE POWER

8 BREEDS

- DUROC
- YORK
- LIGHT OPB
- DARK OPB
- BERKSHIRE
- HAMPSHIRE
- DARK CROSS
- ALL OTHER CROSSES

JANUARY 20, 2024

AT THE

THE RIO GRANDE VALLEY LIVESTOCK SHOW GROUNDS

FOR MORE INFORMATION PLEASE CONTACT

MR. EDUARDO SALINAS (956) 534-0695

BUCKLES AND BOOTS

- BUCKLES TO GRAND CHAMPION AND RESERVE
- BREED AND RESERVE BREEDS WILL RECEIVE BANNER AND A PAIR OF HORSEPOWER BOOTS

3 SHOWMANSHIP DIVISIONS

JUNIOR - AGES 8-11

INTERMEDIATE - AGES 12-14

SENIOR - AGES 15 AND UP

BUCKLES TO CHAMPIONS AND BOOTS FOR RESERVE CHAMPIONS

SCHEDULE

6:00 AM - GATES OPEN

7:00AM - 9:00 AM WEIGHT-IN

9:30 AM - SHOWMANSHIP

SHOW WILL BEGIN PROMPTLY AFTER SHOWMANSHIP

CONCESSION STAND, SHOW SUPPLY TRAILER AVAILABLE

ENTRY FEE: \$40.00. - SHOWMANSHIP: \$5.00 - PAY AT THE GATE

ALL HOGS MUST PASS THROUGH SCALE TO RECEIVE EXHIBITOR NUMBER.

THE MERCEDES FFA BOOT CITY CLASSIC SWINE EXPO



2024



CENTRAL TEXAS 4-H INVITATIONAL CDM CONTEST

SATURDAY, JANUARY 27, 2024

THE BOYS AND GIRLS CLUB OF GATESVILLE

2533 E MAIN ST, GATESVILLE, TX 76528

8:30 AM REGISTRATION

9:00 AM CONTEST ORIENTATION

AGE DIVISIONS:

- JUNIOR: 3-5 GRADE
- INTERMEDIATE: 6-8 GRADE
- SENIOR: 9-12 GRADE

REGISTRATION DEADLINE: JAN 16TH

TEAM: \$40

INDIVIDUAL: \$10

AWARDS IN EACH DIVISION:

- TOP FIVE INDIVIDUALS
- TOP 3 TEAMS
- Scholarships for High Point Senior Individuals

ORAL REASONS:

- JR: NO
- INT: 1 SET
- SR: 2 SETS

UNTIL THE MORNING OF THE CONTEST FOR \$60 PER TEAM AND \$20 PER INDIVIDUAL.

SCANTRONS WILL BE PROVIDED

REGISTER HERE:



MAIL REGISTRATION PAYMENT TO: MILAM COUNTY 4-H

806 N CROCKETT AVENUE, CAMERON, TX 76520

PLEASE MAKE ALL CHECKS PAYABLE TO MILAM COUNTY 4-H

REGISTRATION AVAILABLE HERE:

[HTTPS://MILAM.AGRILIFE.ORG/LINKS/CENTRAL-TEXAS-CONSUMER-INVITATIONAL-CONTEST/](https://milam.agrilife.org/links/central-texas-consumer-invitational-contest/)

FOR MORE INFORMATION, CONTACT:

CORVELL COUNTY EXTENSION OFFICE AT (254) 865-2414

MILAM COUNTY EXTENSION OFFICE AT (254) 605-0226

TEXAS A&M
AGRI LIFE
EXTENSION



2024 Gulf Coast BB Gun and Air Rifle Match



Date: Sunday, February 4, 2024

Time: 8:00 A.M. – 5:00 P.M.

Awards Ceremony to follow

Location: Montgomery County Fairgrounds Exhibit Hall 2
9201 Airport Rd. Conroe, TX 77303

Hosted By: Montgomery 4-H Shooting Sports Club

Events:

- 5 meter BB Gun: 4x10 (prone, standing, sitting, kneeling) 8 (3rd grade) - 15 years old*
*16th birthday cannot occur before 2024 Daisy Nationals
- Sporter Air Rifle: 3x10 (prone, standing, kneeling) 4th- 7th grade
3x20 (kneeling, prone, standing) 8th- 12th grade
- Precision Air Rifle Standing: 60 shots 8th- 12th grade

Entry: Match Bulletins available by contacting Match Director. Match bulletins will be emailed to all competitors upon completing registration form. Competitors are responsible for knowing the competition format and rules. Complete registration through online form: <https://form.jotform.com/232676576900060> or through Montgomery 4-H Shooting Sports Website. No onsite registration will be offered.

Entry Fee: \$30 per individual per event

Payment made through emailed PayPal Invoice sent after online entry form is received.

Registration Deadline: January 1, 2024. Late Registration as space allows through January 15, 2024.

Awards:

- BB Gun: Individual: Overall 1st – 3rd Place by Age Group
Individual: Overall 1st – 3rd Place
Individual New Competitor: 1st – 3rd Place
Team (5 member, no alternates): 1st – 3rd Place (based on # of entries)
- Air Rifle: Individual 1st – 8th Place (Sporter 3x10)
Individual 1st – 8th Place (Sporter 3x20 and Precision Standing)

Match Director: Laura Haines - Contact laurahaines44@gmail.com for questions.



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Texas Brigades Summer Camp opportunities



2024 SUMMER CAMP SCHEDULE

JUNE	3-7	NORTH DAKOTA WATERFOWL BRIGADE 4-H CENTER	WASHBURN, ND
	9-13	SOUTH TEXAS BUCKSKIN BRIGADE CHAPARROSA RANCH	LA PRYOR, TX
	10-14	ROLLING PLAINS BOBWHITE BRIGADE THE 1687 FOUNDATION	RISING STAR, TX
	22-26	SOUTH TEXAS BOBWHITE BRIGADE BUCK HORN CREEK RANCH	MCCOY, TX
	22-26	SOUTH TEXAS RANCH BRIGADE DUVAL COUNTY RANCH	FREER, TX
JULY	9-13	BASS BRIGADE WARREN RANCH	SANTA ANNA, TX
	15-19	RANCH BRIGADE WARREN RANCH	SANTA ANNA, TX
	17-21	WATERFOWL BRIGADE PINTAIL HUNTING CLUB	GARWOOD, TX
	21-25	NORTH TEXAS BUCKSKIN BRIGADE WARREN RANCH	SANTA ANNA, TX
	23-27	COASTAL BRIGADE PRIVATE PROPERTY IN GALVESTON	GALVESTON, TX

APPLY NOVEMBER 1 – MARCH 15 • TEXASBRIGADES.ORG/APPLICATIONS