



# Austin County 4-H News



Howdy!

Our county sure has had a busy Spring! As we look to the Summer and all the different activities I want to challenge us to look. Look and see what new faces are coming to your club meetings. Look for opportunities to grow and learn something new. Look for ways to serve others. Look for the good things. When we take the time to really look and see, we often find new friends, new challenges, new blessings and maybe some old ones too!

Recently I had the chance to sit down with the Bellville Times and talk about the Austin County 4H program and all the projects our members complete. It wasn't too hard to share all of your accomplishments and hard work! I was able to share that we have over 365 4H members and over 350 Livestock Projects. That means most of you raise an animal or two! As you spend the summer caring for your animals, please let me know when I can come and visit! Project visits are one of my favorite things!

- Crystal Schibler

### Austin County 4-H News Letter Mailing List

With all the great things going on in the 4-H program in Austin County, we are engaging more people than ever. Thus, our paper newsletter has simply grown to the point that it is no longer a fiscally responsible option for getting all this information out to you. Therefore, our paper mailing list will now need to be reduced to a more manageable size.

Our preferred method of delivering our newsletter is via email. However, we are aware that some of you may not have access to the internet and would prefer a mailed newsletter.

If you would like to receive a paper copy of the newsletter, please fill out the enclosed card and return it to our office by July 29th. If we have not received your card by July 29th you will only receive an emailed copy of our newsletter.

Thank you for your understanding and continued support of the Austin County 4-H program!

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## Livestock Project Meetings

Our Livestock Project Groups are going strong! If your family is new to one of the animal projects these meetings are for you. They cover animal selection, housing, feeding, grooming general care and so much more. In addition, our project leaders are another great resource to help answer questions that you may have.

Pictured left are those who attended the May swine project meeting. A big THANK YOU to Buck Eckermann and Family for your support of the 4-H program and letting the students tour the Meat Market!

## District & State Contests

We had more than 30 students compete in District Contests throughout April with our Seniors moving on to compete at the State Round up. I want to highlight our Beef Quiz Bowl team here. We had 2 teams qualify for State and they finished 1st & 5th. Our 1st place team will move on to the National Livestock Quiz Bowl contest held in January at the Western National Conference. Here is the most impressive part, ALL of these students began quiz bowl just 6 months ago! In the past 6 months they have learned more about beef production than they probably even imagined!

Every Austin county member who was a part of district & state have worked very hard on their contests and we are bursting with pride! Good job! We are looking forward to who will join them next year!



**Bucket Drum Line** (Pictured above: Regan, Madison, Blake, Hudson, Emily, Kyle & Carson)

**Alyssa Hale** (Pictured below won 1st at District & represented Austin County in the "4-H Has Talent" at State.

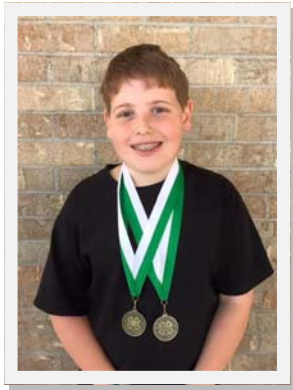


**Janish Brothers** (Pictured Above) Placed 2nd at District & 6th at State with their Educational Presentation on The Future of Agriculture

**Beef Quiz Teams** (Pictured Left: Canute, William, Hunter, Dalton, Hunter, Airistyn, Samantha, Mackenzie, Faith and Jenna.

Our Junior team placed 2nd at District

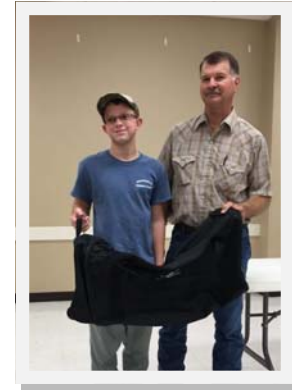




**Hudson Ham** (Pictured above)  
Placed 1st with his Educational Presentation on Bottle Calves.



**David Lewis** (Pictured above) placed 2nd at District & 8th at State in Share the Fun Band category. He also was chosen to sing the national Anthem at the General Assembly!



**Lee Michalik** (Pictured above) Was awarded District Junior Intermediate High Point Shooter individual.

## State Wildlife Team

Our Wildlife team placed 2nd in the Texas State Wildlife Contest. This competition tested their knowledge in plant identification, wildlife management techniques, wildlife habitat, and outdoor safety, and hunting/fishing regulations.

Team members (Pictured Right): Canute Janish, Braden Raeke, Austin Hanath and Dalton Kasper

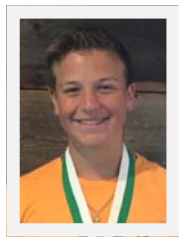


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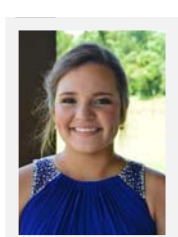
At the May county council meeting, we elected officers for the upcoming 4-H year . We are very excited to get them ready to serve as our 4H Ambassadors throughout the county and state! They will have a big hand in training the club officers for 2016-2017. What a great crew!



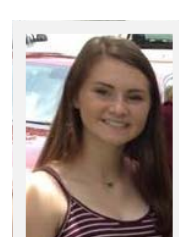
**President:**  
**Jordan Murray**



**Vice President:**  
**David Lewis**



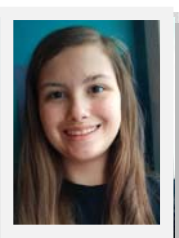
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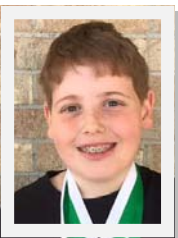
**3rd Vice President:**  
**Gabby Eskew**



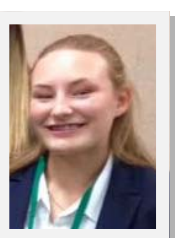
**Secretary:**  
**Conner Neumann**



**Treasurer:**  
**Sarah Mahlmann**



**Reporter:**  
**Hudson Ham**



**Parliamentarian :**  
**Mackenzie Burke**





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er others.”

-John Maxwell

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# Important Dates & Events

## June:

- 3- Registration Due for District Leadership Lab
- 6- Turkey Project Meeting- 5:30PM Extension Office
- 7-9- State Roundup- College Station, TX
- 14-15- District Horse Show- Edna, TX
- 16- Lamb/Goat Validation (State Fair of Texas ONLY)
- 17- 4H Record Books Due
- 20-22- District Leadership Lab- Brownwood, TX
- 23- Major Show Heifer & Steer Validations- 4-7PM- Fairgrounds
- 24- Registration Due for JUNIOR Leadership Lab (grades 3rd-8th)
- 26- Council Officer Teleconference 8:30PM
- 27-July 1- Bluebonnet Master Gardener Kid's Camp- Sealy Church of Christ

## July:

- 4- Office Closed in Observance of Independence Day
- 5- STAR AWARDS- Extension Office
- 7- Parent Leader & Council Meeting- 7PM- Bellville Fire Station (Nominations for Fair Queen Candidate)
- 9- Austin County Fair Tag in: Swine (6AM-8AM), Lamb & Goat (7AM-9AM)
- 12- Junior Leadership Lab- Matagorda, TX
- 14- Austin County Fair Tag in: Lamb & Goat (6PM-8PM)
- 15- Club Chartering Due- Club Managers
- 16- Austin County Fair Tag in: Swine (6AM-8AM),
- 18-21- FCS Day Camp (Duds to Dazzle, Fun with Foods, Share about 4H, Photos with your Phone) \*See Attachment for registration and details
- 27-28- Prestige Leadership Conference- College Station, TX
- 30- Train Like a Champion Cattle Clinic & Show- Fayette County

## August:

- 2- Set up for Jubilee Show
- 5- Set up for Jubilee Show
- 6-7- Jubilee Cattle Show- Austin County Fairgrounds
- 9- Club Officer Training- St. Johns Retreat Center
- 20- Progress & Showmanship Show (Mandatory)- Austin County Fair (Lamb, Goat, Beef, Horse & Rabbit)
- 20- 4H Awards Banquet & Showcase
- 22- 1st Day of School Bellville ISD & Brazos ISD
- 23- 1st Day of School Sealy ISD
- 26- Fair Entries Due!