



# Austin County 4-H News



# Spring

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Howdy!

It's hard to believe that 3 months have already flown by since I arrived in Austin county! I have enjoyed getting to know many of you and am looking forward to meeting everyone else. The past few months have been very busy for our 4H members. We had teams compete at the **District Food Challenge**, **Rifle** and **Major Stock Shows**. We had many compete in our County **Photography Contest** and **Round Up** who will be representing Austin county at District and State. Along with these events we have **Livestock Project Meetings**, **Council Officer Elections**, **Horse Show** and **Leadership Lab** on the horizon.

I can not say enough great things about the families and volunteers we have in Austin county. Without parents and volunteers we would not be able to have 4-H activities and an awesome 4-H program. So, thank you! Thank you for the countless hours you give so that we can invest in the next generation of leaders.

If there is any question you may have or any way I can help you or your family, please contact me! I love Austin county and am so happy to be a part of this community!

- Crystal Schibler

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## District Food Challenge

The 2016 District 11 4-H Food Show and Food Challenge Competition was held on Saturday, February 6, 2016 in La Grange, TX. Nine Austin County 4-H members competed in Food Challenge. Participants had 40 minutes to prepare a dish from ingredients given to them at the time of the event and then give a presentation over how they prepared the dish and the nutritional components of it. Congratulations to Brily Helms, Hudson Ham, Blake Makowsky, Andie Eckermann, Sarah Kaase, Madison Makowsky, Ryland Brau, Kaylin Krebs and Emily Shupak!

This is one of the many opportunities to learn more about the Foods & Nutrition project. Parents if you are interested in helping with projects like this please contact me!

## Major Stock Shows

We had more than 40 4H members participate in Major Stock Shows from exhibiting livestock, volunteering and competing in various contests and they have done very well! I wish I had room for all the pictures here please see Facebook for more.

Our **Livestock Judging Teams** will be representing Austin County at the District Judging contest on April, 23 in College Station Texas. 4H members are learning how to evaluate cattle, swine, lambs and goats for market and breeding purposes.

Livestock Teams (Pictured Right)

Junior Teams Placed 8th  
(out of 126) at San Antonio,  
10th (out of 146) at Houston,  
5th & 7th (out of 62) with  
**Luke Vykukal** placing 8th high  
junior individual overall at Austin.



**Gabriel Janish** (Pictured above with his Brangus heifer)

**Stewart Poffenburger** (Pictured below with his market goat)



Our **Dairy Judging Teams** (Pictured Left) have done awesome this season finishing 1st and 5th at Houston with Lillian Holt placing 1st, Amanda Kaase placing 2nd, and Kaylin Krebs placing 7th high individuals overall in the Junior Division. Congratulations!





**Mackenzie & Airstyn** (Pictured left) have been competing in the calf scramble at Major Stock Shows this year. The Calf Scramble is an opportunity for 4H and FFA members to lace up their running shoes, catch a calf, halter it and drag it back to the finish line. If they catch a calf their hard work is rewarded with a certificate to put towards the purchase of a show animal to raise and bring to show the next year. If you see them ask them if they were able to keep their shirts white while wrestling calves!



We had 2 **Consumer Decision Making teams** (Pictured above) compete at the San Antonio Stock Show contest where they placed 11th and 18th overall with Kaylin Krebs placing 8th high individual.

## County Round Up

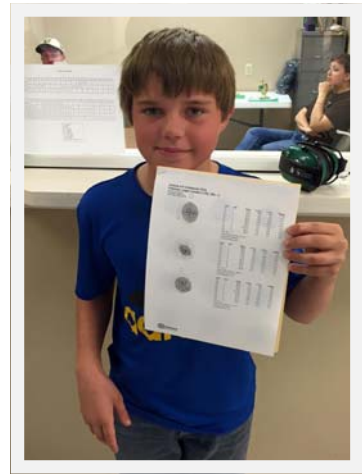
We had over 90 in attendance at County Round Up at the beginning of March. 4H members gave educational presentations, played the piano, fiddle, guitar and 5 gallon buckets. We had vocalists that sang beautifully. The judges commented how impressed they were with the talent they in Austin county. Those who qualified will compete at District in Victoria on April 9. Pictured Right: 2106 County Round Up participants.



## Rifle

Our Rifle members have been working hard on marksmanship and putting those skills to practice at competitions throughout the Fall and Spring. Members learn Rifle safety, gauging shot distances, reading wind direction, setting sights, sportsmanship and so much more!

Members Pictured: (L to R) Jacie, Lee Michalik, Logan Freeman. \*These are just a few of our members involved in Rifle in Austin county.





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great, not be-  
cause of their  
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ability to empower  
others.”

-John Maxwell

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# Important Dates & Events

## April:

- 7- Lamb, Goat & Rabbit Project Meetings (See Web for Details)
- 8 & 9- District Spring Spectacular: (Round Up, Share The Fun, CDM, Fashion)
- 11- Colt Project Meeting- Rice Ranch (See Web for Details)
- 12- Livestock Judging Practice: 6PM- Agrilife Office
- 12- State Fair Lamb & Goat Tag Order Due
- 15- State Fair Swine Tag Order Due
- 15-16- Rifle Match- Victoria, TX
- 16- Qualified Senior Photos Due on 4H connect
- 18- Archery Informational- Watch E-mail for Location
- 19- Livestock Judging Practice: 6PM- Agrilife Office
- 23- District Livestock Judging Contest- College Station, TX
- 24- Council Officer Teleconference
- 25- Ag in the Classroom (Tour Guide Volunteers)- Austin County Fair Grounds
- 29- District Rifle Match- Victoria, TX

## May:

- 2- Colt Project Meeting- Rice Ranch (See Web for Details)
- 5- Parent Leader Association & 4-H Council Meeting (Officer Elections for 2016-17)**
- 7- Cattle Tag In Day: 7-10 AM- 4 County Auction, Industry
- 10- Record book Training: 6:30 PM- Agrilife Office
- 14- Train Like a Champion: Horse Clinic- Fayette County Fairgrounds
- 14- Beef Project Meeting: 9:00 AM- Austin County Fairgrounds (See Web for Details)
- 14- Lamb & Goat Project Meeting: 9:00 AM- Austin County Fairgrounds (See Web for Details)
- 19- Club Manager & Adult Leader Training: 6PM- Agrilife Office
- 20- Austin County Fair Broiler Order Due by 5PM- Agrilife Office
- 27- District Horse Show Entries Due on 4-H Connect
- 30- Memorial Day Observance- Agrilife Office Closed

## June:

- 3- Register for Leadership Lab on 4-H Connect
- 6- Poultry Project Meeting: 5:30 PM- Agrilife Office
- 7-9- Texas 4-H Roundup: College Station
- 14-15- District Horse Show: Edna
- 21-22- District Leadership Lab
- 26- Council Officer Teleconference