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Active Month Again

Howdy 4-H Families,

I started looking thru all of my photos this morning on my phone and there was a variety of activities and events that we had going on in March. I was ecstatic at the number of 4-H'ers that came to the gardening/horticulture workshop at the beginning of the month. Now the texts I am get letting me know how their plants are growing just makes my day. We also kicked off the Jim Wells County Walk Across Texas program and thank you to Premont Cactus 4-H, Orange Grove Country Kids, Brush Country 4-H, Ben Bolt 4-H, and County Council for accepting my 4-H Challenge. We are off to a great start with over 5,000 miles walked in 2 weeks.

I would also like to thank the Jim Wells County Judge and Commissioner's Court for the new Suburban. It really shows the support we receive for the 4-H program. If you see the Judge and Commissioner's, please tell them thank you for their continued support of our 4-H program. Also, the suburban is new but there is still no sleeping in my vehicle. The water-bottle just has a new home. I have scotch guarded all of the seats and carpet. ☺

If you have any project questions, please don't hesitate to contact the Extension Office.

Sincerely,

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Thank You Corner

Thank you to the volunteers who helped judge county photos this year and the county fashion show. Liz Kalinec, Annie Tijerina, Amy Gallagher, and Robert and Amanda Lane for judging county photography. Also to Melba Rios, Tama Boggan, Jaye Lynn Watson, and Marissa Brennan. Also a big thank you to all the parents that helped bring and take kids to the Houston Stock Show and Rodeo and helped chaperone 4-H'ers: Yolanda Mata, Lilly Rodriguez, Janie Tymrak, Amanda and Robert Lane, Amy Gallagher, Bel Olvera, Deb Gonzalez, Liz Kalinec, and Erika Hesseltine. I know the adults and 4-H'ers who went with me had a great time and I appreciate the time our wonderful volunteers give to the youth of the county.

Leadership Quote for the Month

"Sportsmanship for me is when a guy walks off the court and you really can't tell whether he won or lost, when he carries himself with pride either way."

- Jim Courier

(one of my all time favorite quotes because so many things are told by facial expressions and everyone needs to know how to win and lose gracefully)



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Congratulations Taylor Gunn!

Taylor Gunn participated in the San Antonio and Houston Livestock Show Horse Judging Contests. At the San Antonio Livestock Show, which was also the District 12 4-H Contest, Taylor was 3rd High Point Senior Individual. She was also the High Point Individual in District 12. Taylor also competed at the Houston Livestock Show and placed 4th High Point Individual and 4th Over-All in Reasons.

Great job Taylor and we know all your hard work for years has paid off. Congratulations!!



District 12 4-H Livestock Judging Contest

The 2017 District 12 4-H Livestock Judging Contest will be held in cooperation with the District 10 Livestock Judging Contest at the Gillespie County Fairgrounds on Saturday, May 6. The contest will be open to all 3 age divisions and follow the same guidelines outlined in the Texas 4-H Round-Up Rules and Guidelines. The contest format will be 9 classes including both market and breeding classes: market steer, market lamb, market goat, market hog, breeding ewes, breeding heifers, breeding bulls with EPDs. Seniors will give 4 sets of reasons (1 breeding and 3 market). Intermediates will give 1 set of market reasons. Juniors will get 1 set of questions.

Registration will begin at 8 a.m. with a mandatory orientation for all contestants at 9 a.m. Registration for the event will be on 4-H Connect starting on April 4th through April 21. The registration fee is \$12.

"Great Neighbor" TSC Essay Contest

Tractor Supply Company, the largest rural lifestyle retailer in the US, has just announced the launch of its first ever "Great Neighbor" essay contest. The competition is a new component of the retailer's Mobile Fair tour—a 19 stop journey across the US that will begin its route June 8 in Illinois and conclude October 22 in Arkansas.

TSC is asking 4-H and FFA members living in or near one of its 19 fair stops to submit essays in response to the following question "What does 4-H/FFA mean to you, and how has your organization allowed you to be the best neighbor you can be in your community?" The Fair Stop for Texas is the State Fair of Texas even though we have so many large fairs in Texas. Any 4-H'er can write this essay.

Essays are due by April 24 at 5:00 p.m. and contest rules and regulations, as well as to submit an essay visit www.tractorsupply.com/fairtour

State 4-H Community Service Project

This year, Texas 4-H is working on a community service project for first responders and is asking for each 4-H'ers help to make this happen. Instead of the project going to other areas of the state, the project will be staying locally. 4-H'ers are asked to bring energy bars, protein bars, peanuts, crackers, water, water flavor packets or Gatorade to their local 4-H club meeting or to the County Extension Office. County Council members will bring the items that are collected at the club meetings to the next Council meeting. Please help and support our local first responders. We will be making care package with the items and donating them to the communities in the county. Thank you in advance for your help with the project. If you have any questions, please ask your County Council member.

District 12 4-H Officer Candidacy

Now is the time for 4-H'ers who are interested in running for office on the District 12 4-H Council to submit their paperwork. The filing deadline for these leadership positions is Wednesday, April 12. Each candidate must complete the Candidacy Filing Online Form which includes: candidate information, office of candidacy, statement of candidacy, upload one page resume and photo, and candidacy verification & certification (verify eligibility requirements, age, and 4-H member ID#, and parent information). Remember in order to run for office, 4-H'ers must attend a district meeting prior to the District 12 4-H Election Convention in June. A complete list of candidacy requirements is available on the District 12 4-H website at: <http://agrilife.org/d124h/>

Goat Roping Sponsored by Premont Youth Sponsors



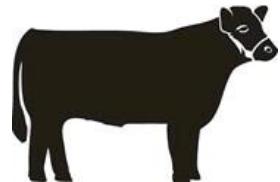
If we have any goat ropers out there, you won't want to miss the Goat Roping which will be held on Saturday, April 22. The start time is 10 a.m. at the Rodeo Arena at the Fairgrounds. Three loops for \$20. There will be 2 age division: 10 and younger and 11 thru adults. Concessions will be available. Proceeds benefit the Premont Youth Sponsors.

4-H Graduation Cords

I am happy to announce a new tradition for Jim Wells County 4-H. As seniors graduating, I have always purchased graduation cords for Council Officers graduating from High School. This year, Jim Wells County 4-H Adult Leaders have voted on awarding 4-H cords to seniors who have continued to stay involved in the 4-H program throughout their senior year. For seniors graduating in May or June, if the 4-H'er attends their 6 4-H club meetings, participates in 3 county events or activities, and lets the Extension Office know by May 1, they will earn their green graduation cord.



State Steer Validation Tags



4-H'ers interested in showing in the major livestock shows for 2017, the deadline for ordering tags is Thursday, April 13. Tags are \$20 each. Please make sure to order tags by the deadline or the late tag orders are \$40 each. No extra tags will be ordered. State steer validations will be held on Saturday, June 10, from 6-8 p.m. at the Fairgrounds.

Record Book Workshop

Do you record all of the things that you have done this year in 4-H? Do you reflect back on all of the things you have done this year in 4-H? Well if you haven't, you really should. 4-H Record Books help you organize all of the things you are doing in 4-H. It also helps as you go thru your 4-H career but most especially when you start filling out scholarships. Everything you have done and learned is in one location, 4-H and non-4-H work. 4-H record books also allows you to interview for outstanding award interviews in July. I will host a 4-H Record Book Workshop on Wednesday, April 26, at 6:00 p.m. at the County Extension Office. If you plan on attending, you will need to RSVP by Monday, April 24. Let's get started early so they will be a breeze when they are due in June.

2017 State 4-H Horse Validations

Validation will be open March 1st – May 1st, at \$10 per validation until April 15th and \$20 from April 16 until May 1. Remember:

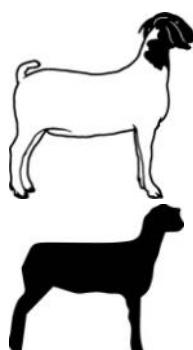
- horses must be validated on 4-H Connect every year.
- only one validation per horse each year is necessary (horses do not need to be validated under each siblings name).
- If the horse is registered then the registration papers must be uploaded during validation. The uploaded papers must be legible and the owner must be listed as the 4-H'er, or a member of the 4-H'ers immediate family (parent, sibling, grandparent, legal guardian). A bill of sale or a signed transfer request will NOT suffice. Families should apply for and receive the corrected papers prior to uploading in 4-H Connect.
- if the horse is grade (unregistered) then the field designated for the upload of registration papers should be left blank.
- pictures need to be a visual representation of the horses color and markings (head and legs must be visible in right and left profile images and lighting should be sufficient to determine coat color).

Remember by validating your horse project, you are eligible to compete in the District and State 4-H Horse Show this summer.



State Fair Lamb and Goat Tags

Lamb and goat exhibitor who are planning on exhibiting at the State Fair of Texas need to place their tag orders for lambs and goats by Monday, April 10 since the newsletter did not go out earlier. Tags are \$20 each and must be pre-paid. Late orders will be \$40 per tag. Orders will be accepted at the Extension Office.



Paper Clover Campaign at TSC

TSC-Alice would like 4-H Clubs to participate in the Paper Clover Campaign on April 26-May 7 by selling paper clovers at the 4-H display, helping bag customers purchases, or even demonstrating some of the skills or projects you have learned thru 4-H. This includes showing off your animals if you have some.

During the April 4-H Club meeting, please vote on a date that your club would like to go to TSC (during the week its after school from 4-8 or on weekends times can vary). 4-H'ers can take one hour shifts and can work that out in their clubs. If the day and time does not work for a family because of another activity, pick another time and call Mary at the Extension Office and let her know when your club or your family will participate. Have alternative dates in mind just in case another club already has that date. 4-H Clubs can even have a bake sale to raise club funds at the same time if they would like to.

Remember a percentage of all paper clovers come back to Jim Wells County 4-H. We are asking all clubs and project groups to help sell Paper Clovers: Ben Bolt—Palito Blanco 4-H, Brush Country 4-H, Hoppin' 4-H, Premont Cactus 4-H, Lone Star 4-H, Orange Grove Country Kids 4-H, and Rifle and Archery projects to participate and not just 3 clubs plus County Council. Remember, you can do more than 1 hour if you are involved in multiple groups or projects. One hour is not a lot to ask.

Ashlyn Hesseltine Earns TEEA Scholarship

Ashlyn Hesseltine received a \$1000 Texas Extension Educators Association Scholarship for District 12 last week. Ashlyn's main 4-H project is health and plans to attend the University of Texas in Austin. Congratulations Ashlyn!!

4-H Horticulture Show Additional “Creative Container” Category

I am adding an addition category to the horticulture show to all for your creativity. Here are the rules for that new category. Entries must have been owned and grown by exhibitor for 4 weeks prior to the show. Plants show evidence of being grown in the container, such as being securely rooted in the soil. Entries should feature 3 or more plants and all plants must be alive when entering. Plant selection is at the exhibitors discretion. Plants may belong to any species and must be bug free and healthy. Select a container that enhances the creative presentation of the entry. Accessories to the entry are permitted; however, emphasis should be on the creative use of natural, fresh planted materials rather than of accessories to create a scene.

4-H'ers can start this project and creativity now. This is a totally different project from any of the others that you have started. You do not need to keep a project report form for this entry; however, you will need to submit a picture of the starting project (ie. Plants and container before planting together) and then once the flowers are all planted in container. These pictures are submitted when checking in the project. This entry will just need to be turned in on May 16th at the Fairgrounds. This category is open to anyone. Let's get creative...I took a few examples and posted on Jim Wells County 4-H Facebook page a few weeks back.



Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo Results

Jim Wells County 4-H was well represented at the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo with not only animals but through the various judging contests. In the heifer show. Mikayla Hesseltine won her class in the AOB breed. Ashlyn Hesseltine placed 2nd with her Simmental heifer and Elise Hesseltine also place 2nd with her Simbrah heifer. The junior Ag Product ID team of Emily Kalinec, Avery Mata, Adam Tijerina, and Kinleigh Carr placed 5th Over-All. Emily Kalinec placed 2nd High Point Junior Individual. The senior team of Ryan Kalinec, Ryan Lopez, and Kyleigh Carr placed 11th. Kyleigh Carr placed 5th High Point Senior Individual. Taylor Gunn placed 4th High Point Senior Individual in Horse Judging. We had a great group of kids participate in the numerous contest, whether they placed or didn't place, they did their best and learned valuable information and knowledge.

Learn, Grow, Eat, Go Workshop

Some of you may be wondering what is this Learn, Grow, Eat, Go. This is a program that combines many different activities and projects including foods and nutrition, horticulture and gardening, health and activities. We started working on this earlier this month when we planted vegetables which I hope everyone's is growing well.

For this workshop, we will be learning about herbs, cooking with herbs, and trying new and different fruits and vegetables.

The workshop will be held on Monday, April 24, at 6:00 p.m. at the Women's Building. This will be a fun way of making connections with many of our different projects and learning experiences. If you would like to come to the workshop, please RSVP by Thursday, April 20 so that appropriate supplies can be purchased. Come out and learn and have some fun with your 4-H friends.