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Amazing Results

Howdy 4-H Families,

If you look at the newsletter this month, you will see how busy some of the 4-H'ers have been. They not only have been busy but trying new projects and activities and being very successful at them.

I thoroughly enjoy hearing about how the 4-H'ers who are participating in gardening/horticulture projects are learning and caring for their plants plus how much fruit the plants are producing. I know we have had some strong winds and storms in April that may have taken out some of those plants.

This month is Mother's Day so make sure you remind your Mom, grandmothers, aunts and other special like a mom figures in your life how important they are to you. I know ya'll have seen my Mom around a lot over the years and she is one tough lady and I get my stubbornness and energy from her. 2 of her best qualities are her never give up (even at 82) and unconditional love.

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

Sincerely,



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Thank You Corner

A huge thank you to the parents and leaders who helped judge at different district events this past month. District Fashion Show Judges were Chris Gunn, Rebecca Carr, and Amanda Lane. District Round-Up Judges were Liz Kalinec, Tammy Martinez, and Erika Hesselstine. Also, thank you to Lilly Rodriguez and Annie Tijerina for judging the Brooks County Fashion Show in March. Our kids could not do all the wonderful learning experiences that they do if it not for the wonderful support that we and they receive. Also big thanks to Coaches Eddie Garcia and Richard Griffin for their hard work with the rifle project.

Good Luck Ashlyn and Erin

Ashlyn Hesselstine and Erin Gallagher have their 4-H Scholarship interviews on Sunday in College Station and we want to wish them the best of luck.

Leadership Quote of the Month

“There is no elevator for Success, you have to take the stairs.”

- Unknown

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4-H Seniors of 2017

May and first of June is our time to congratulate our graduating 4-H seniors as they embark on their next adventure. I know they will go out and do great things and have bright futures.



Aryssa Paz, Alice High School, Hoppin' 4-H

Ashlyn Hesseltine, Orange Grove High School, OG Country Kids 4-H

Carlos Rodriguez, Premont High School, Premont Cactus 4-H

Clayton Baucom, Ben Bolt High School, Lone Star 4-H

Elena Barraza, Alice High School, Premont Cactus 4-H

Erin Gallagher, Orange Grove High School, OG Country Kids 4-H

Gabriella Olvera, Alice High School, Hoppin' 4-H

Jake Russell, Academy High School, Premont Cactus 4-H

Chance Russell, Academy High School, Premont Cactus 4-H

Larissa Luna, Alice High School, Hoppin' 4-H

Liana Cadena, Alice High School, Brush Country 4-H

Liana Soliz, Ben Bolt High School, Ben Bolt-Palito Blanco 4-H

Mario Arredondo, Premont High School, Premont Cactus 4-H

District 12 4-H Photography Contest

Congratulations to all of the 4-H'ers who entered the District 12 4-H Photography Contest. Just announced yesterday was that the Best of Show Intermediate was won by our own Austin Chapa of Premont Cactus 4-H. That is amazing. Other results from Jim Wells County 4-H are:

Animals Domestic—Junior, Emma Lane, Blue Ribbon; Intermediate Jaslyn Estrada, Blue Ribbon; Rachel Gallagher, Red Ribbon.

Animals Wildlife—Junior, Kinleigh Carr, Red Ribbon.

Catch-All—Intermediate, Emily Kalinec, Blue Ribbon.

Details and Macro—Junior, Adam Tijerina, Blue Ribbon; Intermediate, Austin Chapa, Blue Ribbon.

Elements of Design—Junior, Adam Tijerina, Blue Ribbon; Intermediate, Trevor Martinez, Blue Ribbon; Senior, Erin Gallagher, Best of Class.

Food—Intermediate, Trevor Martinez, Red Ribbon

Marine/Aquatic—Junior, Adam Tijerina, Blue Ribbon

Nature and Landscape—Intermediate, Austin Chapa, Best of Class; Senior, Erin Gallagher, Best of Class

People—Junior, Rayegan Lane, Red Ribbon; Intermediate, Austin Chapa, Red Ribbon; Senior, Erin Gallagher, Blue Ribbon.

Plant & Flora—Junior, Adam Tijerina, Red Ribbon; Intermediate, Avery Mata, Blue Ribbon; Senior, Ryan Kalinec, Blue Ribbon.

Theme—Intermediate, Emily Kalinec, Blue Ribbon; Senior, Rachel Gallagher, Blue Ribbon.

District 12 4-H Horse Show

The District 12 4-H Horse Show will be held on June 16 at the Richard M. Borchard Regional Fairgrounds. Registration deadline is Friday, June 2 and must upload their negative EIA (Coggins) tests results on 4-H Connect when registering. The negative test result must be dated no earlier than June 16, 2016. If you have any questions, contact the County Extension Office.

Way to Go Taylor Gunn

Congratulations Taylor for being the Grand Champion All Around Grade Horse 18 and under division. Taylor was 1st in Hunter under Saddle, Equitation, and Trail; 2nd place in Western Pleasure and Horsemanship; 3rd place in Showmanship; 4th place in Halter at the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo Horse Show. That is fantastic Taylor.

Clovers of the Month—May

Avery Mata—Avery Mata is a very smart, hard working and dedicated young man who continues to shine in 4-H. He is always ready to try new things and puts his heart into everything he does which always brings success to his projects and his teams. And he always seems to do everything with a smile or a grin. He is a member of the Premont Cactus 4-H Club.

Avery is a very active 4-H member competing in many different areas such as Consumer Decision Making, Livestock Judging, Photography, Fashion Show, Swine, Archery, Ag Product ID, Food Challenge and more.

He has competed in the State Fair of Texas, San Antonio Livestock Show and Houston Livestock Show, and almost every district 4-H event.

Not only is he an outstanding 4-H member but he also is an honor student, a superior athlete, and a great role model for our younger 4-H kids to learn from.

Avery is a very accomplished young man with a bright 4-H future ahead of him and we are very much looking forward to seeing him continue to shine and grow.

Congratulations Avery on your May Clover of the Month Award.



Leadership Mini-Camp

All 4-H'ers are invited for a night of leadership games, fellowship, and fun on Friday, May 19, from 5:30-10 p.m. at the Jim Wells County Fairgrounds. The deadline to sign-up to come is Tuesday, May 16. The leadership camp is \$5. We will also be making HOBO pockets for dinner. Come out and have some fun and learn some new games to take back to your 4-H clubs. Registration fee must be paid by the deadline. 4-H'ers are invited to bring a friend that is not a 4-H member but who might be interested in joining.



Jim Wells County Fair Broiler/Roaster Poultry Orders

Orders for Roaster/Broiler Poultry for the Jim Wells County Fair are due by Friday, May 19, by 4:00 p.m. to the Jim Wells County Fair Office. Price for each bird is \$2.75 and a minimum of 15 birds per exhibitor to show both roasters and broilers.

District 12 4-H Rifle Match

Jacob Gonzalez, Esteban Pena, Avery Garcia, and Ethan Garcia participated in the District 12 4-H Rifle Match in Benavides this past weekend. Avery was 3rd High Point Individual Junior and Ethan was High Point Individual Intermediate. Great job and thank you to Coach Eddie Garcia for working with these great kids.



District 12 4-H Round-Up Results

Jim Wells County 4-H did a fantastic job at District 12 4-H Round-Up in April in Kingsville. Their speaking and performance skills have flourished over the years. Results are:



Ag Product ID—1st Place Junior Team: Kinleigh Carr, Adam Tijerina, Rayegan Lane, Emma Lane; 2nd Place Intermediate Team: Emily Kalinec, Avery Mata, and Trevor Martinez; 2nd Place Senior Team—Kyleigh Carr, Ryan Kalinec, Gabby Olvera, Lexi Olvera; Adam was Hi Point Individual Junior and Emma was 3rd HP Individual Junior; Emily Kalinec was 2nd High Point Intermediate; Kyleigh Carr was High Point Individual Senior; Ryan Kalinec was 3rd High Point Individual Senior; Avery Mata received 1st place in Companion Animals Educational Presentation; Kinleigh Carr received 1st place in Clothing and Textiles Educational Presentation; Elise Hesseltine received 2nd place in Entomology Identification; Ashlyn Hesseltine received 1st place in Health Educational presentation; Adam Tijerina received 1st place in Open Educational Presentation; Elise Hesseltine received 1st place in Open Ag & Natural Resources; Trevor Martinez received 1st place in Intermediate Open Family Consumer Sciences; Kyleigh Carr received 1st place in Sr. Open Family Consumer Sciences; Derek Trevino received 2nd place in Safety Educational Presentation; Emily Kalinec received 1st place in Range and Pasture Plant ID; Erin Gallagher received 1st place in Share-the-Fun Dramedy; Taylor Gunn received 1st place in Share-the-Fun Musical Instrumental; Makayla Rodriguez received 1st place in Share-the-Fun Vocal.

Sweepstakes winners were: Adam Tijerina Junior Winner; Trevor Martinez, Intermediate Winner; Avery Mata, 3rd Place Intermediate; Elise Hesseltine, 2nd Place Senior A; Kyleigh Carr, Senior B Winner Ashlyn Hesseltine, 2nd place Senior B

Wow, now that is a lot of great participation. Congratulations to each of you on a fantastic job at district and good luck to those seniors advancing to State Round-Up.

Texas 4-H Outdoor Challenge

The 4-H Outdoor Challenge is a contest in which participants participate in 10 events as a 2 man team. The events are shotgun, mountain biking, archery, climbing, fishing, kayaking, Biologist skills, outdoor skills, gear judging, outdoor safety.



TEXAS 4-H
Outdoor Challenge
SEGUIN OUTDOOR
LEARNING CENTER

JUNE
16-18,
2017

The event will be held on June 16-18 in Seguin at the Seguin Outdoor Learning Center. A complete list of rules and guidelines is available on the Texas 4-H website or you can pick-up a packet at the County Extension Office. Registration for the event will be May 1 thru May 29 on 4-H Connect. Contest fee is \$35 per contestant.

State 4-H Round-Up

4-H Connect is now open for 4-H'ers who advanced to State 4-H Round-Up, senior age division. Also intermediates who are interested in participating in the invitational contests including Ag Product ID, Healthy Lifestyles, Invitational Archery Contest, Invitational Livestock Judging Contest. Both seniors and intermediates are eligible to participate in invitational contests.

There will be a meeting of all 4-H'ers and parents of those 4-H'ers on Monday, May 8, at 6:00 pm at the County Extension Office. If you plan on going to State 4-H Round-Up, then you need to be at this meeting to get the needed information.

District 12 4-H Archery Match

The District 12 4-H Archery event will be held on Saturday, June 3 in Benavides at the Duval Shooting Complex. The morning session will be the 3-D Match and the Modified 600 will be held following. I believe the registration fee is \$30 for both events. All registration will be done on 4-H Connect. The deadline for registering is Monday, May 15.

Registration and equipment inspection will be from 8 to 8:30 a.m. with a mandatory safety meeting and orientation at 8:30. Participants are welcome and encouraged to bring their own food and refreshments, RV's (no hook ups available for electricity or water or waste), shade canopies and chairs. It will be extremely hot so plan accordingly. Also remember that participants must wear close toed shoes. Sorry, no flip flops.

Archers will need to have their bows sighted to the following yardages no matter the kind of bow. Juniors (3rd-5th grade) - 30, 25, and 20 yards. Intermediate (6th—8th grades) 50, 40, and 30 yards. Seniors (9th thru 12th grade) 60, 50, and 40 yards.

The County 4-H Archery Match will be held on Sunday, May 21, from 4-6 at the Jim Wells County Fairgrounds.

Healthy Lifestyles Team

The 4-H Healthy Lifestyles Contest provides intermediates and senior 4-H'ers the opportunity to participate in a competitive event and utilize skills gained through participation in 4-H healthy lifestyles projects such as foods and nutrition, safety, and health projects. This is a judging contest in which participants will individually rank/place classes, answer multiple choice questions in a quiz, and present together as a team when given a scenario.

4-H'ers interested in participating in the Healthy Lifestyles Team at State 4-H Round-Up, need to call the Extension Office by Wednesday, May 10th to let me know who is interested in participating in the contest. We will set up practices after I know who all is interested.

Paper Clover Campaign at TSC

Big thank you to Jim Wells County 4-H Council Officers, Brush Country 4-H, Premont Cactus 4-H, Hoppin' 4-H, and Orange Grove Country Kids 4-H for already going out to TSC to sell paper clovers and talk to customers about 4-H. Ya'll have done a great job by the feedback I have received and from the pictures and customers.

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. **Please either give your items to your County Council Delegate before May 22 or drop them off here at the County Extension Office before May 22.** County Council will make the care packages at the County Council meeting on May 22 at 6:00 p.m.



District Fashion

Sensation Results

The District Fashion Sensation for Storyboards and Fashion Show was held on April 1 in Leming. Jim Wells County 4-H'ers did very well. Results are:



Storyboards

Accessory

Jaslynn Estrada, Intermediate, Blue Ribbon
Erin Gallagher, Senior, 1st Place

Jewelry

Adam Tijerina, Junior, 1st Place
Avery Mata, Intermediate, 1st Place
Elise Hesseltine, Senior, 1st Place

Pet Clothing

Kinleigh Carr, Junior, 1st Place
Trevor Martinez, Intermediate, 1st Place
Rachel Gallagher, Senior, 1st Place

Non-Wearable

Emily Kalinec, Intermediate, Blue Ribbon
Ashlynn Hesseltine, Senior, 3rd Place

Wearable

Mikayla Hesseltine, Intermediate, Blue Ribbon
Kyleigh Carr, Senior, 1st Place

Fashion Show

Emma Lane, Junior Buying Every Day Living, Blue Ribbon
Rayegan Lane, Junior Buying Semi-Formal/Formal, Red Ribbon
Taylor Gunn, Senior Buying Semi-Formal/Formal, 1st Place
Kinleigh Carr, Junior Construction Every Day Living, 1st Place
Kyleigh Carr, Senior Construction Everyday Living, 1st Place
Kyleigh Carr, Senior Natural Fiber Wool/Mohair, 1st Place

4-H Horticulture Show

Don't forget to read up on all of your rules for the 4-H Horticulture Show. Entries will be turned in between 4 and 5:30 on May 16 at the Jim Wells County Fairgrounds Merchant's Building. Awards will be on Thursday, May 18 at 5:30 p.m. at the Merchants Building. The final photo of the entry for the project report form must be taken between May 8 and 15. Remember the April Newsletter had the guidelines for the Creative Container additional class.

Jim Wells County Fair Queen's Contest

In February, the Jim Wells County Fair Queen's Contest packets were emailed out to the 4-H membership in case anyone is thinking about running this year. If you need a hard copy of the packet, you may come by the Extension Office or the Fair Office. Everything is due on Friday, August 25, by 5:00 pm to the Fair Office.

4-H Meeting Attendance

It is important for 4-H'ers and parents to remember to attend your meetings on a monthly basis. 4-H'ers must attend 4 of the 6 meetings at their enrolled 4-H club and can not attend more than 2 meetings in one month from August to May 2017 in order to exhibit at the 2017 Jim Wells County Fair.

If you joined last year to participate in the queens' contest, you must attend 6 4-H meetings by May 2017 in order to participate in this coming Fair Queen's Contest.