



Jim Wells County 4-H Connection

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Happy Memories.....

Howdy 4-H Families,

Judge Arnold Saenz passed away on October 22. He was a great 4-H parent, friend, and supporter of Extension programs. I know for me, he took a chance on me over 22 years ago and hired me in Jim Wells County. He was one of a kind, chaperoned 4-H record book trips and County Camp trips to the 4-H Center in Brownwood. So many laughs and good times. I remember he did not swim and we were on the record book trip to the Frio. There he was still chaperoning with a life jacket on in about 3 feet of water. I know his legacy lives on in so many youth's lives he touched.

I hope that each of you have a very Happy Thanksgiving and get to spend some quality time with your family. Be thankful for all of the wonderful things in your life.

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

Sincerely,

Barbie Wymore



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Thank You Corner

Thank you to the Big Sisters who assisted with the Food Challenge Clover Kids Teams during the County Food Challenge: Elise and Mikayla Hesselstine, Kendall Karasek. Your leadership in helping with the younger 4-H'ers was amazing and much appreciated.

Thank you to Rogelio's Amazing Steak Crew for having the steaks hot and ready. They always do a great job but this year, the 2 pieces of steak that I had inbetween running around were delicious. They out did themselves this year. We appreciate all of their hard work as these are volunteers that do this because they want to and knows that it helps the kids. Most of the steak crew do not have kids involved in the 4-H program at all which we definitely appreciate their help. The guys are out in the back from about 1 p.m. til the last steak is off the pit. I know Rogelio is recruiting volunteers for next year. :-)

Special thanks to Liz Kalinec for managing all of the change boxes and sign-in and out sheets for the concession stand. That is a very tough job!

Project of the Month—Photography

Exceptional photographs don't just happen. Most of the time, a successful photograph takes planning. What would I like to photograph? What interests me? What do I want to capture that will demonstrate my new skills and allow me to express myself? What is my purpose with this photograph? Am I taking the photo just for fun? Will it be a gift? Am I documenting something? Am I entering a competition? What story do I want my photo or photos to tell? What is the message that I am trying to tell others? Look at photographs you have taken previously. If you do not know why you took the photo, then others won't understand either.

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County 4-H Steak Dinner

Congratulations to Emma and Rayegan Lane for being winners of the Steak Dinner \$100 Orange Grove Co-op Top Seller Award. At last count, the Lane Sisters had sold 112 tickets when we asked for each family to sell a minimum of 5 tickets. With a whole lot of hustle and help from their parents, they did an amazing job. Thank you girls for going above and beyond, congratulations!

Jim Wells County Fair

Thank you to all of the 4-H'ers who exhibited great leadership and sportsmanship (not only showmanship) at the 2017 Jim Wells County Fair. Thank you to the many volunteers, project leaders, and club leaders whom helped get the 4-H'ers ready and during the Fair. You may not hear "Thank You" enough but you are appreciated for all of the efforts.

Special thanks to the 4-H'ers who assisted with the Fair Auction, running buyers slips. Great volunteering to assist. Also to the 4-H'ers who assisted with the Special Needs Goat Show, that was such a great show to see. The smiles were so warm and genuine.

4-H Council Spirit Stick

Who will be the next Spirit Stick winner after the November County 4-H Council meeting?



TSC Fall Paper Clover Campaign

Thank you to ALL the 4-H Clubs in Jim Wells County for making the Fall Paper Clover amazingly successful. All 6 4-H clubs worked at least one shift or block of time at TSC for Fall Paper Clover Campaign and helped the community put a name to the faces of 4-H. Ya'll are awesome and during this campaign, 1530 paper clovers were sold but more importantly helped market the 4-H program and talk to others about the program.

4-H Fair Fundraisers

Thank you to everyone for doing their part in making Fair Fundraisers successful: selling Steak Dinner tickets, washing potatoes, working concession stand shifts, serving on a fundraising committee. Your hard work did not go unnoticed and unappreciated so thank you!

Thank you to the leaders who served on the committees to get everything ready. We plated 813 steak dinners which was a great year and up from last year. Awesome job!

District 12 4-H Archery Registration Deadline

District Archery Match registration deadline is Tuesday, November 21 on 4-H Connect. The District 12 4-H Contest is being held on December 9 in Benavides.



Major Livestock Show Exhibitors, Including Livestock and Judging Teams/Contests

Major livestock show exhibitor entry deadline is Monday, November 20. This is for San Antonio, Houston, Austin, and San Angelo stock shows. 4-H'ers with animal projects must complete entries, including Quality Counts #, appropriate signatures, and entry fees. Quality Counts #'s for 4-H'ers who have previously taken the test can be obtained at the County Extension Office. Quality Counts verification may be obtained through the online verification program at <http://qualitycounts.tamu.edu> Major show entries can not be accepted without this number. This is a requirement by all major livestock shows for both 4-H and FFA members. 4-H'ers in 9th grade, must retake their Quality Counts test for their senior level.

Entries can be picked up early and dropped off any time prior. Please call the Extension Office by Thursday, November 16th, to let Mary know what shows and divisions you will be participating in so she can get the packets ready.

4-H'ers interested in any of the judging contests at San Antonio or Houston, including horse judging, livestock judging, Ag Product ID (Houston), Plant ID (Houston), Consumer Decision Making (SALE), Food Challenge (individual at SALE or Team in Houston), vet science skillathon (Houston) or public speaking must also pay the respective registration fees by Monday, November 20. Food Challenge and public speaking participants must fill out the junior livestock show entry form for SALE. Houston has a food challenge contest for senior teams and junior/intermediate teams. Here are some dates and registration fees:

San Antonio

Horse Judging—\$15, February 19 (This is also district contest and must register on 4-H Connect also)

Food Challenge—\$25, February 8 (individual contest and must fill out a junior show entry form)

Consumer Decision Making—\$15, February 17

Livestock Judging—\$15, February 25



Houston

Ag Product ID—\$15, March 14

Food Challenge—\$40/team, March 18 (Fill out food challenge entry form)

Vet Skillathon—\$20, March 13 (Fill out junior show entry form)

Horse Judging—\$15, March 7

Plant ID—\$15, March 3

Livestock Judging—\$15, March 12



Houston Livestock Show Calf Scramble

4-H'ers interested in scrambling at the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo, the deadline is Monday, November 20. 4-H'ers must have reached their 14th birthday but not their 18th birthday by November 20. The calf scramble certificate for youth that catch is \$1750 to purchase a steer or heifer. Entry forms are available with Mary at the County Extension Office.



Annual 4-H Enrollment for 2017-18

Youth can join 4-H throughout the year. It does not have to be in August and September. Continue to spread your 4-H message and recruit new 4-H members to have fun and learn right along side of you.



Shooting Sports Shirts

With the District 12 4-H Archery Match just around the corner, we are on a quick clock to get new shooting sports shirts ordered before the match. Adults and 4-H'ers are both able to order the shooting sports shirts. This year, they will be gray dry-fit, long sleeve shirts with our 4-H Shooting Sports Logo on the back in the full 3 colors, along with a front chest design, and Jim Wells County on the sleeve. Shirts are \$18 and we need the orders by 5 on Wednesday, November 15. I know the calendar has the 16; however, because of the holidays, we need to get them all tallied on sizes and get the orders out. If you are trying to figure sizes, you can go try on some dry fit shirts at Walmart, that will be kind of close on the fit. There is no give or stretching out on the dry fit shirts. Shirts need to be ordered with Mary at the Extension Office and paid for ahead of time. Don't forget to get these ordered and they have the rifle and archery logo on the shirts.

Project Report Forms

All 4-H'ers who sold a market project at the Jim Wells County Fair must follow these guidelines if they are to receive their fair check when they are first released by the Fair Association.

As stated in the Jim Wells County 4-H By-Laws, all project report forms and the original thank you notes to buyers are due in the County Extension Office by November 16 by 5:00 p.m. It is the responsibility of the 4-H'er and or parent to get the project report form and the thank you notes to the County Extension Office. The report forms and thank you notes are not to be turned in to the club manager and it is not the club managers responsibility to turn in these items. **Thank you notes must have stamps and be ready to mail.** Project report forms must be completely filled out; therefore, do not leave questions unanswered. Incomplete forms or thank you notes without stamps will not be accepted.

If project report forms are not turned in by November 16th, 4-H'ers will not receive checks when they are first released by the fair association. Items turned in after the 16th must wait one week following the release of fair checks to pick-up. If items are turned in after the fair association releases check, 4-H'ers must wait one week from the date items are turned in. Project report forms can be picked up at the County Extension Office at any time or on 4-H Connect website once you log in to your family profile. If you have any questions while filling out the project report, please contact the County Extension Office.

You can call Mary at the Extension Office and she can tell you names and addresses of you Fair Buyers or who to write the thank you cards out to.



Clover of the Month—November

Austin Chapa of the Premont Cactus 4-H Club is the son of Jaime and Jessica Chapa. Austin has become more involved with a variety of 4-H projects from foods and nutrition to swine to consumer education to healthy lifestyles to leadership. Austin was nominated for Clover of the month for his leadership skills in organizing and leading his Food Challenge team. He balances his 4-H projects with his band, baseball, and basketball activities, along with being at the top of his freshman class.



Ryan Kalinec of the Premont Cactus 4-H Club is the son of Eddie and Liz Kalinec. Ryan was nominated for all of the extra help he gave to Fair Board Division Superintendents. Ryan went above and beyond helping put up panels in various divisions not only on the Fair work days but throughout the Fair. Ryan is a senior this year and some of his 4-H projects include: rabbits, consumer decision making, shooting sports, ag product ID, and range and pasture plant ID.

Cathy Lee is a volunteer leader with the Premont Cactus 4-H Club. Cathy has been nominated for her vital part of the Premont Cactus 4-H Club. Following the Fair, Cathy held a poultry processing workshop at her house for some real hands on learning. 4-H'ers and parents got to see the poultry project from virtually start to finished product. Listening to the attendees explain what they learned was great.

Congratulation to Austin, Ryan, and Cathy for being November's Clovers of the Month.

(Please remember, if you would like to nominate a 4-H'er or Adult Leader, the Clover of the Month box for nominations is on the table in the Extension Office, can't miss it)

San Antonio

Livestock Show School Tours

The 201 S.A.L.E. School Tours Committee is looking for enthusiastic, responsible students in grades 9-12 to take part in this unique leadership opportunity. Tour guides are given the opportunity to educate school children about agriculture and its importance to our daily lives.

4-H'ers that would like to participate need to sign up by Thursday, December 1. Tour dates are: February 12-16 or February 20-21. 4-H'ers can not be a tour guide on a day that they judge, show or sift at S.A.L.E. 4-H'ers must also commit to school tours from 7:45 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Scholarship opportunities are available for tour guides once they reach their senior year.

I will take a group from Jim Wells County 4-H on Wednesday, February 21. If parents would like to take 4-H'ers on the other tour dates, that would be great. If you are interested in being a tour guide, please sign up by the 1st.



Texas 4-H Opportunity Scholarships

It is time to fill out the 2018 Texas 4-H Opportunity Scholarship applications. Applications can be downloaded at: <http://texas4-h.tamu.edu/scholarships/>

The scholarship document is downloadable and there are examples on how to fill out the application. This is a very detailed scholarship that requires a great deal of time and effort and can not be put together in a few hours time. The essays must be thoroughly thought thru. This scholarship requires all of the I's dotted and T's crossed, correct grammar and punctuation. The essay questions alone will take several days to clearly think thru and get your thoughts down on paper.

Applicants must have scored at least a 1350 on their SAT (Old SAT, January 2017 or before), 1000 on the New SAT (March 2016 or after), or a 19 on their ACT. 4-H'ers will also need to complete the FAFSA and the report must be turned in at the same time of the application. The FAFSA report takes about a week to come in so this needs to be completed in November and December. This is a large scholarship application that will take some good quality time to fill out; therefore, do not wait until the last minute. Applications are due in the County Extension Office by Wednesday, January 10.

Don't get intimidated filling out the application; however, you need to take it seriously. Houston Livestock Show announced earlier this month that they are increasing their scholarships to \$20,000. I will look over the scholarship applications thoroughly before signing and submitting them to the district office so that we can get the applications as strong as possible for the judging process. Good Luck!!

2017-18 4-H Cupcake Wars

Many of you have been asking about Cupcake Wars. Yes, we are definitely going to do Cupcake Wars this year, we just could not do it on One Day 4-H this year like we have in the past. I was thinking about doing Cupcake Wars in December or January, possibly a Sunday afternoon with a community service project. I am looking for your thoughts on this idea so we can have wonderful participation as in the past. If you can, please send me an email with your thoughts and ideas about these possible dates by November 27. The theme this year will be Disney "If You can Dream It, You can Do It." Cupcakes can be modeled after any Disney character. Thanks for your help.

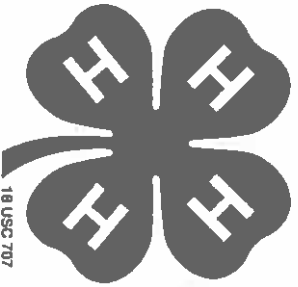


November 17

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
5	6	7 HOLIDAY	8 1 D12 Food Show/Food Challenge/Consumer Decision Making registration deadline on 4-H Connect	9 2 Lone Star 4-H Club 7:00 p.m.	10 3 HOLIDAY OBSERVATION OF 	11 4 D12 4-H Food Show/ Food Challenge Alice
12 Archery Practice 2:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m. Premont Cactus 4-H 2:00 p.m. Brush Country 4-H 2:00 p.m. Hoplin' 4-H 5:00 p.m. Ben Bolt 4-H 6:00 p.m.	13 Consumer Decision Making Practice 6:00 p.m.	14 Consumer Decision Making Practice 6:00 p.m.	15 Deadline to order Shooting Sports Shirts—\$18.00 (Adults & 4-H'ers can order)	16 18 Project Report Form & Thank You Cards Due	17 17 Swine Validations for Major Shows 4:00-6:00 p.m. Fairgrounds	18 D12 4-H Food Show/ Food Challenge Alice
19 D12 Consumer Decision Making Contest! Alice	20 All Major Show Entries Due (including Judging Contests)	21 D12 Archery Match Registration Deadline on 4-H Connect	22 HOLIDAY	23 23  Happy Thanksgiving! To you and your family!	24 HOLIDAY	25
26 Archery Practice 2:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m.	27 County Council & Adult Leaders Meeting 6:00 p.m.	28	29	30		

Coastal Bend Classic Youth Livestock Clinics and Shows

DECEMBER 2ND, 2017 (EARLY ARRIVAL DECEMBER 1ST)

San Patricio County Fairgrounds
219 W 5th St., Sinton, TX 78387

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS:

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 1

3:00 – 9:00 PM	Early arrival (optional)
6:00 – 8:00 PM	Social (Free meal sponsored by Texas Farm Credit) Speed Judging begins at 7:00 PM (youth and adults)

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 2 (SCHEDULE TENTATIVE)

7:30 – 8:45 AM	Arrival and stalling of animals
8:45 AM	Weight cards must be turned in
9:00 – 11:00 AM	Goat Specie Clinic
9:00 AM - 12:00 PM	Specie Clinics (beef, sheep, swine)
1:00 PM	Specie Showmanship followed by Specie Shows (beef, sheep, goat)

**YOU HAVE TO TRAIN LIKE A CHAMPION
TO BE A CHAMPION**

Cattle Fitting Contest: 4 man team, Clipper Boxes awarded to the winning team. Minimum of 3 teams required by the registration date for the contest to be held.

SPEAKERS/JUDGES:

BEEF: Dave Guyer
 GOAT: Dale Hummel (Clinic)
 Drew Gonzales (Judge)
 LAMB: Matt Kenedy (Clinic & Judge)
 SWINE: Leo Canales (Clinic only)

EARLY REGISTRATION

Register online by November 17th for \$25 per youth participant by visiting <http://d114-h.tamu.edu>. Look for "Coastal Bend Classic" in the Events & Contests Menu. First 100 registered participants get a FREE CBC CAP!

LATE REGISTRATION

Late registration available from November 17th until day of for \$30 per participant (unlimited entries).

GREAT AWARDS & DOOR PRIZES!

Including Showboxes, Boots, Clippers, Halters, Blankets, and more!



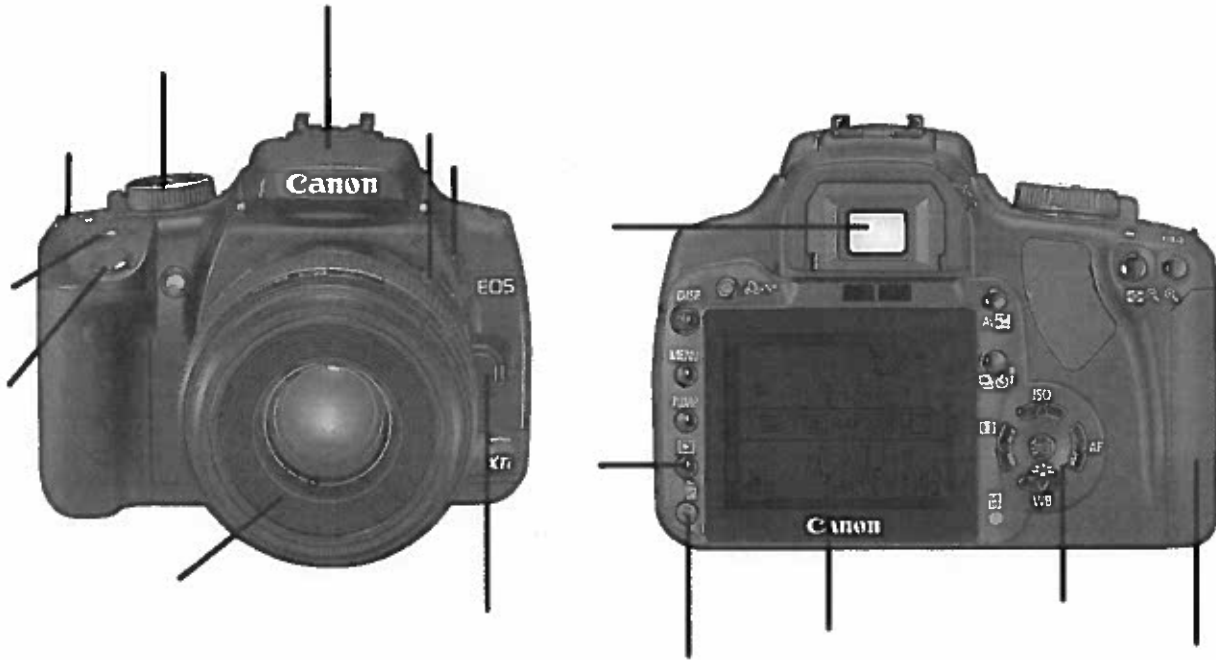
Call your County Extension Office for more information! Open to 4-H & FFA Members.

PLATINUM SPONSORS



Activity 1: Label the Parts of a Camera

Using the parts list below, label the various components of the DSLR camera.



Parts List:

View Finder
Power Switch
Lens
Erase Button
Cross Keys
Memory Card Slot

Flash
Shutter Button
Mode Dial
Main Control Dial
LCD Display
Lens Release Button

Lens Focus Mode
Switch
Flash Button
Play Button