



# Jim Wells County 4-H Connection

## Holiday Greetings

Howdy 4-H Families,

This is my favorite time of the year. If you know me, I love the Christmas lights, traditions, and spending time with family and friends. Next week, I get to go to my nephew Dylan's first Band Concert and have to admit I am excited to hear the Christmas music and watch him. Plus my other nephew Crossy (shhh he gets mad if anyone else calls him that) had his art work selected for the school's Christmas cards so has a special ceremony. I will always find a way and time for my nephews, they grow up too fast.

This is also a time to reflect on the year. It has been a good, busy year but also a very tough year. I learn more and more not to put off til tomorrow what you should say and do today. I hope each of you have a wonderful Christmas season and a Happy New Year. We will hit the ground running in 2018.

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

Sincerely,

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## Thought for the Month—I

"The leaders who work most effectively, it seems to me, never say "I." And that's not because they have trained themselves not to say "I." They don't think "I." They think "we"; they think "team." They understand their job to be to make the team function. They accept responsibility and don't sidestep it, but "we" gets the credit... This is what creates trust, what enables you to get the task done."

--Peter Drucker

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## Thank You Corner

Special thank you to Cyreniah Hinojosa, Ryan Kalinec, Kinleigh Carr, Kyleigh Carr, Kourtney Karasek, Kendall Karasek for decorating the Courthouse Christmas tree last week. It looks beautiful and full of 4-H things.

Thank you to the leaders who judged District Food Show and Food Challenge; Amanda Lane, Tammy Martinez, Annie Tijerina, Rebecca Carr, Liz Kalinec, and Deb Gonzalez. I appreciate your time and assistance with the kids.



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## 2017-18 4-H Cupcake Wars

It is past our Annual Cupcakes War time but the time is now. Get those creative ideas going. Cupcake Wars will be held on Sunday, January 14 from 1:30 to 4:30. Cupcakes will be judged on flavor and creative decorating. The theme this year is "If You can Dream It, You can Do It." Cupcakes can be modeled after any Disney character. Cupcakes will be due on Sunday, January 14, at 1:30 p.m. at the Women's Building. Results will be given following the judging and after leadership games are completed. 4-H'ers will turn in 4 cupcakes on a paper or plastic plate for judging and if they would like to donate the rest of the recipe, we can go donate to local first responders. 1st and 2nd place awards in each age division will be awarded with a special People's Choice Award. Adults are also encouraged to participate and enter, as well as the Team division which can be adults, 4-H'ers, or a combination of the 2. To enter, just email your name, grade level, and cupcake recipe to b-wymore@tamu.edu by Friday, January 5. This event is meant to be a fun event and this is a 4-H'ers project so adults please let the 4-H'ers do their thing but by all means please enter in the adult category if you would like to decorate some cupcakes.

If you have questions, please call or email me. Remember categories are: Clover Kids, Junior, Intermediate, Senior, Adult, and Team.



## Congratulations District Food Show and Food Challenge Participants

Jim Wells County 4-H had a great showing at the District 12 4-H Food Show and Food Challenge held in Alice on November 18. Results were:

### Food Show

Junior Protein—Emma Lane, Top Chef

Junior Dairy—Rayegan Lane, Blue Ribbon

Junior Grains—Kloe Fox, Red Ribbon

Intermediate Protein—Trevor Martinez, Top Chef

Intermediate Grains—Adam Tijerina, Blue Ribbon

Senior Protein—Emily Kalinec, Blue Ribbon

Senior Fruits & Vegetables—Kyleigh Carr, Top Chef

Senior Dairy—Danniella DeLeon, Blue Ribbon

### Food Challenge

#### Jr./Intermediate

**Stirrin' Up Trouble**—Trevor Martinez, Adam

Tijerina, Makayla Rodriguez, Juan Mata, Andres Garza; Red Ribbon

**The Bulldogs**—Kinleigh Carr, Danniella

Tunchez, Rebekah Gordon, Mason Blanchette; Blue Ribbon

#### Senior

**The Green Machine**—Kyleigh Carr, Ryan

Lopez, Taylor Gunn, Chris Rodriguez, Sebastian Chapa; Top Chef

**Holy Cookers**—Austin Chapa, Sebastian Ma-

ta, Rachel Gallagher, Lexi Olvera, Danniella DeLeon; Red Ribbon

## 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 Live-stock 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!!

**4-H parents and 4-H'ers wanting a little extra help working on their Scholarship, Erika Hesseltine will be hosting 4-H families on Sunday, December 10, at 9:30 a.m. at her house to work on scholarships. Please call the Extension Office by Friday, December 8th for directions and to let us know if you plan on attending.**

## 4-H Council Spirit Stick

Congratulations to the Orange Grove Country Kids 4-H Club for winning the November County 4-H Council Spirit Stick for the most participation at the meeting.

## Good Luck Archers

Good Luck to the 37 Jim Wells County Archers who will participate in the District 12 4-H Archery Match this Saturday in Benavides, as well as the amazing coaches; Cullen Wright, Eddie Tijerina, Sarita Blanchette, Annie Tijerina, and Richard Griffin. WOW, this is going to be a fun match!



## District 12 4-H Consumer Decision Making Contest Results

Great job done by our consumer decision making teams and Co-Coach Liz Kalinec at the District Contest in Alice on November 19 in Alice. Results are:

Junior Team—Emma Lane, Rayegan Lane, Kinleigh Carr, Chelsea Munoz; 4th place team

Intermediate Team—Trevor Martinez, Makayla Rodriguez, Adam Tijerina; 2nd place Team. Trevor Martinez, High Point Individual

Senior Team—Kyleigh Carr, Ryan Lopez, and Danniella DeLeon; 3rd place Team. Kyleigh Carr, 2nd High Point Individual.

Senior Team—Emily Kalinec, Ryan Kalinec, Austin Chapa; 5th place Team. Ryan Kalinec, 4th Place Individual.

### Jim Wells County 4-H Council Christmas Party

Following delivering books on Friday, December 15 about 5:30, Jim Wells County 4-H Council will have a Christmas Party and games. The party will be at the Extension Office and will be potluck. Everyone is asked to bring a white elephant gift valued at no more than \$10. Also 2 (\$5 valued), prizes for Bingo and any other games that are played.



### 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.



*Motivation*  
is what gets you started;  
*Habit*  
is what keeps you going.

### 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 were due in the County Extension Office by November 16. 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 were 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.

### Mark Your Calendars

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| January 12—"Parents Night Out" JWC Council Scholarship Fundraiser | March 1 —County Round-Up Day 2 & |
| January 14—Cupcake Wars and Leadership Fun Afternoon              | & Fashion Show Style Show &      |
| February 26—Fashion Story Boards Due                              | Awards                           |
| February 27—County Fashion Show Judging                           | March 1— County Photography      |
| February 28—County Round-Up Day #1                                | Contest Entries Due              |

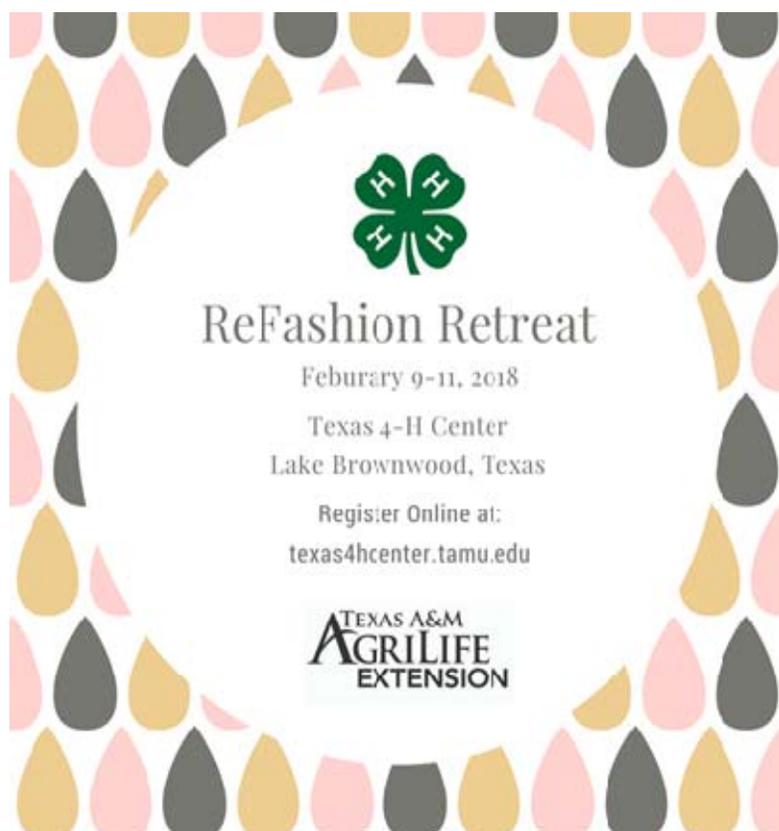
## Clover of the Month—December

**Rebecca Bartosch** of the Orange Grove Country Kids 4-H Club. In her nomination form, it states..Not only does she volunteer to help in the concession stand for an hour shift, she signs up for the whole 5 hours EVERY YEAR. She arrives with a smile on her face, jumps right in working, and helps the newbies learn what to do. When their shift is over she still has that smile on her face and as she heads out the door she says “I’ll be back next year” and she does year after year.

Thank you Rebecca for all of your Smiles and Hard Work! It is greatly appreciate.



(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)



### Attention Club

#### Managers

IRS Club Filing deadline for each 4-H club in Jim Wells County is Monday, January 8. Also, I need all 4-H Club reports or agendas and attendance to be sent to the Extension Office. Remember, you can email, text, or fax them to me. We just need to get caught up from October thru December.

## County Council “Parents Night Out” Scholarship Fundraiser

The JWC 4-H Council is establishing a Friends of 4-H Scholarship as a way to honor and remember those who are no longer with us that have made an impact on JWC 4-H. They will be holding a “Parents Night Out” on Friday, January 12, from 6-11 p.m. at the Jim Wells County Fairgrounds Women’s Building. This is a night parents can drop off their Clover Kids and older 4-H’ers for some 4-H fun, while they go watch a movie or have dinner. This is going to be a fun time for kids of all ages to play games and all kinds of activities.

All proceeds go towards the scholarship. The cost is \$15 for 1 child, \$25 for 2, and \$15 for each additional child (same family). This scholarship has been initiated and is being organized by Council and I am very proud of their efforts. The registration deadline is Monday, January 8. Please support Council and enjoy a night of fun.



# Personal Inventory



## 4-H Experiences

1. My favorite project is \_\_\_\_\_.
2. My most challenging project is \_\_\_\_\_.
3. My most memorable experience is \_\_\_\_\_.
4. I enjoy \_\_\_\_\_ do not enjoy \_\_\_\_\_ being involved in service projects. (Check one.)
5. I enjoy \_\_\_\_\_ do not enjoy \_\_\_\_\_ sharing my experience with others. (Check one.)

## School Subjects

1. I like \_\_\_\_\_.
2. I do not like \_\_\_\_\_.
3. I am good at \_\_\_\_\_.
4. I am not good at \_\_\_\_\_.
5. I am good at this subject, but I do not like it: \_\_\_\_\_.
6. I am not good at this subject, but I like it: \_\_\_\_\_.

## Activities

1. I like \_\_\_\_\_.
2. I do not like \_\_\_\_\_.
3. I am good at \_\_\_\_\_.
4. I am not good at \_\_\_\_\_.
5. I am good at this activity, but I do not like it: \_\_\_\_\_.
6. I am not good at this activity, but I like it: \_\_\_\_\_.
7. I prefer being involved in individual activities \_\_\_\_\_ or group activities \_\_\_\_\_. (Check one.)

## Relationships with Friends and Adults (Check the statements that apply to you.)

1. I am generally well liked: \_\_\_\_\_.
2. I am generally not well liked: \_\_\_\_\_.
3. I have a group of friends: \_\_\_\_\_.
4. I prefer having one or two friends: \_\_\_\_\_.
5. I am a leader: \_\_\_\_\_.
6. I am a follower: \_\_\_\_\_.
7. I prefer people who like the same things I like: \_\_\_\_\_.
8. I prefer people who like different things: \_\_\_\_\_.
9. I have the support of significant adults in my life: \_\_\_\_\_.
10. I have the support of a group of peers: \_\_\_\_\_.

## Food Preferences

1. I like to eat \_\_\_\_\_.
2. I do not like to eat \_\_\_\_\_.
3. I do \_\_\_\_\_ do not \_\_\_\_\_ eat a balanced diet. (Check one.)

## Relaxing

1. I relax by \_\_\_\_\_.
2. I like relaxing alone \_\_\_\_\_ or with other people \_\_\_\_\_. (Check one.)