



Jim Wells County 4-H Connection

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4-H Challenge—Try Something New

Howdy 4-H Families,

Happy 2018 to all 4-H families. I hope that each of you had a wonderful holiday season and got to spend some quality time with family and friends. We are hitting the ground running already in 2018. We have some big projects coming up including photography, clothing and textiles, leadership/public speaking, gardening/horticulture, rifle, consumer education, and livestock judging just to name a few. There is definitely a project to get involved in for everyone. I challenge you again to try something new. As I was in the classroom this week teaching students from Pre-K to High School about cooking, nutrition, and gardening, I challenged them to try a new food that they had not tried before. Try something, you may not like it but at least you can say you did not like it because you tried it. So I challenge you to do the same thing with 4-H projects.

If you want to try a new project and have questions about it, please give me a call. We will try to answer those questions or find someone who can answer them.

Sincerely,

Barbie Wymore
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Thank You Corner

I would like to take the opportunity to thank all of the club managers for all that they do on a monthly basis with the 4-H clubs and the 4-H families. Paula, Tammy, Anissa, Marie, Diane, and Norma...your hard work, ability to guide 4-H families, and answer questions that 4-H families have throughout the month is greatly appreciated. We all work together to make Jim Wells County 4-H strong and continuously learning.

Also, thank you to the archery coaches who have taken the Jim Wells County 4-H Archery Team to the next level. In only 3 short years, we have more than tripled in size thanks to wonderful volunteers. The 4-H'ers and parents are loving archery. Thank you Cullen, Sarita, Eddie, Annie, and Richard.

Clothing and Textiles—Project of the Month

Color is the most fascinating of the design elements. It attracts attention. It excites emotions. It enriches our lives. Color is a tool you can use when designing or purchasing fabrics. An easy way to see how colors work together is by using a coloring wheel. Colors differ in hue, value, and intensity. Hue is the name of the color such as yellow, red, or blue. Value describes how light or dark a color is. Intensity is the brightness or darkness of a color. Each color has all three qualities: hue, value, and intensity. For example, the 4-H emblem is green (hue), medium (value), and bright (intensity). Colors can be warm or cool. Warm hues are the ones seen in the sun or fire, such as yellow, orange, or red. Cool hues—greens and blues are found in restful elements of nature such as sky, water, and grass. I hope you learned a little about colors and are intrigued for the project of the month and might want to learn a little more.

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Change to 2017-18 4-H Cupcake Wars

I apologize for the oversight but we are moving Cupcake Wars to March 25 at 2:00 p.m. at the Home Economics Building at the Fairgrounds. I did not have the 4-H club meetings on my calendar and virtually impossible for some of you to participate due to club meetings.

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. Results will be given following the judging. 4-H'ers will turn in 4 cupcakes on a paper or plastic plate for judging. 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 Wednesday, March 16. 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.



4-H Polo Shirts

4-H'ers participate in various projects and activities throughout the year. We always get asked "what do we wear?" To help with this question, I am ordering 4-H embroidered polos. 4-H'ers and parents/leaders are welcome to order. We ordered them last year and they turned out very nice. With growing kids, many parents have asked if I can order them again because they have outgrown them. I am ordering 5 different colors so 4-H'ers can pick their color and sizes are both youth and adult (ladies and mens) sizes. The polos will be \$24 each and the colors are: Kelly green, purple, red, royal blue, and graphite gray. I will be taking orders thru Thursday, January 25. Polos will need to be prepaid. The shirts will be youth sizes and adult sizes, either mens or ladies. Remember, the ladies are more fitted so you may want to go up a size to compensate for that.

Archery Practices

Archery practices will start up again on Sunday, January 21 and 28 from 2-4 p.m. at the Fairgrounds. Juniors will practice from 2-3 p.m. and Intermediates/Seniors from 3-4 p.m. If you are interested in joining the project, come on out. We still have the District postal league, county 4-H match, and State Indoor match to work towards thru the rest of this 4-H year.

4-H Gardening/Horticulture Project

Be on the lookout for the Horticulture/Gardening project workshop and packet. The project will start up in February with release dates for the project. This is a fun project to see the growing of a plant to harvesting to cooking it. This project is one of my favorites as I like to see the changes each day.

Jim Wells County Fair Board Annual Meeting

The Jim Wells County Fair Board Annual Dinner, Dance, and Meeting will be held on Saturday, January 27th at the JWC Fairgrounds Merchants Building. Some 4-H'ers are needed to help with serving the meal. 4-H'ers who are available to help serve need to call the Extension Office by Monday, January 22nd. 4-H'ers need to be at the Merchants Building by 5:30 p.m. .

To serve, we need to make sure to follow proper food handling rules. Girls need to have their hair pulled back and everyone wear close-toed shoes. Please dress up a bit and wear a nice 4-H polo or the fishing shirts (4-H or shooting sports). I am also trying to get green or black aprons for everyone to wear.

Your help will be greatly appreciated and shows your appreciation to the Fair Board for all that they do for all youth in the county.

Nueces County Livestock Judging Contest

Friday, January 19, is the date for the Nueces County Livestock Judging Contest at the Richard Borchard Fairgrounds in Robstown. The contest registration begins at 3 with the contest beginning at 4. Registration will be done onsite. Registration fee for the team is \$30 or \$10 per individual. For more information, contact the Nueces County Jr. Livestock Show at 361-387-5395.

If you plan on judging at the Nueces County Livestock Show, please call the County Extension Office by Tuesday, January 16, to let us know to expect you for the contest. **Rogelio will also be putting on a Refresh/Rookie Meeting for Livestock Judges on Tuesday, January 16 at 6:00 p.m.** Anyone and everyone is welcome to come learn or refresh your memory. So experience livestock judges are also encouraged to attend.

County Fashion Sensation

The clothing and textiles project begins in January with an Information Workshop. The workshop will be held on Thursday, January 18, at 6:00 p.m. at the County Courtroom. The workshop will introduce you to the project, what all of the activities are in the project, and help you get started.

Fashion Sensation includes: Duds to Dazzle, Trashion Show, Fashion Show (Buying and Construction Divisions) and Fashion Storyboards (Wham! Bam! Pow! Is the theme). The Fashion Storyboard theme is going to be interesting since it is based on super heroes or villains, how can they save the Fashion World.

Entries for Fashion Show and Fashion Storyboarding will be due on Tuesday, February 20. The actual **storyboard will be due on Monday, February 26**. Entry forms will be included in the February newsletter. Fashion Sensation Judging will be held on February 27 with awards being given out on March 1 with County Round-Up #2 Awards.

If you plan on coming to the Fashion Show Workshop, please RSVP to the County Extension Office by Tuesday, January 16. I understand 4-H families have so much going on; however, if the 4-H'er and parent can attend the workshop, that is the best way to get all of the information and tips. But if only the 4-H'er or parent can attend the workshop, that is quite ok. Sometimes when everyone gets in one room together the brainstorming of questions or ideas is the best. Hope to see a lot of you there for the workshop.



Congratulations

Archers

Congratulations to the Jim Wells County 4-H Archery Team as they competed in the District 12 4-H Archery Match in December in Benavides. The team did a fantastic job and so did the coaches. A special thank you to the Archery Coaches who spent many hours working with the 4-H'ers to get them ready for the District Contest: Cullen Wright, Eddie Tijerna, Sarita Blanchette, Annie Tijerina, and Richard Griffin. Results are:



Modified 600

Ethan Garcia, Intermediate Barebow, 3rd place
Ethan Madison, Junior Recurve, 1st place
Emma Lane, Junior Recurve, 2nd place
Rayegan Lane, Junior Recurve, 3rd place
Kyleigh Carr, Senior NASP Genesis, 3rd place
Jeremy Boehm, Senior Compound Unaided, 1st place
Emily Kalinec, Senior Compound Unaided, 2nd place
Kattarina Benavides, Junior Compound Aided, 2nd place
Adam Pena, Intermediate Compound Aided, 2nd place
Hannah Pena, Intermediate Compound Aided, 3rd place

3-D Match

Ryan Gonzalez, Junior Barebow, 2nd place
Ethan Madison, Junior Recurve, 1st place
Rayegan Lane, Junior Recurve, 2nd place
Mason Blanchette, Intermediate NASP Genesis, 2nd place
Avery Garcia, Intermediate NASP Genesis, 3rd place
Emily Kalinec, Senior Compound Unaided, 1st place
Jeremy Boehm, Senior Compound Unaided, 3rd place
Kattarina Benavides, Junior Compound Aided, 2nd place
Adam Pena, Intermediate Compound Aided, 2nd place
Hannah Pena, Intermediate Compound Aided, 3rd place
Preston Wright, Senior Compound Aided, 3rd place



These results are the correct results as there were errors from the results read at the Contest. Congratulations to each of the 37 Archery Team members.

Jim Wells County 4-H Photography Contest

The Jim Wells County 4-H Photography Contest is fast approaching and entries are due on Thursday, March 1. A complete list of contest rules will be available at the County Extension Office on January 17. Entry fee is \$3 per photo entered. Photo boards sizes 5x7 and 8x10 will be available in the Extension Office for \$1.50 each on a first come basis.

The categories this year have changed; therefore, 4-H families need to look at all of the rules and category descriptions carefully in order for photos not to be disqualified. 4-H'ers may only submit one photo per category. Categories are: Animals—Domestic, Animals-Wildlife Animal, Catch All, Details and Macro, Dominant Color, Elements of Design, Enhanced, Food, Landscape & Nature (non-animal), Motion/Action, People, Plant/Flora, Sports, Theme (Backyard), and Travel & Place. The top photos in the junior, intermediate, and senior divisions will advance to the district contest; however, senior photos will also advance to the state contest no matter the placing at district. Clover Kids are encouraged to also participate in the county contest and show off their photography skills

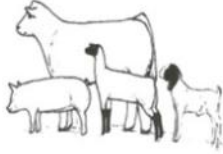
The theme this year is "Backyard." This creative category will feature photos what one would see when stepping out your back door such as kids swinging, swimming pool, person doing yard work, or gardening/flower beds. These are just a few examples, so it is not limited to these. Be creative, walk out your back door and just see what you see.

Please pick-up or download a copy of the category descriptions as they are very specific as to what photos can be in each category. All photos that come in to the Extension Office must already be mounted with the photo release already attached. The entry deadline is 5:00 p.m. on March 1 but you can bring in photos any time before the deadline. Please keep in mind that when the photo is enlarged it could become grainy or look distorted, this needs to be considered before entering the photo. Many photos look great and clear and crisp as a small photo. Consult the score card for other tips and pointers for judging photos. 4-H'ers also need to know how to resize photos in the file copy in case the photo is the top winner in the class and must be submitted electronically to district and state. Top winning photos in the junior, intermediate, and senior categories must be uploaded to 4-H Connect in the correct size format by March 16 for the district contest and April 15 for State Photo Contest. Resizing photos can be done at <http://freepicresizer.com>. Resized photos for upload on 4-H Connect must not be larger than 5 MB. Luis Saldana talked about resizing photos during the photography session at 4-H 101 and Erin and Rachel Gallagher talked about categories during their photography session at 4-H 101. If you attended those sessions, you are a step ahead.



This year, photos can be turned in for the Jim Wells County 4-H Photography Contest in either a 5x7 or 8x10 size. The choice is yours. I will be ordering 5x7 photo mount boards this week. We will be moving in the direction to have all photos 5x7 if everything goes as planned. Be creative, I know everyone took a lot of snow pictures this year on our rare occasion of snow to South Texas.





Livestock Judging Contest @

Kleberg-Kenedy Junior Livestock Show

Saturday, February 3, 2018*JK Northway Coliseum

Kingsville, Texas

Registration: 8:00 a.m. - 8:30 a.m. Contest starts: 9:00 a.m.

Entry Fee: \$5.00-Individual \$20.00-Team

Register On Site Only

Contest will consist of:

*Market Classes *Breeding Classes *Question Classes
Classes, Cuts, Tiebreakers and Placings will be Determined by Contest Official

Contest Official - Jay Jimerson

PRIZES

Buckles for High Point Jr., Intermediate & Sr. Individuals
Banners for Top 3 Jr., Intermediate and Sr. Teams
Awards for Top 5 Jr., Intermediate & Sr. Individuals

For More Information Contact Livestock Judging Committee:
Christina Titus 361-522-7707 or Jason McFall 361-296-5451



2018 NCJLS
Livestock Judging Contest
Friday, January 19th, 2018



Junior Team
3rd - 5th Grade

Inter Team
6th - 8th Grade

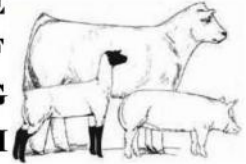
Senior Team
9th - 12th Grade

Please Check One

J TEAM NAME: _____ TEAM NUMBER: _____ OFFICE USE ONLY

A ↓ CONTESTANTS ↓

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Y On-site Registration
3:00 PM to 3:45 PM

CONTEST begins at 4:00 PM

Officials by: Quest Newberry & Brandon Gunn

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- Complete this form and return to the sign-in table prior to the start of the contest.
- NO TALKING during the contest and NO CELL PHONES. Those caught with cell phones or other messaging devices will be disqualified.
- Make sure TEAM NAME, TEAM NUMBER, and CONTESTANT NAME are filled in on SCANTRON. Be sure to bubble in properly.
- ALL announced results are final.

MAKE CHECKS
PAYABLE TO: **NCJLS**

FOR QUESTIONS CALL: 361-387-5395

\$30
Per
Team
\$10
Per
Individual

District 11 Shooting Sports Training

February 24-25, 2018

Victoria, TX

RIFLE, SHOTGUN & ARCHERY

REGISTER VIA 4-H CONNECT: DISTRICT 11 SHOOTING SPORTS COACHES TRAINING
REGISTRATION OPEN JANUARY 2 - FEBRUARY 2, 2018: \$120
LATE REGISTRATION FEBRUARY 3 - 16, 2018: \$145



For more information: <http://d114-h.tamu.edu>

Clothing and Textiles Project

Fiber Characteristics and fabric care Quiz Bowl Questions

Question	Answer
1Q. Where does linen come from?	A. Linen comes from the stems of the flax plant.
2Q. What are Natural Fibers	A. Natural fibers are those that come from a plant, or animal. Cotton and linen are examples of plant fibers, while silk and wool come from animal sources
3Q. What are the disadvantages of wool?	A. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Weak when wet, must be handled very gently • Dry cleaning is frequently the recommended method of cleaning • Can shrink up to half its size if handled improperly • Dissolves in bleach or strong detergents (alkali) • Becomes brittle if atmosphere is too dry • Some people may be allergic to wool • Articles made from worsted wool may irritate Skin • Poor luster (reflection of light on fabric) • Expensive • Pills (formation of tiny ball on surface of fabric)
4Q. What are some examples of manufactured fibers	Acetate, Rayon, Acrylic, Nylon and Polyester
5Q. What are some disadvantages of nylon fiber?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Non-absorbent • Damaged by sunlight • Picks up stray dyes
6Q. Which animals does wool come from?	Wool comes from animals such as sheep, goats, alpaca and rabbits.
7Q. What are the advantages of cotton?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Strong & durable • Absorbent • Dries quickly • Dyes and prints readily • Accepts finishes • Inexpensive • Machine washable
8Q. What are the disadvantages of using polyester?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Light colors discolor • Holds oily stains • Non-absorbent • Does not breathe • Holds heat in
9Q. What are the two groups of natural fibers?	A. Protein and Plant
10Q. What information is found on a clothing label?	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Generic names of fibers 2. Percentage of fibers (everything more than 5% must be included; fiber-like spandex is also included because of the unique fabric trait it contributes) 3. Country of origin 4. And manufacturer's name or a registered identification number assigned by the Federal Trade Commission.

11Q. How do you care for a wool garment?	Care: Dry Clean or hand wash in lukewarm water and rinse in cool water. Do not wring dry. (For specific instruction refer to the garment's sewn-in care label.)
12Q. List 3 advantages of using silk fibers.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Luxurious hand (the feel of a fiber) • Excellent drape • Wonderful luster (reflection of light on fabric) • Stain resistant Strong but lightweight
13Q. Describe a blended fabric.	Blended fabrics are created by combination of one or more fibers resulting in the creation of a new fabric with unique properties. This product is easier to clean, care for or more comfortable.
14Q. What are the two groups of manufactured fibers?	Cellulose and Chemical
15Q. What is the advantage of a blended fabric?	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1.To improve appearance of a fabric 2. Improving properties (durability, easy care) 3. Improve handle of fabric
16Q. What are the advantages of polyester?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Strong • Resistant to stretching and shrinking • Quick drying • Crisp and resilient when wet or dry • Wrinkle resistant • Mildew resistant • Abrasion resistant • Retains heat-set pleats and crease • Easily washed
17Q. How do you care for silk?	Care: Dry Clean or hand wash in lukewarm water and rinse in cool water. Do not wring dry. (For specific instruction refer to the garment's sewn-in care label.)
18Q.What are the advantages of rayon?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Inexpensive • Dyes and prints easily • Absorbent • Accepts finishes readily ▪ Poor wet strength • Low resiliency • Wrinkles easily • Weakened by the sunlight
19Q. What happens to acetate if it is exposed to high heat?	It will melt.