



# Jim Wells County 4-H Connection

## Inside this issue:

Ag Product ID	1
Livestock Judging Results	2
4-H Gardening/Horticulture	2
Shooting Sports Rifle Team	2
Shooting Sports Postal League	2
Fair Board Annual Meeting	2
County Fashion Sensation	3
Jim Wells County Fair Checks	3
Fair Turkey Orders	3
Ag ID Practices	3
4-H Meeting Attendance	3
Educational Presentations for Round-Up	4
Cupcake Wars	4
County Photography Contest	5
4-H Robotics Project	6
4-H Shooting Sports T-Shirts	6
HST Youth Ambassadors	6
Round-Up Entry Form	7
Fashion Sensation Entry	8

## Always Learning

Howdy 4-H Families,

Even on vacation, I am always learning. I just got back from my annual cruise. Of course the food is always different, some good different and some not so good different. I took pictures of most of my dishes. The way the dishes are plated is beautiful and of course portion controlled. As soon as I returned, I put a PowerPoint presentation together on plating dishes and showed them to the Family Consumer Sciences classes that I am teaching at Ben Bolt High School. One of my very favorite dishes served on the boat is Strawberry and Mango Bisque Soup, yes a cold soup. Delicious!

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  
County Extension Agent—4-H  
Jim Wells County



## Ag Product ID

Ag Product ID is a contest in which youth learn to identify various agricultural products but then also learn something else about the product such as the growing season, potential insect problems, varieties of the product and various other information. Here are 4 products you can ID and then send me an email to see if you are correct with your responses. I will be hosting an Invitational Ag Product ID Contest on Sunday, March 25, the same day as Cupcake Wars. This will give more youth and adults an opportunity to see what this contest is all about. Team and Individual awards will be given. I will send out the flyer as soon as it is ready.



Jim Wells County  
PO Box 1370  
200 N. Almond  
Alice, TX 78333  
PH: 361-668-5705

FAX: 361-668-2802  
b-wymore@tamu.edu

## Livestock Judging Contest Results

Congratulations to all of the 4-H'ers who participated in the Nueces County Livestock Judging Contest, Kleberg/Kenedy County Livestock Judging Contest, and San Patricio County Livestock Judging Contests in January.

The Junior Livestock Judging Team of Chase Dugat, Rayegan Lane, Emma Lane, and Cyreniah Hinojosa placed 2nd at the Nueces County Livestock Show. Chase Dugat placed 6th High Point Junior Individual, Emma Lane placed 8th High Point Junior Individual, Rayegan Lane placed 9th High Point Junior Individual, and Maddie Rodriguez placed 7th High Point Junior.

Mason Blanchette and Cyreniah Hinojosa also judged at the Kleberg County Livestock Judging Contest. Cyreniah placed 3rd High Point Junior Individual.

## 4-H Gardening/Horticulture Project

It is time to start working on the 4-H gardening/horticulture project. I sure do hope that we don't have too many more freezing cold days but if we do, these projects need to be covered and protected from the weather. The Horticulture/Gardening Project Packets are available on the Jim Wells County Extension Website. I will also be having a Gardening/Horticulture Workshop on Monday, March 5, at 5:30, at 1236 E. Fifth St. in Alice. Everyone that will be attending will need to RSVP by Wednesday, February 28, so that supplies can be purchased and ready. All 4-H'ers attending will need to bring a 10 inch or 12 inch pot with them to pot some plants during the workshop.



## Shooting Sports Rifle Team

The Jim Wells County 4-H Rifle Team is recruiting new team members or 4-H'ers that would like to join the team. The team is practicing on Saturdays at 10:30 a.m. at the Jim Wells County Fairgrounds Gun Club. If you are interested in joining the team, please contact Coach Eddie Garcia at 361-701-6522. Other coaches for the Rifle Team are Richard Griffin and Horacio Lomas.



## Rifle and Archery Postal League Sign-Up

Several shooting sports activities are coming up shortly. **The first actual contest deadline is February 19** which is for the District Postal League for Rifle and Archery. The best thing about this contest is that it is held during a designated date and time that your coaches let you know about ahead of time. They are all held on one day. But you must register on 4-H Connect to compete in this contest. Mark those calendars this is the absolute deadline. The archery shoot for both district and state archery shoots is March 24 and 25.

## Jim Wells County Fair Board Annual Meeting

Thank you to all of the 4-H'ers and FFA members that assisted in serving during the Fair Board Annual Meeting BBQ and Dance. I appreciate all of the help that both youth and adults provided while I was on vacation. I understand everything went very well and ran very smoothly so know how much I appreciate all of your hard work.

## County Fashion Sensation

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 are 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. Fashion Show commentaries are also due at the same time as the entries. Commentaries just need to be typed out and

must describe the garment, material, where you plan to wear it and why you chose the particular garment.

Trashion Show garments must be wearable and must be made out of 75% recycled or reused material. You can not go buy something new even though it is made out of something recycled. All Fashion Show entries are due by Tuesday, February 20.



### THE FASHION SHOW



## Jim Wells County Fair Checks

2017 Jim Wells County Fair Checks need to be picked up by the end of February or the checks will be returned to the Fair Office. Even if the checks are returned to the Fair Office, all paperwork must still be filled out and thank you notes written; however, when the checks are returned it will then take longer to receive the checks. Therefore, please get the checks picked up quickly.

## Jim Wells County Fair Turkey Orders

Wednesday, March 7, is the deadline for ordering turkeys for the 2018 Jim Wells County Fair. Turkeys are \$6.25 each and the minimum order is \$31.25. Orders can not be cancelled or refunded. Checks need to be made out to the Jim Wells County Fair Association. Order forms are due in the Fair Office by 4:00 pm on March 7.



## Ag Product ID Practice

Product ID Teams will have their first practice on Monday, February 19, at 5:30 p.m. at the County Extension Office. If you need a study guide to be studying at home, please call Rogelio or myself and we will get you one. Another practice will be held on Monday, February 26, at

5:30 p.m. Team members need to be studying at home and by visiting the grocery store viewing the produce section and meat market.

The Ag



## 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 2018 in order to exhibit at the 2018 Jim Wells County Fair.

4-H'ers need to sign in at their 4-H club meetings. Parents do not sign in for the 4-H members, as this is the 4-H members responsibility. It is perfectly fine for Pre 4-H'ers to sign in for themselves, don't worry club managers and Extension Agents can figure out all the 4-H'ers signatures based on club rosters.



## Educational Presentations for Round-Up

We are trying something different this year for County Round-Up for educational presentation and share-the-fun since 4-H'ers are going in different directions. Educational presentations and share-the-fun will be held on 2 days, Wednesday, February 28, at 5:00 p.m., at the Women's Building and March 1, at 5:00 p.m. at the Women's Building. Educational presentations need to be planned out and thoroughly thought thru and adequate research done.

Presentations can be fun and the subject matter is pretty much wide open and customized to your interest. Educational presentations are a maximum of 12 minutes; however, presentations need to be a minimum of 7 minutes. County Extension Agents will be happy to help 4-H'ers work on their presentation skills and subject matter prior to county if given the opportunity. **Times will be stressed at County**

**Round-Up, presentations will need to be no less than 7 minutes, with the exception of Pre 4-H'ers.**

Entries for District Round-Up will not be approved unless adequate information and time is given at county as we want the 4-H'ers to be competitive. Therefore, start planning ahead. An entry form is included in the newsletter. Anyone wanting ideas or assistance in putting together an educational presentation or share-the-fun presentation, please give me a call and I will be glad to work with you.

Remember educational presentation can include power point presentations and props. Share-the-fun has also specific rules for each category that we will be glad to provide to you or by going to the Texas 4-H website under Texas 4-H Round-Up. Share-the-Fun categories are: choreographed routine, dramedy, poetry/prose, vocal, celebrate 4-H, musical/instrumental, and solo/band performance. For poetry/prose, 4-H'ers are not allowed to read or use note cards, unlike UIL poetry. In the vocal category, 4-H'ers must sing and not lip sync and must provide music without vocals, only instrumental in which they will sing to.

A Round-Up entry form is included in this issue of the newsletter. Entry forms are due in the Extension Office by Thursday, February 22. 4-H'ers will only be allowed to participate in educational presentations or share-the-fun but not both.

## 2017-18 4-H Cupcake Wars

Cupcake Wars will be March 25 at 2:00 p.m. at the Home Economics Building at the Fairgrounds. 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](mailto: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.



## 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 or on the website. 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. All photo boards are available for \$1.50 in the Extension Office. 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 in South Texas.



## 4-H Robotics Project

Mr. John Walker will be starting a 4-H Robotics project on Sunday, February 18, from 4-6 p.m. The group will meet every other Sunday. Robots are all around us. From the food we eat to the cars we drive, robots help make our lives easier, more efficient, and simply more fun. Through the 4-H robotics project, 4-H'ers will learn how to design, build, and program robots in an exciting and hands-on project. The curriculum Mr. Walker will start out using Junk Drawer Robotics.



If you have a 4-H'er interested in the 4-H robotics project, please call the County Extension Office by Thursday, February 15, so that preparations can be made before the first meeting on the 18th. If you have any project specific questions, you can contact Mr. Walker at 916-759-2960.

This is a great opportunity for a new and different project area.



## Shooting Sports Shirts

Adults and 4-H'ers who would like to order shooting sports shirts, we will be placing a second order. The shirts are a gray dry-fit, long sleeve shirt 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 need to be ordered by Sunday, February 25. Shirts need to be paid for ahead of time. Don't forget to get these ordered and they have the rifle and archery logo on the shirts.

## Healthy South Texas Youth Ambassadors

Want to be a Healthy South Texas Youth Ambassador? Healthy South Texas, is a partnership of Texas A&M AgriLife Extension and Texas A&M Health Science Center Recruitment is currently being done for the 2018-19 Healthy South Texas Youth Ambassadors. Ambassadors assist County Extension Agents in providing leadership to the youth components to the initiative. Ambassadors are high school age (9th graders for the 2018-19 school year) youth, trained to serve as community health and wellness advocates. They can coordinate educational events that will encourage better health in the community. Ambassadors must complete and report 50 hours of leadership, program efforts or community service projects. Deadline for submitting applications is March 16 to the County Extension Office. If you are interested in becoming a HST Youth Ambassador, call me and let me know.

# 2018 County Round-Up Entry Form

## Deadline - February 22

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade: \_\_\_\_\_  
Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade: \_\_\_\_\_  
Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade: \_\_\_\_\_  
Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade: \_\_\_\_\_  
Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade: \_\_\_\_\_

Title of Educational Presentation or Share-the-Fun Act:  
\_\_\_\_\_

Educational Presentations and Share-the-Fun (Please clearly read rules for educational presentations & # of participants allowed)

- \_\_\_\_\_ Beef
- \_\_\_\_\_ Clothing and Textiles
- \_\_\_\_\_ Companion Animals
- \_\_\_\_\_ Health
- \_\_\_\_\_ Horse
- \_\_\_\_\_ Open
- \_\_\_\_\_ Open - Ag and Natural Resources
- \_\_\_\_\_ Open - Family & Consumer Sciences
- \_\_\_\_\_ Promote 4-H
- \_\_\_\_\_ Public Speaking **No visuals are allowed**
- \_\_\_\_\_ Safety and Injury Prevention
- \_\_\_\_\_ Sheep and or Goats
- \_\_\_\_\_ Share-the-Fun Musical/Instrumental
- \_\_\_\_\_ Share-the-Fun Solo/Band Performance
- \_\_\_\_\_ Share-the-Fun Dramedy
- \_\_\_\_\_ Share-the-Fun Poetry/Prose **(No reading or notecards allowed)**
- \_\_\_\_\_ Share-the-Fun Vocal
- \_\_\_\_\_ Share-the-Fun Choreographed Routine
- \_\_\_\_\_ Share-the-Fun Celebrate 4-H
- \_\_\_\_\_ Share-the-Fun Poetry/Prose
- \_\_\_\_\_ Share-the-Fun Vocal



**Next contests will be conducted on a different day but need to know about district contest.**

- \_\_\_\_\_ Soils Judging
- \_\_\_\_\_ Range and Pasture Plant ID
- \_\_\_\_\_ Ag Product ID
- \_\_\_\_\_ Livestock Judging

# 2018 Jim Wells County 4-H Fashion Show Entry Form

Deadline – Tuesday, February 20, by 5:00 p.m.

\$6 entry fee

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Grade Level: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone #: \_\_\_\_\_

4-H Club: \_\_\_\_\_

Which Contest will you participate in (1 or both): \_\_\_

\_\_\_ Fashion Show    \_\_\_ Fashion Story Boarding    \_\_\_ Trashion Show



## Fashion Show

Clover Kids/Junior/Intermediate

### Construction

Everyday Living \_\_\_\_\_

Refashion \_\_\_\_\_

Semi-Formal/Formal \_\_\_\_\_

Theatre/Costume \_\_\_\_\_

### Buying

Everyday Living \_\_\_\_\_

Fantastic Fashion Under \$25 \_\_\_\_\_

Semi-Formal/Formal \_\_\_\_\_

Special Interest \_\_\_\_\_

Senior

### Construction

Everyday Living \_\_\_\_\_

Refashion \_\_\_\_\_

Semi-Formal/Formal \_\_\_\_\_

Theatre/Costume Garments \_\_\_\_\_

### Buying

Business/Interview Attire \_\_\_\_\_

Fantastic Fashion Under \$25 \_\_\_\_\_

Semi-Formal/Formal \_\_\_\_\_

Special Interest \_\_\_\_\_

**\*\* A commentary form and registration fee must be included with any Fashion Show entry form or the entry will not be accepted.\*\*** The Fashion Show commentary form should describe the garment that was selected (colors, type of fabric), accessories, and where you plan on wearing the outfit.

## Fashion Storyboarding (check one):

Storyboards due in Extension Office by Monday, February 26

Wearable \_\_\_\_\_

Accessory \_\_\_\_\_

Jewelry \_\_\_\_\_

Non-wearable \_\_\_\_\_

Pet Clothing \_\_\_\_\_

Trashion Show (Must be 75% recycled or reused materials)

Individual \_\_\_\_\_ or Team (1-4 members) \_\_\_\_\_

Team Member Names:

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_





