



Jim Wells County 4-H Connection

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Happy Easter!

Howdy 4-H Families,

First off, let me apologize for not getting the March newsletter out, no excuses but there were 4 great trips to Houston this year because our 4-H'ers are so very active. We had some excellent learning experiences and adventures. Contrary to the myth and the legend, I did let the kids sleep for a while in the suburban but only on one of the very longest days. After that the water bottle was fully functional again. I will try my best to do better but hope you found the email updates Mary and I sent out helpful. As many of you know, some months are more hectic than others.

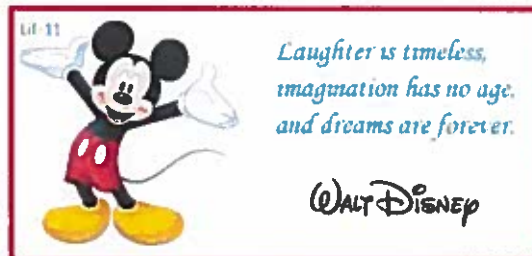
Please make sure to update your calendars with the upcoming dates and most importantly the Fair Validation dates. Now, I hope that each of you have a very Happy Easter with your family and friends. I know my gang will all be together at my house and I can not wait. I have an Angry Bird Pinata and plenty of cascarones. Enjoy your holiday as I know I will plus a couple days off to recharge.

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,

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Thank You Corner



We have plenty to be thankful for in Jim Wells County for amazing volunteers/leaders.

Thank you to Robert and Amanda Lane and Patricia and William Gray for judging the County Photography entries.

Thank you to Paula and David Gebert for taking care of Cupcake Wars, judging and tabulation.

Thank you to Annie Tijerina, Tammy Martinez, Amanda Lane, Liz Kalinec for helping grade Ag ID tests, as well as Niki Kaiser and Rogelio for tabulation and other details of the contest. We had a great turnout and everything ran smoothly. Also to Amanda and Robert Lane for opening the concession stand during archery, Cupcake Wars and Ag Product ID. Thanks to them opening the concession stand, we found out also our freezer went out. Yucky!!

Thank you to our "Iron Man/Woman" Coaches for all of the hard work and especially their time this past weekend for the District and State Postal League Contests: Cullen Wright, Sarita Wright, Eddie Tijerina, Annie Tijerina, and Richard Griffin. The largest project we have in Jim Wells County 4-H is in fantastic hands with great coaches.

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Hunter Education Course

A Hunter Education Course will be offered on Saturday, April 7, from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Women's Building at the Fairgrounds. You must go on this website to register for the class:

tpwd.elementlms.com Class # is 263760. The class is \$15 and is for 9 years old and older. Anyone born after September 1, 1971 must take this class once in their lifetime in order to hunt. Mr. Raymond Ramirez will be the instructor for the class.



1st Annual Jim Wells County 4-H Ag Product ID Contest

We had a good turnout for our 1st Annual JWC 4-H Ag Product ID Contest. Results are:
1st Place Clover Team—Jake White, Cody White, Ari Mercado; 2nd Place Clover Team—Andie Pena, Kallie Pena, Gabi Mercado; 1st place HP Clover, Kallie Dugat; 2nd place HP Clover, Ari Mercado; 3rd place HP Clover, Andie Pena
2nd Place Junior/Intermediate Team—Adam Tijerina, Makayla Rodriguez, Trevor Martinez, Cyreniah Hinojosa; 3rd place HP Junior/Intermediate, Trevor Martinez
1st Place Senior Team—Kyleigh Carr, Ryan Kalinec, Emily Kalinec, Ryan Lopez; 3rd place Team—Austin Chapa, Sabe Chapa, and Danniella DeLeon; 2nd place senior HP, Ryan Kalinec; 3rd place senior HP, Kyleigh Carr.

Way to go Jim Wells County 4-H'ers!!



Congratulations to Cupcake Wars Award Winners



Fantastic turnout for Cupcake Wars last weekend. Very creative cupcakes from all divisions and ages.

- Clover Kids—1st Place, Cody White; 2nd Place, Jake White
- Junior—1st Place, Kinleigh Carr; 2nd Place, Rayegan Lane
- Intermediate—1st place, Amanda Poppe; 2nd Place, Cooper Kennemer
- Senior—1st Place, Kyleigh Carr; 2nd Place, Austin Kennemer
- Adult—1st Place, Amanda Lane; 2nd Place, Rebecca Carr
- Team—1st Place, Cooper, Austin, Brandy, and Darrell Kennemer; 2nd Place, Andrea Pena and Kallie Dugat
- People's Choice Award—Amanda Poppe with her Lady and the Tramp cupcakes.

The left over cupcakes were taken to the Alice Fire Department thanks to Amanda Lane for thinking of that. Thank you to all of the participants, each of you are so creative.

State Steer Validation Tags

4-H'ers interested in showing in the major livestock shows for 2019, the deadline for ordering tags is Tuesday, April 17th. Tags are \$20 each. Please make sure to order tags by the deadline or the late tag orders are \$40 each. No extra tags will be ordered. State steer validations will be held on Saturday, June 9, from 6-8 p.m. at the Fairgrounds.



Congratulations Ryan Kalinec

Ryan Kalinec has taken a real liking to the 4-H archery project and has become involved with other archery groups. Ryan placed 1st in the Texas Field Archery Association Young Adult Male Freestyle "Shoot Your Way Across Texas." He also placed 2nd in the TFAA Indoor State Tournament. Congratulations Ryan and Great shooting.



Attention Archery Participants

The next practice and last practice before the State 4-H Indoor Archery Match will be held on Wednesday, April 11, from 6-7:30 p.m. at Clyde's in Corpus Christi. Make sure to bring \$6 with you for the fee and target to shoot at Clyde's. Also, if you have not paid for your archery shirts, that needs to be taken care of right away at the County Extension Office



Also each 4-H'er is asked to bring \$5 with them to cover a few incidentals for archery. I will have a list of all of the archers and will collect this money separately and check everyone off the list. This can be taken care of at Clyde's with Barbie or drop off at the County Extension Office by April 11.

Congratulations Elise & Emma

Elise Hesseltine placed 5th at the Houston Livestock Show Ranching and Wildlife Video Contest. Way to go Elise!!

Emma Lane was on the 3rd place team in the Rabbit Judging Contest at the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo. Yay Emma!!

San Antonio Livestock Show

Congratulations to all of the 4-H'ers that participated in various contests at the San Antonio Livestock Show. Madison Jo Valdez placed 3rd with her pig. Austin Chapa caught a calf in the Calf Scramble. Kyleigh Carr placed 3rd in the Senior Main Dish in Food Challenge. Kinleigh Carr placed 4th in the Junior/Intermediate Nutritious Snacks in Food Challenge.

The Consumer Decision Making Contest had Danniella DeLeon placing 3rd High Point Senior in CDM; senior team of Austin Chapa, Kyleigh Carr, Ryan Kalinec, and Emily Kalinec placed 7th; intermediate team of Trevor Martinez, Adam Tijerina, and Makayla Rodriguez placed 9th; and junior team of Chelsea Munoz, Emma Lane Rayegan Lane, and Maddie Rodriguez placed 6th.

Great job and congratulations!!

4-H Graduation Cords

Jim Wells County 4-H Adult Leaders voted last year on awarding 4-H cords to seniors who have continued to stay involved in the 4-H program throughout their senior year. For seniors graduating in May or June, if the 4-H'er attends their 6 4-H club meetings, participates in 3 county events or activities, and lets the Extension Office know by May 1, they will earn their green graduation cord.



Attention Soil Judgers

Multi-District Soils Judging Contest will be held on Saturday, April 21 in College Station. District 12 4-H Specialist was looking into the Contest to let me know more details. The registration deadline has not passed and I will send out a county email when I hear about the deadline. I know Mary has a list of 4-H'ers who were interested in participating in the contest. Please contact Wil Baucom if you are interested in participating in the team.

State Fair Lamb and Goat Tags

Lamb and goat exhibitors who are planning on exhibiting at the State Fair of Texas need to place their tag orders for lambs and goats by Tuesday, April 17th. Tags are \$20 each and must be pre-paid. Late orders will be \$40 per tag. Orders will be accepted at the Extension Office.



4-H Robotics Project

4-H Robotics project is underway thanks to Mr. Walker. If you are interested in the 4-H robotics project, join them on the designated calendar dates or contact Mr. Walker at 916-759-2960.



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

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.

New 4-H members must attend 3 club meetings before the Fair in order to participate. New members are youth who have never been in 4-H before and are just joining. Check with your club managers on your attendance at club meetings.

2018 State 4-H Horse Validation

Validation will be open March 1st—April 15th at \$10 per validation and \$20 from April 16 until May 1. Remember:

- horses must be validated on 4-H Connect every year.
- only one validation per horse each year is necessary (horses do not need to be validated under each siblings name).
- If the horse is registered then the registration papers must be uploaded during validation. The uploaded papers must be legible and the owner must be listed as the 4-Her, or a member of the 4-Hers immediate family (parent, sibling, grandparent, legal guardian). A bill of sale or a signed transfer request will NOT suffice. Families should apply for and receive the corrected papers prior to uploading in 4-H Connect.
- if the horse is grade (unregistered) then the field designated for the upload of registration papers should be left blank.
- pictures need to be a visual representation of the horses color and markings (head and legs must be visible in right and left profile images and lighting should be sufficient to determine coat color).

Remember by validating your horse project, you are eligible to compete in the District and State 4-H Horse Show this summer. District 12 will not be hosting a district horse show; however, we will be invited guests to another districts horse show. We will be guests; therefore, need to be courteous to everyone involved in their program or will not be invited to participate in the future. I will release more information on the horse show as soon as all of the horses are validated and not prior to the end of validation.



Congratulations to the County 4-H Fashion and Round-Up Participants

Congratulations to our creative Fashion Sensation participants this year.

Fashion Storyboards

Clover Kids

June Bell Martinez, Jewelry, Blue Ribbon; Kourtney Karasek, Pet Clothing, Blue Ribbon

Junior

Kinleigh Carr, Pet Clothing, 1st Place

Intermediate

Trevor Martinez, Pet Clothing, 1st Place

Senior

Kyleigh Carr, Jewelry, 1st Place; Rachel Gallagher, Accessory, 1st Place; Kendall Karasek, Pet Clothing, 1st Place

Fashion Show

Junior

Emma Lane, Buying—Everyday Living, 1st Place; Rayegan Lane, Buying—Semi-Formal/Formal, 1st Place; Kinleigh Carr, Construction—Refashion, 1st Place

Intermediate

Rachel Cantu, Buying—Fantastic Fashions Under \$25, 1st Place

Senior

Kyleigh Carr, Construction—Refashion, 1st Place

We had an excellent group of public speakers and talented 4-H'ers in County Round-Up.

Clover Kids

Kourtney Karasek, Share-the-Fun Vocal, Blue Ribbon; June Martinez, Open FCS, Blue Ribbon

Junior

Kinleigh Carr, Open FCS, Blue Ribbon

Intermediate

Promote 4-H—Adam Tijerina & Trevor Martinez, Blue Ribbon

Senior

Open FCS—Mikayla Hesseltine, Blue Ribbon; Open FCS—Kyleigh Carr, Blue Ribbon; Safety and Injury Prevention, Elise Hesseltine, Blue Ribbon; Share-the-Fun Vocal, Kendall Karasek, Blue Ribbon; Share-the-Fun Poetry/Prose, Gretchen Bernsen, Blue Ribbon; Share-the-Fun Vocal, Sabe Chapa, Blue Ribbon.

TSC Paper Clover

The Spring Paper Clover Campaign is April 11-22 at Tractor Supply Company. Each club is asked to sign-up and work a 4 hour shift any time during the Paper Clover Campaign. The shift can be done all 4 hours at once or broken into 2, 2 hour shifts. They can be on the weekend or during the week after school. The 4-H'ers are asked to sell \$1 paper clovers to the customers. It is better for the customers to see a face behind this opportunity as opposed to just an actual paper clover. Please call the Extension Office and tell Mary what time the club will be doing the TSC Paper Clover because we can not have 2 clubs at the same time. If you can not work when your club votes on working, you can sign-up for an hour shift on your own but let Mary know when you are doing this first.



District 12 4-H Rifle Contest

The District 12 4-H Rifle Contest will be held on Saturday, April 28, in Benavides at the Duval Shooting Sports Complex. The sign-up deadline for this contest is Wednesday, April 11, on 4-H Connect.



Jim Wells County 4-H Lock-In Benefitting "Friends of 4-H Scholarship"



Jim Wells

County 4-H Council formed a Committee to honor those 4-H'ers and leaders whom we have lost in recent years by creating the JWC Friends of 4-H Scholarship. They are fundraising to make this scholarship a reality.

Therefore, they will be hosting a Lock-In on Friday, May 4, from 6-11 p.m. at the Fairgrounds. There will be lots of fun, games, and food for youth to participate in. The cost for the Lock-In is \$15 with each additional family member from the same family \$10. You are invited to bring non-4-H members; however, they will need to respect the 4-H leaders, rules/guidelines. The deadline to sign-up is Monday, April 30, and the fee must be paid ahead of time and not at the Lock-In.

We are taking volunteers who would like to assist or help chaperone for the evening.

Remember this is a benefit for the scholarship which I am very proud of the Council for taking this leadership on.



Rayegan Lane's Community Service Project for Orange Grove Country Kids 4-H —Everyone Invited to Participate & Help

On April 12th from 4—5p.m. OG Country Kids 4-H will be traveling to Mathis to the Palma Real Transitional Care Center @ 1220 Loop 459 (361) 547-3318 to play Chalupa (Spanish Bingo) with their residents. Please bring an item to donate for prizes (ie, blankets, socks, caps, non-perfumed lotion). We are going to provide a snack for the residents to have while they play bingo. This is Rayegan Lane's service project for her club this month and she would like to invite everyone to come if they can. If you have any questions, please contact Amanda Lane at 361-227-2370.



WHAT'S FOR LUNCH?



Fundraiser for
PREMONT CACTUS 4H CLUB
KING RANCH CASSEROLE

Rice, Beans and Drink
on Sunday - April 29, 2018
11:00 am to 2:00 pm
Premont Library Park Square
Donation \$7.00

*Parents, take the night off and bring your kids to the Jim Wells
County Fairgrounds on May 4th for a 4-7 Lock-in!*

4-7 Lock-in

May 4th, 2018

6 p.m. to 11 p.m.

One child- \$15 Two for \$25..... Every Additional Child After Two- \$10

(pricing per household)

All Children Must Be At Least 5 Years Old

There will be food, board games, and fun activities!

All children are welcome, not only 4-7 families!

Help raise money for the Friends of 4-7 Scholarship!

