



Jim Wells County 4-H Connection

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Thank You Volunteers!

The month of April is National Volunteer Month with April 18-24 as a special volunteer week. We have so many amazing volunteers in Jim Wells County and we need to celebrate what they do for all of us. I especially want to say thank you to all of you because we are who we are because of our 4-H volunteers. 4-H'ers you need to make sure these volunteers know how much you appreciate them throughout the year but especially during the month of April.

I want to also wish good luck to Austin Chapa, Emily Kalinec, and Mikayla Hesselntine on their Texas 4-H Scholarship Interviews on April 23 in College Station.

Well April is also vacation month for me. I will be out of phone reach and email reach from April 12-21. If you need anything, call the Extension Office and talk to Mary or Rogelio. I tried to leave for my birthday in 2020 last year and we all know what happened there so this year I am taking my trip. I will be back rejuvenated and hopefully have a tan.

If you have any questions about your 4-H projects, please do not hesitate to call us at the County Extension Office.

Sincerely,

Barbie Wymore
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National 4-H Week & Month

Each year, thousands of 4-H volunteers



donate their time and energy to make their communities a better place to live. These volunteers will be among the millions across the country who will be spotlighted during the 47th anniversary of National Volunteer Week, April 18-24, 2021.

Thank you to all of our 4-H volunteers that serve our Jim Wells County 4-H youth. Our 4-H volunteers serve as club managers, assistant club managers, project leaders, coaches, judges, activity leaders, and many more roles. We could not do what we do without our 4-H volunteers. Your hard work and countless number of hours are so greatly

4-H Outdoor Challenge

4-H Outdoor Challenge registration is up on 4-H Online now. If you are interested, now is the time to get registered. The event will be held on June 20-21 at the Texas 4-H Center in Brownwood. Outdoor Challenge is a team of 2 event and registration fee is \$50 each. Emily Kalinec and Paige Langley will be having a 4-H Outdoor Challenge Boot Camp in May for those interested. Events are: Kayaking, Shotgun, Archery, Swimming, Gear Judging, Rock Climbing, Fishing, Biology Skills, Gear Judging, and Outdoor Safety

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Houston Livestock Show Results

Congratulations to our 4-H'ers who attended and participated in the Houston Livestock Show Ag Product ID Contest and Archery Match.

In Ag Product ID, Trevor Martinez, Emily Kalinec, Paige Langley, Jessie Cadena, Haylee Cadena, Aiden Lorberau, Cyreniah Hinojosa, Kinleigh Carr. The senior team of Trevor Martinez, Emily Kalinec, and Paige Langley placed 2nd. Trevor was 2nd High Point Individual, Paige placed 7th, and Emily placed 8th. The Junior Team of Aiden Lorberau, Cyreniah Hinojosa, Kinleigh Carr, and Jessie Cadena placed 9th.

This was the first year that our archers participated in the Houston match with 18 archers competing. JWC Archers making it to the final round were: Adam Pena, Kat Benavides, Cyreniah Hinojosa, Riley Hinojosa, Wesleigh Pool, Ethan Pool, Kloe Fox. Adam Pena placed 8th, Kat Benavides placed 6th, Cyreniah Hinojosa placed 4th, Riley Hinojosa placed 5th, Wesleigh Pool placed 3rd, Ethan Pool placed 4th.

Great job to all our 4-H'ers in Houston and thank you Coach Cullen.



Rio Grande Valley Livestock Show

Congratulations to Kallie Dugat, Chase Dugat, and Aiden Lorberau for participating in the Rio Grande Valley Livestock Show and bring home top honors. Kallie was Champion Junior in the Swine Skillathon and Chase was 3rd place Intermediate in Swine Skillathon. Aiden Lorberau was Grand and Reserve Champion Dairy Goat along with many division and class champions. Great job!

District Consumer Decision Making

8 Jim Wells County 4-H'ers competed in the District 12 4-H Consumer Decision Making Contest at the end of March. The senior team of Trevor Martinez, Paige Langley, and Emily Kalinec placed 3rd and advanced State 4-H Round-Up in June. Trevor Martinez was 2nd High Point Individual. The Intermediate Team of Kinleigh Carr, Aiden Lorberau, Cyreniah Hinojosa, and Jessie Cadena placed 5th. Haylee Cadena competed as a junior individual and placed 8th. Thank for helping coach the teams Liz Kalinec. Congratulations!

Jim Wells County 4-H Fashion Show

6 Jim Wells County 4-H'ers showed off their Fashion skills during the Jim Wells County 4-H Fashion Show in March. Results are:

Clover Kids—Ethan Saenz, Blue Ribbon Construction Special Interest; Junior—Elena Saenz, 1st place Constriction Everyday Living; Junior—June Martinez, 1st place Buying Semi-Formal/Formal; Junior—Brooke Garcia, 2nd place Buying Semi-Formal/Formal; Intermediate—Kinleigh Carr, 1st place Construction Refashion; Senior—Christina Dotson, 1st place Construction Refashion.

Congratulations to each of you and great fashion skills learned thru this project.

County Round-Up Results

I am so proud of the 4-H'ers who competed with educational presentations for County Round-Up. We have some amazing public speakers among us. Those participating are:

Seniors

*Trevor Martinez, Terminator Tech, 2.0, Open Category, 1st place

*Paige Langley, Fabulous Fitness & Nutrition, Health & Wellness Category, 1st place

Intermediates

*Kinleigh Carr, Living a Healthy Lifestyle with My-Plate, Health & Wellness Category, 1st place

Junior

*June Martinez, Neat Napkins, Open FCS, 1st place

*Haylee Cadena, "Fun in the Sun" How to Make Crayon Suncatcher, Open Category, Blue Ribbon

*Jesse Cadena, "Ocean Wonders" How to Make a Lava Lamp, Open Category, Blue Ribbon

*Elena Saenz, Elena's Homemade Tortillas, Open Category, 1st place

Clover Kids

*Justine Cadena, "Taffy Time" How to Make Simple Taffy, Open Category, Blue Ribbon

*Ethan Saenz, Roaring Waffles, Open Category, Blue Ribbon

Congratulations to each of you on doing a fantastic job!

County Food Challenge

7 Jim Wells County 4-H Food Challenge teams competed this month. We have some great chefs with a whole lot of culinary skills. The judges were impressed and the 4-H'ers taught them a few new things. Results are:

Clover Kids

Catfish Clover Cove—Ethan Pool, Grayson Pool, and Jandi Delgado, Blue Ribbon

The Sunshine Girls—Justine Cadena, Adriene Cadena, Ariana Garza, Blue Ribbon

Junior/Intermediates

The Tortillas—Ariella Mercado, Jessie Cadena, Ethan Pool, Aiden Lorberau; 2nd Place

The Country Kids—Wesleigh Pool, Jacklyn Delgado, Wiley Fox, Haylee Cadena; 3rd Place

The Spice and Dice—Elena Saenz, Gabriella Mercado, June Martinez, Caroline Dotson; Blue Ribbon

The Cooking Chicas—Kloe Fox, Kinleigh Carr, Rebekah Gordon, Daniella Tunchez; 1st place

Seniors

The Skillets—Trevor Martinez, Paige Langley, Austin Chapa, Makayla Rodriguez; 1st place

Congratulations and great job to each of the teams.

The 1st and 2nd place teams advanced to District.

Special thank you to Kelly Pool for all the help getting Food Challenge Teams ready and all the practice time!

State 4-H Photography Contest

The State 4-H Photography Contest registration is open to senior age 4-H members (4-H'ers in grades 9-12). The 4-H photos must still be uploaded in the correct format that was in the County Photography Contest packet along with name of file. All photos must be uploaded on 4-H Connect by Wednesday, April 15. Make sure the photos are sized correctly as photos that are the size of a post-card will be disqualified.

Senior 4-H'ers who had 1st place photos in the County Photography Contest may register those same photos for the State Photo Contest.

4-H Record Books



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Record books are books you

complete to record your 4-H annual projects and activities. Why is it important you keep a record of your 4-H activities? Because, by recording your activities you can track of everything that you have done, remember all the fun you've had so far, and set future goals! Keeping records of 4-H projects could help you when you apply for college scholarships. It also helps keep track of all your leadership and community service projects.

The deadline to turn in County 4-H Record Books is Monday, June 14, by 5:00 p.m.

to the County Extension Office. The record book forms can be downloaded at: <http://texas4-h.tamu.edu/recordbooks/> The 4-H record book is made up of a personal information page, 4-H Story and Photo Portfolio, and the 4-H Project Report Form.

We will have a 4-H Record Book Workshop on Wednesday, May 5, at 6:00 p.m. at the County Extension Office. Before coming to the workshop, please view the video that District 12 4-H Specialist Luis Saldana did last year which is on YouTube. This will get you most of the information and our workshop will focus on answering specific questions, etc.

The record book video is at :

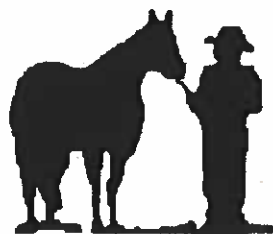
www.youtube.com/watch?v=aP-ZY48P-XQ

4-H Graduation Cords

Jim Wells County 4-H graduating seniors who have continued to stay involved in the 4-H program throughout their senior year, will earn their 4-H graduation cords. For seniors graduating in May or June, if the 4-H'er attend 3 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. 4-H seniors will only earn their cords if they follow the guidelines as cords will need to be ordered and there will not be exceptions to earning your cords.

State 4-H Horse

Validations



4-H horse validation is now open on 4-H Online. Horse validation will be open from March 1st through May 1st and the cost will again be \$10 per horse through April 15th and \$20 per horse from April 16th through May 1st. The updated 4-H Online will only be accepting credit cards for payment. A few reminders:

1. Each validation must include front view, right side view, and left side view images. The entire horse should be included in the photo and marking should be clearly visible.
2. If the horse is registered, a copy of the registration papers must be uploaded. These papers must list the 4-H'er, parent, sibling, grandparent or legal guardian as the current owner. If the ownership is in the process of being transferred, please list "pending" in the registration number area. Once the updated registration papers have been received please send a copy to me and I can add it to the validation.
3. Uploads must be images, pdfs are not an accepted file type.
4. Families should validate each horse once. Once the horse is validated any sibling within that family is eligible to show the horse at district and/or state 4-H horse show.

If you log in on 4-H Online, click on the 4-H'ers name and then animals on the left hand panel. If a family has a horse to validate, please call the Extension Office if you have any questions.

Water Ambassador

Applications



Applications are now open for the 2021-2022 Texas 4-H Water Ambassadors. Now in its fourth year, the 4-H Water Ambassadors Program continues to grow in number and is gaining recognition and support from the Texas water industry. A goal of the Program is to equip youth to assist county extension with water education events. To learn more about the 4-H Water Ambassadors Program visit www.texas4hwaterambassadors.com.

Eligibility requirements for the program are: be in high school or entering high school in the 2021-2022 academic year; be at least 14 years of age by August 31, 2021; be a current 4-H member, or be willing to join a local 4-H club if selected.

Expectations for the program are: 4-H Water Ambassadors accept the responsibility of education youth and adults in their communities; commit to advancing their water knowledge throughout their 12-months of service; participate in the summer 2021 Tier I 4-H2O Leadership Academy (June 27 – July 1); commit to a minimum of 40 hours of education/service from July 1, 2021 – June 30, 2021; pay the \$250 program participation fee by June 15.

Anyone interested in the program, apply to be a Water Ambassador by visiting www.texas4hwaterambassadors.com for application requirements and instructions. Complete the application online at <https://fs4.formsite.com/state4h/water/index.html>

Important Dates:

- April 1 – May 15, 2021 – Applications open
- June 1 – Application notified of acceptance status
- June 15 - \$250 participation fee due in 4HOnline
- June 27 – July 1 – Tier I 4-H2O Leadership Academy (pick-up/drop off in Waco, details TBD)
- July 1 – June 30 – Official 12-month term of service

Congratulations Emily Kalinec!

The District 12 Texas Extension Educators Association awards a 4-H'er in our district based on their 4-H record book. This year, Emily Kalinec was awarded the TEEA Scholarship. Congratulations Emily and best of luck at Texas Tech!

Healthy South Texas Youth Ambassador Applications

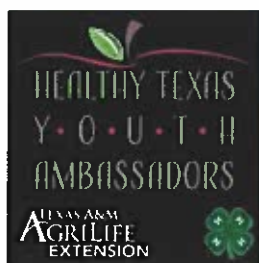
The Healthy Texas Youth Ambassador program is seeking motivated, passionate, and hard-working teens to improve the lives of Texans! Do you have teens in your county who are looking to make a difference in their health and the health of others? If so, the HEALTHY TEXAS YOUTH AMBASSADOR PROGRAM is the perfect opportunity for them to become trained in health, wellness, and safety while helping you grow your local program efforts!

This program is designed for high school age youth (grades 9-12) who have a passion for health and wellness. These youth will be trained at the regional level to become youth health experts who can motivate others to make a change in their lifestyle to improve their health. More importantly, these ambassadors will assist local county extension agents with program efforts, project activities, and much more! Healthy Texas Youth Ambassadors are the boots on the ground component of peer education!

Who's Eligible? Youth do not have to be current 4-H members but must join 4-H for the 2021-22 year. Agents are encouraged to look beyond the 4-H program and recruit youth from local school health advisory committees, health science programs, high school culinary arts programs, home school associations, community and church groups, and other youth organizations.

Eligibility requirements include: Be in at least the 9th grade at beginning of the 2021-2022 school year, Submit online application by May 1, 2021 (https://agrilife.az1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_3RisvLKy mQZoPps); Have an interest and passion to serve others in health education which includes nutrition, physical activity, passenger safety, and safe environments!

Expectations: Complete and report 40 hours of leadership, program efforts, or community service annually.; Attend a Regional Healthy Texas Youth Ambassador Summit on July 20; Attend face-to-face and online trainings; Agree to the obligations and requirements outlined in the HTYA Handbook.



Jim Wells County 4-H Fundraising Raffle



During March and April, Jim Wells County 4-H will be conducting a raffle to help support the program (supplies, awards, equipment, travel to events, registration fees, etc). Tickets are \$2 each and there are 13 very nice prizes. A huge thank you to Katie Fisher for getting the donations from businesses outside of the club donations

Tickets were distributed during your March 4-H club meetings. Please pick up your raffle tickets from your club manager if you have not already done so. Raffle ticket stubs and money are due at your April 4-H club meeting. The drawing will be held on April 30th and we will go Live on the Jim Wells County 4-H Facebook page. Each 4-H'er is asked to sell a minimum of 10 tickets which is a booklet. If you would like more booklets, that is great and we will definitely accommodate that, ask your club manager or call the County Extension Office. Remember, we did not have our Annual Steak Dinner during the Fair and the 4-H Concession Stand was not as busy during the Fair since we didn't have the additional attractions and these 2 fundraisers usually sustain our 4-H program for the year.

There will be an incentive for the 4-H'er who sells the most tickets. A minimum of 20 tickets must be sold to win and the prize is a \$50 Visa gift card.

Prizes are:

- Private Wine Class for 20
- Count Your Blessings Board w/\$165 in Gift Cards
- 2 Sea World Passes
- HEB Groceries & Gift Basket
- 2021 4 Reserved Hooks Game Tickets
- \$100 Dairy Burger Gift Card
- RTIC Camo Cooler
- Vera Bradley Backpack
- \$50 Custom Tumbler
- 2 Lunch on Us Flower Baskets
- \$50 Academy Gift Card



4-H Virtual Volunteer Conversations

6:00pm CST/7:00pm EST

- 01/26 - Volunteer Training & Leadership Opportunities
- 04/27 - Program Communication Strategies
- 07/27 - Developing Regional Partnerships
- 11/30 - Innovative Ideas for Clubs



State Validation Tags

In the newsletter is a chart with all the due dates, fees, and validation dates for all animals for major livestock shows. Mark these dates down in your calendar as no extra tags will be ordered. The 1st validation orders are due in April for State Fair of Texas Lambs, Goats, and Pigs, as well as steers for ALL major shows for 2021-22. Please consult the chart for due dates and fees.

share ideas and connect with other volunteers throughout the country

Register at:

<http://bit.ly/4HVolCall>

All 4-H volunteers and professionals are welcome to attend!

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 Amazing 4-H
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 You are the
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 County 4-H
 Program.



Jim Wells County Major Show State Validation Dates for 2021-22

Species	Order Validation Tag Deadline	State Validation Date	Last Day to Order Late Tags	Last Chance State Validation Date (For Emergency Purposes Only)
Steer (All 21-22 Major Shows)	Wednesday, April 21 (\$25)	Saturday, June 12 6-8 p.m., Fairgrounds	Friday, June 18 (\$35)	Saturday, June 26, 8-10 a.m., Fairgrounds
Heifer (Fall Heifer Shows)	Wednesday, April 21 \$20 (paid at Validations)	Saturday, June 12, 6-8 p.m.	Friday, June 18 \$30 (paid at validations)	Saturday, June 26th, 8-10 a.m., Fairgrounds
Lamb (State Fair of Texas ONLY)	Monday, April 19 (\$20)	Saturday, June 26 8-10 a.m., Fairgrounds	Friday, June 18 (\$30)	NA
Goat (State Fair of Texas ONLY)	Monday, April 19 (\$20)	Saturday, June 26 8-10 a.m., Fairgrounds	Friday, June 18 (\$30)	NA
Swine (State Fair of Texas ONLY)	Friday, April 23 (\$20)	Saturday, June 26 8-10 a.m., Fairgrounds	Friday, June 4 (\$30)	NA
Heifer (Spring Heifer Shows)	Friday, August 20 \$20 (paid at validations)	Monday, October 11, 4-6 p.m., Fairgrounds	Friday, October 15 \$30 (paid at validations)	Tuesday, October 26, 4-5 p.m. Fairgrounds By Appointment ONLY
Lamb (All 2022 Major shows)	Friday, August 20 (\$20)	Monday, October 25 4-6 p.m., Fairgrounds	Friday, October 15 (\$30)	NA
Goat (All 2022 Major Shows)	Friday, August 20 (\$20)	Monday, October 25 4-6 p.m., Fairgrounds	Friday, October 15 (\$30)	NA
Swine (All 2022 Major Shows)	Friday, September 24 (\$20)	Thursday, November 18 4-6 p.m., Fairgrounds	Friday, November 5 (\$30)	Monday, November 29 5-6 p.m., Fairgrounds By Appointment ONLY

JWC 4-H presents

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TICKETS
\$10

PROCEEDS BENEFIT JIM WELLS COUNTY FRIENDS OF 4-H SCHOLARSHIP

FRIDAY MAY 14TH

\$10 TICKET / FAMILY OF 4 DISCOUNT- \$35 / 6PM / FREE POPCORN & DRINKS / LOCATION: JIM WELLS COUNTY FAIR GROUNDS

MOVIE SHOWINGS: SHREK & FERDINAND