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# Jim Wells County 4-H Connection

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## Thank You Volunteer Coaches

Over the Thanksgiving holidays, I was selected to chaperone the Texas 4-H delegation to National 4-H Congress in Atlanta, Georgia. I have wanted to chaperone this trip as one day is given to service to others. I helped and cleaned at the Chattahoochee Nature Center, clearing leavings, cleaning the Community garden, and pruning plants. Many residents within Atlanta use these parks to connect with nature and grow food for their communities. This was a great experience and we met a horticulturalist who bred the B52 Venus Fly Trap which was very interesting. If anyone is ever in Atlanta, you need to go to the Aquarium and the World of Coca Cola. These 2 stops were great tours. I did not realize Coke made different flavors for all different countries. Lots didn't taste too good but it was a great experience.

May each of our 4-H families have a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. May 2022 be a better year with plenty of joys and things to be thankful for.

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

Sincerely,

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## Thank You Corner

Thank you to Kyleigh Carr, Meghan Martinez and Tammy Martinez for helping judge at the District 12 4-H Food Show. A special thank you to Lilly Rodriguez for securing the use of Premont High School for Food Show and Food Challenge and spending all day at the school in case we needed anything.

Thank you to Coach Liz Kaliniec for getting the Consumer Decision Making teams ready for competition. Thank you to Kelly Pool for assist with Coaching the Food Challenge teams. Thank you to Coaches Cullen Wright, Eddie Tijerina, and Annie Tijerina for all their time on Sundays preparing the 4-H archery team for the district competition. Special thanks to Coaches Eddie Garcia, Ethan Garcia, John and Jennifer Walker for having initial project meeting this month.



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## **Congratulations District 12 4-H Archery Contest Participants**

Jim Wells County 4-H had 31 archers compete at the District 12 4-H Archery Contest in Benavides on Saturday. Everyone looked great, learned, had some fun, and brought quite a few medals home. Results are:

### **3-D**

Junior Barebow—Gabi Mercado, 3rd Place

Intermediate Barebow—Molly Fisher, 2nd Place

Junior Recurve—Riley Hinojosa, 1st Place

Intermediate Recurve—Cyreniah Hinojosa, 2nd Place

Intermediate Recurve—Alaynah Salazar, 1st Place

Intermediate Genesis—Ethan Pool, 3rd Place

Intermediate Genesis—Eli Walker, 1st Place

Intermediate Compound Unaided—Wesleigh Pool, 1st Place

Intermediate Compound Aided—Nolan Williamson, 1st Place

Senior Compound Aided—Darin Landrum, 3rd Place

Senior Compound Aided—Adam Pena, 2nd Place

### **Modified 420**

Junior Barebow—Gabi Mercado, 2nd Place

Intermediate Barebow—Catherine Lara, 2nd Place

Intermediate Barebow—Molly Fisher, 1st Place

Junior Recurve—Riley Hinojosa, 1st Place

Intermediate Recurve—Alaynah Salazar, 2nd Place

Intermediate Recurve—Cyreniah Hinojosa, 1st Place

Senior Recurve—Avery Garcia, 1st Place

Intermediate Genesis—Ethan Pool, 3rd Place

Intermediate Genesis—Eli Walker, 2nd Place

Intermediate Genesis—Wiley Fox, 1st Place

Intermediate Compound Unaided—Wesleigh Pool, 1st Place

Junior Compound Aided—Kaliana Benavides, 2nd Place

Intermediate Compound Aided—Nolan Williamson, 2nd Place

Senior Compound Aided—Adam Pena, 3rd Place

Senior Compound Aided—Kat Benavides, 2nd Place

## **District 12 4-H Food Show and Food Challenge**

Jim Wells County 4-H was well represented at the District 12 4-H Food Show and Food Challenge held in Premont on November 13. I am extremely proud of each and every one of the 4-H'ers that participated. Results are:

2nd Place Juniors—Foody Friends (June Martinez, Grayson Pool, Gabi Mercado, Rylee Quintanilla)

1st Place Intermediates—Menu Masters (Kinleigh Carr, Rebekah Gordon, Daniella Tunchez, Wesleigh Pool)

4th Place Intermediates—Skilletons (Micah Torres, Eli Walker, Benjamin Ragland)

6th Place Seniors—IncrEdibles (Trevor Martinez, Paige Langley, Kloe Fox, Lucas Walker)

8th Place Seniors—Flavor Town (Isela Torres, Darin Landrum, Chelsea Munoz)

### **Food Show**

#### **Juniors**

Main Dish—Grayson Pool, Red Ribbon

Side Dish—Gabi Mercado, 1st Place; Top Chef

Appetizer—Cami Recio, Red Ribbon

Healthy Dessert—Cissy Recio, White Ribbon

#### **Intermediates**

Main Dish—Wesleigh Pool, Blue Ribbon

Side Dish—Kinleigh Carr, Blue Ribbon

Appetizer—Ari Mercado, Blue Ribbon

Healthy Dessert—Ethan Pool, Red Ribbon

#### **Senior**

Appetizer—Trevor Martinez, 1st Place, Top Chef Advancing to State



## District 12 4-H Consumer Decision Making

Jim Wells County 4-H had 8 4-H'ers participate in the District 12 4-H Consumer Decision Making Contest hosted at the JWC Fairgrounds on November 14.

The senior team of Paige Langley, Trevor Martinez, and Chelsea Munoz placed 2nd and advance to State 4-H Round-Up in College Station in June. Trevor was also the High Point Individual in the senior division.

Justine Cadena was 4th High Point Individual in the Junior Division and Kinleigh Carr was 5th High Point Individual in the Intermediate Division. Other 4-H'ers competing were Jessie Cadena, Aiden Lorberau, and Wesleigh Pool. Great job to each of you!!

## Texas 4-H Opportunity Scholarships

It is time to fill out the 2022 Texas 4-H Opportunity Scholarship applications. Applications can be downloaded at: <https://texas4hfoundation.org>

The guidelines, tips and application portal can be found at [texas4hfoundation.org](https://texas4hfoundation.org) under the scholarships tab. Applicants must be in the upper 1/2 of their graduating class and pass all standardized graduating tests. 4-H'ers also need to have been active over at least 3 years with various projects, leadership, and community service. This is a tough scholarship and very intense and from my experience with scholarship winners, those receiving scholarships have had a minimum of 3 projects.

With the system that the scholarship is on now, County Agents are not required to review or approve submissions. I want to look over the applications to help 4-H'ers make their scholarships as strong as possible. Therefore, I am asking 4-H'ers who are working on scholarships to let me know and then send me a copy of your scholarship before hitting the submit button. I will need scholarship applications by January 12 to review and get suggestions back. Scholarships and all necessary attachments must be submitted by February 15.

Good luck and let me know if you have any questions.

## Food Bank Distribution in Alice

Any 4-H'ers that would like to assist with the distribution of food from the Corpus Christi Food Bank in Alice, the next distribution will be held on Tuesday, December 28. We would need to meet at Our Lady of Guadalupe Church about 9:00 a.m. to be ready for when the trucks arrive. If you are able to assist, please call the Extension Office by Wednesday, December 22.

For 4-H'ers needing community service hours for NHS, this is perfect. Remember, community service is service to others that do not benefit you.

Please let us know if you can help, we all had a great time helping out last December. Feels great helping others.



## Jim Wells County 4-H Christmas White Elephant and Bingo Party

All Jim Wells County 4-H'ers are invited to participate in a 4-H White Elephant Christmas Party and Bingo on Tuesday, December 21, 6:00 p.m. at the Home Economics Building at the Fairgrounds. 4-H'ers wishing to participate, please bring a unisex white elephant gift with a value of \$10. Wear your favorite Christmas T-shirt or ugly sweater to add to the Christmas vibe. We will have dessert and snacks during Bingo.

Anyone that would like to donate any kind of prize for the Bingo would be greatly appreciated. This will be time to hang out, have some fun and get into the Christmas spirit with your 4-H Family.

If you are planning on attending, please RSVP to the County Extension Office by Friday, December 17 so that adequate planning can be done.

Bring your favorite real or stuffed animal pet for the 1st Annual Jim Wells County 4-H Pet Parade. Any pet is welcome, this is not just a dog contest. Have some fun as we try something a little different. This is a 4-H Companion Animal Project. Erika Hesseltine and Merck Animal Health is sponsoring our Pet Parade. You can learn about microchipping your pets and we will have a backdrop for you to take pictures with your pet along with treats and giveaways for your pets.

# Jim Wells County 4-H Pet Parade



**Sunday, December 12th**

**4:00 p.m.**

**Special Awards  
Given**

**Jim Wells County Fairgrounds**

**Entry Fee - Bag of pet food/pet treats/pet toys (which will be donated  
to local animal shelter)**

**Classes Include - Most Talented; Creative Costume, Best Trained; Well  
Groomed; Largest Pet; Smallest Pet; Cutest Pet, and More**

**4-H'ers can participate with Live Animal or a Stuffed  
Animal**



**Event Sponsored by  
Merck  
Animal Health**

Jim Wells County 4-H

**Call: 361-668-5705**





# Jim Wells County 4-H Favorite Holiday Foods Contest



**Due by:**  
**December**  
**28**

**To participate, 4-H'ers email**

- 1. a picture of you making your favorite holiday food &**
- 2. a picture with your finished favorite holiday food to [b-wymore@tamu.edu](mailto:b-wymore@tamu.edu) All 4-H'ers who enter will have their names put on the spinning wheel and 3 entries will receive gift cards.**





**DONATIONS  
WILL BE ACCEPTED FROM  
NOV 1ST TO DEC 15TH**

**GIVE BOARD GAMES  
TO HELP SICK KIDS**

**Sick children awaiting medical care  
or procedures are often residents  
at special care houses and facilities.**

**Its hard to keep your spirits up  
when you have nothing to occupy  
your time and many times parents  
are unable to afford such things in  
these situations.**

**Please help them take their minds  
off their illness by donating new  
Board Games for them.**

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