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Jim Wells County 4-H Connection

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Goodbye 2021 and Hello 2022

Jim Wells County had a great 2021. Despite all of the adversities and restrictions earlier in the year, we continued to be active and a great force. Our projects continue to grow and have 4-H'ers taking chances to try new projects and activities. This is fantastic and is part of what makes JWC 4-H even better. I wish all of you a Happy New Year and a Healthy, Joyous, Prosperous 2022.

In case you or your family need anything or have questions, please call the County Extension Office. I will be out early in January for vacation and the last 2 weeks of January for surgery that will keep me home for 2 weeks. Our 4-H activities will continue thanks to our 4-H family.

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
County Extension Agent—4-H
Jim Wells County



Pet Parade Report

Thank you to everyone who participated in our 1st Annual Pet Parade in December. We had a great time and thanks to Erika Hesseltine and Merck Animal Health, the pets all took goodies home. This was a fun afternoon but Erika also taught us about microchipping our pets. We had a variety of pets from dogs to guinea pigs to chickens to our stuffed animals. Thank you Jim Wells County 4-H Council Officers for doing a great job hosting.

The pet supplies that were collected as part of the entry fee were donated to an animal shelter in Mathis this past week. All of those fur babies thank you for your donations.



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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 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.

Board Games for Kids Distribution Report from Trevor Martinez

With the help from 4-Hers, and other generous individuals in our local communities, the service project that collected board games and activity items for children in medical facilities was a great success! From November 1st to December 15th, we were able to successfully collect and deliver almost 200 board games and activity items for 4 facilities that included the one Ronald McDonald House in Corpus Christi, the two in San Antonio, and the Driscoll Children's Hospital. As a result, we were able to give and spread joy for multiple families right before the holiday season. I personally want to thank everyone who donated and shared this project to others. With the help and contribution of many, we were able to bring smiles to others and certainly say this project was a success. Thank you!

Jim Wells County 4-H Photography Contest



JWC 4-H Photography Contest Rules and Forms

Be on the lookout for the 2022 Jim Wells County 4-H Photography Contest Rules and Entry Packet. Mary is working on this and should have it completed by the end of the week. You can pick up a packet at the Extension Office, on 4-H Connect, or <https://jimwells.agrilife.org>. Classes have changed for this year and are: animals—domestic, animals—wildlife, Catch-All, Details and Macros, Elements of Design, Enhanced, Food, Landscape & Nature (Non-Animal), Leading Lines, Long Exposure, Motion/Action, People, Plant/Flora, Shadow/Silhouette, Theme (My Hometown). The theme category includes what is special, iconic, unique, or even quirky about your hometown. Capture what make it exceptional, historic, fun, or simply the best place to grow up.

Explanation of all the classes, along with entry forms and guidelines will be available in the next week or on the Extension website. Entries will be due no later than March 1.

Food Bank Distribution

Thank you to the 4-H'ers and adults who came out and helped distribute food at Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church in Alice. About 200 families in need received food during this distribution. I appreciation all of your hard work and giving back in the community.



Rio Grande Valley Citrus & Vegetable Show Results

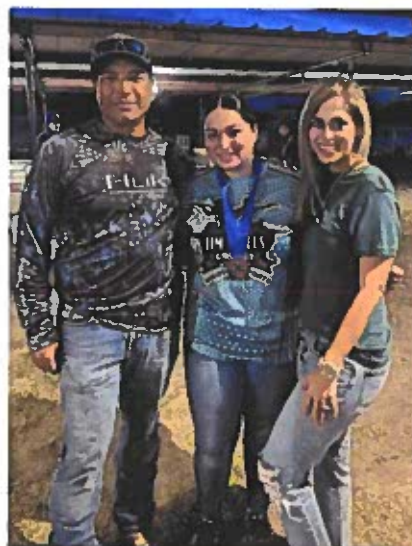
Congratulations to all the Jim Wells County 4-H'ers who had their first opportunity to participate in the Rio Grande Valley Citrus and Vegetable Show on December 18. The Junior Ag Product ID Team of Haylee Cadena, Gabi Mercado, Justine Cadena, and Jessie Cadena placed 2nd and Haylee was 5th High Point Individual. The Junior Food Challenge Team of Grayson Pool, Gabi Mercado, Haylee Cadena, and Justine Cadena placed 2nd. The Intermediate Food Challenge Team of Kinleigh Carr, Wesleigh Pool, Rebekah Gordon, and Daniella Tunchez placed 1st. Also participating in the contests were Paige Langley, Trevor Martinez, Ethan Pool, and Ari Mercado. Way to go to each of you!



Congratulations Avery!

We want to congratulate Avery Garcia for being selected to participate as a member of the Texas 4-H Shooting Sports Recurve Archery Team. Avery will compete during the National 4-H Shooting Sports Championships on June 26-July 1 in Grand Island, Nebraska.

Avery is the 1st Jim Wells County 4-H Archery and Shooting Sports member to be selected on the National Team. This is an awesome accomplishment and we are very proud of you Avery!



Fair Board Annual Meeting

The Jim Wells County Fair Board Annual Meeting will be held on Saturday, January 22, at the Jim Wells County Merchant's Building. We will need assistance on several things this year.

1. Fair Association needs clubs to donate a basket for the silent auction. Clubs did this 2 years ago. These will need to be dropped off at the Merchant's Building on Friday, January 21.
2. I need help of 5 families boiling and peeling 20 pounds of potatoes. These will need to be dropped off at the Fairgrounds Friday morning by 9:00 a.m. Potatoes will be purchased and can be picked up at the County Extension Office. (Call the Extension Office by Thursday, January 13, if you can assist).
3. I need help from 2 families boiling and peeling 4 dozen eggs each. Eggs can be picked up at the County Extension Office. (Call the Extension Office by Thursday, January 13, if you can assist).
4. We need help from 4-H'ers and parents serving and assisting with the serving of the BBQ. (Call the Extension Office by Tuesday, January 18, if you can assist).

The Jim Wells County Fair Board does a lot to make sure that the Fair happens so they need 4-H families help.

District 12 4-H Fashion Story Boards

The 4-H Storyboard is an industry-inspired method of displaying original designs. The storyboard “tells the story” of the designer’s idea. The storyboard includes original illustrations, flats, and more to promote the design. The theme this year is “Get Out and Explore,” meaning get out and explore the great outdoors, which could mean in your backyard, national park or on the Serengeti. Discover animals that roam or see the beauty of the outdoors. The categories are: wearable, accessory, jewelry, pet clothing, home décor, and home furnishings.

The entry must be submitted in digital format: pdf, jpeg, jpg or png. Entries for County judging will take place on Monday, January 10. Entries for district will be due, uploaded on 4-H Online by Tuesday, January 11.

A complete list of rules and guidelines can be found on the Texas 4-H website at:
https://texas4-h.tamu.edu/wp-content/uploads/fashion_storyboard_guidelines_2022.pdf

Example of Fashion Story Board from last year by Kinleigh Carr



Robotics Project Meetings

In January, the robotics group will be meeting twice for learning and preparing for upcoming contests. The group will meet on January 9 and 23 from 3-5 p.m. at the Merchant’s Building. Take a chance and come learn more about STEM and robotics from John and Jennifer Walker.



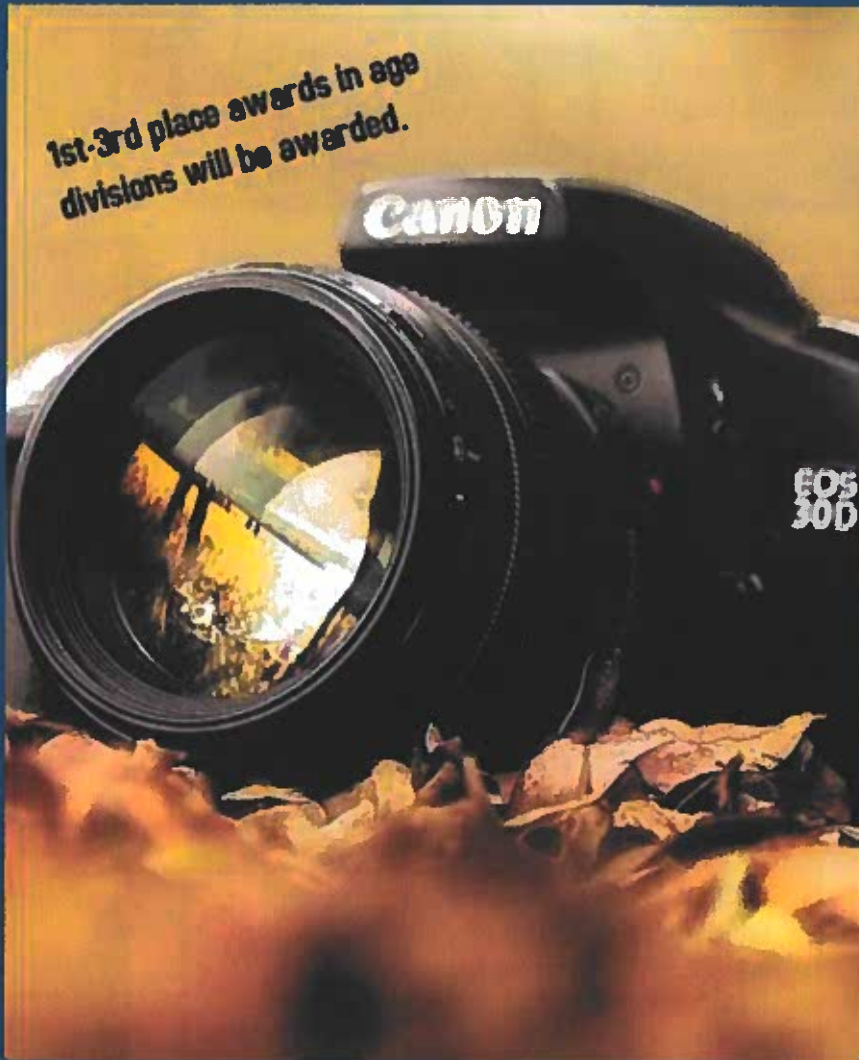
Up-Coming 4-H Events

- March 1—JWC 4-H Photography Contest
- March 6—Jim Wells County 4-H Invitational Ag Product ID and Cupcake Wars
- March 7—County Round-Up (Educational Presentations, Public Speaking, Share-the-Fun)
- March 23—County Fashion Show
- March 26—District 12 4-H Shotgun Match
- April 1—District 12 4-H Photography Contest
- April 9— District 12 4-H Fashion Sensation, and District 12 4-H Round-Up
- April 14—District 12 4-H Livestock Judging Contest
- April 23—District 12 4-H Rifle Match

JIM Wells County 4-H



Photography Scavenger Hunt



Friendships



Learning



Projects



and more!

Email your collage image to b-wymore@tamu.edu by Monday, January 31.

Take 5 pictures & make 1 collage image of all photos. Be creative when taking your pictures. The 5 pictures must be photos of "Favorite Things About 4-H."

This is an activity for your 4-H photography project.



2022 NCJLS

Livestock Judging Contest

Friday, January 14th, 2022



Junior Team
3rd - 5th Grade

Inter Team
6th - 8th Grade

Senior Team
9th - 12th Grade

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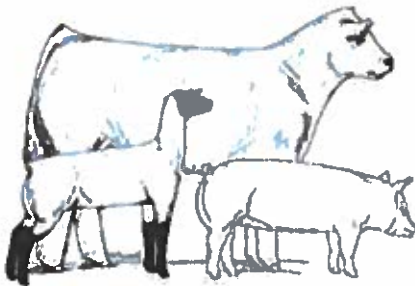
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CONTEST begins at 4:00 PM
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- Complete this form and return to the sign-in table prior to the start of the contest.
- NO TALKING during the contest and NO CELL PHONES. Those caught with cell phones 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