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Jim Wells County 4-H Connection

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Good Luck Major Show Participants

February and March are major livestock show months and I want to wish all of the participants the best of luck. We have 4-H'ers participating not only with their livestock projects but other contests such as: agrobotics, food challenge, Ag ID, livestock judging, shotgun, rifle, and consumer decision making. I am very proud of all of you for all of your participation and hard work practicing to get to the level that you are.

Back this year in Jim Wells County 4-H is our Ag Product ID Invitational Contest and Cupcake Wars. Please see the attached flyers on these March events. Come have some fun and vote for your favorite cupcake at Cupcake Wars.

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



Judges Needed

We have several events coming up that we will be needing judges for: JWC 4-H Photography Contest and 4-H Cupcake Wars. Please remember that if we do not have adults volunteer then we will have to cancel the events. It will not take up much time but we need adult volunteer support in order to have these fun events. Photos that are 1st in each division will advance to the district contest. If you sign-up to judge cupcake wars, think about how yummy that will be :-)



Congratulations Molly!

Congratulations Molly Fisher for participating in the National 4-H Shooting Sports Quiz Bowl. She placed 35th in Juniors Nationally, 20th in the Southern Region, and 8th place in Texas. Way to go Molly! I believe Molly is the 1st Jim Wells County 4-H'er to participate in the National Shooting Sports Quiz Bowl.

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District 12 4-H Trap, Skeet & Whiz-Bang Shoot

The District 12 4-H Trap, Skeet, & Whiz-Bang Contest will be held on Saturday, March 26 at the South Texas Shooting Complex in Webb County just East of Laredo. The courses of fire will include 3 events: Trap, Skeet, and Whiz-Bang qualifying match for a total of 150 targets combines.

Registration will open on 4-H Online on February 22 and close on March 11. The registration fee is \$120 per contestant (150 targets). Contestants must also register on iClays for squadding information.

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 attends their 6 4-H club meetings, participates in 3 county 4-H 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. County Events or activities could be a county 4-H community service, photography contest, 4-H contests that I have going on throughout the year each month, Cupcake Wars, AG ID, plus many more.



Rifle, Shotgun, and Archery Postal League Sign-Up

Sign-up is currently open for the District 12 4-H Postal League for Rifle, Shotgun, and Archery. The deadline for signing up for State Postal League is Friday, February 18. Postal Leagues are done in the county on the designated date set by the designated coaches. Registration is conducted on 4-H Online and if you are involved in multiple disciplines, you do one registration for all disciplines. Don't forget to get registered as there are no late registrations.

Jim Wells County 4-H Photography Contest



JWC 4-H Photography Contest Rules and Forms

The 2022 Jim Wells County 4-H Photography Contest Rules and Entry Packet have been released and was shared in my email earlier in the week, as well as it is posted on our Jim Wells County website. 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.

State Indoor Archery Match

Registration for the State 4-H Indoor Archery Match in Carrizo Springs opened on February 1. If 4-H'ers are going to Rio Grande Valley Livestock Show Archery Contest, this can also serve as their indoor archery match as long as they register for it. Other State Indoor Archery Match sites that can be registered for are: Bay City (March 25-26), Carthage (March 25-26), Graham (March 25-26), Monahans (April 1-2). Registration deadline for Mercedes is February 18 and Bay City is March 10.

4-H & First Responders Luncheon

Jim Wells County 4-H will be hosting a Luncheon for County First Responders on Sunday, February 27, from 11:30-1:00 at the Home Economics Building at the Fairgrounds. If any 4-H'er would like to help prepare meal, serve meal, or make a dessert, that would be fantastic. 4-H Council just needs to know ahead of time. Please call the County Extension Office by Wednesday, February 23.

Any of our 4-H parents or leaders that are first responders, please join us for lunch on that day. We want to celebrate our First Responders and Thank Ya'll for all that you do here in our community. We appreciate all that you do for each of us.

Agriculture Product ID

What is Ag Product ID? This is a contest in which youth are given 20 Texas agricultural products at separate stations. They select the correct identification of each product from four possible answers. Each station then has one multiple choice question pertaining to the product on display. That question is general to the industry that produced the product, (i.e. Texas' national ranking, economic impact to Texas, general nutritional content, region of production, cooking method, use, growing season, specific nutrition of the cut or variety). Youth are given 30 seconds at each station to answer both questions. Products can range from fruits, vegetables, herbs to seafood, poultry, chicken or beef. **Practices coming up to come try it out will be: Wednesday, February 23 at 6:45 at the Home Economics Building and Wednesday, March 2 at 6:45.**

Texas 4-H is going back to NASA's Johnson Space Center. This is an overnight "camping" experience held at the space center that will include hands-on STEM activities, an astronaut guest speaker, a tram tour of rocket park, and free roam of the museum's exhibits. It promises to be a great time for all space enthusiasts! Registration for Texas 4-H Night at NASA is open on 4-H Online thru February 15. The cost of the event is \$90. All youth attending must be accompanied by an adult chaperone. Adult chaperones must be screened 4-H volunteers.

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 23—County Fashion Show
- March 26—District 12 4-H Shotgun Match
- March 29—County Round-Up (Educational Presentations, Public Speaking, Share-the-Fun) (Date change from last month)
- 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

Thank You!

Thank you to everyone that came out and helped serve at the Fair Board Annual Meeting. I appreciate all of your hard work and help. Thank you to the 4-H clubs that donated baskets or items for the Silent and Live Auction as well. Those were greatly appreciated. Thank you to Sylvia, Annabel, and Tammy for taking care of things in my absence, as well as Rogelio's cook crew.



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Jim Wells County 4-H Ag Product ID Contest

Sunday, March 6

**Merchant's Building,
Jim Wells County Fairgrounds
(3001 S. Johnson St., Alice)**

**Registration will begin at 2:30 with
the contest beginning at 3:00 p.m.**

*Contest is open to 4-H
& FFA members*

*Registration deadline is Monday,
February 28 and registration is
\$10/individual or \$40/team. After
February 28, registration fees are
\$15/individual or \$50 per team.*

*Contestants will need an electronic
device as they will be using e-judging
card this year.*

**Awards for Top 3 teams and Individuals in
the Junior, Intermediate, and Senior
Division. Top 3 Individuals in Adult and
Clover Kids will also be awarded.**

Checks can be made out and mailed to :

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Jim Wells County 4-H



PROUDLY PRESENTS
"Favorite Things
About 4-H"



Cupcake



Wars

Entry Deadline -
Monday, February 28

Sunday, March 6

Check-In: 1:30 p.m.

JWC Fairgrounds Merchant's Building

**Age Divisions: Clover Kids, Junior,
Intermediate, Senior, Adult**

**Email recipes to b-wymore@tamu.edu. For
more information, call 361-668-5705.**





Virtual **TEXAS 4-H REEL 'EM IN** FISHING SKILL-A-THON 2022

Program Highlights:

- Register **Individually** as 4-H youth (grades 3-12) or *Clover Kid (grades K-2) via 4HOnline at <https://v2.4honline.com/> beginning February 1st
- Clover Kids - FREE to participate and will receive a participation certificate
- Prizes to be listed January 2022
- New educational programs and fishing contests
- Judging via FishDonkey App (no fee to use app!) Rules to be released January 18 at <https://d54-h.tamu.edu/>

Species Divisions:

- Saltwater - Trout, Sheepshead & Redfish
- Freshwater - Bass, Crappie & Catfish

Spring Tournament
 Register: February 1 - 28, 2022
 Fish: March 1 at 12:00 pm thru
 May 31 at 11:59 pm

Summer Tournament
 Register: May 1 - 31, 2022
 Fish: June 1 at 12:00 pm thru
 August 31 at 11:59 pm

More Ways to Win!

- Longest single fish or stringer by tournament, species, division and overall
- Grand Slam - post 3 different fish species within species division
- Wild Card - random drawing of all fish posted on FishDonkey

Fee:

- \$50 flat fee per division per 4-H participant (saltwater and/or freshwater)

Questions?

- Contact Jheri-Lynn McSwain, Ph.D., Extension Program Specialist at jlmcswain@tamu.edu

