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# Refugio County 4-H

## Family Newsletter

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OCTOBER 2019

### REFUGIO COUNTY 4-H PECAN FUNDRAISER

Order forms are in your email or can be  
picked up from the extension office. Orders  
can also be placed at the extension office.

- Selling 1lb bags, 3lb boxes, or 5lb boxes of pieces or halves.
- Thanksgiving Pecan Order Due **October 11, 2019** to the extension office with payment!



Check us out at <http://refugio.agrilife.org/>



Follow Refugio  
County 4-H on  
Facebook!!!

*"Be the kind of leader  
you would follow." -  
anonymous*

*"I never dreamed about success, I worked for it."*  
-Estee Lauder



4-H Members are encouraged to attend trunk or treats or scare on the square to help hand out candy!!

## Queen's Corner!



Hey fellow 4-H members I hope the start of this 4-H year is going great! Remember to sell as many pecans as you can, and turn your forms in on October 11th to the extension office. The Refugio County Commissioner's Court approved a resolution proclaiming October 6-12 as National 4-H Week. During National 4-H Week we will have 4-H flags hung at the Refugio Counties school districts including at Goliad ISD. I do ask that everyone tries to participate in the community clean up throughout Refugio, Woodsboro, and Austwell-Tivoli for our one day 4-H project!!!

Blessings to all- Sydney

# Refugio County 4-H Council Meeting

**October 6th, 2019**

**5:30pm Expo Center**

**November 3rd, 2019**

**5:30pm Expo Center**

**All 4-H Members are invited  
to attend!!**



**Extension Office Holiday Schedule  
CLOSED**

**October 14th– Columbus Day  
November 11– Veterans Day  
November 27-29— Thanksgiving**

## 4-H Booster Club News

### Booster Club Scholarship eligibility:

Each graduating senior must:

- Attend at least 50% of the meetings of his/her 4-H club.
- Complete at least one project in 4-H during his/her senior year.
- Turn in a recordbook according to the following schedule:
  - Must have turned in a completed recordbook as a sophomore and as a junior.
  - Must turn in a completed project record form on a project or a completed recordbook for their senior year along with the scholarship application. A completed copy of the 4-H Opportunity Scholarship may be used instead of a project record form or completed 4-H recordbook.
- Must plan to attend a college, university, technical school or enlist in the military the following year. A copy of military enlistment papers must be submitted before the scholarship check is issued.
- Review and consideration will be given to new county residents actively involved in 4-H.
- Each 4-H member or parent must help with at least one fundraiser per year and a parent will be required to attend at least one Booster Club meeting per year, beginning in their freshman year.
- Seniors and/or parents must attend a Booster meeting between August - April meeting to qualify.

## 4-H Booster Association

**October 1st, 2019**

**6:30pm Extension Office**

**November 5th, 2019**

**6:30pm Extension Office**

***Nothing is impossible, the word  
itself says "I'M POSSIBLE"***

***- Audrey Hepburn***

## 4-H Club Meetings

Blanconia 4-H-2nd Tuesday, 6:00 p.m., Refugio Dairy Queen

Bonnie View 4-H-2nd Sunday, 5:00 p.m., Woodsboro Elementary Cafeteria

Brushpoppers 4-H-1st Sunday, 2:00 p.m., Refugio Presbyterian Church

Livestock Judging Club- Monday after Council Mtg, 5:15 p.m., Extension Office

Mission 4-H- 1st Wednesday 7:30 p.m., Refugio Dairy Queen

Roughriders 4-H-1st Sunday, 3:00 p.m., ATISD Cafeteria

Archery Club– First Practice October 10, Fairgrounds

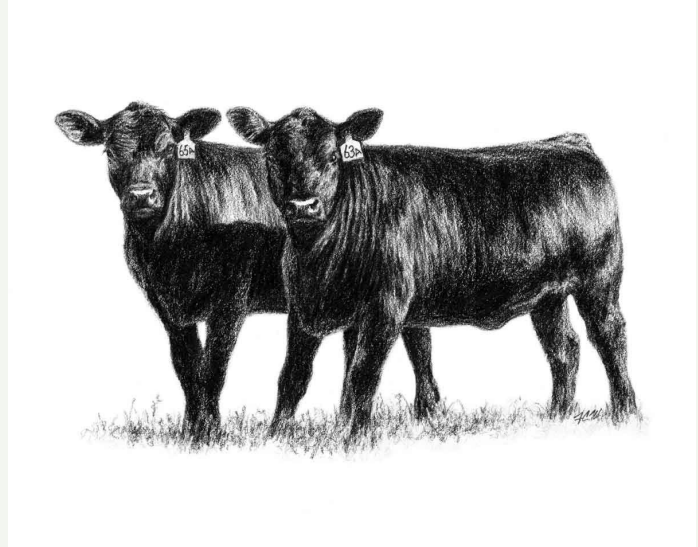
Shotgun Club– TBA



# Livestock Corner

## RCFA Reminders

- The October Meeting will be October 21st, 2019 at 7pm at Padilla.
- A parent and/or child must help with one Fair Association fundraiser or event approved by the Fair Association Board member. Failure to comply with this policy will result in a one-time \$100 per family fee. (Rule #4, pg. 5 RCFA Rule Book).
- Workdays will be available for families who need to meet this requirement: Work Days will be announced.
- **Any exhibitor determined ineligible for extracurricular activities according to the school's enforcement of the Texas Education Code is ineligible to show. The exhibitor and animal are both ineligible. Please make sure your grades are up.**
- **Fair Rule Books are ready for pickup at the Extension Office!**



## UPDATED VALIDATION DATES

Major Show Heifers & Major  
Show Sheep Validation-  
Tuesday, October 29, 2019  
Fairgrounds 6pm-7pm

Major Show Swine & County  
Sheep/Goat/Swine Validation-  
Saturday, November 23, 2019  
Fairgrounds 8am-10am



## Project Visits

If you need a Livestock Project Visit please call Candace at the Office at 361-526-2825 or on her cell at 361-543-7047 and schedule a visit!

# Major Show Sign Up Day

at the extension office

**30 OCTOBER 2019 | 8AM-6:30PM**

**NO ONE WILL BE ALLOWED TO SIGN UP  
AFTER 6:30PM.**



**If you plan on showing a livestock project or competing in a contest at a major livestock show in the spring: (Fort Worth, San Antonio, San Angelo, Houston, Austin, Odessa)**  
**You must come to major show sign up day and submit paperwork and payment.**



# Quality Counts



If you are new to 4-H or changed age divisions, (ex: Junior to Intermediate) and plan to show livestock at Refugio County Fair or a Major Livestock Show, you must complete quality counts again. QC must be completed to sign up for major livestock shows on Oct 30th.

## QUALITY COUNTS ENROLLMENT

**Before getting started:** For the best experience in the Quality Counts course, please use Mozilla Firefox as your internet source (Internet Explorer, Google Chrome, and Safari may work in some instances but are NOT suggested). Also, please make sure your browser (Firefox) has JavaScript and Cookies enabled. For desktop computers, you must have Adobe Flash Player 10.1 or greater installed.

We recommend using  
Firefox as your browser!



1. Go to: <https://www.texaslivestockvalidation.com/qc/qcregister.aspx>
2. Register with your information
  - a. It is very important to choose BOTH your 4-H and FFA chapter regardless of which you think you will show through!
  - b. You will need to enter your DOB and Phone Number in the format provided.
  - c. For grade level, please enter the grade you are entering (if between May-August) or your current grade, depending on the time of year you are registering in Quality Counts.
3. Click Submit Registration
4. This will trigger an email from [dottie.goebel@ag.tamu.edu](mailto:dottie.goebel@ag.tamu.edu) to keep for your records.
  - a. Do not delete this email as it contains a Return Link that you will NEED to come back to the course at any time.
5. Staying on the website, click Proceed to Curriculum.
6. You will be directed to the Quality Counts curriculum website.
7. The course is free, so click the **green Enroll Now** button.
  - a. You may have to scroll down to see this if using a mobile device.
  - b. Though you do have to create another login on a separate website, this is necessary to be able to leave and come back to the curriculum as many times as needed!
8. Click Register under "Are You a New Learner?" *Even if you created an account last year and are enrolling in a new grade category, you need to create a new account. This is because we transitioned websites for improvements.*
9. Create username and password and complete login details. The address entered is not used or saved and is only for this site.
10. Accept the terms and conditions and click Register.
11. Click "Click Here" under Course Access Details.
12. Click Quality Counts
13. Select Age Bracket according to your school grade as of August 31 of the current year.
14. Begin Course! The course will take approximately 2 hours to complete.
15. You may leave and come back to the course using the Return Link (Step 4a).
16. Once you complete the course, you will click Proceed to Test.
17. You must complete the exam once you start it, but you can take it as many times as needed to achieve an 80% or higher.
18. Once passed, your verified Quality Counts number is ready for livestock show entries!

FOR QUESTIONS RELATED TO TECHNICAL ISSUES CONTACT:  
[LEARNONLINE@AG.TAMU.EDU](mailto:LEARNONLINE@AG.TAMU.EDU)

FOR QUESTIONS RELATED TO CONTENT, SCORES, AND  
VERIFICATION CONTACT: [DOTTIE.GOEEL@AG.TAMU.EDU](mailto:DOTTIE.GOEEL@AG.TAMU.EDU)



# Upcoming Workshops

## Fashion & Interior Design Workshop



**OCTOBER 9TH, 2019 - 6:15PM**

**Come Practice your sewing skills at the Extension Office! Machines will be available to learn on. First practice for the Fashion and Interior Design Project.**

At the first practice, we will be learning basic sewing skills like threading the sewing machine and learning how to use the machine. We will also be completing our first community service project for the Fashion and Interior Design Project!



## MEAT SCIENCE WORKSHOP

*Come learn about the meat science project and 4-H Meat Judging!*

**OCTOBER 9TH, 2019 - 6:30PM  
EXTENSION OFFICE**

Please let Jonelle or Candace know if you will be attending!  
Via email or phone.

**Come learn about all the meat science project has to offer! We will talk about the project, 4-H Meat Judging and the Meat Science Skillathon! Please let us know if you will be attending!**

# Crossroads

## Event Information

4-H Crossroads is a three day/two night career development and youth leadership program to involve 8th - 12th grade youth in various projects that will expose them to various career and higher education opportunities. Register on 4-H Connect.

### Crossroads Workshops:

There will be four offered at Crossroads this year. All educational tracks are being hosted by the Texas A&M University - Kingsville. When registering, all youth need to select which track they prefer to attend. All tracks are guaranteed to be hands on.

#### The tracks are:

- **Plant Science/ General Ag:** Learn about various aspects of Plant Science including entomology and soil science. Also visit with professors about General Agriculture Science degree options.
- **Animal Science:** Learn about courses offered through the Animal Science department, as well as careers associated with that degree. Have hands on experiences in cattle reproduction, ruminant nutrition, and more.
- **Wildlife Sciences:** Explore Caesar Kleberg Wildlife center, learning about research being conducted at Texas A&M Kingsville, and practice various wildlife management techniques.
- **Vet Science:** Tour the Vet technologist school at Kingsville, you will get to see the teaching facility, practice skills, and learn about what Vet Technologist are.

Registration will be from September 9, 2019 to October 11, 2019. The cost for Crossroads is \$175.00 for 4-H members and \$175.00 for adult leaders and County Extension Agents. A late fee of \$25.00 will be assessed from October 12, 2019 – November 1, 2019 for youth participants. Late registrants may not receive a t-shirt.



**No refunds will be given!**



# October 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 Booster Club Meeting	2 Mission 4-H Club Meeting	3	4	5
6 Council Meeting Brushpoppers Club Meeting Roughriders Club Meeting	7 Livestock Judging Club Meeting	8 Blanconia Club Meeting	9 Fashion Workshop Meat Science Workshop	10 Archery Safety Orientation	11 Thanksgiving Pecan Order Due to EO	12 ONE DAY 4-H!!
13 Bonnie View Club Meeting	14 Extension Office Closed	15	16	17	18 Tournament Capitan's Meeting	19 Booster Club Fishing Tournament
20	21 Fairboard Meeting	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29 Heifer and Major Show Sheep Validation	30 Major Show Sign Up Day	31 Happy Halloween! 		