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Refugio County 4-H Family Newsletter

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DECEMBER 2019

You're Invited!

Please join the Refugio County 4-H Program for food, drinks, and fellowship at their annual Christmas Party. Our First Responders will be joining in on the fun! We are honoring their selfless service to our county!

December 15, 2019
5pm-7pm
At the Expo Building

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

Shotgun Participant Meeting

There will be a Shotgun Project Participant Meeting on December 19, 2019. If you plan to participate in the shotgun project, please make sure you attend! We will be discussing bylaws and talking about officer elections. Please make plans to be there.

Thursday, December 19, 2019

Extension Office

6:00pm

Queen's Corner!



Ho Ho Ho! It's almost Christmas time! I hope everyone is enjoying their animals and their new projects for this upcoming year. I'm inviting everyone to come out and celebrate our 4-H Christmas party on the 15th at the Expo Building. Come enjoy food, games, and plenty of cheer! We will be honoring our first responders so we will have a lot of guests! I want to wish everyone a safe and Merry Christmas, also have a very Happy New Year!

Refugio County 4-H Council Meeting

December 15, 2019

5:00pm Expo Center

Christmas Party!!

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



Extension Office Holiday Schedule

CLOSED

December 23-25

December 30-January 1

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

January 7, 2020

6:30pm Extension Office

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

- Audrey Hepburn

4-H Club Meetings

Blanca 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

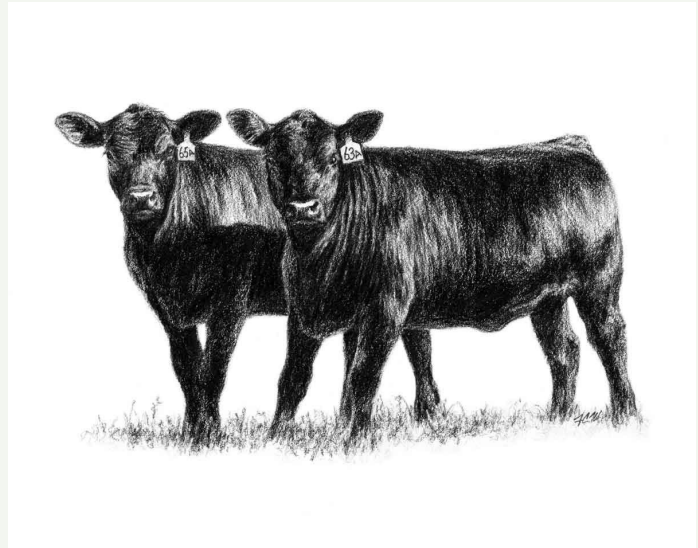


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Livestock Corner

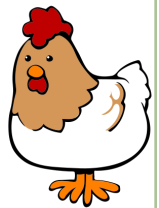
RCFA Reminders

- The Fair Board Meeting will be December 16th, 2019 at 7pm at Padilla Hall.
- 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!**



County Broiler Orders Due

December 5, 2019



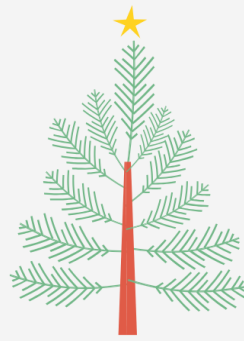
If you are planning to exhibit broilers at the Refugio County Fair, you need to bring your order form and payment to the office by December 5, 2019.

Project Visits

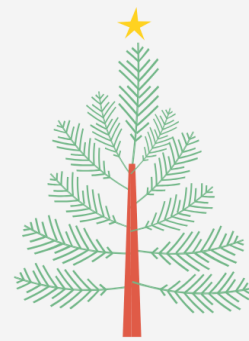
If you need a Livestock Project Visit please call Candace at the Office at 361-526-2825 or on her cell at 361-543-7047 and schedule a visit!

Livestock Entries for Refugio County Fair!

Livestock Entry paperwork will be sent out in January. Please be looking in your email for that after the new year. Quality Counts must be completed at the time of fair entry turn in date. Fair Entries are due on February 28, 2020. Late entries will be accepted from March 1-March 6, 2020 with an additional late fee of \$100 per entry (total \$125 after late fee). No entries will be allowed after March 6th, **NO exceptions.**



Refugio County 4-H December Service Project



Buy Gifts for Refugio County Angel Tree Families

Bring to 4-H Christmas Party -
December 15th- If able

LIST OF GIFTS IN YOUR EMAIL



If you would like to donate items to the kids Refugio County 4-H Council is sponsoring, please visit the email with the google doc link in it, click the link, and see what is still available for purchase. Please bring the items you would like to donate to the 4-H Christmas Party on December 15th or to the extension office by December 18th. They can be wrapped or unwrapped. Thanks!

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 you must complete quality counts again. This must be done by livestock entry due date, February 28, 2020.

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/gc/gcregister.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 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

FOR QUESTIONS RELATED TO CONTENT, SCORES, AND
VERIFICATION CONTACT: DOTTIE.GOEEL@AG.TAMU.EDU



December 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3	4 Meat Judging 4:30p	5 County Fair Broiler Orders Due	6	7 Coastal Bend Classic
8 Mission 4-H Club Meeting	9	10 Blanconia Club Meeting	11 Sewing Practice 6pm at Ext Office	12 Archery Practice 6pm at Arena	13	14
15 4-H Christmas Party 5pm at Expo	16	17	18	19 Shotgun Participant Meeting	20	21
22	23 Extension Office Closed	24 Extension Office Closed	25 Merry Christmas! -Closed-	26	27	28
29	30 Extension Office Closed	31 Extension Office Closed	HAPPY NEW YEAR! -Closed-			