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# 4-H TALK

*The Monthly Newsletter of Refugio County 4-H*



## Queen's Corner

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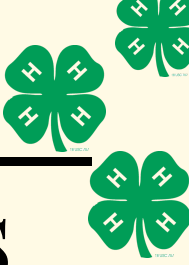
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*It has been an awesome experience meeting Refugio's finest at each of their 4-H Club meetings, where a meeting of these minds resulted in great ideas for the future and celebrations of current progress! Due to the Pandemic, many traditions such as the livestock show, County Fair, rodeo, and parade were unable to continue. This year, some big life lessons have been experienced by all, but I want to encourage you to be proud of your efforts which did not go unnoticed. Hold your head high, continue to learn and plan for a fantastic next year. Thank you for the honor of serving as your 2019-2020 Refugio County 4-H Queen.*  
**Sydney Summerville**



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# County Announcements

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## Changes to 4-H Connect

*4-H Connect will be offline for maintenance August 1-14th, 2020. When it comes back online August 15, 2020, it will be called 4HOnline 2.0. 4HOnline will look different but family profiles, member profiles, and login information should stay the same. 4-H Enrollment opens August 15th. Any 3rd grade members should wait to register until September 1st because the system will try to register them as a Clover Kid again if you do not wait. Family help sheets and videos will be available on August 15th to help navigate the new system. The new system will be more user friendly and I think everyone will like it!*

## D11 4-H Club Manager Training

*August 3rd 6:00pm-7:30pm  
via Microsoft Teams*

*This year we will be hosting a district wide 4-H Club Manager Training. This training will be done on Microsoft Teams and will be hosted by agents across District 11 as well as our 4-H Specialist, Meredith Carter. I urge all club managers that have not signed up yet to do so. This 4-H year will look a little different due to COVID and all questions that may be had can be answered on the training. Please check your email for the link. Sign up is still open.*



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# County Announcements



## Refugio 4-H County Council Elections

*New Date: August 16th*

Refugio 4-H County Council Elections will be held on August 16th, 2020 at 5:30pm at the pavilion with the picnic tables behind the Expo Hall at the Fairgrounds. All 4-H members attending must wear a face covering. There will be additional PPE such as hand sanitizer and tissues on site. The tables will be marked where to sit to make sure we maintain 6ft for proper social distancing.

**Refugio 4-H County Council Officer Positions are:**

**President**

**Vice President**

**Council Delegate**

**Secretary**

**Treasurer**

**Health and Safety Officer**

**Parliamentarian**

Copies of the Bylaws are available upon request to read through each officer positions duties and responsibilities. Must be present to run for a position.

## Refugio County 4-H Awards Banquet

*New Date/Location: August 23rd at the Fairgrounds 6:30pm*

Due to COVID, we had to reschedule our 4-H Banquet and change the logistics of how it will be done. This year we will do a "Drive In" style awards ceremony in the grassy field where the carnival sits during the fair. Everyone must stay in the vehicle they arrived in during the ceremony. When the 4-Her exits their vehicle to come up and receive their award, they must have a face covering on. There will be the opportunity to have their photo taken then they must return to their vehicle. Kona Ice will be set up so all attendees can drive through and get a snow cone to eat while they watch. Our 4-H Queen participant will give her speech at the end of the ceremony.

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# Congratulations Recordbook Contestants!

## District 11 4-H Recordbook Judging Results- Refugio County

### Seniors-

Beef: Amy Brewer- Blue Ribbon

Swine: Kelli Ressmann- 1st Place

(Kelli is advancing to the state contest)

Poultry: Justin Speis- Blue Ribbon

### Intermediates-

Poultry: Thomas Barber-Blue Ribbon

Beef: Carlisle Braman- Red Ribbon

Rabbit: Kassidy Solomon- Blue Ribbon

Swine: Emily White- Blue Ribbon

### Juniors-

Horse: Alli Bauer- 1st Place

Fashion: Ceanna Brown- 3rd place

Goat: Kaygen Lewis- Blue Ribbon

Poultry: Conner Speis- Blue Ribbon

Swine: Dakota Nixon- Blue Ribbon



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*Congratulations to all who competed and  
congratulations to Kelli R. on advancing to the State  
Contest with her 4-H Swine Book!*



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# Livestock Corner



## County Steer Validation

*August 31st, 2020 at the Fairgrounds*

County steer validation will take place August 31st at the fairgrounds at 6pm. If you plan to have a steer validated, you must let the Extension Office know by August 14th, 2020. County tags are free of charge. These steers will be eligible for the 2021 Refugio County Jr. Livestock Show only. You do not need to validate again if you major show validated your steers in June. Please see your email for the order form Jonelle sent out on 7/29/2020.



## Major Show Sheep & Goat Tag Order

*Due August 28, 2020 to the Extension Office*

Any 4-H Member wanting to show Sheep or Goats at a 2021 Major Livestock Show will need to place their tag order by September 1st, 2020. Order forms will be sent via email to all 4-H Families on August 1st. Tags will be \$17.00 a piece. Payment is due at the time of ordering. Validation will take place in the month of October, more details to follow at a later date. Major Show validated animals do not have to be re-validated for county.





# Livestock Corner Continued



## Major Show & County Heifer UIN Order *Due September 1st, 2020 to the Extension Office*



*Any one wanting to show a heifer at a 2021 Major Livestock Show in the Spring or at the 2021 Refugio County Jr. Livestock Show needs to place a UIN order. Each individual UIN is \$17.00. An email will be sent out by Jonelle August 1st with the order form. Invoices will be sent after validation. Validation will take place toward the end of October. More details will follow at a later date.*

## 4-H Livestock Project Visits

*Anyone wanting me to come out and look at a livestock project for a project visit can set up a time by sending me an email or by calling the office or my cell.*



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# Livestock Corner Continued

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## State Fair of Texas Livestock Show Registration

*Entries open online August 3rd and close August 25th*

Entries are done online at

[bigtex.com/livestock](http://bigtex.com/livestock)

*Due to COVID19, the 2020 State Fair of Texas has cancelled all but the livestock portion of their fair. The 2020 State Fair Market Shows that will take place at Fair Park in Dallas are:*

- Market Steer
- Market Barrow
- Market Lamb
- Market Goat
- Market Broiler

*There will also be three virtual contest held that students can do from the comfort of their home. Those contest are:*

- Agri-science Fair
- Public Speaking
- Job Interview

*The shows that will take place at the Heart O Texas Fair in Waco are:*

- Breeding Heifers
- Prospect Steers
- Purebred Breeding Gilts

*NOTE: these three shows are in addition to the current HOT livestock Show.*

## Heart O Texas Livestock Show Registration

*Entries open online August 3rd and close September 1*

Entry paper work can be found at

[hotfair.com/events/2020/livestock-show](http://hotfair.com/events/2020/livestock-show)





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# 4-H Meeting Memo

## Traditional 4-H Clubs

- *Blanconia - 6pm, 2nd Tuesday at Refugio Dairy Queen*
- *Bonnie View-5pm, 2nd Sunday at Woodsboro Elementary*
- *Brush Poppers- 2pm, 1st Sunday at Refugio Presbyterian Church*
- *Livestock Judging Club- 5pm, Day after Council Mtg, Extension Office*
- *Mission- 7:30pm, 1st Wednesday at Refugio Dairy Queen*
- *Roughriders- 3pm, 1st Sunday at Austwell-Tivoli ISD Cafeteria*

## 4-H Project Clubs

- *Archery- 6pm, Days TBD, at the Fairgrounds Rodeo Arena*
- *Shotgun- 2nd & 4th Sundays at the Harkin's Ranch*

## Association Meetings

### Refugio County Fair Association

- *Tentatively August 17, 2020, 7pm at Padilla Hall*

### Refugio County Auction Association

- *Possibly the 3rd week of August, more details to follow.*

### 4-H Booster Association

- *No meeting is scheduled at this time.*
- *A big THANK YOU to the Boosters for sponsoring part of our 4-H Awards that will be given out August 23rd!*

