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# 4-H TALK

*The Monthly Newsletter of Refugio County 4-H*



## Queen's Corner

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Howdy yall! My name is Presleigh Barber and I am your 2020-2021 Refugio County 4-H Queen. I am 17 and a Junior at Refugio High School. My parents are John and Boogie Barber and my brother's name is Thomas. In 4-H, I show Broilers and Rabbits. I am a Refugio 4-H Ambassador and a Healthy South Texas Youth Ambassador. I am also President of the Livestock Judging Club and Vice President of the Refugio County 4-H Council. In school, I am involved in FFA, NHS, Student Council, PALS, and I am a Varsity Volleyball, Basketball, and Softball player. This year I am captain of the Volleyball team. I am on the A Honor Roll and I am taking multiple Dual Credit Classes. I love being a member of 4-H and I really believe that it's one of the big things that helped shape me into the person I am today. If you are interested in joining 4-H, come talk to one of the Refugio County 4-H members at school, church, or just around town and ask us any questions you may have!

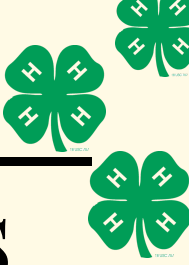


Remember, 4-H is not just showing animals. There are so many more activities that you can participate in that you may like.

Thank you,  
*Presleigh Barber*

20-21 Refugio Co 4-H Queen





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# County Announcements

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## 4-H Online Enrollment

*Please remember to get registered for 4-H ASAP! The new enrollment platform is called 4-H Online. The website is [v2.4honline.com](http://v2.4honline.com). Please only use Google Chrome or Mozilla Firefox as your web browser when trying to sign up. Other web browsers are not compatible and can cause issues with the enrollment process.*

*Remember: if you plan on showing an animal at the 2021 Refugio County Fair, you must be registered by October 31st, 2020.*

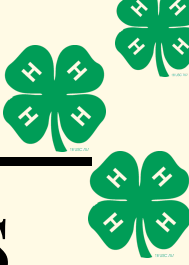
*The enrollment fee is \$25. After October 31st, there will be a state wide increase to \$30.*

## Refugio County 4-H Pecan Fundraiser

*Order Forms are due October 14th to the Extension Office*

*Our annual 4-H fundraiser is in full swing! Please don't forget to go out and sell pecans! Funds raised from the pecan sales go straight back to the kids in the form of paying district contest fees, helping pay for camps, and programming needs. There will only be one order so make sure people order enough pecans for Thanksgiving and Christmas. We will have a limited amount of pecans for sale at the Extension Office after this first order is distributed. A Top Seller prize will be awarded.*





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## National 4-H Week

*October 4th- October 10th, 2020*

*National 4-H Week is almost here! For over 100 years, 4-H has inspired families, shaped careers, and impacted communities. On October 4th through October 10th, we will celebrate the impact of 4-H during National 4-H Week. This next week, I encourage each of our Refugio County 4-H members to talk to a friend about what 4-H is and all of the different projects you can participate in while being a 4-H member. I also encourage you to wear your 4-H shirts to school. As you drive by the office next week, be on the lookout for our 4-H themed decorated windows!*

## One Day 4-H Project

*This years project, selected by our 4-H Queen, will be to adopt a Fire Station. Each club will adopt one of the five volunteer Fire Stations in Refugio County. The club will collect items for a gift basket such as drinks, pre-packaged snacks, etc., and deliver them to the fire station. Club managers will talk more about this at your October Club Meeting.*

## Refugio County 4-H T-Shirt Contest

*Do you like Art or Design? This year you could have the opportunity to design a T-Shirt for Refugio County 4-H! The winning design will be one of three Refugio County 4-H shirts that will be sold starting late October. The contest ends Monday, October 5th, so make sure all designs are turned in via email to Candace or Jonelle, or dropped off at the Extension Office!*



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# County Announcements



## October 4-H County Council Meeting

*This Sunday, October 4th at 5:30pm*

Our October 4-H County Council Meeting will be held October 4th, 2020 at the covered pavillion behind the Expo Building at the Fairgrounds. Our guest speaker will be Refugio County Judge Robert Blashcke.



## Refugio County 4-H October Service Project

### *Coat Drive & Operation Gratitude*

During the 4-H Meeting Sunday, 4-H Members will be writing letters to Soldiers overseas as part of a program called Operation Gratitude. They should reach the Service Men and Women overseas by Christmas time. During the entire month of October, we will also be collecting new or gently used jackets/coats at the Extension Office. After the collection period is over, jackets or coats will be distributed to youth in need in Refugio County.

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# Clover Kid's Corner!

Join us **October 8th at 6pm** online via Microsoft Teams for an informational meeting over the Clover Kids Food and Nutrition Program. This year, all Clover Kids (5 and in Kindergarten through 2nd grade) will have the opportunity to participate in a modified Food Show and Food Challenge Competition.

Food Show is an individual event where a dish is prepared ahead of time, brought to the competition, and presented to a panel of judges. The 4-Her will tell the judges what their dish is, how they made it, and some health facts about their dish.

Food Challenge is a team event. The teams will be made of 3 or 4 members and each team will be given one category and one main item. They will have a "grocery store" available to buy more ingredients and will have 40 minutes to create a dish and present it to the judges.

The informational will explain the rules in detail and help answer any questions! Tune in on October 8th!

## Additional Clover Kid 4-H Projects

### PeeWee Livestock Projects

- Rabbits
- Goats
- Mini Herefords
- Swine

For all Clover Kid livestock projects, they will purchase and raise their own animal. The only exception is swine. The Clover Kid will have a mentor (older 4-H member) and they will show their mentors pig at the fair. Rabbits will be validated on February 11th. Goats must be purchased, on feed by January 1st, and verified by the Extension Agent. Cattle must be on feed and verified by the Extension Agent by November 1st.



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# Livestock Corner

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## Calf Scramble Participants

*If you are interested in participating in the calf scramble in Fort Worth, San Antonio, and/or Houston at the livestock show, during a Rodeo performance, please let the Extension Office know as soon as possible.*

### Age Ranges for Scramble Opportunities:

*Fort Worth- 14-17 years old*

- If you catch a calf, you will win a certificate to purchase and show a beef heifer or dairy heifer.*

*San Antonio- 12-17 years old*

- If you catch a calf, you will win a certificate to purchase and show any specie of registered breeding livestock*

*Houston- 14-18 years old*

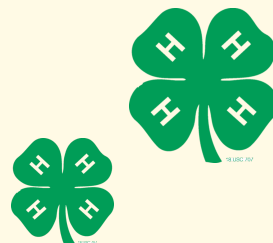
- If you catch a calf, you will win a certificate to purchase and show a beef heifer or market steer.*

## Major Show Sign Up Day

*Thursday, November 5th at the Extension Office*

*8am-6:30pm*

*Anyone interested in showing State Validated Livestock in Fort Worth, San Angelo, San Antonio, Rio Grande Valley, Houston, and/or Austin at a Major Livestock Show will need to come by the Extension Office on November 5th and sign up for the shows. Payment is due at the time of sign up.*



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## Major Show Swine & Refugio County Livestock Show Validation

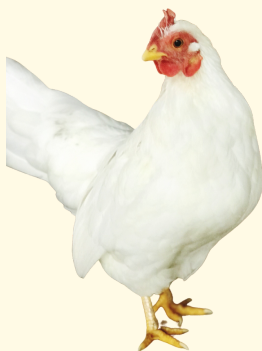
*November 21st, 2020 at the Precinct 3 yard at the Fairgrounds  
8am-10am*

*Any one who ordered Major Show Swine Tags or anyone wanting to show a pig, sheep, or goat in the 2021 Refugio County Fair will need to come to the Precinct 3 yard on November 21st to have their animal validated. Major Show Swine will have a different line than county validations. We will direct you as you arrive.*

*You must be in line before 10am to have your animal validated.*

## 4-H Livestock Project Visits

*Anyone wanting Candace, CEA, to come out and look at a livestock project for a project visit can set up a time by sending me an email to [candace.moeller@ag.tamu.edu](mailto:candace.moeller@ag.tamu.edu) or by calling the office at 361-526-2825 or my cell at 361-543-7047.*





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# 4-H Meeting Memo

## Traditional 4-H Clubs

- *Bonnie View-5pm, 2nd Sunday at Bonnie View Park*
- *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 outside Tivoli Community Center*

Due to Covid, meeting dates and locations may be different. Call the Extension Office with any questions.

## 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

- *October 19, 2020, 7pm at Padilla Hall*

### Refugio County Auction Association

- *No meeting is scheduled at this time.*

### 4-H Booster Association

- *No meeting is scheduled at this time.*

