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The Monthly Newsletter of Refugio County 4-H



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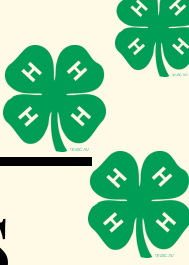
Howdy yall! I just wanted to give a recap of October's 4-H Activities I participated in representing Refugio County 4-H. I organized the One Day 4-H project of adopting a fire station and I participated in National 4-H Week. I also helped our County Extension Agent and our Health agent teach our Clover Kid Chefs about MyPlate and Food and Nutrition. I attended the annual Farm Bureau Meeting, talked about what we do in 4-H, and accepted a generous donation from them. This afternoon, I will be handing out pre made candy goodie bags in the Safe Zone Trick or Treat in Refugio. I'm looking forward to the months to come as I will get to represent Refugio County 4-H at the Coastal Bend Classic in Sinton. I will get to help hand out awards and see people I have not seen in forever. Our November Service Project for 4-H County Council is Operation Christmas Child. We will be collecting items to put in the shoe boxes until November 13th. Those items can be dropped off at the Extension Office. Our goal is to stuff and donate 50 boxes this year!



Presleigh Barber

20-21 Refugio Co 4-H Queen





County Announcements

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. 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

Our annual 4-H fundraiser was a successful one! We raised \$1623.60.

Our Top Sellers were:

Dakota Nixon- Sold \$792

Sara Henning- Sold \$767

Alline Myers- Sold \$684

Pecans will most likely be delivered the second week of November. Pay attention to your emails because we will send emails with update once we know a set date.





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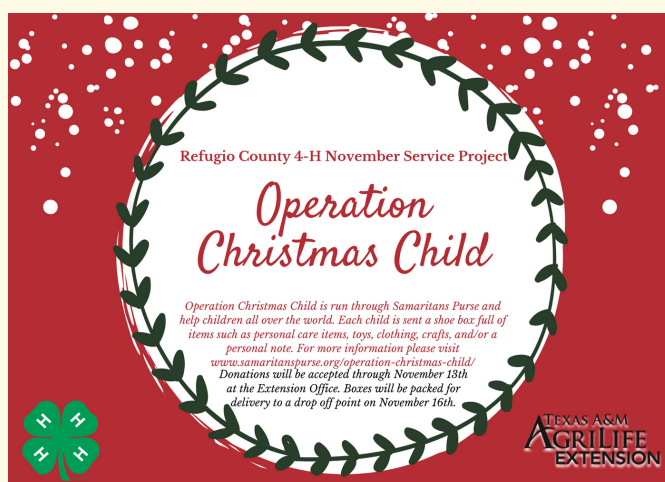
County Announcements



November 4-H County Council Meeting

This Sunday, November 1st at 5:30pm

Our November 4-H County Council Meeting will be held November 1st, 2020 at the covered pavilion behind the Expo Building at the Fairgrounds. Our Program for the meeting will be making and launching stomp rockets.



Refugio County 4-H November Service Project *Operation Christmas Child*

Our November 4-H Service Project will be packing shoe boxes for Operation Christmas Child which is hosted through Samaritans Purse. These boxes are sent to children in need here in the United States as well as internationally. The boxes are packed with items such as personal care items, toys, clothing and accessories, and hand written notes from those donating items. Make sure if you drop off items, you have them labeled for what gender and what age group so we know what boxes to pack them in. The link below is a gift guide for donations broken down by age group.

<https://www.samaritanspurse.org/operation-christmas-child/what-goes-in-my-shoebox-suggestions/>

The National Collection week is November 16-23rd.

We will collect items at the Extension Office until November 13th and we will pack the boxes on November 16th and get them to a drop off location. Last year, with the help of Blanconia 4-H Club, Refugio County 4-H was able to donate 33 boxes. Our goal this year is to get to 50 boxes! Please help us get there. Items can be brought to the 4-H County Council Meeting Sunday as well.





Clover Kid's Corner!

Join us Monday, November 30th, at 6:30pm at the Extension Office for our monthly Food & Nutrition Clover Kid Chef's Meeting! November's meeting will be focused around Dairy. The Chefs will get to learn about the dairy food group, how it is beneficial to our bodies, play games, and even make their own butter! Hope to see you there!



Additional Clover Kid 4-H Projects

PeeWee Livestock Projects

- Rabbits
- Goats
- Mini Herefords
- Swine

If your Clover Kid (5 and in Kindergarten- 2nd grade) wants to show a mini Hereford at the Refugio County Fair in March of 2021, please send an email to the office letting us know **by November 1st**. The calf also must be on feed by **November 1st**.

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.



Livestock Corner



Major Show Sign Up Day

*Thursday, November 5th at the Extension Office
8am-6:30pm*

Anyone interested in showing State Validated Livestock in 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.

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.



Refugio County Fair Broiler Order



Refugio County Jr Livestock Show Broiler Order forms will be sent out Monday, November 2nd and will be due back to the Extension Office Friday, December 4th. Broilers will arrive in February.

Livestock Corner Continued



Coastal Bend Classic

December 5th, 2020 in Sinton at the Fairgrounds

All Texas 4-H and FFA Members are invited to participate in the 9th annual Coastal Bend Classic on December 5th at the fairgrounds in Sinton, TX. Early Bird Registration now- November 13th. Regular Registration is November 14- Day of Event. There will also be a livestock judging competition December 4th. Pre Registration is required.

Register at: <https://d114-h.tamu.edu/events-and-contests/coastal-bend-classic-livestock-judging/>

Coastal Bend Classic

Youth Livestock Clinics and Shows

2020 Schedule of Events:

CLINICIANS & JUDGES

Beef Clinic & Judge
 Clinician & Judge – TBD

Goat Clinic & Judge
 Clinician- Steven McEowen
 Judge – Bryce Bowers

Sheep Clinic & Judge
 Clinician & Judge – Kyle Ramsey

DATE	EVENT	LOCATION
FRIDAY, DEC. 4		
3:00 – 8:00 PM	Early Arrival	
SATURDAY, DEC. 5		
8-9:00 AM	REGISTRATION (ALL PARTICIPANTS)	EVENT CENTER
8:45 AM	WEIGH CARDS DUE TO SPECIE SUPERINTENDENTS	RESPECTIVE BARNs
9:00 AM	SPECIE CLINICS	
	- BEEF	COVERED HORSE ARENA
	- GOAT	EVENT CENTER
	- SHEEP	EXHIBIT HALL
1:00 PM	SPECIE SHOWS (STEER/HEIFER, GOAT, SHEEP)	RESPECTIVE BARNs

If you need any type of accommodation to participate in this program or have questions about the physical access required, please contact Meredith Carter, Extension Program Specialist – D114-H at 361.265.9203 by November 15, 2020. Texas A&M AgriLife Extension provides equal opportunities in its programs and employment to all persons, regardless of race, color, sex, religion, national origin, disability, age, genetic information, veteran status, sexual orientation, or gender identity.



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4-H Meeting Memo

Traditional 4-H Clubs

- *Bonnie View-November 8th, 5pm, at Bonnie View Park*
- *Brush Poppers- November 11th, 6pm, at Refugio Elementary*
- *Livestock Judging Club- November 2nd, 5pm, at the Extension Office*
- *Mission- November 4th, 7pm, BBQ Area at Refugio Fairgrounds*
- *Roughriders-November 1st, 3pm, at the Tivoli Community Center*

Due to Covid, meeting dates and locations may be subject to change. 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

- *November. 16 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.*

