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The Monthly Newsletter of Refugio County 4-H



Queen's Corner

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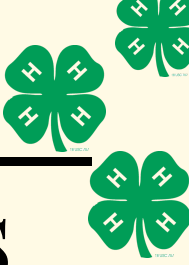
Howdy yall! So as the end of the year is approaching, we all know what that means... it's finally December! Which to me it is the most wonderful time of the year. I love Christmas not just because I get presents, but also because it is the season of giving. I love giving back during this time. Now especially, it might be hard for some families to get their children toys. I love seeing the kid's faces when you bring them toys. Their faces light up like the sun and they are so happy that someone is giving them something when they were down. I love to see those reactions it makes my heart warm and happy. Another thing that I love about this time is that it gets cold. We get to bring out the sweaters and cute furry booties out of the back of the closet. Hopefully, this Christmas will bring joy to some people's faces since this year has been challenging. I would like to give the families a challenge this Christmas. When you are about to open your presents, I would like for you to take one gift and put it to the side so that you can give it to someone that may not be getting many gifts this year. Giving a home cooked meal to others is another kind way to help the community.

Lastly, I would like to wish you all a very Merry Christmas full of laughter, love, faith, and kindness, and a Happy New Year. Let us see what 2021 has in store for us.

Presleigh Barber

20-21 Refugio Co 4-H Queen





County Announcements

4-H Restrictions

*Due to the ongoing COVID19 Pandemic, Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service has issued new restrictions due to COVID that will impact Extension Office Programming and the Refugio County 4-H Program. Refugio County is classified as a YELLOW county on our agencies risk level scale. This means that we have a rapid rise in cases or a positivity rate of more than 8%. Due to our YELLOW classification, effective this Wednesday, December 9th, group meetings are **limited to a maximum of 10 people** at 75% capacity of space or less are allowed only if social distancing can be practiced. This means any group meeting, event, gathering, etc., that is expected to have more than 10 people must be cancelled. I encourage everyone to do things virtually for the time being. These guidelines will run through December 23rd. As new guidelines are issued, I will update everyone.*

Refugio County 4-H Pecan Fundraiser

For those still needing Pecans for the holidays, we have a limited supply left here at the Extension Office. Call the office or come by to purchase.





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County Announcements



January 4-H County Council Meeting

Sunday, January 3rd at 5:30pm

Refugio County Fairgrounds BBQ Pavilion

Our January 4-H County Council Meeting will tentatively be held January 3rd, 2021 at the covered pavilion behind the Expo Building at the Fairgrounds. If COVID restrictions are still in place, we will have to have the meeting virtually. Please stay tuned in to our weekly 4-H memo's to stay up to date on restrictions.

Refugio County 4-H December Service Project

Sock Drive for the Homeless

Our December 4-H Community Service Project will be collecting socks at the Extension Office to donate to a homeless shelter. Winter is here and socks become a big need for the homeless community. Many worry about foot disease and cold weather when they lack socks. Men's socks are often needed more. Bring socks by the Extension Office any time between now and the January 4-H County Council Meeting.





Clover Kid's Corner!

Join us Monday, January 25th, at 6:30pm for our monthly Food & Nutrition Clover Kid Chef's Meeting! January'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 goat or a pig at the Refugio County Fair in March of 2021, please send an email to the Extension Office letting us know what child will be showing what specie in the PeeWee Show by **January 1st**. Goats must be in your possession and on feed by January 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.



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Livestock/Companion Animal Corner

Refugio County Fair Broiler Order

Refugio County Jr Livestock Show Broiler Order has been placed and birds will arrive February 5th. As we get closer to the February date, we will send out reminders.



Texas 4-H Dog Validaiton

*Due By January 10, 2021
Completed By you on 4-H Online*

Anyone interested in participating in the Texas 4-H State Dog Show happening July 9-10, 2021 in Huntsville, TX, needs to get their dog validated by 1/10/21. This will be done on the 4HOnline system. This is the same system used to sign up for 4-H. Dogs can be mixed breed or pure bred. For more information on the Dog Care and Training Project, please visit <https://texas4-h.tamu.edu/projects/dog-care-training/>





State 4-H Activities

Homemade for the Holidays Camp

Online- December 21-23rd

Registration Due: December 15th



Grayson County 4-H is excited to announce the Homemade for the Holidays Camp, which will be hosted virtually from 9 to noon on Dec 21st, 22nd and 23rd. Campers will complete a variety of sessions lead by 4-H Youth Development Professionals in Virginia, Colorado, Nebraska, and Oklahoma. It will be a fun time. This camp has been opened up nationwide. We will have limited seating.

Registration is FREE. The Zoom link will be e-mailed to families upon registration and the supply list will be e-mailed out by December 15th. The registration link is <https://grayson.agrilife.org/holidaycamp>



Texas 4-H Hour of Code

Online- December 17th

Anyone interested in the 4-H STEM project should check out this free Hour of Code workshop. The kids will be able to learn about coding and computers. State 4-H STEM Ambassadors will be online as well to help. All ages are welcome to join. Lessons will vary for age groups and will be self guided.

What: A free, 1-hour introduction to computer science programming. Learn at your own pace.

Who: Texas 4-H members of all ages; intended for complete beginners interested in learning how to program

When: December 17, 6-7 PM via Zoom

Sign up: <http://t.ly/OvEy>

Questions: d-bruton@tamu.edu



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4-H Meeting Memo

Traditional 4-H Clubs

- *Bonnie View*
- *Brush Poppers*
- *Livestock Judging Club*
- *Mission*
- *Roughriders*

Due to Covid, meeting dates and locations may be subject to change. Please contact your club manager for meeting information

4-H Project Clubs

- *Archery*
- *Shotgun*
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Association Meetings

Refugio County Fair Association

- *No meeting is scheduled at this time.*

Refugio County Auction Association

- *No meeting is scheduled at this time.*

4-H Booster Association

- *No meeting is scheduled at this time.*

