
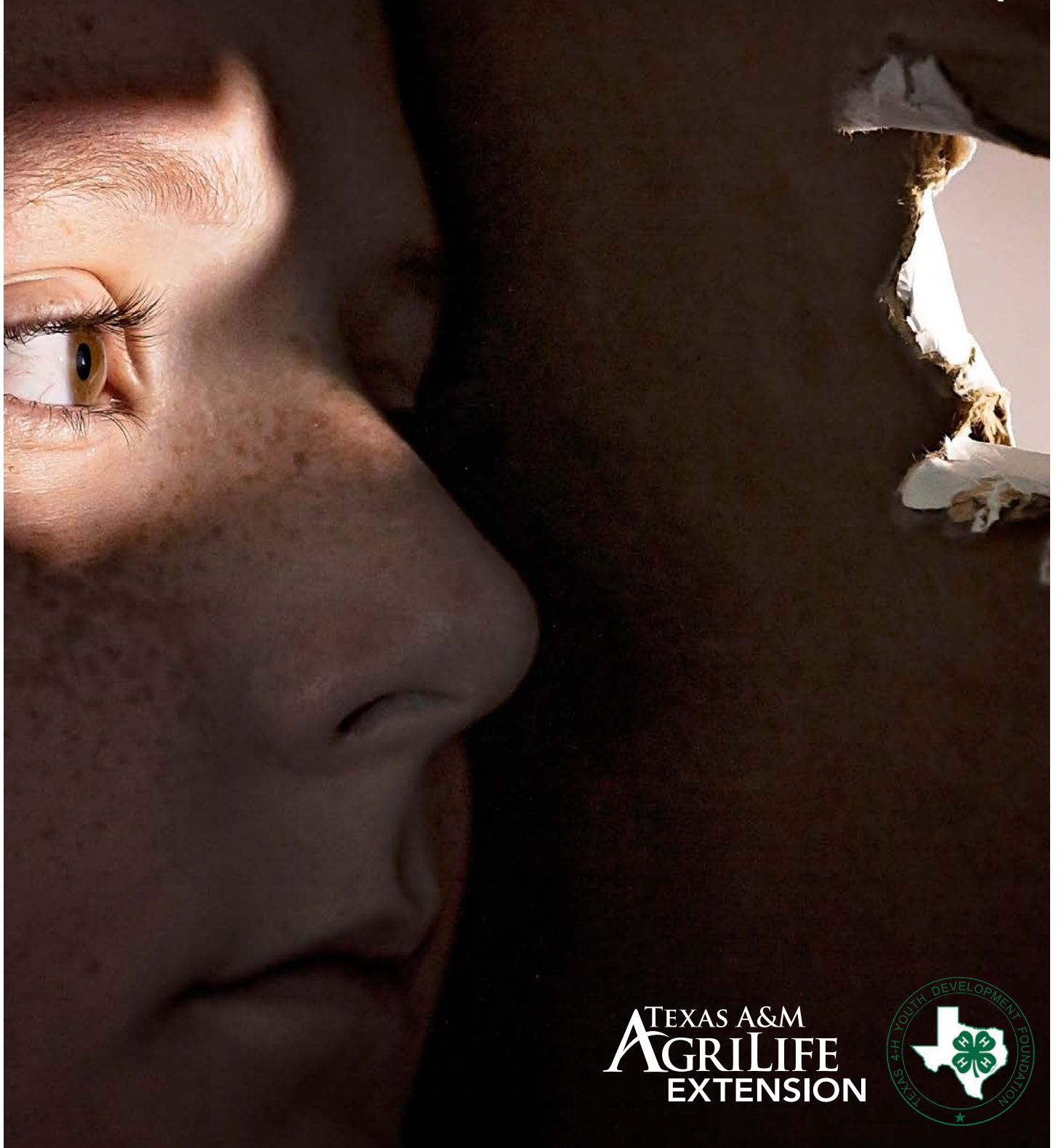


# A CLOSER LOOK

Texas 4-H Youth Development Program Annual Report 2019-2020 



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# Welcome,

For those of us who do 4-H every day, we live our lives by the words of the 4-H pledge. It gives us the roadmap on how to respect our neighbors, be a leader in our community and live a healthy and productive life. As part of the 4-H family, we witness the transformation of children and youth as they gain project knowledge and develop their leadership and communication skills to become leaders in their communities and grow into productive Texans.

The primary mission of the Texas 4-H Foundation is to support 4-H members around the state. The year 2020 marks the third consecutive year of record giving and the Foundation is pleased to have awarded over 2.3 million dollars in scholarships to over 200 4-H youth this year. We are proud that our programs, serving over 50,000 4-H club members in every county in Texas, is the largest 4-H program in the country.

This year, the COVID-19 health pandemic has challenged us to focus on new ways to provide educational programs to our members. And we say thank you to the agents, volunteers and specialists for making the transition look effortless. It was anything but!!! The coronavirus continues to influence every day decisions and will until a vaccine is distributed widely enough to make a difference. Even though so many cherished events were cancelled in the spring and summer of 2020, we found our members to be resilient and eager to pick up the pieces and continue learning and growing as we found ways to move forward.

Through it all, sponsors, donors and supporters have continued to back our 4-Hers and the program. The Foundation has restructured in an exciting new outreach effort through development districts that reach across Texas identifying specific opportunities for growth. This new structure will not only increase financial support to all 4-H programs in Texas but will also increase scholarship opportunities for our youth.

We are proud of 4-Hers as they learn new skills molding them to become the future leaders of Texas and the nation. The 2019-2020 report highlights various aspects of the 4-H program and recognizes volunteers for their unselfish commitment. We trust you will see how 4-H makes a difference in individual lives as well as in whole communities.

Together, we are truly "Making the Best Better."



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# Leaving a 4-H Legacy

"One major thing I've learned through this entire project and in my life is you just never know what a person is going through so just be kind to them and watch what you say and how you word things," Micah Palacios, 2020 Youth in Action Healthy Living Pillar winner said. "I definitely learned that."

Micah Palacios is a member of Bexar County 4-H and recently won the Healthy Living Pillar in the Youth in Action Awards. The esteemed Youth in Action Awards are hosted by National 4-H and showcase the nation's brightest 4-H youth who are making tremendous impacts in their communities.

"I was diagnosed with Alopecia Areata at nine and a half years old," Palacios said.

"Alopecia Areata is an auto-immune disease where your body attacks your hair follicles and makes them fall out."

Before her tenth birthday, 75% of Palacios' hair was gone, but most importantly, so was her self-confidence.

"I didn't know how to react to it, but the 4-H members and family around me, they were my number one supporters through it," Palacios said.

With her 4-H family she learned how to make head coverings and eat healthy to reduce stress and improve her energy, but her five siblings and parents in her large family of eight at home were also an inspiration through her journey.



“We’re pretty close; we do a lot of 4-H things together, that’s our family thing,” Palacios said. “Without my siblings I definitely don’t think I would be the person I am today. They definitely bring the best out in me.”

These experiences motivated Micah to lead the 4-H food and nutrition and health projects in her community, but she sensed something was missing. After taking a National Alliance on Mental Illness class, she started to make changes in the way she interacted with others.

“Being diagnosed with Alopecia Areata, I’ve gone through depression, anxiety, not feeling wanted, and just not really feeling myself,” Palacios said, “so I know what it feels like.”

Now, she has launched the Navigating Your Thoughts program, a four-week program where participants learn what mental health and mental illness is, what anxiety and depression looks like, and how to talk about the stigma of the subject.

“Someone I loved struggled with their mental health so I wanted to take action to educate other people on mental health,” Palacios said, “so that’s when I started the Navigating Your Thoughts project to fight the mental health stigma and most importantly educate others on mental health.”

Palacios said the Navigating Your Thoughts program is growing tremendously as she is working with AgriLife Extension to incorporate it into military 4-H clubs and school clubs, teaching the youth about ideas they may have never before considered.

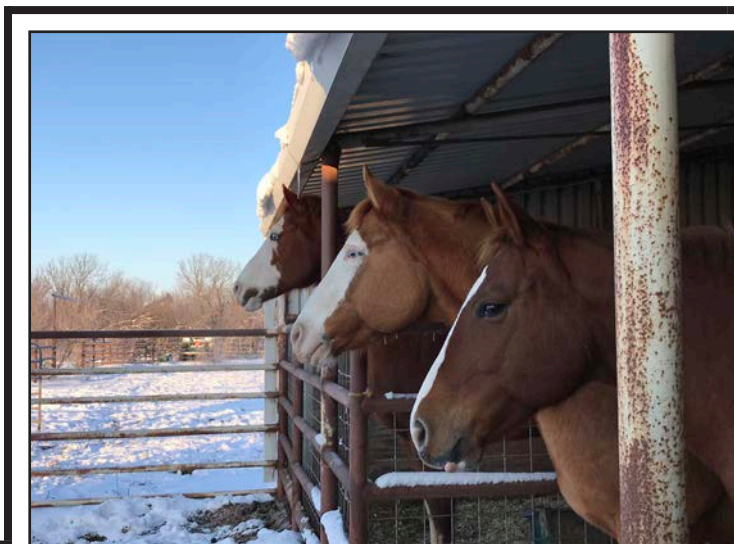
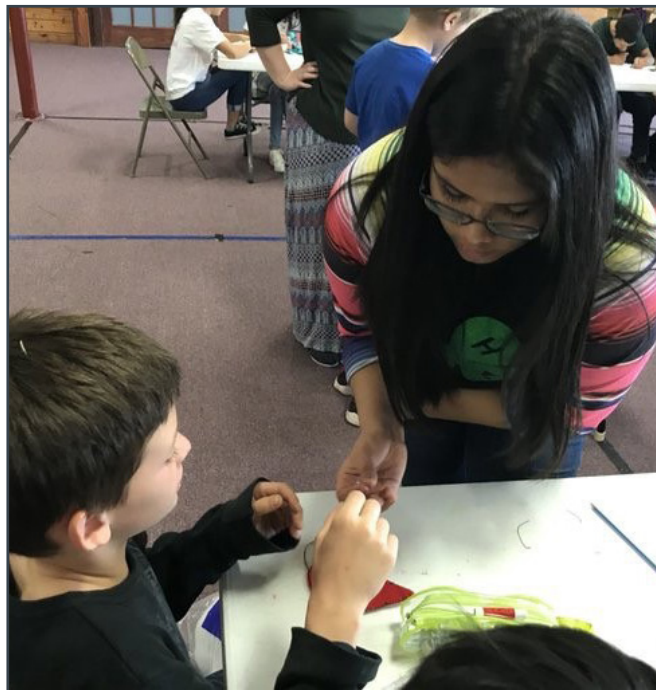
“When I first talk to a group I always ask, “what is health to you?” and they’re always like

oh exercising sixty minutes a day, eating all of the groups of the MyPlate,” Palacios said, “and when I bring up that health is also mental health too, their light bulb goes off.”

Palacios was an active member of Bexar County 4-H and a shining star for Texas 4-H. In the future, she hopes to pursue a career in public health to continue impacting the Texans around her.

“My community is really supportive, if we need something, your neighbor is right there to help you out,” Palacios said, “and that’s really why I love San Antonio so much and Texas in general.”

Micah is currently attending Northwest Vista College with plans to transfer to Texas Tech University. She was also featured in the October 2020 edition of People Magazine.



*2020 Texas 4-H Photography Contest Winner*

**Category: Animals - Domestic**

**Photographer: Hayden Lovelady, Wichita County**



# THE KEY TO SERVICE



Photos of Schmidt and Warwick with Combs family.

## GET INVOLVED:

Youth like Micah Palacios and Taylor Schmidt are making impacts in their communities each day. Give today to the Texas 4-H Foundation at [texas4hfoundation.org/give/](https://texas4hfoundation.org/give/) so that 4-H youth across the state can continue to impact their communities.



“

A young lady named Taylor Schmidt has made it her goal and her 4-H project to raise funds for you guys to be able to own a home. You're not leasing this house you're buying it." These are the two sentences that changed the Combs family's life, forever.

As residents of Aransas Pass, Texas, the Combs family lost everything, including their home, in Hurricane Harvey on August, 26, 2017.

"We came home to everything still saturated in water," Christinia Combs, mother of the Combs family, said. "There was nothing for the kids to come home to."

The Rockport Relief Camp was quickly set up as a temporary refuge for victims of Hurricane Harvey's destructive path and became the only home the Combs' children knew. That is until Texas 4-H youth, Taylor Schmidt, stepped in with a vision for a 4-H project that went beyond her Travis County walls.

"Well it started a couple of years ago when I came to Rockport after the hurricane and I saw these kids that were living in a tent," Schmidt said. "They looked really in need."

Schmidt said her heart immediately broke for the family of six so she gathered her fellow 4-H'er's, Colby Warwick and Martha Dolliver, and began making plans to offer relief to the Combs family through a 4-H project that her entire club could be involved with.

"So I asked the lady who was working at the Rockport Relief Camp named Samantha how I could help and she told me their story. There are five kids and two adults. All of the kids have some sort of disability," Taylor said. "And eventually ... I got a plan where I went to businesses with the help of Colby and Martha and got donations and was able to raise enough money to get them a down payment on a new house."

All three youth have been involved in 4-H for six or more years, and Schmidt mentioned it's taught her to "serve our community and love our community."

"It just hit me hard whenever I saw them and I was raised as a Christian so I just believe everybody should have a second chance," Taylor said. "It just kept weighing on my heart after seeing the kids in the dirt."

In 4-H, a fundamental and inescapable lesson is community service. Youth pledge their head to clearer thinking, their hearts to greater loyalty, their hands to larger service, and their health to better living for their club, community, country, and world.

"I think it's a really big deal to show people that being a youth doesn't mean that we can't do anything," Warwick said, "and it's just kind of looking at the bigger picture and saying that we can do something and that we have a big impact on the world."

After receiving their new keys in August 2019, in between tears of joy flowing from an extremely grateful heart, Combs mentioned how wonderful Schmidt, Warwick and Dolliver were and that because of their impact she was inspired to soon research involving her own children in 4-H.

"I could never say thank you enough," Combs said. "Yeah, there's no way to say thank you enough; for everything."



is a cookbook compiling recipes 100% developed and submitted by 4-H youth. As the COVID-19 pandemic hit the pause button on many 4-H projects, 4-H youth kept cooking and we want to recognize their creativity, talent, and efforts! Find the full Kitchen Vision Cookbook at [texas4-h.tamu.edu](http://texas4-h.tamu.edu).

### Citrus Celebration Chicken

BY: GAVIN RAY - JOHNSON COUNTY 4-H

**Serves: 4**

- 4 boneless, skinless chicken breasts
- 4 tablespoons olive oil
- Juice of 1 lemon
- Juice of 1 small orange
- 1 clove garlic, chopped
- Juice of 1/2 lime (optional)
- 1/2 teaspoon kosher salt
- 1 teaspoon black pepper, divided
- 1/2 teaspoon coriander
- 1 teaspoon paprika
- 1 teaspoon fresh rosemary, chopped



**Instructions:**

**For Marinade:**

Combine olive oil with lemon juice, orange juice, garlic, salt & 1/2 teaspoon pepper. Add chicken and let marinate for 2-3 hours.

**For Chicken:**

Preheat grill to 400° F. Remove chicken from marinade and season with 1/4 tsp pepper, coriander, paprika and rosemary on each side. Grill, turning once, for 15-20 minutes until internal temperature reaches 165° F. Sprinkle with chicken lime juice (optional) and orange zest, and garnish with lemon, lime and orange slices.

# 2020 Photograph

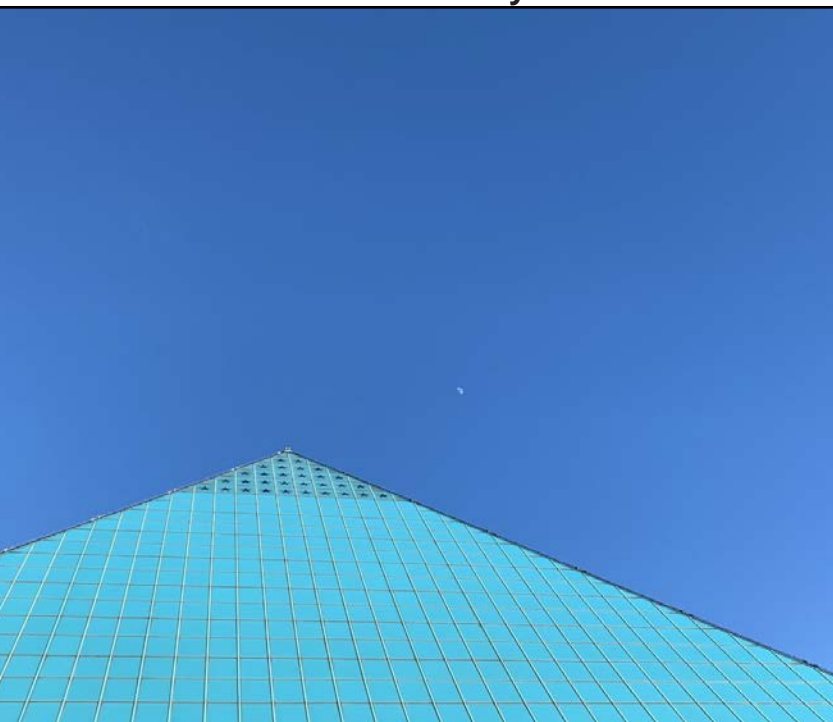
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# My CONTEST WINNERS

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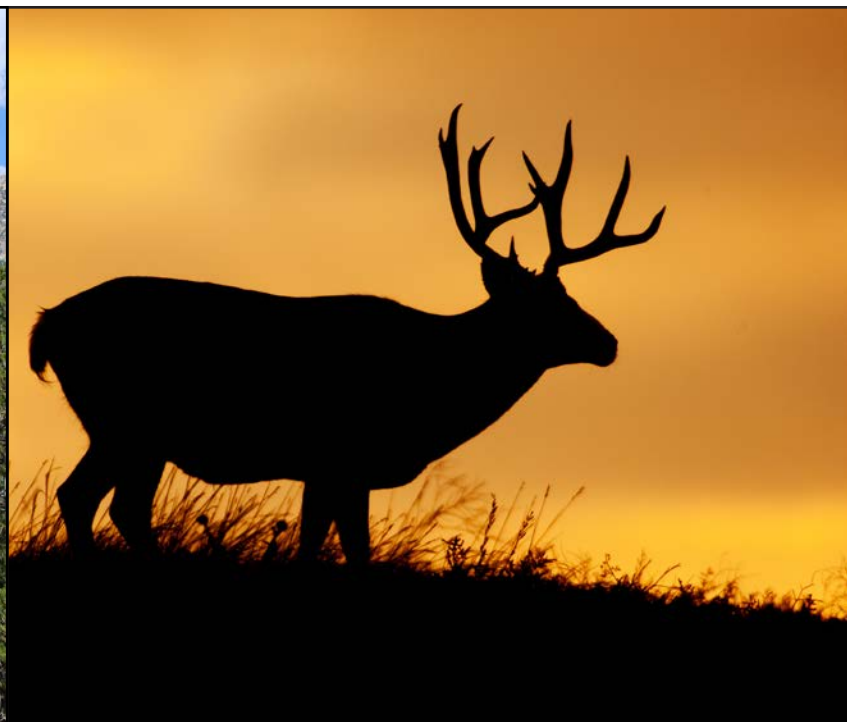
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# ALL BECAUSE OF A KID



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Cooperative Extension Program



Ryan with goat, Charisma.

“This is a project I completely recommend and not just because you get a free goat,” Emma Byers said. “It’s so much more than that.”

Emma Byers’ son, Ryan, was the recipient of something that changed his entire family’s life, a dairy goat he named Karisma Lynn, from the Goat Giveaway program in 2016. His brother, David, soon followed in his footsteps being awarded a goat in 2017. The Prairie View A&M University (PVAMU) Goat Giveaway program supplies youth across the state of Texas like Ryan and David with a dairy goat in efforts to teach them about goat husbandry, leadership, connections, and more.

“It has been a huge life changer for us. It really is the point that sprung our direction in a completely different direction,” Byers said. “We went from just having a goat that we could maybe milk to a herd of about 40 now. We have our license to sell pet milk in Texas and the boys are super involved with showing and 4-H.”

Since its’ start in 1987, the Goat Giveaway program has grown to 400 members and alumni in 59 Texas counties. Rukeia Draw-Hood, PhD., the Cooperative Extension Program (CEP) 4-H Program Leader shared that after the application process, the selected motivated youth receive their goats and are “required to keep record books, submit quarterly reports, show the animals and return an offspring to the program within two years.”

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The goal of the program is to promote goats as cost-effective livestock projects among limited resource audiences,” Dr. Draw-Hood said. “The objective is for youth to develop and apply leadership skills such as record keeping, showmanship, and breeding as evidenced by their submission of thorough quarterly reports or annual record books, recognition or placement in exhibitions, and/or return of a healthy kid goat to the program. Youth benefit as well by learning of agricultural careers, animal care, health and safety.”



Scott Horner, a CEP 4-H program specialist, is passionate about getting kids involved in dairy goat projects and has led the program for 30 years, beginning his career at Prairie View just after the dairy goat center opened.

“We were looking for ways to get involved in the community, and through 4-H you’ve got all these animal projects but there weren’t a lot of dairy goat projects in the area so we saw it as a way to boost the project and get some kids involved,” Horner said. “The idea was to encourage youth to participate in the animal breeding projects in 4-H by giving them a good quality animal to get started with.”

Horner said that the kids get the goats in May or June to begin their two-year commitment before donating a kid, the goat kind, back to the program to benefit another youth. Horner is currently working with second and third generation goat recipients.

“People that got goats from me in the 80s and 90s have come back with their kids and gotten goats from our program, so we’re seeing some really long-term interest,” Horner said. “People are really interested in the dairy goats and breeding the dairy goats and passing that knowledge on to their kids and their communities. It’s really had a big impact and it all traces back to that they got a goat from us.”

Cynthia Pierfax also works for PVAMU, coordinating the Goat Giveaway program, but her focus is working with FFA programs, rather than the traditional 4-H families, to provide goats for underserved students in local schools.

“I see the program expanding through the partnership with schools that already have the facilities. It just makes sense to partner with those

schools who already have the infrastructure and that’s how I believe our program is going to grow,” Pierfax said. “If we partner with schools, it can go from 5-6 [youth recipients per year] to 20-30.”

Pierfax mentioned that students gain positive life skills like leadership, public speaking, record keeping, and exposure to areas and opportunities within agriculture, but at the forefront of the committee’s mind is “how can this program increase this child’s social and economic mobility.”

“Within the program we definitely want to secure resources to help our youth participate in the goat project and contests. We are definitely trying to increase our partnerships to get funding to help offset the cost,” Pierfax said. “We want the kids to know

there’s science behind agriculture. With goat husbandry we want them to realize this is 100% science.”

Pierfax and the other program leaders hope to educate Extension personnel across the state about the program so that it can be brought to more counties and impact more people like the Byers family; a family who didn’t stop on the

receiving end. They decided to pass it forward and donate a kid to a new youth each year, in hopes of sparking interest all because of a kid, much like was done with them.

“There’s so many avenues it’s opened to us and our kids and opportunities that have come because of one little goat. It’s just such a highly recommended program,” Byers said. “If we can get people to just want to try it, I have no doubt it will change their lives; it changed ours.”

Applications for the program are available by emailing Scott Horner at [sdhorner@pvamu.edu](mailto:sdhorner@pvamu.edu).





All photos are One Day 4-H photos submitted by counties.



## National 4-H Week

is an opportunity to celebrate the program that has impacted thousands of youth for more than a century! Held each year on the second full week of October, National 4-H Week **may involve events, online photo sharing, and more.** Texas families and faculty celebrated 4-H October 6-12, 2019. Texas 4-H hosted an online challenge and folks participated sharing Throwback 4-H pictures, their 4-H story, their 4-H spirit day outfits decked out in green, and more.



**One Day 4-H** closes National 4-H Week each year in Texas, this year holding the event on October 12, 2019. One Day 4-H is an opportunity for 4-H youth to give back to the communities that have supported them from day one. This event hosts an opportunity for counties and clubs to bring their youth together for a day of service. **Youth clean up parks, pick up trash from the side of the road, host clothing and food drives, and much more.** Hundreds of projects were completed across the state.



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# 4-H Day in Aggieland 2019

4-H Day in Aggieland is an event created in 2018 to provide an opportunity for 4-H families, volunteers, and employees to attend a Texas A&M University football game for a discounted price and visit the Texas A&M campus. In 2019, the event was hosted for the second year and was a tremendous success. The 2019 event saw more than a 600% increase in participation and the number of tickets sold.

Activities offered were also increased in 2019. Attendees could not only go to the football game, but could also participate in the Agriculture & Life Sciences tailgate, attend educational workshops regarding College and Career Exploration, Applying for College, and a TAMU College of Ag & Life Sciences Intro, take a tour of campus led by trained tour guides, and purchase a t-shirt to turn Aggieland green.

This event offers an opportunity to visit a University to youth who may not otherwise have a reason to. 4-H prepares youth for their future in many different facets and introducing them to the University setting is an important part of that preparation. Texas 4-H Roundup is traditionally held on the campus of Texas A&M, but that event may not draw some youth who don't participate in 4-H contests. Through the 4-H Day in Aggieland event, youth and their families, as well as volunteers or staff, can get the full college campus experience without the need for competition.



In a post-event evaluation, comments were very positive and many were looking forward to the 2020 event. One respondent said,



**My family had never attended a college football game prior to this and we loved everything about this event! The children ages 8,10, and 13 were very excited to be part of the tailgate party and enjoyed the information booths inside. We look forward to doing this again! Thank you for all that was done to make this a memorable amazing experience!”**

## **GET INVOLVED:**

Support the Texas 4-H Marketing & Management program to ensure youth continue to have these life changing event opportunities. Give today to the Texas 4-H Foundation at [texas4hfoundation.org/give/](https://texas4hfoundation.org/give/).



# 2019 Food Show Champions

Luke Fowler met his 4-H goal in 2019 as the Food Show Bread and Cereals category champion with his recipe “Sprouted Spelt Pancakes.” “I got started in the food and nutrition project early on. I was in kindergarten,” Fowler said. “Because I got started so young, everything I learned was through 4-H and because of 4-H.”

Fowler reminisced on some of his most meaningful experiences in the program like learning from and assisting the head chef at a local hospital and the chef at Buckingham Palace.

“Being healthy is really the first step for anything you try to do. If you’re not healthy it’s going to affect other parts of your life...and 4-H understands that and encourages that,” Fowler said. “One of the first questions you have to answer for the Food Show competition is what are the health benefits of this meal or how would you change it for it to be healthier?”



**Sprouted Spelt Pancakes**  
**Luke F. Williamson Co.**

1 cup sprouted spelt flour  
 1 T granulated sugar  
 2 t baking powder  
 1/2 t baking soda  
 1/2 t vanilla powder or extract  
 1/4 t sea salt  
 2 egg whites  
 3/4 cup 1% milk  
 1/4 cup lite sour cream  
 2 T vegetable oil  
 Zest of one orange (optional)  
 Vegetable oil for cooking

- In a bowl, whisk together sprouted spelt flour, granulated sugar, baking powder, baking soda, vanilla powder and sea salt. In another bowl, mix together the egg, milk, sour cream, oil, and orange zest. Add this to the flour mixture and stir just until it is mixed. If mixture is too thick, add a little more milk until desired consistency.
- Lightly oil the pan if needed. Pour about 1/4 cup batter in the preheated skillet and cook until bubbles start to appear, then flip and cook for another minute or so, until golden. Adjust the heat if required and continue until all the batter has been used, adding a small amount of oil to the pan each time. Serve hot with toppings of your choice.

Makes about 8 pancakes 4 servings  
 Toppings: Your choice of butter, pure maple syrup, non-fat Greek Yogurt, berries, or nuts

“Knowing how to cook for myself will lower the cost of living quite a bit and not having to eat out every night. It will also be a lot healthier,” Fowler said. “Just having that knowledge is very convenient.”

“The food and nutrition project goes beyond food and nutrition and impacts your life in other ways that are very, very helpful. It teaches competition skills and sportsmanship but also thinking on your feet like improvising and also public speaking skills,” Fowler said. “As I’ve said before it is a lot of fun and you get to meet a lot of new people and make new friends and it can become the highlight of your week or month or whatever you do.”

One of Allie Treadwell’s most prized wins during her four-year 4-H membership in Tom Green County was her championship finish in the Nutritious Snacks category in the 2019 Food Show at Texas 4-H Roundup with her Rollos Del Texas, “a southwestern style egg roll.”

“My dad used to cook a lot for us when we were younger and so I kind of learned from him.” Treadwell mentioned that because healthy eating didn’t come naturally to her as a child, it was important that she be involved in the food decisions and preparation so she would want to eat it.

“I’ve learned so much about nutrition. I’ve learned that I actually have a passion for it,” Treadwell said. “In doing 4-H I found out that nutrition is something I can’t see my life without.”

Treadwell encourages everyone to get involved with their family in the kitchen. “When you think about cooking you don’t have to actually



**Rollos del Texas**  
**Allie T. Tom Green Co.**

1 15 oz can low sodium black beans, rinsed and drained  
 1 medium yellow bell pepper, finely chopped  
 1 medium green bell pepper, finely chopped  
 1 small red onion, diced  
 1 jalapeno, diced  
 1 cup spinach  
 1 cup roughly chopped kale, stems removed  
 1 t olive oil  
 1 t cumin  
 1 t chili powder  
 1/2 t garlic powder  
 pinch cayenne pepper  
 dash salt  
 dash pepper  
 20 7" egg roll wrappers

**Guacamole:**  
 1 medium avocado  
 1/2 cup plain greek yogurt  
 1/4 cup chopped tomatoes  
 1/4 cup chopped white onion  
 1 jalapeno, diced  
 dash garlic salt  
 dash lime juice

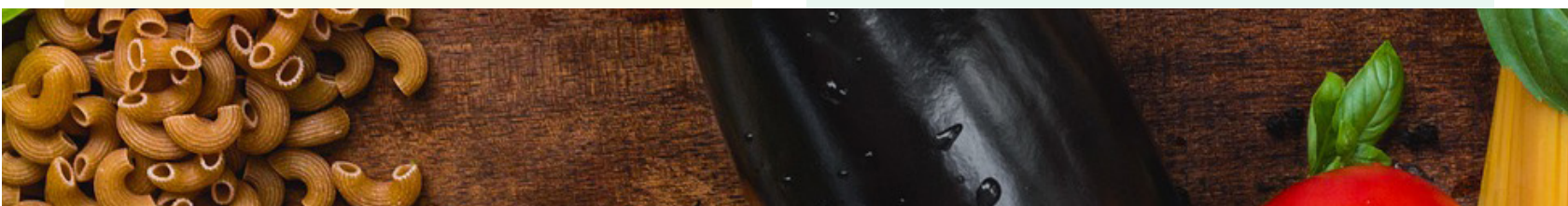
**Chipotle sauce:**  
 1 cup plain greek yogurt  
 1-2 small chipotles  
 Juice of 1 lime  
 Salt to taste

- Preheat the oven to 425 F. Line a 18x13 inch baking sheet with parchment paper, a silicone mat, or foil.
- Prepare the guacamole by mashing the avocado until smooth with slight chunks, then fold in the greek yogurt, tomatoes, onion, jalapeno, garlic salt, and lime juice. Chill until ready to use.
- Prepare the chipotle sauce by combining all ingredients in a blender until smooth. Chill until ready to use.
- In a large skillet over medium-low heat, sauté the bell peppers, onion, jalapeno and kale, with the teaspoon of olive oil. Cook for 3-4 minutes or until the vegetables are tender, and add in the drained black beans, spinach, and seasonings and cook for a minute more.
- Place 1/3 cup of the egg roll filling in the lower third of each wrapper, then beginning at the bottom, roll the wrapper up and fold the edges inward. Before the final fold, rub a tiny amount of water around the edges of the wrapper. Roll the wrapper shut, pressing lightly to seal the edges together.
- Arrange each egg roll seam side down on the baking sheet then lightly coat them with cooking spray. Bake the egg rolls for about 15 minutes or until golden brown and slightly crisped. Remove from oven, slice each roll in half, and serve drizzled with chipotle sauce and guacamole for dipping. Yields 20 rolls.

cook. You can do something simple like setting the table,” Treadwell said. “There are simple ways to get involved.”

Treadwell aims to become a Nurse Practitioner with a focus in nutrition to help kids and teens. She added that 4-H helped develop that goal and allowed her to interact with many different types of people, which will also aid in her future plans.

“Everyone that’s in 4-H is different and comes from a different background, does different things, goes to different schools, does different activities and so it’s interesting to interact with people you wouldn’t normally interact with.”





# FEATURED BY DINNER TONIGHT

At the 2019 Texas 4-H Roundup, Logan Baker, a Wilson County 4-H'er for 8 years, met a personal goal he had set many years before: winning the Fruit & Vegetable category in the Food Show. According to Baker, his recipe, "Logan's "Longhorn Steakhouse" Beautiful Strawberry Pecan Salad" was a "spinach-based salad with some cranberries, some almonds, and some feta cheese."

Baker has been participating in the Food and Nutrition project since third grade and says it has developed his knowledge of how nutrients work in the body and how to obtain them.

"My participation in the 4-H Food and Nutrition project has really changed my life to reveal a whole new side of nutrition and has set me on a better path towards the future," Baker said. "So once I get into college and I'm out on my own I can really use those skills and apply them to my actual life so I can lead my healthiest life."



## Strawberry Pecan Salad

Logan B. Wilson Co.

- 1 6 oz. bag baby spinach leaves
- 1 6 oz. bag spring mixed greens
- 1/2 medium red onion, sliced and cut into bite size pieces
- 1 cup sliced strawberries
- 1 cup grapes
- 1 cup candied pecans (see recipe, optional)
- 1 11 oz can mandarin oranges drained
- 1 cup raspberry vinaigrette (see recipe)

- Wash and dry spinach leaves and spring mixed greens. In a large bowl layer 1/2 the spinach, greens, red onion, strawberry halves, grapes, and pecans and repeat to create the top layer. Finish salad by placing mandarin oranges on top. Drizzle dressing over top of salad before serving. Additional dressing may be added to salads once served.

### Candied Pecans (optional)

- 1/2 cup packed brown sugar | 2 T orange juice | 1 cup pecan halves | Yields 1 cup
- Preheat oven to 350 degrees F. Combine brown sugar and orange juice. Add pecan halves, stirring to coat. Spread in a lightly greased cookie sheet. Bake for 12 minutes or until nuts are browned and syrup is bubbly, stirring once. Pour out onto a lightly greased baking sheet, separating into single nuts. Cool on wire rack.

### Raspberry Vinaigrette

- 3/4 cup olive oil | 2 t Dijon mustard | 1/2 cup raspberry preserves | 1/4 teaspoon dried oregano | 1 cup red wine vinegar | 1/4 t ground black pepper | 1/2 cup white sugar | 1 t garlic salt | 1/2 cup raspberries | 1 t basil | yields 6 - 1/2 cup servings
- In a blender, combine all ingredients and blend until well combined. Pour into jar and refrigerate until chilled.

Additionally, Baker says his participation in the project has improved his interview and communication skills, helped him make more friends, and encouraged family cooking.

"We're all in there chit-chatting just having a great time, really connecting in the kitchen and around the food," Baker said. "4-H gives you the skills so you can get in the kitchen and help and be with your family."

Upon graduation in 2021, Baker plans to attend Texas A&M University and also hopes to "give back to 4-H in any way he can to help the future generations be the best they can be."

Mason Cave from Runnels County was an active 4-H member for 8 years and the 2019 Food Show Main Dish category champion with his dish "Rancho's Carne Pizza."

"I'm interested in nutrition and how the nutrients function in your body and also food science," Cave said. Cave knew that for his main dish, he wanted to use spelt flour and make a pizza that tasted good, but he ended the process with more than that - a wealth of new knowledge, too.

"I learned a lot about nutrients from my research. One nutrient I learned a lot about was lycopene," Cave said. "It's an antioxidant but it's a pigment that is commonly found in red fruits and vegetables such as tomatoes."

While he reached his 4-H career goal, his sights are set on that Food & Nutrition experience impacting him for years to come. "It's certainly



## Rancho's Carne Pizza

Mason C. Runnels Co.

### Marinara Sauce:

- 28 oz. can no added salt crushed tomatoes
- 1 T olive oil
- 1/4 C diced onions
- 3/4 t dried oregano
- 1 t dried basil
- 1/4 t red pepper flakes
- 3 cloves minced garlic
- 1/4 t salt

### Dough:

- 1 C warm water
- 1/4 t sugar
- 1 packet active dry yeast
- 2 1/2 C spelt flour
- 1 T olive oil
- 1 t salt
- 2 T cornmeal

### Toppings:

- 4 oz. ground beef
- 4 oz. grilled chicken breast
- 4 oz. mozzarella

Sauce: In a saucepan over medium heat, add olive oil, diced onions, oregano, basil, and red pepper flakes. Cook ingredients for 3-4 minutes, stirring as necessary. Add the garlic and cook for another minute. Add the tomatoes and salt. Turn the heat down to low-medium and allow the sauce to simmer for 30 minutes.

Dough: Warm the water with the sugar in a microwave until warm to touch. Sprinkle in the yeast and let sit until yeast begins to bubble. In bowl, add the spelt flour, salt, and olive oil and stir. Add the yeast once it has bubbled up. With a mixer on low speed mix the ingredients. Once the dough starts to form, increase the speed to medium and allow to mix for about 3-5 minutes. It should be smooth to touch. If it's sticking to your hands, add a tablespoon of flour until smooth. Transfer the dough to a lightly greased bowl, cover, and allow to rise for at least 30 minutes. Pre-heat the oven to 450 F. Transfer the dough to a 12" pizza stone dusted with cornmeal. Roll out into a 12" circle. Spread the sauce, add the toppings, and sprinkle cheese on top. Cook for 15-20 minutes until golden brown. Makes 6 servings.

going to help me come up with creative dishes because it really makes you think about the cost - what the ingredients are going to cost and how they all work together," Cave said. "Trying to increase the intake of nutrients while also trying to reduce the fats and sugars and various things like that that you don't want in your diet."

Cave is thankful for the impact 4-H has had on his family and the encouragement of cooking together.

"If you teach your family to eat healthy they'll grow up with that and be able to take that with them into their own lives as they grow older too," Cave said.



# TEXAS 4-H A

Texas 4-H has nine statewide leadership groups who serve specific project areas and...  
Match the number of the name of the group (left column) with the letter of the correct...

<p>1 EQUINE AMBASSADORS</p>	<p>A High school aged youth who have a passion for... required to provide 40 hours of service to their... 49 counties were enrolled across the state.</p>
<p>2 FASHION &amp; INTERIOR DESIGN AMBASSADORS</p>	<p>B Selected youth represent Texas 4-H Shooting Sports... peer groups, 4-H groups, community service groups... visible. The Ambassadors further develop their... There were 73 active Ambassadors in 2019-2020.</p>
<p>3 HEALTHY TEXAS YOUTH AMBASSADORS</p>	<p>C 4-H'er's use this experience to grow in the photo... citizenship activities. These Ambassadors serve... ambassador, members must first complete the... Ambassadors.</p>
<p>4 LIVESTOCK AMBASSADORS</p>	<p>D A team of 4-H members elected by their peers... Texas 4-H program, members represent the org... and events. Each year, there are 30 members.</p>
<p>5 PHOTOGRAPHY AMBASSADORS</p>	<p>E High school aged 4-H'er's develop and practice... must contribute at least 40 hours of service in p... sportsmanship, preparing new 4-H families for... contributed 14,465.43 volunteer hours and reach...</p>
<p>6 SHOOTING SPORTS AMBASSADORS</p>	<p>F High school age 4-H members and youth gain... management of water in Texas. In the spring of... From September 2019-August 2020, the Amba... adults with water education.</p>
<p>7 STEM AMBASSADORS</p>	<p>G A state-wide team who works in a youth-adult p... engineering, and mathematics. The team consi... members, volunteers, as well as groups outside... photography, and video production. In 2019-2020...</p>
<p>8 TEXAS 4-H COUNCIL</p>	<p>H High school age 4-H members develop and pra... their project area and the Fashion Industry. In 2...</p>
<p>9 WATER AMBASSADORS</p>	<p>I High school aged 4-H'er's develop and practice... leaders in Horse projects and programs across... opportunities in the equine industry. In 2019-20... impact of \$25,455.42.</p>



# AMBASSADORS

s and the youth in those projects. Learn more about these groups in this fun game!  
orrect group description (right column). Answers and impact stories on the next page.

n for health and wellness are trained how to motivate others to improve their own health. Ambassadors are  
eir community in education, program assistance, or learning opportunities. In 2019, 121 Ambassadors from

ng Sports in public relations at special events such as donor/supporter functions and with the general public,  
e groups, schools and media contacts. They serve as spokespersons for the program, helping to make it more  
eir skills in leadership, public presentation, citizenship, community service, public relations and team building.  
-2020.

photography project through community service, workshops, training sessions, field trips, and leadership/  
erve in photography corps at state-level events, taking event photographs. In order to become an  
the requirements to become a Junior Master Photographer. In the 2019-2020 year, there were six certified

ers from across the state, representing the 12 AgriLife Extension districts. Serving as ambassadors for the  
e organization statewide while collaborating with Extension faculty to plan, coordinate, and facilitate activities  
ers.

ctice leadership skills related to mentoring other youth and become advocates for animal agriculture. They  
in presenting topics in agriculture advocacy, nutrition, selection, daily maintenance and care, showmanship,  
for show, and management of show animals during a livestock show. In 2019-2020, 144 active ambassadors  
reached 375,587 people with a monetary value of \$367,855.89.

ain advanced knowledge and practice leadership skills related to the science, technology, engineering, and  
g of 2020, 36 new ambassadors were elected, meaning there are 68 active youth representing 45 counties.  
mbassadors reported 2,600 hours of service valued at \$70,720 and reached approximately 38,000 youth and

ult partnership structure to promote, educate, and inspire others in the area of science, technology,  
nsists of 4-H members 15 years and older who have a strong interest in promoting STEM to other 4-H  
side of 4-H. The team meets throughout the year to develop and support programs in areas such as robotics,  
-2020, there were 16 youth Ambassadors and four collegiate members.

practice advanced leadership skills to mentor other youth, and become knowledgeable representatives for  
In 2019-2020, there were 15 active Ambassadors who contributed service in various roles across the state.

ctice leadership skills related to mentoring youth and become advocates for the equine industry. They are  
ross Texas, prepared for the University setting through instruction and experience, and are aware of career  
-2020, 21 active ambassadors contributed 1,001 service hours and reached 217,349 people with a monetary



Rachel Wynans and horse.

### 1 = I

Rachel Wynans from Washington County is a standout member of the program and said, “Experiences like the equine ambassador short course, advocacy academy, and the ambassador trip to the Capitol helped me to gain new knowledge and skills and more importantly built my confidence and gave me the tools I need to step out and make a difference in the horse industry.” She said, “I started a horse club and found coaches to coach our teams in horse judging, horse quiz bowl and hippology. I have volunteered at every horse show I could get to and learned about scribing and working in the show office and even being an announcer. I also took part in the TYLA social media campaigns and made a series of short educational videos to teach about showing, training and caring for horses.”

### 4 = E

With COVID shutdowns causing livestock shows to follow suit, many youth felt discouraged so this group took to social media with positivity and leadership lessons. Ambassador Laura James from Fayette County, a program standout, battles several health issues, resulting in getting a feeding tube just days before her

Red Angus State Show. With her new accessory in place, Laura stood strong and chose to attend the show even with health risks not in her favor. Recently, Laura reflected on social media about her recent experience and shared with others how that impacted the way she thinks about confidence and what it means for others.

### 8 = D

Texas 4-H Council selects a community service project to complete each year and in 2019, they chose to benefit the Texas 4-H Center. They collected monetary donations and set up an Amazon Wish List for the Center. They also gathered youth and agents from across the state to join together and redo the rock-climbing wall at the Center. The rock-climbing wall is a favorite amongst campers and was in desperate need of repair. Through this group and their project, the 4-H Center now has a new, beautiful rock wall and was the recipient of many donations and gifts.



STEM Ambassador group

### 7 = G

When COVID-19 turned everything virtual, the STEM Ambassadors saw a huge opportunity in educating others. They quickly converted their monthly challenge videos on social media to “how to” videos supporting virtual teaching/learning. With thousands of interactions on their many videos shared through their Facebook page, the Ambassadors taught others how to make their sound, picture, and overall setup for virtual learning, better.



MacKenzie Nowell with camera.

### 5 = C

Four Photography Ambassadors traveled to the National 4-H Photography Summit and each led a workshop for other youth and adults. MacKenzie Nowell was part of that and was the high point Ambassador for the year. MacKenzie said she enjoys the photography Ambassador program because the program allows her to direct her love for photography into leadership and teaching others about all the small things that make a picture great. She said, “The program is still young, and I was lucky enough to be apart of it from the first year, so I have gotten to see the number of ambassadors grow from eight to twenty-four and that is incredible to me! Some of my favorite activities that I did last year were: co-lead the field trip to Homestead Heritage, run a community service event at the National Turkey Association’s Woman in the Outdoors, and be invited to be a student leader at the National 4-H Youth Photography Summit in Washington D.C.”

### 2 = H

In April when the need for facemasks was introduced but the supply of masks was lacking, AgriLife Extension



sprang into action. Texas 4-H youth across the state collectively made more than 10,000 face masks following patterns provided by AgriLife Extension. They were donated to hospitals, cancer centers, nursing homes, schools, and banks with 87% of the masks donated locally, 11% donated to various locations of Texas Oncology, and the remainder donated to national groups. The FID Ambassadors were instrumental in making this project a success. Before they even had their Ambassador training, several of the newly elected Ambassadors sewed quite literally hundreds of masks, in partnership with the American Sewing Guild. Some of those members were Lani Bludau, Katie Yuricho, Kember Bench, Madeline Catron, and Lea Weller, just to name a few. 4-H, Texas Extension Education Association, Master Wellness volunteers, Master Clothing volunteers and other community groups were involved in the project and 54 counties reported making and delivering masks.



Pile of masks before being donated.

### 3 = A

Alison Grothues is a current HTYA from Medina County and she partnered with the Path to the Plate program and took a hands-on approach by going into her local HEB store and setting up a booth to educate local shoppers about food production. She and her team invited participants to spin a wheel with questions and then engaged customers in a conversation about the topic they landed on. They shared nutrition information and talked to the customers about what happens to their food before it ends up in stores. This is just one example of how these youth get involved in their communities. Additionally, in 2020, several of the Ambassadors took to the video camera and created virtual lessons about different kitchen gadgets. Those videos can be found on the Texas 4-H YouTube channel.



Lani Bludau makes masks.



Shooting Sports Ambassador educates public.

### 6 = B

COVID-19 meant the Shooting Sports Ambassadors had to get particularly creative with their educational efforts when most events cancelled. The Ambassadors turned to the Texas 4-H Natural Resources Facebook page, sharing why they love the program, what it has given them, and why others should join. All of the Ambassadors created videos for social media. Johnathon Goode shared with his video that his 4-H club has taught him everything he knows about archery.



HTYA Ambassadors at meeting.

### GET INVOLVED:

Support the Texas 4-H Ambassador programs. Give today to the Texas 4-H Foundation at [texas4hfoundation.org/give/](https://texas4hfoundation.org/give/) for these programs to continue thriving.





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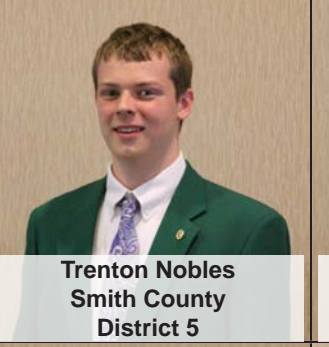
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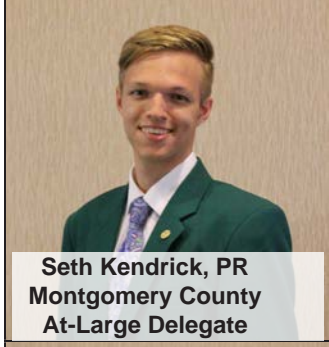
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# 2019-2020 Texas 4-H Council





**2020.** The year that broke the history books. When the COVID-19 pandemic began, life changed. For everyone. Businesses closed, schools closed, churches closed, face to face interaction closed. 4-H is accustomed to meeting the present need, but to do that in 2020, sights had to be set on screens.

Texas 4-H quickly adapted and adopted a virtual opportunity perspective creating many types of distanced experiences. One of those, the Texas 4-H Virtual Experience, began on March 17 and every following Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday at 10 AM, Texas 4-H had a Facebook Live video with a learning lesson and activities for youth to complete at home. Eighteen Facebook live events were held covering topics within Family and Community Health, Agriculture and Livestock, Leadership and Citizenship, STEM, Natural Resources, and the Junior Master Gardener program. With everywhere from 2,000 to 12,000 views per video, youth and their families were reached across the nation with quality information and useful activities. The videos were led by youth Ambassadors in that specialty area, County Extension Agents, Extension Specialists, and volunteers.

Texas Youth Livestock and Agriculture also saw a need and met the demand with Facebook live interviews discussing all things livestock like how to raise a market goat, how to show a market steer, how to feed a market hog, and more with views reaching from 4,000 to 12,000 views on their 22 videos thus far. By utilizing the Zoom to Facebook Live feature, specialists were able to conduct Facebook interviews from their remote location. Utilizing that technology opened the door for many other events and opportunities hosted by Texas 4-H later in the year, like Virtual Texas 4-H Congress.

Texas 4-H Congress is an opportunity for high-school aged youth to learn about the Texas legislative system in real-time every other summer. With hosting events at the state capitol not an option this year, Congress went to Zoom and Facebook live, welcoming youth of all ages across the state. Via Facebook live interviews, state staffer, Abby Raines, lobbyist Ilissa Nolan, and Representative Trent Ashby offered words of wisdom and answered questions submitted by 4-H members. Texas 4-H specialists and Texas 4-H Council members

also held informative sessions via Zoom discussing all things Congress.

Texas 4-H Council didn't stop there. When their fellow 4-Her's were feeling the effects of isolation and cancellations, 30 of the state's brightest youth leaders stepped up to the plate... or, to the screen. #CouncilCares quickly caught on as the uplifting messages shared by Council on Instagram live every Sunday, Tuesday, and Thursday mornings.

Across the state, Agents and Volunteers created opportunities for youth in their counties and beyond. Space STEM Camp, developed by Justin Saenz, the Urban Youth Development Agent in Montgomery County, landed on a new planet of opportunity. This webpage-based program reached youth ranging from Kindergarten to 9th grade in 32 different countries. Less than half of the youth participants were current 4-H members, meaning the virtual reach not only educated youth across the globe, but had potential in bringing youth to the 4-H program. "One of the main reasons I did Space STEM Camp was because I see it as a 4-H free trial. Come and experience 4-H virtually for four weeks and if you had a good time virtually, you're going to enjoy an in-person 4-H camp or in-person 4-H workshop," Saenz said. "My overall goal with Space STEM camp was that at some point, some child out there had so much fun that they would want to sign up for 4-H or join their 4-H club." The Space STEM Camp has had about 50,000 webpage views and before the camp began in the spring, about 15,000 families had registered. The Facebook post regarding the camp reached millions, literally.

These virtual opportunities met the present need, but also opened the door for where our 4-H programs are anticipating turning in the months or years to come. "I think it showed we can be successful with virtual programming," Saenz said. "For Space STEM Camp the only difference between my in-person programming and virtual was just the platform." The next step, as mentioned by Saenz is to provide agents and volunteers and leaders with the capabilities they need to take their program to the next virtual level. Saenz added, "Once we find some of those answers and come up with some of these solutions, it's going to be very beneficial to the 4-H program."





VIRTUAL EXPERIENCE

DISTANCE LEARNING

CELEBRATION NIGHT

SPACE STEM CAMP

VIRTUAL QUALIFYING CONTESTS

WORKING TOGETHER, APART

COUNCIL CARES

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# 4-H Camp in 2020

## **GET INVOLVED:**

Texas 4-H Camp would not be able to offer a wonderful experience to thousands of 4-H youth without donations from generous donors. Give today to the Texas 4-H Foundation at [texas4hfoundation.org/give/](https://texas4hfoundation.org/give/) so that 4-H youth across the state can continue to impact their communities. Support the Tractor Supply Co. Paper Clover campaign, too, in the fall and spring to help send kids to camp. All proceeds received by counties from that campaign go towards sending youth to camp.



**4-H Camp** - Home each summer to thousands of youth making new friends, spending their first night away from home, and learning to dance. 4-H camp is a pillar summer activity across the Nation, but in 2020, it was yet another disappointing cancellation for most.

When COVID-19 hit in the spring, prime planning time for 4-H summers, it seemed impossible to host a successful and safe camp...Seemed.

**The Texas 4-H Conference Center in Brownwood, Texas, successfully hosted eight life-changing weeks during July and August and was the only state in the southern region to hold 4-H camp in 2020.**

In January 2020, Melvin Atkinson assumed his new position as the Center Managing Director overseeing all camps, activities, and staff at the 4-H Center.

“Being that this was my first year, I wanted to see how camp operated so I could get a feel for how things worked,” Atkinson said. “It was very important to me to make sure that we did some sort of camp.”

Atkinson said that he and Cari Snider, Program Coordinator at the 4-H Center worked closely with the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service administration in considering all CDC guidelines and American Camping Association expectations, adding that “once the Governor made the call [that camp could happen], we jumped into action.”

“In April, we started working with Dr. Williams on how we would have to proceed to do that [have camp] ... we decided to plan at 50% so that we had plenty of room to social distance,” Snider said. “We went closer to 75% staff, so 16 counselors and one media intern. We discussed lots of ways we would social distance and policies we would put in place.”

Some of the biggest COVID changes included: social distancing in the dining hall, keeping the youth in their dorm groups only with only their assigned staff member throughout the whole camp, groups only utilizing particular areas of the main gathering room, providing and requiring the use of PPE amongst all staff, changing check in and check out procedures to have a no-contact parent drop off and pick up, and several extra cleaning procedures like sanitizing every activity item between uses.

Mid-way through the first camp, Governor Abbott issued a mask mandate that face coverings must be worn in all indoor areas or where you are unable to socially distance, causing Snider to make yet another adjustment to their programming, what Snider considered “probably the biggest challenge.”

“For that, we eliminated as much indoor activity as we could so that they didn’t have to wear them [masks],”

Snider said, “we just did as much outside as we could so they could space out and social distance outdoors.”

Atkinson mentioned that everyone onsite had temperature checks three times a day and touch surfaces were eliminated where possible. Additionally, Snider said they heavily implemented hand washing in what she called “extreme amounts.”

“After every activity the staff would pull out the hand sanitizer and the kids would sanitize before moving onto the next station,” Snider said. “Any time they were sitting around we were squirting hand sanitizer in their hands pretty much.”

Snider, on behalf of the 4-H center, was happy to report that no campers or staff tested positive, nor did they hear of any positive cases as a result of attendance once camp was over.

“I think it was kind of a turning point to normalcy for us and the campers. Being indoors for three months and then being able to come back to camp, and have somewhat of a normal camp experience, I think that was the biggest thing,” Snider said. “I know I needed it personally, I needed to be around people. I think staff needed it and I think for the kids they needed it because you could just see their faces light up.”

Camp staff are current college students hired each summer and have direct interaction with the campers. Brooklin Tingle, better known around the 4-H Center by her camp name “KaChow”, considered this summer to be even better than her experience the previous summer.

**“All in all a lot of different, but a good different,” Tingle said. “We really got together as a team and pulled things off that honestly, I didn’t think we could so I mean all in all I thought camp this year was phenomenal.”**

Tingle mentioned that the most difficult part of camp was not allowing the kids to intermix outside of their group, but nonetheless, the staff collectively created an enjoyable experience.

“I had kids come up to me personally and say things like this is the first time I’ve been out of my house, out of my county in months, so getting to come here has been so exciting, I get something new, something different and I just really miss being able to hang out with kids my own age and not just my parents,” Tingle said. “They were definitely excited and they definitely enjoyed it.”

Maranda Revell is the Family and Community Health agent in Archer County who has been taking 4-H youth to camp for 12 years now.

“There was an obvious difference in the number of kids that went to camp and the way that they rotated and intermingled. As far as the amount of fun that the kids had – you couldn’t tell a difference,” Revell said. “They all went home having a ball. And honestly, I think they got to do more adventurous activities, because those are outside, than they would have at a traditional two-night camp.”

Things like an isolation ward and codes on nametags so that temperatures and personal information were recorded by the nurse anonymously seemed daunting, but according to Revell, it was all done in a way that was very comforting and easy for campers and chaperones.

“Everybody did a fantastic job. They were really troopers,” Revell said. “I have a whole bunch of kids that are ready to go back.”

Brooklyn Howell, a 6th grade 4-H'er from Comal County, attended Prime Time II and said her experience was definitely different this year with masks and a smaller group of about 10 people, but that didn't stop her from enjoying either of her favorite activities, the zip line or the dance.

**“It [2020 changes] didn’t change my mind on my camp. I still wanted to go this year and I still want to go next year,” Howell said. “I just want to thank them [camp staff] because they actually did a really good job with coordinating what happened this year and I can’t wait to go back.”**

Both Atkinson and Snider want to extend their appreciation to the parents who entrusted the camp staff with their youth amidst the pandemic as well as to the camp staff and the efforts they put in.

“A shout out definitely needs to go to Cari and the summer staff and the full-time camp staff for stepping up and accepting the new roles and responsibilities that we asked of them to ensure that we had a safe camp and they came

through with flying colors,” Atkinson said. “I couldn’t be more proud of them. I can’t say how great I feel knowing that the staff did a great job.”

“[To the summer staff] A huge THANK YOU!!!!!! because they came in wanting the typical camp experience and working with kids but took on the new challenge of a COVID camp year and rocked it,” Snider said. “They didn’t let it take their joy and that was passed onto the kids and it was an amazing camp experience because of the staff.”

Atkinson said he thought overall camp was “outstanding” and mentioned when looking back on camp feedback from campers and parents, he and Snider discovered they actually had fewer negative comments this year than ever before.

“The campers are just campers. They love camp and when they were here we got the same comments that we always do – it was the best weekend of their life, they just had a great time, they just loved it,” Atkinson said. “Although they had to do a few different things, campers are campers and they just love camp and what the opportunity gives to them.”



Brooklyn doing zipline at 4-H Camp

## Conferences, Camps, Reunions & Retreats!

Did you know the Texas 4-H Center isn't *just* for 4-H Camp? The Texas 4-H Center is located conveniently in Central Texas on scenic Lake Brownwood. It is the perfect place to host your company retreats, meetings, conferences and reunions. The Center can accommodate large groups for day time and overnight use. Let us do the work for your group event!

Visit [texas4hcenter.tamu.edu](https://texas4hcenter.tamu.edu) for more information.







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In its' second year in existence, LEAD Academy was held [June 8-9, 2020](#) and featured educational workshops led by youth, agents, volunteers, and specialists via Zoom. There were 316 unique emails used by participants with more than 600 registrants. The event targeted 9-12th grade students and adults and those participants said they gained LEADERSHIP, COLLEGE READINESS, LIFE SKILLS, COMMUNICATION, AND RESPONSIBILITY through the event. Texas A&M University hosts [Texas 4-H Roundup](#), the largest Texas 4-H event, each year in June. However, in 2020, the University did not allow events of that scale on campus, and therefore another cancellation became reality. Texas 4-H quickly adapted and turned Texas 4-H Roundup into a virtual event, Texas 4-H Celebration Night.

# CELEBRATION NIGHT

While the traditional state-level contests were not held as planned, [virtual opportunities were created for 4-H'er's in which National qualifiers were named](#). Those opportunities were held in July. The Salute to Excellence winners and virtual contest winners are recognized in the following pages in this report.

Texas 4-H Celebration Night was held [June 9, 2020](#) via Facebook and YouTube premiere on the Texas 4-H profiles to try and fill the void of a cancelled 2020 Roundup. The video, created by Texas 4-H specialists, featured recognition of SCHOLARSHIP AND SALUTE TO EXCELLENCE WINNERS, DONOR RECOGNITION, TEXAS 4-H COUNCIL RECOGNITION, AND MUCH MORE. Total reach on the Facebook post was [30,062 people](#) with 371 comments and 286 reactions. The 2-hour long video reached 2,186 views on YouTube.

2020

# Salute to Excellence

Each year, the Texas 4-H Youth Development Program provides awards and recognition for various individuals and groups that provide support to the 4-H program. These individuals were nominated by people they have impacted in their communities and then selected by a panel of judges. Honorees are typically recognized during Texas 4-H Roundup in June, but with the 2020 cancellation, that did not happen; we are glad to recognize them here.

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# ALUMNI AWARDS



JACY HAMMER  
CARSON COUNTY  
DISTRICT I

Jacy is a former 4-H member from Carson County. Jacy is the daughter of long time County Extension Agent, Jody Bradford, and her mother Eadie now works as a County Extension Agent as well. As a 4-H member Jacy served on Texas 4-H Council as the Public Relations Officer in 2010-2011 and she became a Texas 4-H Foundation Scholarship recipient. As an alumni, she served as an officer for Collegiate 4-H at Texas Tech University. Jacy works closely with County Extension Agents and 4-H to partner on projects with AQHA & AQHYA. She has also helped judge district 4-H Contests.



TOMMY CALVERT  
DENTON COUNTY  
DISTRICT 4

Tommy Calvert proudly refers to his time in 4-H as the catalyst that sparked his community involvement. Since his days as a club treasurer in Denton County 4-H in the late 1950s, Tommy has exemplified an unwavering dedication to helping others. When asked about what he is proudest of regarding his time since 4-H, it is not the fact that he has held numerous presidential positions throughout the county, but rather the opportunities he has had to give back to an organization that has had such a profound impact on his life.

# CITATION FOR OUTSTANDING SERVICE TO 4-H AWARDS

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## LAWSON IMPLEMENT COMPANY, INC. MILLS COUNTY, DISTRICT 7

Lawson Implement Company has been a very generous supporter of Texas 4-H and especially the 4-H Camping programs at the Texas 4-H Conference Center. Lawson Implement has provided equipment to the 78-acre 4-H Center every six months for the past 8 years. The original equipment included a utility tractor and Gator. The tractor was equipped with a loader that was used to move equipment and resources while building the ADA-accessible archery range. The Gator was used on a daily basis to move supplies, haul equipment, and other general maintenance and camp program needs. Throughout the years the equipment has been provided to assist with specific needs like a backhoe to dig up water lines that needed replacing. To date the value of the equipment rental donation exceeds \$487,790.

## PAT CARTER - XTO ENERGY LAMAR COUNTY DISTRICT 4

Pat has been a leader with 4-H for almost 30 years. She has been involved with her local clubs in Lamar county as well as part of the Texas 4-H State Horse Show. She works for XTO Energy, part of EXXON, and she has been able to get several donations to help support the 4-H program. She has been an advocate for 4-H and willing to give her time to benefit the kids in the 4-H community! She has been a vital asset to the programs on the local and state level, providing her expertise when needed!



# COMMENDABLE SERVICE AWARDS



**HEATHER EDGAR**  
**TEXAS 4-H CENTER**

Heather is a valued asset to the Texas 4-H Center. She is always striving to improve her performance and provides outstanding service to all departments at the 4-H Center. Heather has built an excellent relationship with the many groups we host each year, and is a key component of the ongoing success of the 4-H Center. Her engaging, bright personality and ability to handle any situation is one of the main reasons the 4-H Center continues to improve!



**SUE FERGUSON**  
**TEXAS 4-H OFFICE**

Sue has made a measurable impact to the State 4-H Office for over 38 years! She provides leadership as the Texas 4-H unit budget contact, serves as the assistant to the Texas 4-H Program Director and is the club charter expert among the other million things that are 4-H. Sue is always willing to pitch-in for the good of the Texas 4-H program regardless of the event or task at hand. Her loyalty, dedication and contribution to Texas 4-H makes her a most worthy recipient of the Commendable Service Award.



**TAMMY GOODMAN**  
**HARDIN COUNTY**  
**DISTRICT 9**

Tammy Goodman exemplifies the line of the 4-H Pledge that reads "I pledge my heart to greater loyalty", for no one has been more loyal to the Hardin County 4-H Program than she. During her time of employment with the AgriLife Extension Service, in a one-agent county, she has taken on a role that is so much more than an Administrative Secretary. She has stepped up when there wasn't an agent present in the county and made sure the 4-H Clubs and Programs never suffered. Without her loyalty and dedication there would be no Hardin County 4-H .

# LEADER LEGACY AWARDS



**RENE CHAPMAN**  
**NUECES COUNTY**  
**DISTRICT II**

Rene Chapman has been a volunteer in Nueces County for 32 years. Despite being the full-time Office Manager for the Nueces County Junior Livestock Show, Rene finds time to be an active adult leader for Nueces Co 4-H. She is very active with club management, livestock projects, and especially leadership activities. She has been the recipient of the Nueces County Friend of 4-H, Nueces County 4-H Outstanding Service Award, & most recently Nueces County 4-H Female Adult Leader of the Year which was chosen by 4-H members.



**LARRY & SKIP SIMONS**  
**SWISHER COUNTY**  
**DISTRICT 2**

As Swisher County 4-H leaders for nearly fifty years, Larry and Skip Simons have been a mainstay in the Happy 4-H Club. Through the Simons' hard work and dedication, along with the strong participation of their three children and two grandchildren, the Happy 4-H Club has been able to prosper in a small community. Larry and Skip are known for their commitment to the 4-H program and their community. Even after all these years, they continue to provide opportunities for 4-H members to learn, grow and give back.



# MERITORIOUS SERVICE AWARDS



**MARK ARNOLD**  
**ELLIS COUNTY EXTENSION**  
**AGENT, DISTRICT 8**

Mark Arnold has served for over 30 years as a County Extension Agent. Serving in several county programs has given Mark a unique perspective for working with all types of students. Mark's passion lies within the livestock projects and he strives to make sure that each student in his program has a quality educational experience. He gives everything he has to making sure that each student is set up to be as successful as they can be. He continues to go above and beyond for the students in his program.



**WENDY SCOTT**  
**4-H PROGRAM SPECIALIST**  
**DISTRICT 2**

Wendy Scott is known for being innovative, dedicated and relevant in her roles as County Extension Agent and 4-H Specialist. She is not afraid to shake things up and try something new. Her passion for helping and serving others is evident in all that she does. Wendy Scott is an example to follow in both her personal and professional life.

# SALUTE TO EXCELLENCE AWARDS



**CLIFFORD OLDHAM**  
**WHEELER COUNTY**  
**DISTRICT I**

Clifford Oldham is one of the co-founders of the Wheeler County 4-H Shooting Sports project. Clifford's leadership and shooting skills have helped promote the growth of the program from 5 youth participants the first year to over 60 now. In 2015, Clifford help begin raising money in order to build a shooting facility in wheeler county for the 4-H youth. In 2016, the facility was complete which includes 3 trap ranges and a club house. Clifford is an outstanding leader who has dedicated himself to the Wheeler County shooting sports program for the last 16 years. Clifford truly believes that we can help our youth to become better people and build their leadership skills through the shooting sports program. He spends countless hours working with youth and helping to better the program without thought of himself. Clifford is an outstanding leader and great person to have working with the the youth of Wheeler county.



**TARA OGLETREE**  
**CARSON COUNTY**  
**DISTRICT I**

Tara Ogletree has been involved in every 4-H project in Carson County. Her favorite projects are Food & Nutrition and Consumer Education. She has served as a project leader and coach for 11 years. Tara continues to plant the seeds of success in Carson County 4-H. Tara has always been an influential leader and strives for nothing but excellence when it comes to the 4-H Youth of Carson County. Tara has never said no to a challenge, idea, project, or 4-H member. She challenges every 4-H member and 4-H leader/volunteer to live by the 4-H motto and pledge.



**MARLA COOK**  
**LYNN COUNTY**  
**DISTRICT 2**

Six years ago, Marla, along with 2 other volunteers, started a 4-H club in New Home. In the first year, this was the largest club in the county. After a few years, Marla realized they had large membership, but the kids weren't involved. With input from agents, adults and kids, Marla moved the club to project groups. With this decision, membership grew again and so did activity. Currently, the club has quality project work, true youth leadership and impactful community service projects. Marla's nickname is the "Lynn County Assistant Agent."



# SALUTE TO EXCELLENCE AWARDS



NANCY CUDE  
KNOX COUNTY  
DISTRICT 3

Nancy has been an integral part of Knox County 4-H. She not only kept her own three children involved in the program, but she also tirelessly volunteered her time and resources to see that countless other youth were able to participate over the past 17 years. Nancy is a rare gem that illuminates the value of volunteers to Texas 4-H and we have been highly blessed to have her in Knox County.



LARRY BROWN  
CASS COUNTY  
DISTRICT 4

Larry Brown is a currently a Master Gardener. He pioneered the Junior Master Gardener program in Cass County, and has helped to facilitate its' expansion in three different school districts. Namely: Atlanta ISD (since 2008), extending it to the Hughes Springs ISD (as an assistant club manager), and the McLeod ISD, (as a mentor). He played an integral role in the "Heroes 4-Health Junior Master Gardener" program using the JMG - Learn, Grow, Eat & Go curriculum. As a Task Force member, he helped to implement the countywide 4-H "Garden to the Table Contest" program.



LA RENA PHILLIPS  
HUNT COUNTY  
DISTRICT 4

LaRena Phillips, manager of Lone Oak 4-H, has developed an exceptional club and numerous project groups over the past 9 years. LaRena has successfully led horse projects, a county dog project, community service activities and served as club manager! Under her leadership, Lone Oak is one of the most successful clubs ever in Hunt County. She facilitates youth involvement by allowing members to learn, lead and grow through club activities, project meetings, and competitions. She excels in bringing out the best in members, and this shows through the successes of youth involved in her club and projects. These characteristics represent all that we try to do in 4-H "To Make the Best Better."

# SALUTE TO EXCELLENCE AWARDS



**AMY JONES**  
**ANDERSON COUNTY**  
**DISTRICT 5**

Mrs. Jones has served her club and community for more than 20 years as a club manager. Not only does she continue to manage her 4-H club, she is very active in the local FFA chapter, and has led community efforts for various causes her entire life. When asked to give a statement about their club manager, one club member said "I've never known 4-H without her. She loves us like her own children, and it's amazing that she takes the time to help us be successful in our projects". On top of her 4-H club duties, she also serves on the board of the Anderson County Adult Leader's group, and the Anderson County Youth Livestock Association where she serves as secretary. Her undeniable desire for impacting youth is something to be admired, and cherished. She is beloved and valued by Extension Agents, who lean on her vast historical knowledge. She has NEVER turned kids away asking for help, looking for knowledge, or needing a ride to a 4-H function. She is a pillar of the county, and beloved by all.



**RICK, JENNIFER POORMAN**  
**UPSHUR COUNTY**  
**DISTRICT 5**

Rick and Jennifer Poorman go above and beyond as Upshur County 4-H Volunteers. Jennifer co-manages a "traditional community club" while Rick dedicates his time to working with the Shooting Sports club. Their time, abilities, and contributions are vital to both clubs, as well as the county council and community and county-wide events and activities. Both Rick and Jennifer not only give sacrificially within 4-H, but also within every aspect of their lives, as all 8 of their children have been active members and their youngest is now a Clover Kid. Their humble service to 4-H, the community, and beyond are shining examples of perseverance, devotion, and effort.



**BENJAMIN HADA**  
**ANDREWS COUNTY**  
**DISTRICT 6**

Dr. Benjamin Hada has served the Andrews 4-H Club for the past 15 years as a shooting sports coach and most recently as President of the Adult Leaders Association. He has been faithful year after year, instructing hundreds of youth over the years on the skill of shotgun discipline. Dr. Hada continues to serve in any capacity in order to keep the Andrews shooting sports program running efficiently. He truly has a servant's heart and a genuine desire to see youth succeed in life. Dr. Hada is a wonderful asset to the Andrews 4-H Club and the Andrews community is blessed by him.



# SALUTE TO EXCELLENCE AWARDS



**CASEY AND JODY UPHAM**  
**CROCKETT COUNTY**  
**DISTRICT 6**

Casey and Jody Upham are longtime supporters and volunteers to the benefit of youth, not only in Crockett County, but from around the state. The Uphams have been an enthusiastic and positive influence for 4-H members involved in various project areas, most notably, Wool & Mohair Judging, as well as Livestock. Thanks to their committed leadership, 4-H Youth who have the opportunity to work with the Uphams are ensured a positive 'learn by doing' experience.



**TERRI HOLLIS**  
**CALLAHAN COUNTY**  
**DISTRICT 7**

Teri is very active in Callahan County 4-H. She is the Baird 4-H Club Manager that works to create a learning experience for the youth in the club. She started the horse project 8 years ago and continues to be the leader of the horse project. With the horse project, she started working with the youth on horse judging which has led Callahan County to be competitive in this contest. She is the only livestock mentor in Callahan County. She is willing to help any 4-H and FFA member with their animal project and willing to haul their animals to majors livestock shows. She is a part of Callahan County 4-H PAC, Callahan County Junior Livestock Association Board, helps with validation, and the Livestock Coalition. When asked, she is always available to help wherever she is needed. She is and will always be one of the top adult volunteers in Callahan County.



**KAY STEWART**  
**SAN SABA COUNTY**  
**DISTRICT 7**

Kay Stewart is a long-time member of the San Saba 4-H club with 10 years of service. For 10 years Kay has volunteered her time and energy to the 4-H members in hopes of adding value to their experience. Kay has spent the last 5 years serving as the Clothing and Textile Project leader and has helped put on multiple workshops and camps during that time. She also created a sewing group where interested members can meet once or twice a month to learn new sewing skills or participate in different learning activities.

# SALUTE TO EXCELLENCE AWARDS



**CARA ELLISON**  
**JOHNSON COUNTY**  
**DISTRICT 8**

Cara Ellison has been involved in 4-H since childhood and has served as a member, volunteer, mom and leader. She has served 10 years as a volunteer in Johnson County. In 2015, she and her daughter started a new club in Burleson that would focus on community service. They chartered the Community 4-H Club with 13 members and it has grown to 100 members in only 5 years. The club has made a huge impact in Burleson through community service projects and active engagement of youth throughout the community. She has very successfully coached youth in many projects. She is an innovative thinker, initiator, and encourager - all of which go to serve the 4-H program greatly. As Fundraising Chairman for the Johnson County 4-H Booster Club, she has lead the charge in putting the group in a position to financially support more youth with more projects. Cara also serves as a member of the Youth Program Area Committee and Extension Leadership Advisory Board.



**BARBARA WOOD**  
**BELL COUNTY**  
**DISTRICT 8**

Barbara Wood, as a leader, not only leads and guides others but does so selflessly and generously. She leads not only with her talents, but with her time and all assets available to her including others around her. Barbara will enthusiastically pull you in to 4-H giving you courage as a young member or an adult volunteer to step outside your comforts. Barbara sees obstacles as an opportunity to further learn and encourages all to participate, not just those with particular success. Barbara sees success in others as a platform to encourage others to be their best.



**JUSTIN WILLARD LYON**  
**LEE COUNTY**  
**DISTRICT 9**

Justin Lyon from Lee County 4-H has been a volunteer for the past 10 years serving in multiple capacities which includes being a rabbit project leader and overseeing volunteers at fundraising and recognition events in addition to his newest role as an archery coach. He has put in countless hours volunteering at various functions in Lee County to help "Make the Best Better".



# SALUTE TO EXCELLENCE AWARDS



**PATRICK McASHLAN**  
**GALVESTON COUNTY**  
**DISTRICT 9**

About six years ago Patrick McAshlan started as a volunteer with the Lone Star 4-H Club. That commitment soon led to a full-time leadership role that continues to inspire members, volunteers, and their community. Under his leadership, club membership has doubled, activities increased, and opportunities expanded to strengthen members' skills and services, their hands-on experiences, and for each to gain knowledge. Patrick is dedicated to enabling every person to become an active and successful participant. He seeks to build a club that works together to help each other, in every event.



**JENNIFER DIETRICH**  
**BEXAR COUNTY**  
**DISTRICT 10**

Jennifer Dietrich exemplifies an unwavering dedication to making 4-H Shooting Sports a positive influence on the lives of any and all youth she can get involved in the program. "It's all about the kids," has been her mantra for the duration of her 30 years of service to the program. Learning from her own mentor-learner relationship with Dr. Ron Howard, she has been an invaluable asset in organizing programs at both the local and state level. She continues to empower adult leaders and push youth to higher goals than they thought possible.



**TINA WARWICK**  
**TRAVIS COUNTY**  
**DISTRICT 10**

Tina Warwick is not only a business owner, homeschooler, mother of 3 and wife of 1....Tina is the Travis County Club Manager, Texas 4-H STEM Ambassador Advisor, the Travis and surrounding county adult volunteer advisor, River City 4-H Manager, leads and coaches multiple 4-H competitions and volunteers at multiple fundraisers for 4-H. Not only does she do ALL of this... she does it all with a smile and is happy to help any and all whom need her. Tina is what a true 4-H volunteer looks like Truly gives 100% to the kids and programs! God Bless you Tina!

# SALUTE TO EXCELLENCE AWARDS



**JACKIE PARSONS**  
**VICTORIA COUNTY**  
**DISTRICT II**

Jackie Parsons has been a long time volunteer, supporter and advocate of the Victoria County 4-H program as well as the Texas 4-H Program in general. She has dedicated hours of service on the club, county, district and state level with our youth. Jackie truly sees the value in raising kids in the 4-H program even if we only reach them temporarily. She has helped create and organize the homeschool community and has even stepped up to be a club manager at one of the homeschool locations. She is such an instrumental asset to the 4-H Program because she knows what it takes to make programs and events a success. She does things with her heart and will go above and beyond for any and every kid. Therefore, she makes our Victoria County 4-H Program a success.



**SHALANE PINKERTON**  
**NUECES COUNTY**  
**DISTRICT II**

Shalane Pinkerton has been a volunteer in Nueces County for 14 years. Although working full time & keeping up with a fast pace family, Shalane always finds time to be an effective adult leader for Nueces County. She is very active with the leadership & swine project but is especially active with Nueces 4-H Finance Committee and the Nueces County Jr. Livestock Show Board. Shalane is always around to lend a helping hand when she can. For fellow adult leaders, she is often a go-to for advice. She is well respected by the youth & adults in Nueces County 4-H. She has a passion for the 4-H program & it shows with her guidance with the annual Boot, Scoot, & Shoot fundraiser where she helps raise funds each year to support the youth of Nueces County. She was recognized by the 4-H members last year, for all she does, when she was selected as the Female Adult Leader of the Year at the Nueces Co. 4-H Banquet.



**KAREN HARRIS**  
**ATASCOSA COUNTY**  
**DISTRICT I2**

Mrs. Karen Harris has been with the Atascosa County 4-H Program for Over 12 years as a 4-H Volunteer Leader with the Atascosa County 4-H program. Of those 13 years she has served for 11 years as the Atascosa Club of Equine Enthusiasts manager. 4-H Youth in the Atascosa Club of Equine Enthusiasts have excelled in Leadership, Public Speaking, Horse Judging, Horse Skillathon, Horse Showing, and Youth Rodeo. Karen has a passion for youth, horses, and Atascosa County. The Atascosa County Extension Office and the Atascosa County 4-H Program is honored to have Karen as their Salute to Excellence Winner for 2020.

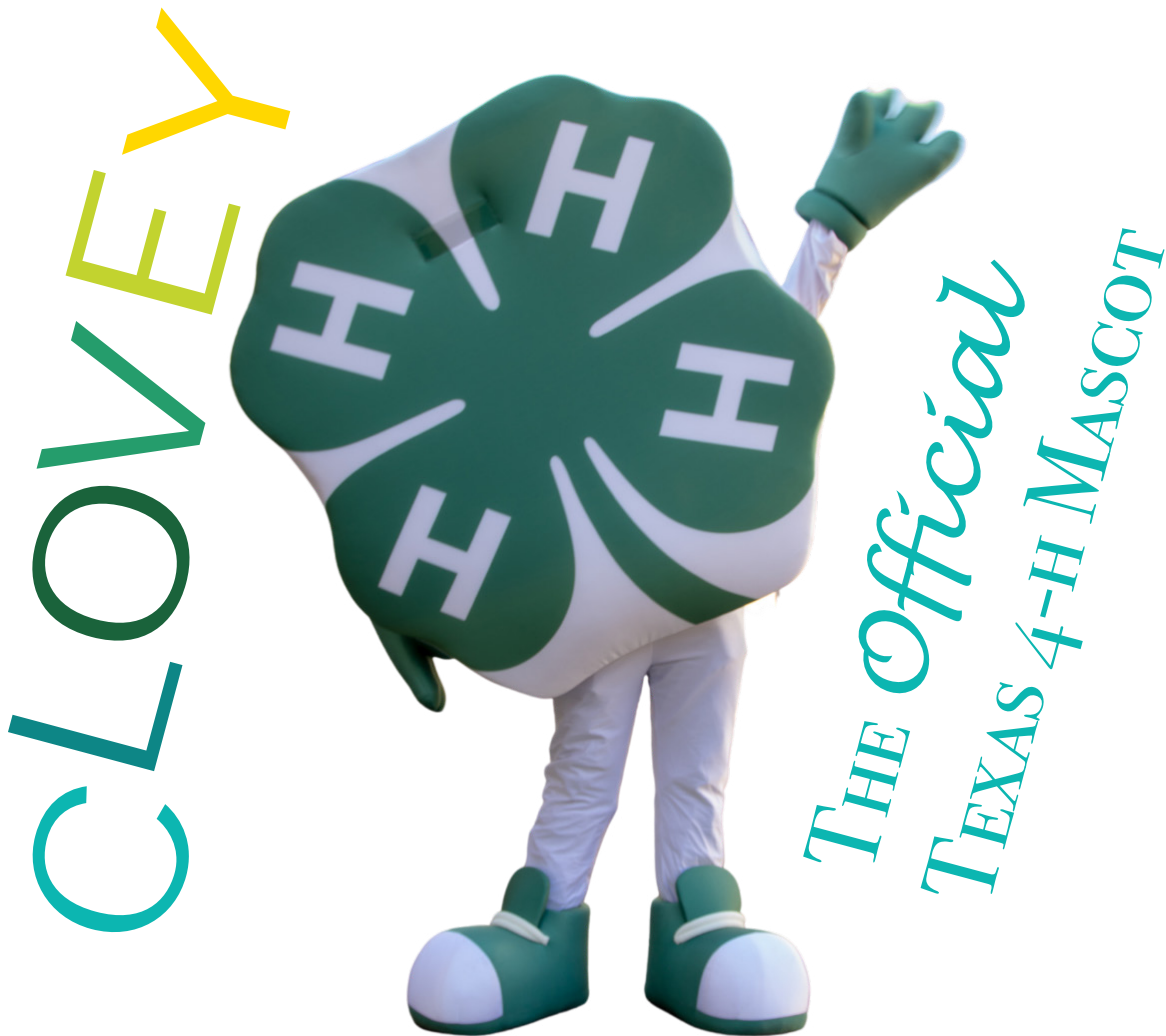




**JODY BULLARD**  
**DIMITT COUNTY | DISTRICT 12**

Jody Bullard has volunteered her time and service to Dimmitt County 4-H for well past 20 years, assisting as not only Club Manager, but also serving as project leaders for Horse, Food and Nutrition, Quiz Bowls, as well as Share the Fun Projects. Through her countless hours of service to the County, she has assisted in preparing countless youth in preparation for County, District, and State competitions, as well as leaving a lasting impact in the youth's lives. No Job has been too large or small for Mrs. Bullard, as she has always been willing to assist in any program we have had to offer. Every year you can find her at 10am serving BBQ plates at the annual 4-H BBQ lunch benefit during the Dimmitt County Junior Livestock show, with a smile on her face.

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# 2020 NATIONAL QUALIFYING CONTEST WINNERS

## **Consumer Decision Making**

*1st Team:* Wilson County – Luke Scribner, Logan Baker, Ashley Scribner, Michael Campos

*1st Individual:* Luke Scribner, Wilson County

## **Fashion Show**

*Overall Top 4 Winners -*

Julia Hornsby, Fort Bend County

Ainsley Schreder, Collin County

Audrey Crawford, Lubbock County

Bailey Helmer, Cameron County

*Buying Special Interest 1st:*

Michael Chaloupka, Lubbock County

*Natural Fiber Cotton 1st*

Micah Palacios, Bexar County

*Construction ReFashion 1st*

Shy Havelka, Bandera County

*Buying Business/ Interview Attire 1st*

Taylor Deal, Swisher County

*Construction Semi-Formal to Formal 1st*

Bailey Helmer, Cameron County

*Natural Fiber Wool/Mohair 1st*

Audrey Crawford, Lubbock County

*Buying Fantastic Fashions Under \$25 1st*

Ainsley Schraeder, Collin County

*Construction Theatre/Costume 1st*

Julia Hornsby, Fort Bend County

*Buying Semi-Formal to Formal 1st*

Ashlyn Martinez, Hidalgo County

*Construction Everyday Living 1st*

Ashlynn Messer, Lubbock County

## **FCH Quiz Bowl**

*1st:* Bell County – Matthew Hampton, Catarina

Salazar-Canales, Ashley Candelas, Joseph

Candelas

## **Healthy Lifestyles**

*1st Team:* Milam County – Mallory McDaniel, Grant Widner, Abigail Miller, Wyle Barrett

*1st Individual:* Luke Scribner, Wilson County

## **Hippology**

*1st Team:* Wise County – Angelina Newbold, Cassidy Wilson, Abigail Newbold, Katie Daniels

*1st Individual:* Anna Beth Muck, Kendall County

## **Horse Educational Presentation**

*1st:* Kristi Bolf, Karnes County

## **Horse Judging**

*1st Team:* Lubbock County – AJ Kendrick,

Gracie Potter, David Kendrick, Delaney

Kleinman

*1st Individual:* Rylee King, Nueces County

## **Horse Quiz Bowl**

*1st:* Wise County – Abigail Newbold, Angelina

Newbold, Cassidy Wilson, Katie Daniells

## **Leaders 4 Life**

*1st:* Leon County – Emily Banda, Nathan

Barrett, Caraline Dudley, Lane Freeman, Cole

Rappolee, Kendal Workman

## **Livestock Judging**

*1st Team:* Midland County – Cassie Jo Bennett,

Brantly Hoover, McKy Lambert, Kendahl Nix

*1st Individual:* Brantly Hoover, Midland County

## **Livestock Skillathon**

*1st Team:* Runnels County – Avery Flanagan, Kyle

Vahlenkamp, Ben Flanagan, Carly Taubert

*1st Individual:* Avery Flanagan, Runnels County

## **Livestock Quiz Bowl**

*1st:* Austin County – Brooke Diezi, Emma

Eckelberg, Morgan Hesters, Stewart

Poffenberger

## **Meat Judging**

*1st Team:* Johnson County – Colt Edrington, Elijah

Mathis, Kendahl Nix, Alex Poynter

*1st Individual:* Kyla Beck, Guadalupe County

## **FCH Educational Presentation**

*1st:* William Jones, Smith County

## **Public Speaking**

*1st:* Callie Welty, Johnson County

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*2020 Photography Contest Winner*  
**Category: Night**  
**Photographer: Megan Frerich**  
**San Patricio County**



*Apricot Bars*  
By: Henry Oberg - Wise County 4-H

**Serves: 24**  
Ingredients:  
3/4 cup margarine, softened  
1 large egg white  
2 cups all-purpose flour  
3/4 cup sweetened shredded coconut flakes  
1 jar (10-12 oz) apricot preserves  
1 cup granulated sugar  
1/2 teaspoon vanilla extract  
1/4 teaspoon baking powder  
1/2 cup pecans, chopped  
Brush on crust:  
4 tablespoons butter, melted  
1 tablespoon cinnamon



- Instructions:**
1. Preheat oven to 350 degrees Fahrenheit.
  2. In a large bowl, cream butter and sugar until light and creamy. Beat in egg and vanilla.
  3. In a small bowl, whisk flour and baking powder; gradually add to creamed mixture, mixing well. Fold in coconuts and pecans.
  4. Press 2/3 of dough onto the bottom of a greased 9 X 13 baking pan (or use parchment paper).
  5. Brush bottom crust with cinnamon butter mixture. Spread preserves on top of bottom crust. Crumble remaining dough over preserves.
  6. Bake 30-35 minutes or until golden brown.
  7. Cool completely in pan on a wire rack.
  8. Cut into 24 bars.

*2020 Photography Contest Winner*  
**Category: Plant/Flora**  
**Photographer: Ashley Candelas**  
**Bell County**



*2020 Photography Contest Winner*  
**Category: Motion/Action**  
**Photographer: Zachary Gray**  
**Cameron County**



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How has receiving a Texas 4-H Opportunity Scholarship impacted you?



“Receiving a 4-H Opportunity Scholarship has been a huge blessing to me, as well as my parents. For 10+ years my parents pushed me to do as much as I possibly could through 4-H and boy did it pay off! This scholarship along with many others I received is helping me attend Blinn College this year with not having to dip into my college fund or obtain any loans. I plan to continue to search for scholarships and know that my involvement in 4-H will help set me apart.”

- Bryant Bordovsky



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# Methods of Giving

## **Cash Gifts:**

Donation to the fund of your choice by check, credit card or you may give online at [www.texas4hfoundation.org/give/](http://www.texas4hfoundation.org/give/). Checks can be mailed to Texas 4-H Foundation, P.O. Box 11020, College Station, TX 77845.

## **Matching Gifts and Workplace Giving:**

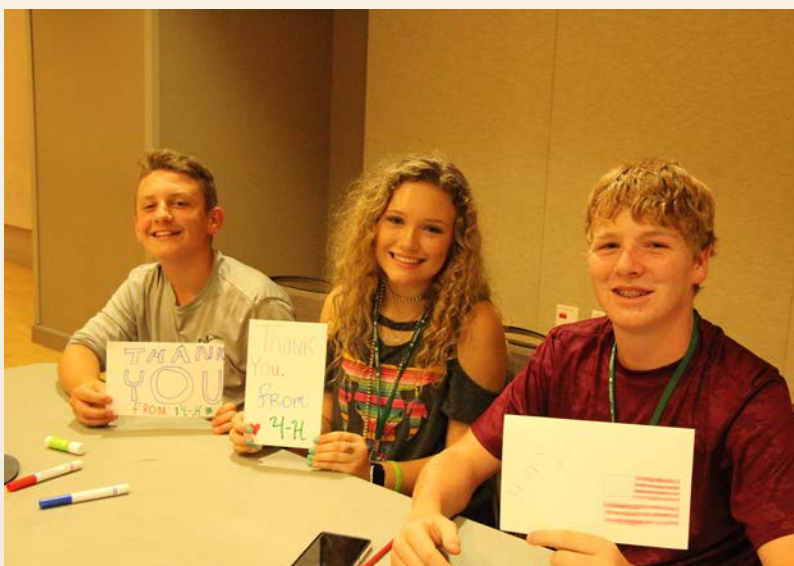
Double the impact of your donation through your company's gift matching program.

## **Endowment:**

Permanent fund in your name to provide funding in perpetuity.

## **Memorial Gifts:**

Honor the memory of a family member for friend.



## **Tribute Gifts:**

Recognize an individual, or celebrate a special occasion.

## **Bequests:**

Designate the Texas 4-H Foundation as a beneficiary to make a gift without using current assets.

## **Gifts in Kind:**

You may donate property or equipment that would play a useful role.

## **Donate Today:**



### **Giving is easy!**

Open the camera app on your smart phone. Hold your device so that you see the QR Code in your camera's viewfinder.

Wait, don't snap a pic!

Your device will recognize the QR code, and ask if you would like to open the link to the Foundation Giving Page.

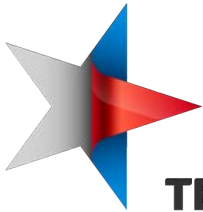
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# Texas 4-H Foundation Alliance Partners & Programs

Alliance Partners are businesses and organizations that have partnered with Texas 4-H to provide programs for Texas 4-H members, their families and those who support Texas 4-H. These businesses and organization offer discounts for services or merchandise, and in return, a portion of the proceeds are doanted to Texas 4-H and/or local 4-H programs where the businesses are located.

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Thanks to the Texas Farm Bureau Clover Cash Grant Program, the Bluebonnet 4-H Club was able to start the Bluebonnet 4-H Hatch to Show project. Students learned about different breeds of chickens, how to handle growing eggs and so much more. This project gave members an opportunity to work on their very first animal project, and because of this project there will be even more members able to show at the Cherokee County Junior Livestock Show.



Bluebonnet 4-H Club members presenting their projects to members and parents at their local club meeting.



# TEXAS 4-H Alumni

## **Cari Snider, Leadership & Citizenship**

Cari Snider grew up as an active Texas 4-H member participating in various projects, but her most memorable involvements were those in the Leadership & Citizenship pillar. A leader in her county, district, and state, Cari took on the 4-H lifestyle wholeheartedly then and now. Attending 4-H Camp at the 4-H Conference Center in Lake Brownwood as a camper each summer during her youth and serving as a counselor throughout her time in college developed into her current role as the Program Coordinator for the 4-H Conference Center and 4-H Youth Development Specialist. In her current role, Cari often uses her first time at 4-H camp as an example and fond memory. Cari frequently references “The Starfish Story” in her leadership, making sure she can always make an impact on that one person.

## **Loree Branham, PhD., Family & Community Health**

Dr. Loree Branham is a Professor at Angelo State University, but only discovered her passion for teaching because of her experiences in Texas 4-H. Participating in everything she could from livestock to foods and nutrition to leadership programs and more, she was sure she wanted to be a 4-H specialist from a young age. While following the path to make that dream happen, she took a right turn and discovered her calling was teaching food and animal sciences classes at her beloved ASU. Dr. Branham wants to encourage current 4-H’er’s to branch out and try out new opportunities as she once did, and for the senior 4-H’er’s – graduation isn’t the end. Dr. Branham is also adamant about encouraging 4-H alumni to stay involved with the program, just as she has and will continue to do.

## **Laura Melton, STEM**

Laura Melton can hang her 4-H hat on being one of the shining stars that helped create the STEM Ambassador program (formerly known as the Technology Team). Being involved for 8 years meant she could’ve taken many different paths in the youth development program, but STEM struck her early on and hasn’t left. Laura now works in the technology field as a system administrator for Texas A&M University.

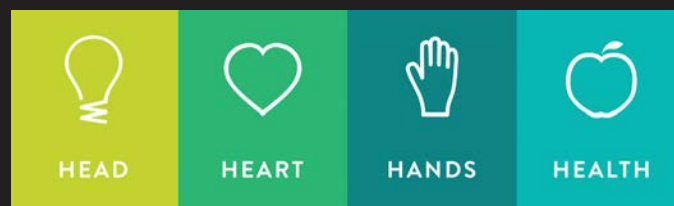
Laura feels confident that she would not have had such success in her career without first learning from the Technology Team adult leaders. Laura can be an inspiration to all young women, or young men, hoping to land a career in STEM as she understands the challenge that is associated, but openly offers encouragement to “never give up on your ambitions for yourself or your career.”

## **Kelley Wood, Natural Resources**

Kelley Wood found her start in 4-H as a Clover Kid, following in her brother’s footsteps. While she tested the waters in many project areas, Natural Resources was her favorite dive. Kelley frequently reflects back on the positive experience that it offered to her entire family as she and her brother would take home learned lessons and share them with their parents in hopes to improve their family land. Her passion didn’t stop with 4-H contests, she’s currently pursuing her Master’s in Range and Wildlife Management with hopes to bridge the gap between the research done in the field and the common knowledge that people have of what’s going on around them in the Trans Pecos Area in Texas.

## **Pat Mann Phillips, Ag & Livestock**

Patricia Mann Phillips is a recognizable name across many arenas, including the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo and the Texas 4-H Youth Development Program. In 4-H, Pat grew up showing livestock, riding horses, teaching others about agriculture, and staying involved with her family ranch and feed store. Mrs. Phillips said “agriculture, western heritage, animal husbandry; they were part of my family then and they are part of my family now.” In 2019, Mrs. Phillips was the first woman to be named to the HLSR Executive Committee, a lifetime accomplishment. Pat Mann Phillips frequently thinks back to her rich start in agriculture through her days in 4-H and cherishes those memories a little extra when she looks at the bright future through the eyes of the 4-H members who compete at HLSR each year.





# HOW IT STARTED VS How It's Going

Snider (far right) as a young camper.



Snider assisting a young camper.



Wood teaching younger 4-H'er.



Branham as young 4-H'er.



Phillips as young 4-H'er with pig.



Phillips riding horse at Rodeo Houston.





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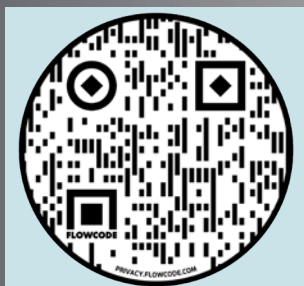
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- Roundup
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## 2019-2020

*390,000* \* YOUTH PARTICIPANTS

*55,000+* 4-H MEMBERS

*26,180* VOLUNTEERS

*193,343*

MALE

*195,922*

FEMALE

*81,945*

AG & LIVESTOCK

*166,601*

HISPANIC

*136,406*

FCH

*222,664*

NON HISPANIC

*34,021*

LEADERSHIP & CITIZENSHIP

FARM

*35,779*

*38,970*

NATURAL RESOURCES

TOWNS

*179,653*

*18,020*

STEM

SUBURBS & CITIES

*173,832*

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