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"To Make the Best Better"



Celebrate National 4-H Week

Sorry I will not be able to attend
Commissioner's Court with our
4-H members on Friday. I will be presenting a
nutrition class at Child Development Center.

Upcoming Youth Events:

HalloGreen-Oct. 11-12

(400+ 4th graders)

Oct. 18th-Cooking Class

Feel free to join us.

We appreciate all your support and
everything you do for us.

Have a great holiday weekend!

Thanks!

Lou Ann Rellins

Pictures: Left-"Learn, Grow, Eat, GO!" at Ignite Youth Club.
Right-Kid's Cooking Class



2022-01

National 4-H Week Proclamation Celebrating Opportunity 4 All



WHEREAS, The Titus County Commissioners' Court is proud to honor the 4-H Youth Development Program of the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service for 115 years of providing experience-based education to youngsters throughout the Lone State State; and

WHEREAS, This admirable program, which seeks to provide a learning experience for the whole child, including head, heart, hands, and health, helps young Texans to acquire knowledge, develop life skills, and form attitudes to enable them to become self-directed, productive, and contributing members of our society; and

WHEREAS, Its more than 550,000 urban, suburban, and rural youth participants, ranging in age from eight to nineteen, hail from diverse ethnic and socioeconomic backgrounds and truly represent a cross-section of the state; and

WHEREAS, The program undoubtedly could not have achieved the success that it has today were it not for the service of its more than 22,000 volunteers, who have given generously of their time, talents, energies, and resources to the youth of Texas; and

WHEREAS, Throughout its proud history, the 4-H program has developed positive role models for countless Texans and through its innovative and inspiring programs, continues to build character and to instill the values that have made our state strong and great; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, The Titus County Commissioners' Court, hereby designated October 2-8, 2022 as National 4-H Week in Texas and commend the 4-H Youth Development Program of the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service and the many men and women who have made the program a success.

Bryan Lee

County Judge

4112

Commissioner Precinct 1

Dave Smith

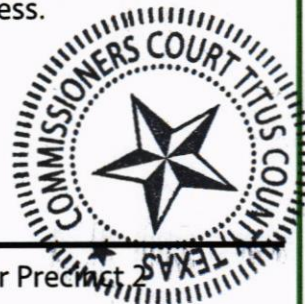
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Jimmy Parker

Commissioner Precinct 4



OCTOBER 7, 2022

Date

RELEVANCE

According to the US Census, Titus County's population is 32,623 with 28.8 percent (approx. 9,000) under the age of 18 and eligible for Extension youth programs.

This is the 4-H Management and 4-H Membership Expansion plan. It includes leadership of the 4-H youth development program which includes 4-H clubs/groups, Club Managers, volunteer leaders, and the 4-H Program Area Committee.

4-H brings youth and adults together to learn everyday skills with hands-on learning. Activities from animal and plant sciences to robotics, teach 4-H'ers problem-solving skills that make a positive impact upon their community. 4-H helps youth meet the diverse challenges of today's world, build self-confidence, learn responsibility, and make positive decisions.

The five major project areas in 4-H include Agriculture and Livestock, Family and Community Health, Natural Resources, Leadership and Citizenship, Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM).

RESPONSE

Volunteer work is an important component of the 4-H program. The Titus County Youth Program Area Committee, 4-H members, club managers and volunteer leaders are provided training in order to plan successful clubs, projects, activities and events that enhance youth experiences and contribute to their development in the areas of life skills, responsibilities, leadership and citizenship. A variety of promotional and educational methods were used to manage and implement a successful County 4-H program.

- **4-H Kickoff/Open House-(August, 2021)**-Attended the Home-School Night Event to promote 4-H and recruit new members.
- **Titus County Fair-(September 2021)**- 4-H Members exhibit their livestock projects and promote good leadership and citizenship.
- **Plant Identification (August-May)**- The Plant Identification Team meets weekly September-May in preparation for Contests across the state of Texas.
- **Livestock Judging (August-May)**- The Livestock Judging Team is composed of approximately 10 individuals who meet weekly September-May in preparation for Contests across the state of Texas.
- **Food and Nutrition Projects-** Family & Community Health Agent served as the coach.
- **Kid's Cooking School** theme was Grilling-BBQ Time. Monthly classes included grilling safety, foil packet meals, meals in a jar, Grinch Brunch, emergency management meals (freeze dried meals which can be preserved up to 25 years) The kids ate freeze dried taco soup by candlelight due to "pretend" power outage.

4-H

Texas 4-H is the largest youth development program in Texas with more than 550,000 youth enrolled each year. Texas 4-H is part of the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service and the Texas A&M System. Since 1908, youth have been gaining valuable life-skills through hands-on activities taught and supported by adult volunteers and Extension Agents.

619

students reached
 through 4-H

Curriculum Enrichment
 Programs



In Titus County



RESPONSE

- **National 4-H Week-(October 2021)** Members of the Titus County 4-H Club attended Commissioner's Court and gave a presentation on their *4-H Experiences* to help celebrate National 4-H Week. The Judge and each Commissioner received 4-H branded Coffee mugs
- **4-H Leadership & Club Officer Training-(July 2022)** A Multi-County Club Officer training with Camp and Franklin Counties. 4-H Members learned about Parliamentary Procedure, Social Media Safety, Inclusion of new members and participated in icebreakers and team building exercises at Rocky Point Adventures following our classroom training.
- **Livestock Project Workshops-(May 2022)**-Agents in Camp, Franklin, Titus and Red River Counties host a Livestock Project Workshop in the Spring and Fall rotating species of livestock each session. The Spring 2022 Session covered lambs and goats.



RESULTS/HIGHLIGHTS

LIVESTOCK JUDGING

- **4th Place Intermediate Livestock Judging Team**--District IV 4-H Contest
- **3rd Overall Junior Livestock Judging Team**--North Texas State Fair
- **Participants**--Aggiefest Livestock Judging, Brazos County, Rodeo Austin, Houston, San Angelo, The Grandstand, Lamar County, etc..

PLANT IDENTIFICATION

- **5th High Point Junior Individual**--Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo
- **Overall High Point Senior Individual**--District IV 4-H Contest, (Keelie Gibson)
- **Overall High Point Junior Individual**--District IV 4-H Contest, (Kammie Terrell)

LIVESTOCK

- Titus County 4-H Members had a successful year competing at the Titus County Fair, State Fair of Texas, Four States Fair, and the San Antonio Livestock Show

IGNITE

- 4-H Members brought their 4-H Livestock Projects to Ignite Youth Club to share about their livestock projects including daily care, feed, where their food comes from and production practices
- Extension Agents participated twice a week at Ignite with curriculum enrichment

EGG TO CHICK CURRICULUM ENRICHMENT

- **619 students** at local Titus County Schools participated in the Egg to Chick and Learn, Grow, Eat and Go Curriculum Enrichment Programs offered by Texas A&M AgriLife Extension

COMMUNITY SERVICE

- **Animal Shelter**-Titus County 4-H Members collected items to donate to the local nursing home.

FAMILY AND COMMUNITY HEALTH

- **Learn, Grow, Eat and Go!** Was presented weekly by Agents and Master Gardeners at the Ignite Youth Club. The curriculum featured garden science, nutrition, physical activity, food preparation and fresh fruit and vegetable tasting

Summary & Future Programming

The 4-H Program Area Committees and Extension Agents look forward to planning more fundraising and recruitment events to grow our club. Thank you to the Titus County Commissioner's Court for their continued support, the 4-H Parents and Adult Volunteers who help make the 4-H program a success!



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