



COUNTY EXTENSION AGENT *Connection*

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PARTNERSHIPS....WHY ARE THEY IMPORTANT...THE HIGHLIGHTS

What's in a partnership, but two parties who want to work together... While that was a really bad try at trying to make that catchy, this is not really bad information. Partnerships-where really big and flashy ones or the small, quiet ones-are all important to the work you do as a County Extension Agent. Where should you look for partners? What qualifies something as a partnership? Join us at the end of the month during our 1st Connection meeting to learn more!

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NEWS FROM D8

PREPPING FOR THE SPRING & SUMMER

Spring and summer are filled with so many fun activities! Camps, Ag Awareness Days, Contests, and more! It's easy to become overwhelmed with the planning of all of the things. To help you with that, we have a few guides to direct you. To the right, you will find 4 tips to help you plan Summer Camps! (You can also view that on the agent resource page on our website.) I have also put together an Ag Awareness Day Planning Guide. **All of these things can be found here:** <https://agrilife.org/d84h/home/youth-development-resources/>

4 Tips for planning SUMMER CAMPS

Decide what camps you want to host
Remember that the summer is BUSY! Don't overload yourself. Simple and fun!

When & Where will you host this camp?
Facilities are crucial. Will they meet the needs of what you want to accomplish? When will you host these camps? Timing is everything!

What will it cost you vs what you will charge?
There needs to be some kind of accountability and buy-in from the students, however, it should not be exorbitant. Make sure you cover your costs without going overboard.

What kind of registration will you use?
Will you use paper forms or an online form? One thing to keep in mind...any camp that will last for more than 1 day, will need to fill out extra risk management forms.



DISTRICT 8 4-H
PHOTOGRAPHY CONTEST
REGISTRATION OPEN MARCH 6-24, 2023
VIA 4-H ONLINE
CONTACT YOUR LOCAL CE4R FOR THEIR REGISTRATION DATES AND COUNTY CONTEST INFORMATION

WHAT'S COMING UP

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MARCH 30, 2023
Online

All things related to Interpretations, partnerships, & making those 2 things work for you.

JULY 27, 2023
In-Person

All things related to club management. Let's get ready to kick the new year off. What goals do you want to accomplish in this 4-H year? Spreading the right kind of fire for your 4-H program.

OCTOBER 26, 2023
Online

All things related to IRS Filings, cash management, and effective time management. Let's make sure you have all the tools you need to keep yourself organized.

NOVEMBER 30, 2023
In-Person

All things related to beating the burnout. Let's retain the members you have recruited and stay on top of things while you travel.



MEET YOUR COWORKERS

JORDAN VOGES

1. **What is your official job title?**
 - a. Somervell County- Agriculture and Natural Resource Agent
2. **How long have you been in Extension?**
 - a. 3 years and 4 months
3. **What is your biggest program?**
 - a. Aside from 4-H being an ever growing program, our Master Gardener group has grown with 17 certified/active Master Gardeners and 13 incoming interns for this years class.
4. **What is your most favorite program?**
 - a. I enjoy leading the Entrepreneurship based workshops and camps for youth during the summer. It's so much fun to see kid's passions evolve and shape their career choices for the future.
5. **Where did you go to college?**
 - a. Tarleton State University
6. **What is your degree(s) in?**
 - a. I have a Bachelor's of Science in Agricultural Services and Development with a concentration in Agencies and Industries
7. **Who makes up your immediate family?**
 - a. I am single but love helping and taking care of my niece Alexis (12) and Kaiden (7) and cousins Reilly (10) and Zane (8)
8. **What are you most passionate about?**
 - a. I am most passionate about watching our youth develop and grow into successful young adults and being a part of it in some way. Helping them figure out their goals and aspirations not just in agriculture or their projects but also future choices in career and education. Supporting them whether it's at a stock show, band, sports or other activities and being a constant positive aspect of their life is my passion.
9. **Are you an early bird or a night owl?**
 - a. Definitely a night owl
10. **When you were a kid, what did you want to be when you grew up?**
 - a. An anthropologist
11. **What is the most fun part of your job?**
 - a. 4-H offers kids so many project opportunities but I find myself loving and enjoying the activities away from contests and stock shows the most. When we bake treats for first responders, decorate doors at nursing homes for Christmas, hand out candy to kids on Halloween or make floats for parades, I find myself getting to connect with youth and adults on a more personal level. It's so much fun seeing the kids enjoy themselves and take a step back and have fun representing 4-H and building their community at the same time.



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ANDREW LEWIS



1. **What is your official job title?**
 - a. County Extension Agent, Ag & Natural Resources
2. **How long have you been in Extension?**
 - a. February made 4 years in extension and March made 3 years as the Ag Agent
3. **What is your biggest program?**
 - a. My best turn out is the D8 Farm and Ranch Seminar in December every year.
4. **What is your most favorite program?**
 - a. I started doing some introductory ag programming this year and I have absolutely loved getting to teach and help people.
5. **Where did you go to college?**
 - a. Started in Kingsville but I finished at Tarleton and I am working on my masters now at Tarleton.
6. **What is your degree(s) in?**
 - a. B.S. in Agricultural Services & Development with an emphasis in Agri-Industries and Agencies.
7. **Who makes up your immediate family?**
 - a. My 17 year old son Daniel and two dogs
8. **What are you most passionate about?**
 - a. Agriculture and Helping people.
9. **Are you an early bird or a night owl?**
 - a. Early bird these days. If you want me up past 10:00pm I am probably going to need a nap.
10. **When you were a kid, what did you want to be when you grew up?**
 - a. A rockstar, astronaut, cowboy... so far I can play guitar and I got nothing but space between my ears, no cows yet tho.
11. **What is the most fun part of your job?**
 - a. I love teaching and learning and this job gives me endless opportunities to do both. Also my cotton variety trial.
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MADELINE MAKOVY

1. What is your official job title?

a. County Extension Agent, 4H and Youth Development

2. How long have you been in Extension?

a. 10 months

3. What is your biggest program?

a. Photography, Food, & Curriculum Enrichment

4. What is your most favorite program?

a. Curriculum Enrichment, because I get to go be the Rockstar to them!

5. Where did you go to college?

a. I went to Tarleton State University.

6. What is your degree(s) in?

a. I have my Bachelors in Agricultural Services and Development Industries and Agencies. I am working on my master's now in Agricultural and Consumer Resources Leadership.

7. Who makes up your immediate family?

a. My family is my mom Sara, my stepdad AJ, and my little brother Baylen. I also have my dad Brent, stepmother Angie, and two sisters Landry and Makenna.

8. What are you most passionate about?

a. The thing I am most passionate about is educating the youth and others about agriculture and the opportunities that 4H provides.

9. Are you an early bird or a night owl?

a. Definitely a night owl.

10. When you were a kid, what did you want to be when you grew up?

a. I wanted to be an ag educator or veterinarian.

11. What is the most fun part of your job?

a. I think the best part of my job is getting to bring kids closer to agriculture and teach them life skills. My 4H kids growing through the program and accomplishing so many different things is a highlight for sure, but getting those students who are not connected to understand agriculture makes it all worthwhile. That is why I like curriculum enrichment so much is because I get to go in and teach those who have no idea about what we have to offer.



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WHAT IS....

4-H PROJECT INFO

Consumer Education

Do you like to shop? Learn how to save money while shopping in the Consumer Decision Making project.

Skills Learned:

- Price Comparison
- How to test for product quality
- Money management skills
- Smart purchasing skills
- Decision Making

Contests:

Consumer Decision Making

Project Learning Opportunities

- Learn through workshops
- Learn through project meetings
- Learn through tours of retailers
- Learn through the CDM Judging Contest



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Consumer Education is so much more than the judging contest! This project teaches students more about money management skills, how to be a savvy shopper, and how to quality test a product.

This Explore Guide is another helpful tool!

https://texas4-h.tamu.edu/wp-content/uploads/explore_book_series_consumer_education.pdf

Check out past classes here:

<https://agrillife.org/d84h/events-and-activities/consumer-decision-making/>
(towards the bottom of the page)

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