

MAY 2025

ZAPATA COUNTY 4-H NEWS



I pledge my HEAD to clearer thinking
My HEART to greater loyalty,
My HANDS to larger service, and
My HEALTH to better living,
for my club, my community, my country and my world.

HOWDY!

by Jesse Rodriguez, CEA Ag/NR

As another school year wraps up, I want to congratulate all of our graduating seniors. Those that applied for a 4-H scholarship will receive their award at a celebration that is being planned for the month of June.

4-H is still rolling through the summer. Several 4-H members will participate in State 4-H Round Up next week and others will participate in District 12 4-H Leadership Lab the following week.

We have a few 4-H activities planned through out the summer, so keep an eye out.

State validation tags for steers and heifers, as well as State Fair lamb and goat and hog tags, are in. We will begin validation in June. Validation dates will be announced as soon as they are set.

As always, do not hesitate to contact the office if you need assistance.

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STATE STEER AND HEIFER VALIDATION - JUNE

2025-2026 - CLUB CHARTERING

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2025 District 12 4-H Round Up

Zapata County 4-H members, Dalina Garcia, Nayeli Garcia, Sara Elizondo, Nadina Rodriguez, Roggie Gonzalez, Derek Garcia, Robert Garcia and Ralphie Garcia participated in the District 12 4-H Livestock Judging Contest held April 10th in Alice, TX.

Results are as follows:

Nayeli - 5th place beef

Roggie - 4th place lamb and goats

Ralphie - 5th senior high point

Roggie - 3rd senior high point

Senior Boys - 2nd place senior team overall

Senior Girls - 4th place senior team overall

The senior boys team qualified for State 4-H Round Up in June. The girls team will compete in the invitational contest also held during Round Up.

Congratulations and good luck to all these outstanding 4-H members!



2025 District 12 Photography Contest

The District 12 4-H Photography Contest was held during the month of March. Several Zapata County 4-H members participated in this online event. Results are as follows:

Laritza Lopez - Blue Ribbon in Senior Animal Domestic Category

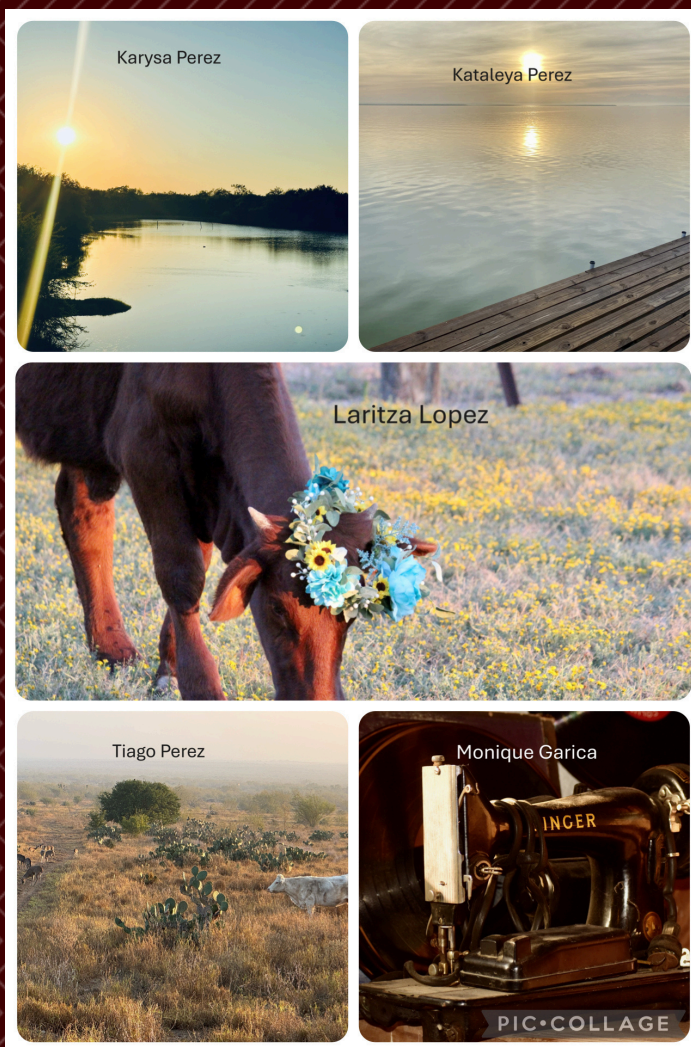
Tiago Perez - Blue Ribbon in Intermediate Animal Domestic Category

Karysa Perez - Blue Ribbon in Junior Landscape/Nature Category

Monique Garcia - Blue Ribbon in Senior Catch All Category

Kataleya Perez - Red Ribbon in Junior Reflections Category

Congratulations to these 4-H members!



2nd Annual 4-H Golf Tournament

Zapata County 4-H hosted its 2nd Annual Golf Tournament fundraiser Saturday, May 17th.

Congratulations to our tournament winners:

1st Place: Tommy Taylor, Nick Ancira and Mariano Flores

2nd Place: Eric Gonzalez, Larry Ramirez and Jonathan Ramirez

3rd Place: Andy Gutierrez, Landon Martinez and Nobbie Barrera

Thank you to our hole sponsors:

Starr-Zapata County Farm Bureau, Devine Healthcare, Bell Supply, En-Vi, STX Energy, Flow Zone, VP Sales, Method Flow, FlowCo, Liberty Lift, Del Mar Primary Home Care LLC, Un Nuevo Dia de Alegria Adult Day Care LLC, FM Tax and Consulting LLC, Las Ballitas - Los Laureles Ranch and Sheriff Ramon Montes. Thank you to Shorty's BBQ for providing lunch for our players.

Thanks to our club leaders and volunteers that helped organize and attended the event. Also, thank you to our ZCFA Royalty that joined us.



Zapata County 4-H at Texas Majors

Zapata County AgriLife Extension and Zapata County 4-H hosted an Ag Youth Day, today, at the ZCFA Show Barn. ZCISD students in 2nd, 5th, and 8th grades visited several educational stations to learn more about agriculture, wildlife, and Natural Resources.

Texas Farm Bureau brought a commodity trailer and presented about beef production in Texas. USDA NRCS brought their rainfall simulator, highlighting the importance of grass and soil health. Texas Parks and Wildlife Game Wardens brought their educational trailer and presented about wildlife and hunting in Texas. Texas A&M Poultry Science Poultry Extension Education Program (PEEP) students brought some hatchlings and presented about poultry production in Texas.

Special thanks to Texas Farm Bureau Field Rep., Raul Villarreal and Starr-Zapata County Farm Bureau Board Member, Gilberto Perez for providing the educational trailer and gift bags for our teachers.

Thank you to Julian Vela, Joey Cortez, Blas Saenz and Belinda Chapa from USDA-NRCS for providing the rainfall simulator and braving the heat outside.

Thank you, Game Wardens, Matt Jonson and Hannah Navarro for attending today's event and bringing the educational trailer.

Thanks you to Stephanie Klein from Texas A&M Poultry Science Poultry Extension Education Program (PEEP) for coordinating this event. Thanks to Texas A&M Poultry Science students, Isabella Donald, Mallory Zumwalt, and Chris Rodriguez for attending and assisting with this event.

Thank you to ZCISD Superintendent Dr. Trevino, ZCISD administrators, Rogelio Gonzalez, Clyde Guerra, and Pete Morales for coordinating the logistics and supporting this event. Thank you to ZCISD teachers and staff for attending with the students.

Special thanks to our senior (soon to be graduates) 4-H members for helping with this event. Members in attendance were: Caleb Guerra, Nadina Rodriguez, Monique Garcia, Dalina Garcia, Jo'Ellie Martinez, Rigo Cantu, Sara Elizondo, Landon Martinez, Kary Arambula, Ralphia Garcia, Roggie Gonzalez, Robert Garcia, and Odaliz Villarreal.





Important Information/News

All important information regarding 4-H in Zapata County will be posted on our [website](#) and 4-H Facebook [page](#), as well as shared with 4-H clubs. Emails will also be sent through 4-H Connect when there are updates available. Please check our website, add us on Facebook, and update your email on 4-H Connect.



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- “Belonging to 4-H was one of most important things, if not the most important, that I ever did.” - Frederick Hutchinson, University of Maine President.