



UPDATES FROM YOUR COUNTY EXTENSION OFFICE

2021 San Antonio Major Stock Show Successes

Big congratulations to senior 4-H member, Brooke Wanjura, who stuck her AOC steer to a 3rd place class finish at the 2021 San Antonio Livestock Show and Rodeo Junior Market Steer Show! Brooke earned a slot in the market steer auction. 🍀



Congratulations are in order for Robert Stavinoha, senior 4-H member, who won the 2021 San Antonio Livestock Show Junior Commercial Steer Competition! In addition Robert won the speech portion of the contest. Robert brings home with him awards including a livestock trailer, belt buckle, premium money and a \$10,000 scholarship! 🍀

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2021 Horse Validation

4-H horse validation is now open on 4-H Connect. Instructions for families are outlined in the attached pdf. Horse validation will be open from March 1st through May 1st and the cost will again be \$10 per horse through April 15th and \$20 per horse from April 16th through May 1st. The updated 4-H connect will only be accepting credit cards for payment.

A few reminders:

- Each validation must include front view, right side view, and left side view images. The entire horse should be included in the photo and marking should be clearly visible.
- If the horse is registered, a copy of the registration papers must be uploaded. These papers must list the 4-Her, parent, sibling, grandparent or legal guardian as the current owner. If the

ownership is in the process of being transferred, please list “pending” in the registration number area. Once the updated registration papers have been received please send a copy to me and I can add it to the validation.

- Uploads must be images, pdfs are not an accepted file type.
- Families should validate each horse once. Once the horse is validated any sibling within that family is eligible to show the horse at district and/or state 4-H horse show.
- Youth validating a futurity horse must be at least 4-H age 12 (as of Sept. 1, 2020) and in at least the 6th grade.

District 11 Food Challenge Contest:

Will be held on April 10th in Victoria Texas. Goodluck to the Saint Cookers 4-H members who will participating in this upcoming project contest. (Emma Koeth, Emily Wied, Trey Silcox, and Kiya Bracken)

District 11 Photography contest



Late registration closes Friday, March 5th for the D-11 4-H Photography Contest.

SENIORS, IF YOU DO NOT REGISTER FOR DISTRICT CONTEST YOU WILL NOT BE ELIGIBLE FOR STATE ROUND UP.

<https://d114-h.tamu.edu/events-and-contests/photography/>

Texas State Roundup Photography contest

Seniors 4-H members that are interested in participating in the Texas State Roundup Photography contest must submit photos via 4HOnline no later than April 15, 2021 by 11:59 pm

https://d114-h.tamu.edu/files/2020/11/20-21_Photography_Rules-1.pdf

- Participation Grades Senior age 4-H members in grades 9, 10, 11 and 12 as of September 1, 2020.
- Photo Eligibility Photo must be taken by participants between the dates of January 1, 2020 and the time of entry.
- Photos may be submitted only one time and in only one category.
- Photo Format Must be .jpeg, .jpg, or .png. Contestants may use any file naming structure.
- County Entries Each county may have only one entry per category for a total of 15 entries.
- **Entry Fee \$10 per photo Deadlines & Entry Period Registration on 4HOnline Opens: April 1, 2021 Registration on 4HOnline Closes: April 15, 2021 by 11:59 pm**
- Entries must be approved by the county office by April 17, 2021 Payment with a 4-H county or club check is due by April 24, 2021
- Photo Entry Method Members will upload photos on 4HOnline at the time of entry.
- Event Name 2021 Texas 4-H Photography Contest

District 11 Spring Spectacular

Will take place April 16 and 17 in Victoria Texas. Please see the rules and guidelines here <https://d114-h.tamu.edu/district-11-4-h-spring-spectacular/> if you missed the D-11 Facebook live segment on the Spring Spectacular Contest please click here to view: https://fb.watch/3_njR5gxKC/

Project contest that will take place will be consumer decision making, duds to dazzle, fashion show, educational presentation, and share the fun.

4-H Rifle Project:

Dear Members and Parents,

It's finally time to begin our rifle project! Everyone must be registered with 4H to shoot. I have attached a registration instruction sheet. The 4H online program has been upgraded, so there may be some changes. We shoot Sunday afternoons, at your squadded time. This weekend Sunday, Feb. 28, 2021, we will begin with benchrest position. We will have to do some talking about safety and using the peep/aperture sights on the rifles before we shoot.

- Wear your mask.
- Bring safety glasses (can be found in the weed eater, tool, or shooting sections of Walmart)
- Bring ear plugs to protect your hearing. (the foam ones found in the same places at Walmart are great)
- We'll be outside, so dress in layers for the weather. If it starts to sprinkle, we may continue. If it is lightning, we'll stop. If it is pouring down rain, we'll stop.
- In the future, we'll have a physical barrier between shooters. Because of the physical barrier, the shooters will not actually be 6 feet apart, and will not wear masks to shoot.

2021 4-H Virtual Bass Fishing

District 5 is pleased to announce a 4-H Virtual Bass Fishing Skill-a-thon to be hosted statewide and within districts desiring to participate. If you have questions, please feel free to contact 903-834-6191 or via email at jlmcswain@ag.tamu.edu

- See skill-a-thon information within the event memo for county agents.
- Information for 4-H families on skill-a-thon guidelines, schedule of events, and rules of play are attached for distribution.
- Bass Skill-a-thon will be open to any enrolled 4-H member or Clover Kid across the state.
- A marketing flyer (in both .jpg and .pdf formats) is attached for your use.

As this is a virtual skill-a-thon with fishing pictures to be posted on Facebook for judging, be sure to add this flyer to your social media outlets and county websites.



2021 4-H Virtual Bass Fishing Skill-a-thon Program
Open statewide to all Texas 4-H members
April 10, 17 & 24

Click to:

-  REGISTER
-  JOIN FB Group
-  READ Rules

- Participate in 1, 2, or all 3 fishing events
- One time entry fee for all program components
- Register as an individual, team, or both
- Open to 4-H youth K-12th grades
- Fish at YOUR favorite spot!
- Post fish pics in 2021 4-H Fishing Facebook group

Categories & Fees:

State-wide Individual	\$25
State-wide Team	\$25/team member

Optional Categories & Fees:

District Individual	\$15
District Team	\$15/team member
Big Bass Individual	\$10
Big Bass Team	\$10/team member

Weekly Skill-a-thon Sessions:

- Monday - Fishing Tips & Tricks
- Tuesday - Cooking with Bass
- Wednesday - Visit with the Game Warden
- Thursday - Fishing Safety
- Friday - Fishing Trivia Game

*hosted by District 5
sponsored by Texas Farm Credit
K's Industries & K's Pursuit
Outdoors*

FREE official Check-it-Stik to first 200 registered by March 12th

Prizes awarded weekly for all entry categories!

All state and local laws must be followed
<https://tpwd.texas.gov/regulations/outdoor-annual/fishing/freshwater-fishing/>
The 4-H family entered is responsible for the safety of youth anglers during the events

The members of Texas A&M AgriLife will provide equal opportunities in programs and activities, education, and employment to all persons regardless of race, color, sex, religion, national origin, age, disability, genetic information, veteran status, sexual orientation or gender identity and will strive to achieve full and equal employment opportunity throughout Texas A&M AgriLife.

Newsletter Updates

Texas 4-H Foundation Annual Giving Campaign is a new fundraising effort that was kicked off for 2021. The GIVE \$4 to GROW 4-H Campaign is focused on raising funds to support 4-H activities at the local level as well as the District and State Levels. 40% of the funds raised will remain in Colorado County to support our local 4-H program. Colorado County was able to raise a total of \$141.73. Big thank you to Mrs. Tina Stavinoha who recently has been appointed to the Texas 4-H Youth Development Foundation Board representing D-11 and a big support to the donations Colorado County received. Thank you to everyone else that participated also.

Habitat for Humanity announced during the January Board meeting that they are happy to partner with Colorado County 4-H members opportunities to help in our Colorado County community. Building on hold for a few months but please be looking for or asking if Anybody knows of a needy person that needs a ramp for steps, carpentry repairs for an elder home or other projects for needy families. If you know of anyone that needs projects completed, please call the extension office at 979-732-2530.

Next Colorado County 4-H Council meeting will be held March 22nd at the Extension office (316 Spring Street) at 6:30pm. Frelsburg 4-H will be meeting to create Easter baskets on March 8th at 5:30pm. If you wish to join and volunteer, please contact Mrs. Gobert lagobert@sbcglobal.net or Mrs. Stavinoha stavinohatina@gmail.com



Happy Easter!

“LIKE” OUR FACEBOOK PAGES!

4-H updates and current happenings in Colorado County will be posted to the “**Colorado County 4-H TEXAS**” page as they occur. You can find the page by searching the quotes or going to: <https://www.facebook.com/pages/Colorado-County/161170703915573>

Colorado County Extension (ANR and FCH) updates and current happenings will be posted on the “**Colorado County Extension**” page. Find the page by going to: pages/http://Colorado.agrilife.org.

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If you need any assistance or help is needed with any livestock projects, please call the office at 979-732-2082 to schedule a project visit. Call 979-732-2530 for other project information and/or assistance.

AgriLife Extension Office hours:
Monday-Friday 8am-5pm

Important Websites

Colorado Co. 4-H <http://colorado.agrilife.org/>

District 11 4-H <http://d114-h.tamu.edu>

Texas 4-H <http://texas4-h.tamu.edu/>

4-H Connect <https://texas.4honline.com>

Texas 4-H Alumni and Friends
<http://texas4hfriends.org>

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Record Book Information

It is time to begin preparing to complete a 4-H Record Book. Record book forms may be downloaded from the Texas 4-H website at <http://texas4-h.tamu.edu/recordbooks>. 4-H members planning to submit a record book are reminded that the date that the books must be turned in to the Extension Office will be announced in the May Newsletter. Members should note that a record book must be submitted in order to apply for the Bronze, Silver or Gold Star awards. Please call or come by the Extension Office to receive a handout that will give you step by step directions on completing the 2021 record book. You may also set up an appointment to have Ja'Shae or Laramie review and offer suggestions for your book. Record book training and due dates to be announced.