



4-H News

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MAY 2020

4-H CLUBS

All face to face Club meetings have been postponed until further notice. There are several online activities posted on our McCulloch 4-H facebook page. If you are not signed up in 4-H REMIND, please text to this number: 81010 and put in the message: @4hparentc We will also continue to send our weekly events email but the most up-to-date information will be on McCulloch County facebook and Remind.

MCCULLOCH 4-H

McCulloch 4-H is for **ALL** McCulloch 4-H members. Clover Kids through Seniors. We are planning a **Microsoft Team meeting on May 12, 6:30 pm.** It would be beneficial to go ahead and get the app downloaded on your phone if you intend to participate on that device. When you receive the email meeting invitation, click "accept,"and then on the day of the meeting, click on the blue link that says, "Join this meeting". This operates much like the Zoom but does not have the security issues that have been a problem.

ALL PROJECTS

Now is a good time to study up on whatever project you are interested in doing next year. Please call our office if you want to learn about any of the 4-H projects. We can make up a study packet for you so that you are better prepared for contests next year. You can't just show up to a contest and expect to win....it takes lots of preparation and studying to get there. After all....THE HARDER YOU WORK, THE LUCKIER YOU ARE!!! More info at: <https://texas4-h.tamu.edu/projects/>

RECORD BOOKS

Deadline: June 15 We hope you are able to use some of your time getting your 4-H record book started. Remember that the record books are the application for the county awards every year. There is an optional new version for the record book that I have heard good things about.

Categories are:

AG Science, Beef, Citizenship and Civil Education, Dog Care and Training, Consumer Education, Entomology, Fashion and Interior Design, Food and Nutrition, Gardening and Horticulture, Goat, Health and Personal Safety, Horse, Leadership, Natural Resources, Plant and Soil Science, Photography, Poultry, Public Speaking, Rabbits, Science-Technology-Engineering and Mathematics, Sheep, Swine, Theater and Performing Arts, Veterinary Science.

For more info: <https://texas4-h.tamu.edu/recordbooks/>

FACEBOOK

Visit our Facebook pages to see the latest local 4-H information and “like” so that you can get the updates and pictures:

McCulloch County 4-H <https://www.facebook.com/McCulloch4H/>

McCulloch County Family & Community Health <https://www.facebook.com/McCulloch-County-Family-Community-Health-113122760328728/?>

McCulloch County Agrilife Ag & Natural Resource <https://www.facebook.com/McCulloch-County-Agrilife-Ag-Natural-Resources-Agent-992197864501206/>

4-H COMMUNITY SERVICE PROJECTS

WE NEED YOUR HELP! McCulloch County 4-H has signed up to stock the [Brady/McCulloch County Blessing Boxes](#) next week. May 4-8. Please begin bringing your donations to the Extension Office. If you don't want to come in, just leave it in a bag, on the picnic table, we will put it out.

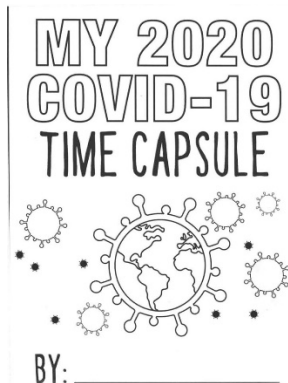
Blessing Boxes are supplied with easy to eat, no cooking required items (pop-top cans are excellent options) protein sources such as canned meats and peanut butter, canned fruit, fruit cups, and breakfast bars are also well received. PLEASE, NO EXPIRED FOODS. If you save your to-go utensil packets, these are great for the folks who rely on the box for meals. Also fill them with items that will help those in need—everything from non-perishable food to toiletries, toothbrushes and toothpaste. This is a wonderful service project that helps our community!

Memorial Flags at Live Oak Cemetery for Veterans Friday, May 22, Pick them up on Tuesday, May 26.

ONLINE OPPORTUNITIES

1. Check out this **COVID-19 personal history booklet** at:

<https://www.facebook.com/113122760328728/photos/pcb.128989905408680/128988262075511/?type=3&theater>



2. District 7 Online Activity

Join us by participating in Triple Seven! Each week. We will **focus on a different contest/Big 5 Project Areas**. Please register by May 1st! Tom Green County is hosting this activity. Help kick this off by registering TODAY!

Registration Link: <https://tomgreen.agrilife.org/triple-777/>

Please register by May 1st! This is the only way you will receive information about our "live" contest! You DO NOT have to be in 4-H to participate!

If you have any questions, call the Extension Office!

Register today!

TRIPLE SEVEN

Join us as we explore the Big 5 Project areas through different competitions.

Starting

May 3rd

and continuing for the next 6 Sundays.
Join us on social media to learn about the competition for that week.

Week 1 | Test Your Knowledge
Week 2 | Capture Your COVID
Week 3 | COVID Comfort Food
Week 4 | Virtual Ag Product Id
Week 5 | COVID Consumer
Week 6 | Outdoor COVID Challenge
Week 7 | Share-The-Fun

Each time you participate in a task you are entered for a chance to win a prize!
Each time you win a task you get another entry!

7 Events

7 Weeks

District 7

3. Virtual Catfish Skill-a-thon - Register on 4-H Connect – OPEN NOW...Deadline is May13

2020 District 5 4-H Virtual Catfish Skill-a-thon

Open statewide to ALL Texas 4-H members & Clover Kids

Skill-a-thon dates:
May 16-17
May 23-24
May 30-31

Participation:
One time entry fee, can participate on 1, 2 or all 3 dates as an individual, team or both!

Recognition:
To be determined based upon registration. May include fishing gear, gift cards, and more!

Learning Opportunities:
Fishing tips & techniques, recipes, food demo, a visit with the game warden, games and more fun!

Cost:
\$25 state individual and/or team member participation
Optional events:
\$10 district participation
\$5 Big Catfish category

Species for Judging:
Channel, blue and their hybrids and subspecies
Flathead

- **Registration on 4-H Connect:** April 28 - May 13
- Before skill-a-thon begins, join Facebook group **2020 4-H Fishing** click [here](#) (may use adult/parent FB account to join)
- Purchase a **Check-It-Stik** from Academy, online or other fishing shops

For more information, please contact your County Extension office
Rules of Play are available at the D5 website: [D54-h.tamu.edu](https://d54-h.tamu.edu)
All state and local laws must be followed.
<https://twd.texas.gov/regulations/outdoor-annual/fishing/freshwater-fishing/>
The 4-H family entered is responsible for the safety of youth anglers during the events

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4. **Livestock Selection Webinar.** View at the following link:

Video link from the Livestock Selection Workshop.

<https://web.microsoftstream.com/embed/video/d3e46fea-9b43-460d-8bf8-5b2eadcd15b0?autoplay=false&showinfo=true>

5. **Texas 4-H Entomology Collection Contest**

For more information visit:

<https://texas4-h.tamu.edu/projects/entomology/>

6. For **Food and Nutrition projects**, it is important to have a solid knowledge base. To help build that base, go to the following link to view the short clips and information tips and tricks for food and nutrition:

<https://dinnertonight.tamu.edu/tips-tricks/>

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GET EXCITED...

LEAD Academy
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2020
EMBRACE the PRESENT • EMPOWER the FUTURE
TEXAS 4-H ROUNDUP JUNE 8-16, 2020

IS GOING VIRTUAL

FEATURING...

TEXAS 4-H CELEBRATION NIGHT, DOORPRIZES, WORKSHOPS & MORE

TEXAS A&M AGRILIFE EXTENSION

MORE DETAILS COMING SOON



STOP THE SPREAD OF GERMS

Help prevent the spread of respiratory diseases like COVID-19.

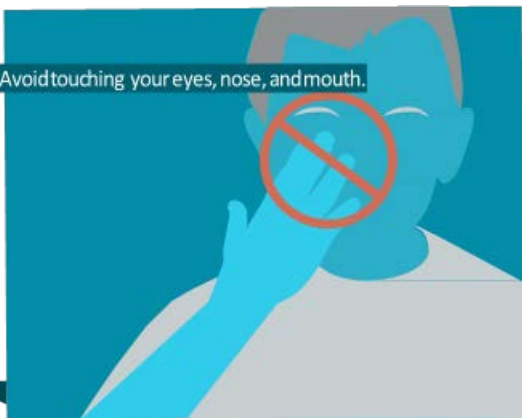
Avoid close contact with people who are sick.



Cover your cough or sneeze with a tissue, then throw the tissue in the trash.



Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth.



Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces.



Stay home when you are sick, except to get medical care.



Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds.



April 6, 2020

Texas 4-H,

To say the least, it has been a very disappointing spring for many of us with the cancellation of so many activities we have anticipated and dreamed about. COVID-19 has been an infamous component for us as we make decisions about spring and summer events. I know that you were disappointed two weeks ago to hear that all face-to-face 4-H gatherings were cancelled. We have tried to be extra cautious when making decisions about the unknown and people's health. Since then, we have watched the virus continue to spread and infect a multitude of Texans and other Americans. With the continuous attack and spread of COVID-19, various government entities, agencies, and programs have been forced to make really hard decisions that impact all of us. I am disappointed to have to announce that Texas 4-H Roundup 2020 has been cancelled. Texas A&M University made the decision late last week to cancel all campus programs through the summer. I and the Texas 4-H faculty, along with AgriLife Extension administrators, have studied alternatives but decided that postponing the event was not a feasible option given the current information available to us.

As we move through the weeks and months ahead, we will continue to monitor the situation and listen to recommendations from the CDC, governor, and federal government while we make decisions that we feel are best for the Texas 4-H Youth Development Program and members. I know that the decisions we make will not make everyone happy but know that we are working to make the best decisions we can while keeping you and the community-at-large in our focus.

Trust me when I say that I am as disappointed as you are. The opportunities and memories that 4-H provided me as a teen are remembered with a smile. This recent memory tainted with COVID-19 – not so much. This past month has been tough on everyone, but at some point, we will turn the corner and be able to enjoy a new normal.

There are silver linings when we look for them. We have many more virtual offerings available to 4-Hers since the Coronavirus scare began. Agents, leaders, and members have gotten creative and are using social media as a resource to teach, learn and stay connected. It will be interesting to see what components remain when we come out on the other side of this pandemic. Until then, follow precautions and stay safe.

Sincerely,

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10 Mother's Day	11 Triple 7 Activity continues	12 6:30 Mc. 4-H meeting via Microsoft Teams	13	14	15	16 Armed Forces Day
17	18 Triple 7 Activity continues	19	20	21	22 Flags @ Cemetery	23
24 <hr/> <u>31</u>	25 Holiday Office Closed	26 Pick up Flags Triple 7 activity continues	27 D7 Spring Admin	28	29	30

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