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Montgomery County Agriculture and Natural Resources Newsletter for Livestock, Equine and Forage Producers

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Montgomery County Beef Improvement Association Annual Meeting

Date: February 25, 2021

Time: 6:00 pm

Meal: Darrell's Catering

Location: Montgomery County Extension Office, Tom Leroy Education Building

Educational Program:

Dr. Sonja Swiger, Extension Specialist: Livestock Vector Control

CEU Offered: 1 TDA IPM

Laws and Bylaws and Directory Business Items:

- Change to Article III page 31 of directory: added to end "Membership is limited to any person or organization who own and raise beef cattle "**or are involved in related agri services.**"
- Member form: add to page: Send in by September 30
- Add dissolution clause:

"In case of the dissolution of the **Montgomery County Beef Improvement Association**, the executive committee shall, after settling all outstanding accounts and disposing of all equipment, assign all funds to the **Agriculture Committee**, a functioning committee in the Agriculture and Natural Resources Department of the Montgomery County Extension Office."

Covid-19 Concerns:

Please be prepared to follow CDC guidelines. For physical distancing and meal planning, RSVP's **ARE REQUIRED.** *Please RSVP to Extension Office at 936-539-7822 by February 23rd. *For CEU's, please have your Private Applicator License number available when you RSVP.*

MCAHC 2021 Schooling Shows

Sponsored by the
Montgomery County Adult Horse Committee



All shows to be held at the
Lone Star Expo Center, Conroe
Montgomery County Fair Park

Two age divisions:
19 and under (min. age 8 years) / over 19
Classes may be combined depending on
contestant participation. (If less than 3 in a Class)

Tuesday
March 9th

Tuesday
March 16th

Tuesday
March 23rd

Each show begins at 6:30 PM

Showmanship at Halter	Showmanship at Halter	Showmanship at Halter
In-hand Trail	In-hand Trail	In-hand Trail
Trail	Trail	Trail
Walk- Trot	Walk-Trot	Walk-Trot
Western Pleasure	Western Pleasure	Western Pleasure
Hunter Under Saddle	Hunter Under Saddle	Hunter Under Saddle
Horsemanship (W/H)	Horsemanship (W/H)	Horsemanship (W/H)

Entry fee is \$5.00 per class or \$20.00 for all evening.

There will be a different judge each evening to provide positive comments for rider enhancement. All classes may be combined if less than 3 in a age group. A negative Coggins is required on all horses. Stallions are not allowed. For more information, contact the Montgomery County Extension Office at 9020 Airport Rd. or call

936-539-7822 or email b-gregson@tamu.edu

Freeze Branding Clinic for All Equine

Wednesday, May 12, 2021
Montgomery County Fairgrounds Expo Arena
6:00 PM till 7:30 PM

- Brands should be registered with the appropriate County Clerk's Office.
- The Montgomery County Adult Horse Committee will have a variety of stock irons available.
- Horse owners are welcome to bring in their own irons for use.
- Branding Fee: \$20.00 per animal
- Call 936-539-7822 by May 10th to make a reservation.
- Horse owners must make a reservation to secure a time.
- Theft Prevention information will be provided for equine owner benefits.

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Private Applicator Training

May 20, 2021 9:00 a.m.

Montgomery County Extension Office

The training program will begin at 9:00 AM and last about 4 hours. Study material must be purchased ahead of time to assist with preparation (included in the registration fee). The study guide is actually utilized during the training portion of the program.

There is a \$60.00 cost for the training to cover program materials and related costs. The registration fee can be paid when reserving your seat. Contact the Montgomery County Extension Office by May 17th to reserve your seat. The documentation will be provided at the conclusion of the training to be used in securing a test date.

Virtual Learning Opportunities

Will my Aquatic Vegetation Return?

February 16, 2021

Presented by: Brittany Chesser

<https://agriliferegister.tamu.edu/productListingDetails/3294>

Join us for a how-to educational program on preventing aquatic vegetation from re-emerging in ponds and lakes. To get a deeper understanding, we will cover how certain species of aquatic plants are able to persist during the colder months and what types of aquatic vegetation you may be battling again this year. In order to help you get ready for the spring, we will cover potential prevention methods, discussing their feasibility including money, labor, and timing.

Fish Management Strategies

March 16, 2021

Presented by: Dr. Todd Sink

<https://agriliferegister.tamu.edu/productListingDetails/3295>

Join us for a how-to educational program on fish management strategies for ponds and lakes as we cover the pond food chain, what it takes to grow abundant or large fish, fertilization programs, fish feeds and feeding fish, sampling the fish population, many common problems that can be found within a fish population, and how to determine if your pond is suffering from stunted fish. We will also cover the maximum fish production, trophy bass, trophy bluegill/sunfish, trophy catfish, and black crappie management strategies that can be employed in your pond or lake. Finally we will conclude with the types of structure and fish attractors that can be added to a lake to improve fishing.

Aquatic Herbicides & Permitting

April 20, 2021

Presented by: Brittany Chesser

<https://agriliferegister.tamu.edu/productListingDetails/3295>

Join us for an in-depth program as we cover the 15 aquatically approved herbicides, their common uses, modes of action, and differences between terrestrial herbicides for a better

understanding when making management decisions. We will also cover frequently asked questions on aquatic herbicide use including water restrictions (i.e. "Can I still eat my fish?", "Is this toxic to my fish"). Lastly, we will go over what type of permitting you may or may not need for aquatic vegetation management in lakes or ponds.

Water Quality for Fisheries Management

May 18, 2021

<https://agriliferegister.tamu.edu/productListingDetails/3296>

We will cover what is water quality, how do you determine water quality, the link between water quality and chemistry, why you should worry about water quality for your fish. Most people are surprised to learn how critical water quality is for their fish, how many different water quality factors can impact their fish (often in unusual ways), that toxic organisms in their pond can kill their fish, livestock, or companion animals, and how minor amendments to water quality can drastically improve their fishery. We will also cover what is tested during a standard water quality test, how each parameter tested affects your fish, how to fix any issues found during the test, how to apply treatments, and how to have your water quality tested.

Aquatic Vegetation: Beneficial or Pest?

June 15, 2021

Presented by: Brittany Chesser

<https://agriliferegister.tamu.edu/productListingDetails/3293>

Join us for an in-depth conversation on the pros and cons with having aquatic vegetation in your pond or lake. We will cover the top beneficial aquatic plants which may add aesthetic value or have wildlife value; along with covering the top nuisance species (native and non-native) which could pose a threat to your pond or lake. If you would like your aquatic vegetation identified and discussed during the presentation, please send high quality, up close photos, against a light background to brittany.chesser@tamu.edu before June 13, 2021.

Homeowner Maintenance of Aerobic Treatment Units

February 25th, 2021

Registration Fee: \$125.00 per person

Registration at: <https://agriliferegister.tamu.edu/productListingDetails/3215>

This course covers the components of an aerobic treatment unit and spray field. Presentations discuss the importance of maintaining an onsite wastewater treatment system, health and safety considerations, basic concepts about the aerobic treatment processes, testing and reporting on

the status of the treatment system, care and feeding of the aerobic treatment unit, and tools for evaluating the system. These presentations provide a basic understanding of the operational and maintenance activities for an aerobic treatment unit. The course explains how activities within the home can impact the operation of an aerobic treatment unit. The participants will leave this class with a better understanding of the practices required to keep their system working and limit interferences with the enjoyment of their property.



TexasSpeaks is a state-wide online survey conducted by Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service with the purpose of listening to Texas citizens as they identify the strengths and needs of their communities. The goal of **TexasSpeaks** is to engage as many Texas citizens as possible to create the most accurate and helpful data to support Texas communities at both the state and local levels.

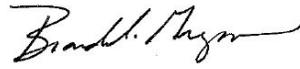
Quick Facts

- Online
- Open to the public
- Anonymous
- Takes 10 minutes
- Includes an opportunity to collect open-ended feedback



Scan the QR Code or you may type this link into your browser: <https://texasspeaks.tamu.edu>.

Sincerely,



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