



Lubbock County 4-H News



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4-H MEMBERSHIP

If you have not completed your 4-H membership on 4-H Connect it is time to do so. An enrollment fee of \$30 per year, per member (official 4-H age 9 or in the 3rd grade through age 18) is now required for participation in any 4-H meeting, contest or activity. Use the following link to access the new system:

<https://v2.4honline.com/#/user/sign-in> 

4-H Volunteers must also re-enroll every year and complete the required online videos. Please double check your profile - several of you have homework (videos to watch) in order for your profile to be approved.

This will be your last 4-H Newsletter until the 4-H enrollment is completed. Please contact Ronda if you have any questions.

4-H FACE TO FACE MEETINGS, ACTIVITIES AND CONTESTS ON HOLD FOR DECEMBER

With the rising number of COVID cases in Lubbock County (and many surrounding counties) we have been asked to not hold any face to face meetings or activities through December. Please be sure to watch the 4-H Facebook page for any additional updates. Hopefully we will be able to begin our regular activities in January.

Parents and 4-H'ers:

If you have questions about the Lubbock County 4-H program, need assistance or need more information about an event, activity or project, please give us a call. We're here to serve you, but you must let us know when you need assistance or have special interest areas.

2020 CHILDREN'S 4-H BARNYARD

The Lubbock County Extension Staff would like to say "THANKS" to everyone who assisted with the 2020 Children's 4-H Barnyard at the South Plains Fair.

We also want to thank our sponsors for this year: the South Plains Fair, Purina Mills - for providing the feed for the animals, and Western Hay Yard for providing the hay.

And finally, we want to thank each of the families and individuals who provided animals and exhibits for the Barnyard. Without these individuals and their animals, we would not be able to operate. Thank you to: the Verkamp's, the Townsend Agency, the Jackson's, Caprock BeeKeepers Association, the Kendrick's, the DeSautel's, Billy Scott family, the Kendrick's and the Martin's.

SMILE.AMAZON.COM

Please sign up through "smile.amazon.com" to help raise money for Lubbock County 4-H. Please use the following link to sign up:

<https://smile.amazon.com/ch/75-2316167>

They will donate a portion of your purchase to Lubbock County 4-H.

If you need any type of accommodation to participate in this program or have questions about the physical access provided, please contact Ronda Alexander at 806-775-1740 at least 2 weeks prior to the program or event.

4-H Foundation Scholarship Training

Scholarship applications are currently available on line at the 4-H Foundation website. A county scholarship preparation meeting will be held virtually on **Thursday, December 10 at 6:00 p.m. via TEAMS; please email** Ronda by *Wednesday, December 9 so that she can send you the TEAMS invite/link*. Any youth in High School and their parents will find this training helpful. For anyone planning on applying for a scholarship this year please review the scholarship guidelines.

PARENT- LEADERS ASSOCIATION TEEN COUNCIL MEETINGS

Our next 4-H Parent Leaders and Teen Council meetings are planned for **January 25** at the County Extension Office.

LUBBOCK COUNTY 4-H ON-LINE

If you lose your 4-H newsletter, there's still hope. You may now access the 4-H newsletter as well as various other sources of information at: <http://lubbock.agrilife.org/>

TEXAS 4-H CENTER WEBSITE

While you are surfing the web, don't forget to visit the Texas 4-H Center's website:

<http://texas4hcenter.tamu.edu/>

You never know what you might find. You might even want to do a little Christmas shopping.

4-H ADULT & YOUTH ADVISORY BOARD

Tuesday, December 15 at 6 p.m. will be the date of our next 4-H Adult and Youth Advisory Board meeting. The meeting will be held virtually utilizing TEAMS. An email invitation will be sent to current members; any others interested in joining may email Ronda.

4-H CLOVER KID OPPORTUNITIES

Did you know that 4-H is for everyone! As the new school year is upon us, Lubbock County is creating new, fun and exciting ways to incorporate the 4-H Clover Kids into our program. Clover Kids are available for children ages 5 to 8 years (K-2). At each meeting there will be an activity and a 4-H project learning experience for each youth to be involved in. Clover kids do not pay an enrollment fee, but they must be enrolled in 4-H.

Our next Clover Kid meeting is planned for **Wednesday, January 6 from 5:30-6:30 p.m.** We were not able to meet in December, however, we are still having our annual community service project to benefit Meals on Wheels of decorating paper sacks for Christmas. Packets of sacks and coloring pages may be picked up from the Extension Office, or if you have paper sacks with handles, you may decorate your own. Please bring any decorated sacks to the Extension Office by *December 16*. Ronda will add a tag and deliver them to Meals on Wheels. Please contact Ronda if you plan to pick up sacks at the office to make sure there are enough available.

All 4-H members are welcomed to participate in this project!

4-H RECORDBOOKS

If you are interested in 4-H recordbooks and record keeping, please make sure to view the County training which will be held on TEAMS on **Tuesday, December 15** at 7:00 p.m. *Please RSVP by noon on December 15*, and you will be sent a TEAMS invitation to participate. You can view TEAMS from a computer or from a cell phone; all you need is the invitation to click on to join. If you can't make this one, there will be more scheduled in the Spring or you may have one scheduled specifically for your 4-H Club.



HORSE PROJECT

District Horse Quiz Bowl Postponed

Due to COVID, the District 4-H Horse Quiz Bowl Contest has been postponed. A date is not scheduled yet, but this does mean that anyone who is interested in forming or joining a team, still has time to get started. There are 2 spots available on a senior team for any that are interested. Please contact Ronda for more information. Or if you want to form your own team, Ronda will also provide you with study materials. For seniors a 4 person team is required. For Juniors and Intermediates a 4 person team is preferred, however they can participate with 3 members. A District reschedule date is not available yet, but we will let those interested know as soon as it is scheduled.

SPRING 4-H PROJECTS

Consumer Decision-Making

Food and Nutrition

- Food Show, FCH Bowl and Food Challenge

Judging Contests

- Livestock, Horse, Wool, Soil and Meat

Shooting Sports

- Rifle, Archery, Shot Gun

Entomology ID/Grass ID

Fashion Show for Seniors

Be sure to read your 4-H Newsletter as soon as you get it so that you don't miss anything!

SCHOOL EXCUSE POLICY

4-H members who plan to participate in livestock shows and miss school classes must sign up for the livestock shows at sign-up.



The Extension Office will make a request for your school absence prior to the event (livestock show). **This request will list only your intent to attend a certain stock show. All the dates will be listed on the excuse for the particular stock show. It is the 4-H member's responsibility to notify the school of the exact dates you will be missing.** This request will also indicate a check for the 4-H members academic eligibility for extracurricular activities; the 4-H'er, their parents and the sponsoring show will be notified. Any non-compliance by such 4-H'ers will be penalized by the school districts policy (Discipline Management System).

4-H members and families need to take the following actions-

1. Complete the 4-H school excuse form.
2. Work with school instructors on homework, tests, etc. prior to the absence;
3. **Check with school officials at least 7 days prior to absence to see that you are on the request list and determine eligibility; and notify the school officials of the exact days you will be absent.**
4. Monitor your own personal 10 day / 90% absence / attendance requirements as outlined by your school district; and
5. Thank school officials for their cooperation. Any changes in procedures/policies will be noted at sign up.



PHOTOGRAPHY PROJECT

It is never too early to begin thinking about and taking photos for the 2020-21 Photography contest. You may pick up the new rules from the Extension Office or you may access them at <https://texas4-h.tamu.edu/projects/photography-video/>

Just a reminder photos must place 1st at the county contest in order to advance to state. The county contest is held mid-March. Watch the newsletter for more details. Juniors and Intermediates will have the same categories, although specifics about District haven't been determined yet. You can start taking photos now.

Categories for 2020-21 will include:

animals-domestic	landscape & nature
animals-wildlife	leading line
catch-all	long exposure
details & macro	motion/action
elements of design	people
enhanced	plant/flora
food	shadow/silhouette
	Theme-Forced
	Perspective

For county - entries are due the Monday after Spring Break; 4-H'ers may submit a 4x6 print in each category.

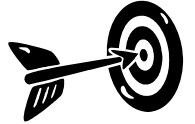


SHOOTING SPORTS PROJECTS

The 4-H Shooting Sports project is one that is not designed for individual study. Due to safety concerns, a minimum of one certified coach is required to supervise any 4-H Shooting Sports event or practice session. We offer 3 discipline trainings in Lubbock County. They include 3-Position Smallbore Rifle, Archery, and Shotgun. Because of the popularity of the Shooting Sports project, we must reserve the right

to limit participation if necessary to maintain a safe shooting environment. If you are interested in Rifle or Archery, *please call the Extension Office to get your name on the list.* The January Newsletter will have specifics for information about meetings. To register for any of these projects, call the Lubbock County extension Office at 775-1740 to get on the sign-up list; be sure to note which discipline you plan to participate in.

2021 4-H Archery Program



The Lubbock County 4-H Archery Program will be begin in January. There is a weekly project fee for this project. Levels of Competition available are:

- District 4-H Archery Contest in May
- Invitational Shoots
- State 4-H Indoor Archery Match
- State Postal League

2021 3-Position Rifle Program

The spring 3-position rifle project involves indoor .22 cal. Rifle shooting in the prone, standing, and kneeling positions. Firearms are provided. Practices are held Mid January through April. Cost to participate in this project include weekly range, ammunition and equipment fees.

Competition includes:

- County and District competition - all age levels.
- Optional Statewide Postal League Competition - Intermediate and Seniors Only.
- State Rifle Match Competition - Seniors Only - qualifying event. Top 3 teams at District.

2021 Shotgun Program

This is a summer program scheduled to begin in April, 2021. Sign up for this project will be in the March/April 4-H Newsletter.

COUNTY 4-H FASHIONS SHOW RESULTS

Clover Participants

- Mimi Anderson
- Olivia Anderson
- Ella Moore
- Sydney Armes

Junior

- Construction Casual - Madison Armes - 1st pl
- Construction Dressy - Addison Erwin - 1st pl
- Construction Costume - Bristol Chowning - 1st pl
- Buying Casual - Cash Parker - 1st pl
- Buying Casual - Brynn Bading - 2nd pl
- Buying Dressy - Mason Chaloupka - 1st pl

Intermediate

- Construction Casual - Paige Chowning - 1st pl
- Construction Casual - Demoree Kennemur - 2nd pl
- Construction Casual - Kaylee Kennemur - 3rd pl
- Construction Dressy - Lucy Fritz - 1st pl
- Construction Refashion - Brynlee Edwards - 1st pl
- Buying Casual - Madison Chaloupka - 1st pl
- Buying Casual - Reese Bading - 2nd pl
- Buying Casual - Tucker Moore - 3rd pl
- Buying Dressy - Kyndra Messer - 1st pl
- Buying Fashions \$25 - Aideen Chaloupka - 1st pl

Senior

- Construction Casual - Ashlynn Messer - 1st pl
- Buying Formal - Audrey Crawford - 1st pl
- Buying Special Interest - Mac Chaloupka - 1st pl

4-H PUBLIC SPEAKING

This year, the County and District 4-H Public Speaking projects will be held virtually. An information meeting was held in November to provide information about the different options available in this project.

FOR COUNTY:

Presentations will be given by 4-H'ers virtually utilizing TEAMS. Registration for this contest is due by *December 16*; you will need to call the Extension Office at 775-1740 or email Ronda ([rd-](mailto:rd-alexander@tamu.edu)

alexander@tamu.edu) and let her know which category your presentation will be. The County competition will be held on **Tuesday, January 5**, with presentations beginning at **6 pm**. If we have a lot of presentations signed up, then it will be expanded to two nights in order to accommodate everyone. All 4-H'ers will give their presentation for our judges and be scored. Our Awards Presentation will be held virtually, on **Thursday, January 7 at 7 pm**. All age division may participate: Clovers (only at county level), Juniors, Intermediates and Seniors.

FOR DISTRICT:

Presentations will be videoed and uploaded through 4-H Online; entries including the video upload are due by *January 8*. Videos will be made and submitted using YouTube.

Categories available:

Educational Presentation Categories (individual or two)

- Agricultural Technology & Farm Safety
- Animal Science
- Beef
- Horse
- Health and Wellness
- Open Agriculture/Natural Resources
- Open Family Community Health
- Safety & Injury Prevention
- Promote 4-H
- Open

Public Speaking (individual only)

Share-the-Fun Categories (individual or group up to 9)

- Poetry/Prose
- Vocal
- Musical/Instrument
- Dramedy
- Solo/Band
- Celebrate 4-H
- Choreographed Routines

ACCIDENTAL/MEDICAL INSURANCE

The Texas 4-H Youth Development Program is pleased to announce that an accidental/medical insurance policy has been purchased through American Income Life for all 4-H members and volunteers for the 2019-20 4-H year. This policy provides blanket coverage for all enrolled 4-H members and approved 4-H volunteers for all 4-H events, including 4-H events and activities that require travel across county and state lines. Therefore, counties no longer have to purchase an annual policy or a policy for individual events and activities throughout the year.

Please keep in mind that this policy is only for enrolled and active 4-H members and approved 4-H volunteers. Therefore, you may want to consider an additional policy for individual events and activities that involve non-4-H members or adults that are not approved 4-H volunteers. American Income Life is a nationally recognized insurance provider for many 4-H activities and events. However, other companies offering similar insurance coverage can be explored.

The policy purchased is also an excess (secondary) policy. For 4-H members and volunteers that have health insurance, their personal policies will be the primary insurance provider for treatment/care with the American Income Life policy providing secondary coverage for costs incurred that were not covered by their primary insurance provider. For 4-H members and/or volunteers that do not have health insurance, this American Income Life policy will provide primary coverage. Those for which this policy will serve as primary coverage, the Policy Number (found on the claim form) will need to be provided to the medical facility providing care for the 4-H youth/adult volunteer.

If any accident, injury or illness occurs at a 4-H event in which insurance coverage must be accessed, you are asked to complete the attached claim form and submit it to the State 4-H office within 10 days of the incident. This form may also be accessed on the publications page of the Texas 4-H Website or at the

following direct link: <http://texas4-h.tamu.edu/files/2015/09/Texas-4-H-Claim-form.pdf>

If any accident, injury or illness occurs at a 4-H event in which insurance coverage must be accessed, you need to contact Ronda immediately so that claim information can be properly submitted.



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We will seek to provide reasonable accommodations for all persons with disabilities for any of our meetings. We request that you contact Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service - (806) 775-1740, as soon as possible to advise us of the auxiliary aid or service that you will require.