



*Lavaca County 4-H  
Weekly Update  
October 1, 2020*



Big Thank You's to the following who showed up (and their parents and grandparents who got them there) to the picture for the signing of the National 4-H Week Proclamation with Lavaca County Judge Mudd. Ashlyn Pustka, Lacey Bludau, Sophia Etzler, Laney Bludau, Ryan Janak, Kayden Smith, Bailey Smith, Ava Matias, Keely Knesek, Kayla Immekus, Laynie Bowman, Abby Hill, Macey Pustka, and Amanda Janak. Look for that picture to be in the paper this coming week. You can see the proclamation on the county website home page: <https://lavaca.agrilife.org/>

Visit the state website for information about National 4-H Week at <https://texas4-h.tamu.edu/events/national-4-h-week/>

Shout Out to Cathy Wenske, Arielle Bennetsen, Railey Green, Sarabeth Green, Keely Knesek, Abby Hill, Ryan Janak, and Amanda Janak for recording radio PSA's for National 4-H Week. Be listening for their voices this coming week on Texas Thunder radio.

A few things you can do to promote National 4-H week:

- Invite friends that are not in 4-H to join.
- Wear 4-H t-shirts and green shirts to promote 4-H at school and in the community.

- Encourage friends and family members to make donations to the Paper Clover campaign at Tractor Supply. Donations will be made at the register and through online purchases.
- Tell your story. Use social media (with your parents permission) to show what you are doing and learning in 4-H.

# 2020 ONE Day 4-H

Please visit the ONE DAY 4-H page at <https://texas4-h.tamu.edu/events/oneday/> to check out the information about how you can give back to the community on One Day 4-H, October 10th. Please plan and report any activities you do! It is great to be able to show how 4-H is making a difference. Most

clubs should have some activity planned, but with the hesitation about COVID it would be a great year to strike out on your own and do something to help out a neighbor or friend in need. Ask yourself --what skills, talents, or work skills do I have to offer? Who would benefit from my skill or talent? Who or what have I seen in my community that I can fix/improve? Good luck and let us know what you do. **Take pictures and wear a 4-H shirt. We have shirts in our office for \$10 if you need one.**



## Photography

The Texas 4-H Photography contest guidelines have been released and there are changes to the categories and the resolution rules. The state contest is for senior members who win the county show. Our county show will follow the state guidelines for all three age group and Junior and Intermediate winners will advance to District. You will submit an 8x10 print of your entry on the county level.

Advancing photos are submitted electronically. More details will come in later winter about a countywide workshop and the county deadline in February. Access the rules now to see what categories you want to enter. Go to the photography resources on <https://texas4-h.tamu.edu/projects/photography-video/> and scroll down to find the rules. Join Texas 4-H during National 4-H Week on Tuesday, October 6<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm via Microsoft Teams to learn more about Ag Product Identification. The

## Ag Product ID

Agricultural Product Identification contest provides youth the ability to further their knowledge and skills when evaluating ag products grown in Texas. Pre-registration is required via <https://tinyurl.com/yxe9mlnn> .

Then be sure and get registered on 4HOnline between October 1 – 28, 2020 for the Virtual Ag Product Identification Contest. This contest will be held on Tuesday, November 10<sup>th</sup>. Two contest times are available, 4:00 or 6:00 pm. Divisions will include Junior (3<sup>rd</sup>-8<sup>th</sup>), Senior (9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup>) and an Adult Challenge!!! Team information is not required at time of registration but will be needed by November 6<sup>th</sup> . Adults will only judge as individuals.

## Important Animal Project Dates

Go to the county website, <https://lavaca.agrilife.org/events/> for information on:

- HJLS Broiler orders - due tomorrow, October 2nd
  - Beef Project Hoof Trimming - Wednesday, October 7
  - HJLS Lamb, Goat, Halter Heifer Validations - October 13 and 15
  - Major Lamb, Goat, Heifer Validation - October 13 and 15
  - Shiner JLS Rabbit Validation - October 21
- <https://d114-h.tamu.edu/events-and-contests/coastal-bend-classic/>

Information on the Coastal Bend Classic was just released today. Follow this link for information:

<https://d114-h.tamu.edu/events-and-contests/coastal-bend-classic/>

## Food and Nutrition



**County Food Show and Food Challenge entries are due in the office by October 7.** [Entry forms and Information](#) are located on our county website. For county, we will follow the guidelines that are linked to the district 11 page. Additionally utilize the resources that are provided on the state website to help prepare! State food show and food challenge guides along with helpful videos and other wonderful helpful tools are available on the state website. You can get to them from the county and district 11 websites but you can also go here:

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

A few reminders for food show and food challenge:

- For county and district, food show entries are prepared in advance and brought to the competition.
- All members of food challenge teams must submit separate entry forms.
- All entry forms require a parent signature.
- Don't hesitate to call Natalie for help if you need it.
- Use the scorecards from the state manuals to help prepare.
- Both contests are about having fun while you learn --do not be stressed about the county contest! It will be a relaxed and fun environment.

#### COVID-19 UPDATE

Our room capacity for meetings and activities has now been increased to 75% from 50%. We are still limited to under 50 people at any 4-H function unless we file a plan for more than 50 people more than 14 days in advance. It is a check sheet style form that we must complete in the office. If you are planning a 4-H meeting or event that will have more than 50 people or occupy more than 75% of the space, please get in contact with Natalie or Shannon three to four weeks in advance so that the plan can be submitted to our District Administrator.

Just a reminder that we have to have a COVID screening letter for every person at every 4-H activity (even project groups like food challenge practice). It is in the best interest of the kids participating and a requirement that we have to follow as indicated by our state program. Thanks for your patience and cooperation as we continue to follow our guidelines. [COVID Screening Letter](#)