



## *Lavaca County 4-H*

### *Update*

*December 4, 2020*

**Check Out:** <https://lavaca.agrilife.org/> and  
<https://www.facebook.com/LavacaCounty4H>

## **New COVID Guidelines**

Texas AgriLife Extension released new guidelines on Tuesday, November 24. Counties have been classified based on their COVID-19 positivity rate. Classifications are red, yellow, orange, and green. Red counties are not allowed to do any face to face programming. Thankfully we are not red. We are yellow. This means that any in person programming (including 4-H club meetings) are limited to fewer than 10 people. If you plan to have any project meetings or activities that involve more than ten people, please either postpone them or seek a virtual alternative. We are happy to help you here at the office conduct virtual meetings via the TEAMS platform. We are still allowed to do one-on-one project visits.

## **District Food Show and Food Challenge**

District Food Show and Food Challenge have had to be re-imagined due to the new guidelines. The District Food Show will now be held virtually on Saturday, December 12. *Good luck to Arielle Bennetsen, Sophia Etzler, Lynley Kallus, Aubrey Freytag, Keely Kneseck, and Callie Chrismon.*

District Food Challenge Junior and Intermediate competitions have been postponed until the Spring. The new date has not been announced. The Senior Food Challenge will still be held on December 12, but has been relocated to LaGrange. *Good luck to the Slicin' Dicin' Chicks: Ava Matias, Amanda Janak, Kayla Immekus, and Allyshia Grahmann who will get to compete face to face on December 12.*



Coastal Bend Classic, scheduled for December 5th and the Lavaca County Youth Show and Showmanship Clinic scheduled for December 12 have both been canceled due to the new COVID-19 guidelines.



**Save the Date**

**Wednesday, December 30**

**Photography Project Workshop**

**This will be virtual!**

**4-H members will have the opportunity to submit pictures ahead of the workshop for critique by our guest photographer. Details on how and what to submit will be posted on the county website by December 12.**

The Lavaca County 4-H Photography Contest Deadline is earlier than last year. **Photos will be due by Friday, February 5, 2020.** Watch for more information to be posted soon -you will be allowed to enter one picture per category following the state category guidelines. For county judging you must submit an 8x10 print.

To get a jump start, check out the state rules to learn about the categories at this link:

[http://texas4-h.tamu.edu/wp-content/uploads/20-21\\_Photography\\_Rules-1.pdf](http://texas4-h.tamu.edu/wp-content/uploads/20-21_Photography_Rules-1.pdf)

## Twelve Days of Christmas



We have a county wide effort to reach those in need this Christmas season through a project with the theme Twelve Days of Christmas. We hope that each club will complete a service learning project between now and Christmas. Check with your club manager to find out what your club is doing. Teen leaders are encouraged to take the lead. Reach out to your club manager and see what you can do to make your club's project happen.

Teen Retreat and Re-Fashion Retreat at the Texas 4-H Center in January have not been canceled but registration has been put on hold. If you are interested in attending either of these workshops, please let us know and we will get in touch with the 4-H Center to put you on a waiting list. Natalie and Keely Knesek are on the waiting list for Teen Retreat.

## Texas 4-H Opportunity Scholarship Training

If you missed the Opportunity Scholarship Training which was held on November 23rd and would like to watch the recording, call the office and we can forward you the link. are on the list for Teen Retreat.

## Wednesday E-mails from Texas 4-H

Take the time to read the This Week in Texas 4-H emails that come out on Wednesdays. These are always filled with lots of great opportunities!



# HOMEMADE FOR THE HOLIDAYS

Join us for fun holiday cooking and crafting in December!

December, 21st, 22nd, and 23rd, 9 am to noon

Are you looking for something fun to do during the winter break? If so, join in daily to interact with 4-H professionals from across the country, as they provide hands-on instruction on a variety of holiday treats and crafts.

*Pretzel Turtles*

*Homemade Hot Chocolate*

*Salted Caramel Crackers*

*Crystallized Icicle Ornaments*

*Salt Dough Ornaments*

*Holiday Greeting Cards*

*Sugar Cookies with Royal Icing*

**FREE**

OPEN TO ALL YOUTH - SOME PARENT SUPPORT MAY BE NEEDED

Register at: <https://grayson.agrilife.org/holidaycamp>

Virtual Camp Link and Supply List will be e-mail upon Registration

Individuals with disabilities who require an auxiliary aid, service or accommodations to participate in this event are encouraged to contact the Grayson County AgriLife Extension Office for assistance, at least two weeks prior to the marketed education program. 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, The Texas A&M University System, U.S. Department of Agriculture, and the County Commissioners Courts of Texas Cooperating.

The Texas 4-H website has pages specific to the projects that have lots of helpful information and the Explore Guides are available to help you complete project activities. Check them out at <https://texas4-h.tamu.edu/resources/>

This update is sent via email to all actively enrolled members and leaders. It is also posted on the county website. If you know of someone who is not receiving

the updates, please have them check their Spam folders and their enrollment.  
Thanks!