



Lavaca County 4-H Update January 8, 2021

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County 4-H Council



The January county council meeting will be held virtually on Monday, January 11 at 6:30 p.m. We will be approving the budget for this calendar year. All members are welcome to attend the county council meeting. Each club has designated voting delegates. Follow this link:

https://teams.microsoft.com/l/meetup-join/19%3ameeting_YTBINTM4ZWU+ZDKyZS00YjU3LTg4NDktNTE2M2Q4NTM5YjQ0%40thread.v2/0?context=%7b%22Ti d%22%3a%229fd7580a-6472-4d9c-a142-d131d3a7a116%22%2c%22Oid%22%3a%225939d47e-3125-4612-9ddf-d489ae0bdd4a%22%7d The link is also posted on the county website. Go to the bottom right corner of the home page and follow the link to the events page.

Texas 4-H Opportunity Scholarship Applications

Seniors who are applying for the Opportunity Scholarship need to get a copy of their application (either email or in person) to Natalie for review. **Please include the verification form. These items need to be turned into Natalie by the end of January.**

Please see the note from the 4-H Foundation: *"It has come to our attention that semester schedules are behind due to the late start some schools faced due to COVID-19. With this delay, some applicants will not have final 1st semester grades at the time of the deadline for the 2021 Texas 4-H Foundation Opportunity Scholarship to satisfy the 3.5 year transcript requirement. To help give some flexibility with this, we have decided to allow applicants to submit the transcript they have at the time of the deadline (11:59 PM Monday, February 15th). Applications will move on to the judging portion and during that time (March) applicants can submit their final 3.5 year transcript. If an applicant fails to submit their final 3.5 year transcript by Tuesday, March 23rd at 11:59 PM, they will be disqualified from moving to the next round."*

LIVESTOCK PROJECTS

Clippers/Blades

Lavaca County 4-H has animal clippers that can be checked out. Please call the Extension Office to book them. Clippers are checked out without blades. You are responsible for purchasing your own blades. Below is a list of suggested blades to purchase for use on the 4-H clippers:

Steers

Oster Clipmaster Clippers – 83/84AU blades
Andis Clippers – T84 blades (for touch up work)

Lambs

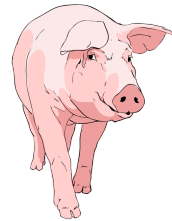
Lister Stablemate or Star Clippers – Lister A2S or Lister A2F blades

Goats

Lister Stablemate or Star Clippers – Lister Covercote blades

Swine

Andis Clippers - #10 blades to be used with guards



Rules

It is the responsibility of each 4-Her to read, understand, and follow the rules of each activity they participate in. This especially holds true for local and major livestock shows, as consequences for breaking the rules can be quite significant. Please contact the Extension Office if questions should arise.

Medications

4-H livestock exhibitors should be aware of the withdrawal times on medications and medicated feeds being given to show animals. Technically withdrawal time should be calculated from the time the animal arrives at the show. Please contact your veterinarian or feed dealer if there are any questions. Animals with illegal chemicals found in their system will be disqualified.

Scales

Lavaca County 4-H has two scales for weighing swine, lambs and goats that can be checked out. Please call the Extension Office to book a scale. Please remember when you transport the scale, it must be locked down. This keeps the cables from breaking. Also make sure you clean the scale before returning it to the 4-H building. **PLEASE NOTE: DO NOT BRING ANIMALS INTO THE 4-H BUILDING.**

Photography Contest

The Lavaca County 4-H Photography Contest Deadline is earlier than last year. **Photos will be due by Friday, February 5, 2020.** You will be allowed to enter one picture per category following the state category guidelines. For county judging you must submit an 8x10 print with your name, age, and category on the back. If you would like help selecting or categorizing photos, you are welcome to stop in the office or share your photos with Natalie in google photos to natalie.knesek@ag.tamu.edu. If you send them through google photos. There is no fee to enter county. First place photos in the junior and intermediate divisions will have the opportunity to advance to District. First place photos in the senior division will have the opportunity to advance to State.



The state guidelines can be found at:

http://texas4-h.tamu.edu/wp-content/uploads/20-21_Photography_Rules-1.pdf

Also consider using the 4-H Photography Explore guide found on the Texas 4-H website for learning experiences in the photography project.

A promotional graphic with a blue and black background. The text is centered and reads: 'DISTRICT 11 4-H PRESENTS SPRING SPECTACULAR AT A GLANCE'. Below this, it says 'Join us on January 19, 2021 at 6:30 pm via Facebook Live to learn more about the D11 Spring Spectacular.' It then lists various contests: 'Share-the-Fun', 'Fashion Show', 'Quiz Bowls', 'Educational Presentations', 'Public Speaking', 'Duds to Dazzle', and 'Consumer Decision Making'. At the bottom left is a green four-leaf clover logo with 'H' in each leaf. At the bottom right is the 'TEXAS A&M AGRILIFE EXTENSION' logo. A small disclaimer is at the bottom center.

DISTRICT 11 4-H PRESENTS

SPRING SPECTACULAR AT A GLANCE

Join us on January 19, 2021 at
6:30 pm via Facebook Live to
learn more about the D11
Spring Spectacular.

Participants will have the opportunity to ask
questions and here from our 4-H specialist and
contest committee chairs for the following contests:

Share-the-Fun	Educational Presentations
Fashion Show	Public Speaking
Quiz Bowls	Duds to Dazzle
Consumer Decision Making	



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 Individuals with disabilities who require an auxiliary aid, service or accommodation in order to participate in any Extension activity, are encouraged to contact the County Extension Office for assistance 5 days prior to the activity.

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Fashion Show and Storyboard

If you are interested in participating in the County Fashion Show and/or the Storyboard competition, please call the office at 798-2221 to let us know you are interested in participating. We hope to do a workshop in late January. The contest will be held in February. Email Natalie to request the contest guidelines at natalie.knesek@ag.tamu.edu.



COVID Guidelines

Our status changed from Red to Yellow for the period that extends through January 21st. This really does not mean any major changes for our 4-H program as we are still required to meet virtually rather than in person. This does not stop you from being able to participate in the stock shows that are coming up and we are still available to help you with projects, so please do not hesitate to ask. If you have a project or club meeting that you would like to hold virtually and need help setting one up, please get with Natalie. Check with your club manager about your January meeting.

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/>

Remember, also, to read the weekly e-mails you receive from Texas 4-H as they often have opportunities that do not get mentioned in this update.

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!