



IMPORTANT REMINDERS

4-H Office CLOSED until 9/8/20

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DEADLINES AT A GLANCE:

As a reminder, 4-H programming (Club meetings, project meetings, events or contests) will be cancelled/postponed until **Sept. 8, 2020**

- **SEP 1 – 2020-2021 4-H Year BEGINS!**
- SEP 4 – County Record Book, Awards, Photos PICK UP Day 10-12pm
- SEP 5 – County Record Book, Awards, Photos PICK UP Day 10-12pm
- **SEP 8- Club Meetings Resume & 4-H Office Opens (Please see details Pg.4)**
- **SEP 16 – Chocolate Fundraiser Pre-Order Form Due**
- **SEP 16 – County Council 4-H Officer Election Applications DUE**
- SEP 17 – County Council Meeting & Elections @ 7PM Location [WebEx](#)
- SEP 17 – [Texas Junior Master Photographer Workshop 1 Deadline](#)
- **SEP 23 – Chocolate Fundraiser Pick-Up Night!**
- SEP 26 – [BCJLS BBQ Plate Fundraiser Sale, Place your order for \\$10 HERE](#)
- SEP 26 – [Junior Master Photographer Workshop! Limited 40 registered!](#)
- SEP 28 – [Atascosa “Sonny” Domsch Memorial Prospect Show Deadline](#)
- OCT 7-18 – [Fall Clover Campaign at Tractor Supply Co.!](#)
- **OCT 8 – Lamb & Goat Validation (3:30-6PM) @ O’Connor**
- **OCT 10 – One Day 4-H!**
- **OCT 15 – Lamb & Goat Validation (3 -6PM) @ James Madison**
- OCT 17 – County Roundup Contest (Pub. Spkg/Ed.Pres.) ***Virtual***
- OCT 17 – [Cowboy Classic Lamb & Goat Prospect Show](#)
- **OCT 21 – Lamb & Goat Validation (5-7PM) @ East Central**
- **OCT 24 – Fall Heifer Validation (9-11AM) @ East Central**
- OCT 26 – [Early Entry Deadline for South TX Double Trouble Prospect Show](#)
- **OCT 28-30 – Major Show Entry HELP DAY (8am-5pm)**
- **NOV 1 – Enrollment Fee goes up +\$5!**
- **NOV 3-5 – Major Show Entry HELP DAY (8am-5pm)**
- **NOV 5 – Major Stock Show Entries DUE to County Ext. Office!**
- NOV 19 - County Council Meeting @ 7PM Location TBA
- NOV 30 – [Burnet County Virtual Shoot DEADLINE](#)
- DEC 1-3 – District 10 Fall Roundup Contests in Kerrville, TX
- DEC 7 – [Texas Junior Master Photographer Workshop 2 Deadline](#)
- DEC 31 - [LawnStarter Lawntrepreneur Scholarship](#)

⚠️ QUICK LOCAL ANNOUNCEMENTS! ⚠️

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Important SAVE THE DATES

County Council Meetings: **Sept 17, 2020 (Thurs.)** Virtually [HERE](#) on WebEx – **Officer Elections for the 2020-2021 4-H Year**

- If you wish to run for an officer position, please turn in the following [application](#) by Sept. 16, 2020 to ntcervantes@ag.tamu.edu

County/District/State Contest Projected Dates: Please see **pages: 18** of the NEWSLETTER!

NEW



2020 County Record Books & Awards PICK UP DAYS



I'm sure many of your members are eager to receive their Record Books, Pins and awards they've earned. **We will be doing a curbside pick-up for Record Books, Awards, & County Photos on Friday Sept. 4 from 10am to NOON OR Saturday Sept. 5 from 10am to NOON.** You can pick up items on behalf of another family but communicate you are doing so beforehand!

2020 ANIMAL VALIDATION DATES

Late Tag Orders:

Major Show Lamb/Goat Tag Orders were due **Aug. 14, 2020**. If you did NOT get your order in, please fill out this [FORM](#) and return to the Extension Office via mail or drop slot ASAP.

***Late Tags now cost \$30!**

SHEEP/GOATS:

October 8 @ 3:30-6PM O'Connor
October 15 @ 3-6PM James Madison
October 21 @ 5-7PM East Central

FALL HEIFER VALIDATION

October 24 @ 9-11 AM East Central

SWINE:

Nov10 @ 4-7PM Judson
Nov 14 @ 1-3 PM O'Connor
Nov 17 @ 4-7PM
Southwest HS
Nov 23 @ 4-7PM Madison

Tag Order Price: \$17 per State Tag, \$30 per Late State Tag

2020-2021 Major Stock Show updates on Page 6-7 of the Newsletter!

COVID-19 Update from Bexar 4-H

Howdy 4-H Family,

As I'm sure you're all aware, our nation and state are currently navigating difficult waters regarding the spread of COVID-19 (<https://texashelp.tamu.edu/coronavirus-information-resources/>). We are taking guidance at this time from our agency, local government, and federal government on how best to advise our groups to mitigate the probabilities of infection and further spread of the virus. **Please read the following recommendations regarding public gatherings/social distancing, and best hygiene practices.** We know you all have been made aware of this information, but we'd like to emphasize the importance of these practices so we can hopefully return to a normal state of operation in the near future.

1. The following actions are being taken regarding educational programs and face to face meetings:

- a. All AgriLife face-to-face meetings have been cancelled at this time. This status will be reviewed based on the statewide public health disaster declaration made by the Governor. All 4-H Programming will be suspended until **Tuesday September 8, 2020.**
- b. ***Our physical office will be closed until Monday, September 7, 2020.*** Currently, we are implementing a telecommuting solution to minimize as much person to person contact as possible. We can be reached during normal office hours at 210-631-0400. ****After September 8th, we will reopen at a 25% staff capacity and will meet with clientele via appointment ONLY to minimize foot traffic in the office.***
CURRENT POLICY ON 4-H CLUB MEETINGS: Regular Face-to-Face meetings can resume after on/after Tuesday September 8, 2020. Meeting Guidelines/Checklist for Club Managers must be adhered to, and a WAIVER for participating members is highly encouraged to keep on file. We know this is a unprecedented situation, please be sure to communicate with the County Extension Office if you have questions regarding the new Guidelines/Procedures.

2. The following CDC information relates to how COVID-19 is spread:

- The virus is thought to spread mainly from person-to-person.
 - Between people who are in close contact with one another (within about 6 feet).
 - Through respiratory droplets produced when an infected person coughs or sneezes.

Some spread might be possible before people show symptoms; there have been reports of this occurring with this new coronavirus, but this is not thought to be the main way the virus spreads.

• Spread from contact with contaminated surfaces or objects:

It may be possible that a person can get COVID-19 by touching a surface or object that has the virus on it and then touching their own mouth, nose, or possibly their eyes, but this is not thought to be the main way the virus spreads.

3. The following CDC information relates to how to mitigate infection of COVID-19:

CDC always recommends **everyday preventive actions** to help prevent the spread of respiratory diseases, including:

- Avoid close contact with people who are sick and stay home if you are feeling sick.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth.
- Cover your cough or sneeze with a tissue, then throw the tissue in the trash.
- Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces using a regular household cleaning spray or wipe.
- Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds, especially after going to the bathroom; before eating; and after blowing your nose, coughing, or sneezing.
- If soap and water are not readily available, use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer with at least 60% alcohol. Always wash hands with soap and water if hands are visibly dirty.



Guidelines for Conducting Adult and 4-H Meetings



Howdy Bexar County 4-H,

I know many clubs are eager to begin meeting and kick off the new 4-H Year. We want to support our youth 100% in participating in our 4-H program this year. Despite all the challenges 2020 gave us, we anticipate a successful year for 20-21 because we are more prepared and can anticipate these changes.

The plan is to begin allowing 4-H Clubs to meet face-to-face when our County Extension Office reopens. **The date set for this is Tuesday September 8, 2020.** Due to many challenges we are asking each and every ONE OF YOU to help us maintain a safe and healthy environment for all! Please download and read the following guidelines below for conducting adult and 4-H meetings, programs, and events. As we look into the new 4-H year, we hope this resource will be helpful in determining the steps you need to take or not take to put a meeting, program or event together. If you ever have any questions or need guidance in this area please do not hesitate to contact me at ntcervantes@ag.tamu.edu OR 210-857-9285.

Additionally, we have also included a **COVID-19 Screening Letter and Waiver Form** for your use with members. We do NOT require that you have a waiver form for every club meeting you hold, but you should collect this from each member at least once at the start of the year so they understand the health & safety guidelines they are expected to uphold throughout the year. Again, we wish everyone a safe, healthy and successful year!

- [Guidelines for Conducting Adult & 4-H Meetings](#)
- [COVID-19 Screening Letter & Waiver Form](#)

Natalie Cervantes
County Extension Agent – 4-H & Youth Development
Bexar County

4-H LIVESTOCK & HORSE EVENTS

2020-2021 VALIDATION DATES

4-H Members planning to show a state validated animal at the Major shows should mark your calendar with the validation dates for the upcoming 4-H Year. County validation will also occur during these events. If you have any questions please contact Sam Womble at Sam.Womble@ag.tamu.edu or Chris Lambert at Christopher.Lambert@ag.tamu.edu

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Updates on Lamb/Goat Validation:

Information:

- Tag order deadline has passed. Late tags need to be ordered ASAP at \$30 per tag. FORM [HERE](#)
- Tags are \$30/ea. **If you are going to show through 4-H, turn in your order form to the Extension Office!**

Few Reminders:

- All Market Lambs, Market Goats, Breeding Sheep, Wether Dams, Breeding Goats, and Wether Does **will use the same RFID validation tag.**
All Market Lambs, Market Goats, Breeding Sheep, Wether Dams, Breeding Goats, and Wether Does **will be on the same form.**
- Market Lambs and Goats may be family validated, however Breeding Sheep and Goats must only have one exhibitor per animal (this includes wether dams and does).
- Exhibitors with breeding sheep and goats will **need to have registration papers** available at validation.
- Wether Dams & Wether Does are breeding animals and must be entered on the Breeding section of the validation form.

LAMBS AND GOATS VALIDATED FOR THE STATE FAIR OF TEXAS MUST BE REVALIDATED FOR THE 2020-2021 SPRING/WINTER MAJOR SHOWS. STATE FAIR OF TEXAS LAMB AND GOAT VALIDATION TAGS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED AT THE MAJOR SHOWS.

Texas Lamb Breeders Association (TLBA) and Texas Goat Breeders Association (TGBA) tag numbers MUST be in the animal's ear and be recorded on the validation form at validation. NO TLBA or TGBA tag numbers will be added to the validation forms after the forms are submitted to the Sheep and Goat Validation of Texas program. Market lambs and wether does must have a TLBA tag to be eligible to compete in the San Angelo Stock Show.

New Market Lamb Guidelines: If you exhibit market lambs, please reference the new guidelines uploaded [HERE](#).

2020-2021 Major Stock Show Updates & Entry Forms- PLEASE READ

ALL MAJOR SHOW ENTRY FORMS WILL BE DUE Thursday NOVEMBER 5, 2020

***Includes Livestock Exhibitors, Judging Contests, & Junior Shootout/Shooting Contests**

Late Fee for Entry Forms will be \$100.

Additionally, there will be an additional deadline for corrections to be made on incorrect entries. Nov. 10 (Tues) is the deadline for entry corrections before the late fee is assessed.

Major Show Stock Show entries can be a very time consuming, confusing and tedious process! We want to assist you with your entry forms but need your help in getting your entries in a timely manner. Due to the restrictions of staffing capacity in the office, both Sam and Natalie will be doing their best to be accessible during Stock Show entry time but will be very shorthanded this Fall. Therefore, we ask that you please get your entries in as early as possible so we can check/correct entries as they arrive. We will be available IN-PERSON all day on **October 28-30** and **November 3-5** from 8am – 5pm to assist you in-person. Outside of this time period you will need to set up an appointment with Sam Womble at Sam.Womble@ag.tamu.edu or Natalie Cervantes ntcervantes@ag.tamu.edu .

Eligibility Guidelines: The 2019-20 school year was a year unlike any other. The 2020-21 school year is creating issues unprecedented in history under circumstances that are different for *every ISD* and *every 4-H member*. Due to the conditions surrounding 4-H participation and the various learning options available to students this year, additional clarification will be provided regarding academic eligibility throughout the year. **Families are encouraged to know and understand school policy regarding learning options and the implications for participating in various activities.** Regardless of a 4-H member's school instructional status (face-to-face, virtual, homeschool, etc.), all youth who meet the age/grade requirements are eligible for 4-H membership. **To participate in 4-H competitive activities or events that require missing school time, 4-H members must be academically eligible.**

Just a few updates and reminders for you to be aware of:

1. The Extension office remains closed to the public until Sept. 8th and we will not be fully staffed in the near future.
2. Remember to re-enroll on 4-H Connect for the upcoming 4-H year starting on Sept. 1. Resources on Pg.8.
3. If you're changing age categories (Jr, Int, Senior), you'll need to re-test on Quality Counts. Don't wait until the last minutes to get it done. Take care of it now.
4. Please do your best to follow our deadlines. Without being in the office consistently, deadlines are more important than ever. If material is late, you'll be charged a late fee.
5. If you need help or have questions call Sam Womble or Natalie Cervantes. Sam's Cell: 361-649-5836 or Natalie's Cell: 210-857-9285. Feel free to send videos/pictures to Sam if you need advice on your livestock projects.
6. If you have any training needs or ideas, let us know and we'll try to get something put together virtually.
7. Information regarding the Bexar County Junior Livestock Show is pending. The board is looking at a few different options.

We will be posting online Entry forms, instructions, and the Summary Sheet ONLINE on our [New Major Show Entry Help Page.](#)

STOCK SHOW UPDATES:

State Fair of Texas: Be sure to check the show's website at <https://www.bigtex.com> for the latest information. The State Fair of Texas has released a revised schedule for junior livestock exhibitors.

Heart of Texas Fair

- Updated show schedule found online at <http://www.hotfair.com>
- Purebred and crossbred division in the breeding gilt show. Purebreds must be state validated, crossbreds do not have to be validated.
- Lambs will be classified with the newly revised classification guidelines.

Fort Worth

- Any exhibitor who makes a material misrepresentation regarding entries subjects themselves to being barred from all further competition.
- Junior Heifer Show – a representative from each county 4-H or FFA chapter must obtain a packet from the superintendent's office containing their groups show numbers for their entries. Exhibitor's are responsible for verifying their show number/entry to the superintendent's office.
- Minimum weight for steers is 1,000 pounds.

San Antonio

- There will be a \$10,000 scholarship awarded to the Champion Dorper Market Lamb in 2021.
- Junior heifers will be split into two groups, Group 1: Feb. 15-17; Group 2: Feb. 18-19. Group 1 will consist of all American breeds and ONLY Simmentals entered in the Superbowl. Group 2 will consist of all British and Continental breeds.
- Market barrow maximum weight will increase to 290. Weight range will be 240-290.
- Premium pass (expedited arrival service at SCP) will be available for the junior market barrow show.

Texas Elite Showcase: There will be a white crossbred breed added.

San Angelo

- There will no longer be a sale option for market steers. Any steer placing 1st or 2nd will be required to sell.
- Plans are in place to offer a sheep and goat skill-a-thon.
- Crossbred gilts can only show in the Stars Gilt Show. The Stars Gilt Show has a sale associated with it.
- All market lambs must be TLBA bred and have the TLBA tag number recorded on the validation form.

Houston

- Open/Junior Breeding Sheep – March 1-3
- Junior Gilt Show – March 4-5
- Plans are to adjust market barrow weights to be more in line with industry standards. More information will be forthcoming.

Rabbit Hemorrhagic Disease Update & Updated Local Show Practices

Quality Counts:

Fall livestock show entries are in full swing and so is Quality Counts! Thankfully, there are no big changes for the course and exam this year. **As a reminder, exhibitors must be verified once per grade level division** (Junior – 3-5 grade; Intermediate – 6-8 grade; Senior 9-12 grade), **not each year!** If you are a BRAND NEW Exhibitor and have never shown or taken the Quality Counts exam, you will NEED to take this exam before you turn in your Stock Show entry forms. If you have previously shown before and taken this exam, you ONLY need to retake the exam if you are moving into the next grade level division.

Exhibitors must have a verified number for major livestock show entries. County Extension Agents and Agricultural Science will verify if your number is current. Only those exhibitor accounts with “True” and a %score grade are verified and may be used on entries. Please see enrollment instructions [HERE](#). Managers, please share this with your members when you ask/remind exhibitors to get verified. These are step-by-step instructions and really help folks through the process. Please also share the attached FAQ [HERE](#) to make the enrollment and testing as smooth as possible! For any technical questions regarding the website or login credentials, please have exhibitors reach out to our helpdesk at learnonline@ag.tamu.edu.

58th Annual Bexar County Junior Livestock Show Update:

With the start of the school year upon us, and with everything that is going on subsequent to the Covid-19 pandemic, the Board of Directors of Bexar County Junior Livestock Show (BCJLS) wants to convey its plans and intentions for this year’s BCJLS Livestock Show & Auction. For decades, BCJLS, Ag-Teachers, 4H Club Directors, and Parents have adamantly stated that “It is all about the kids.” With everything that is continuing to transpire throughout the world, this devotion to our children and our participants is more important than ever before. That being said, BCJLS’ #1 priority is, and always will be, the safety of all its FFA and 4H participants.

As such, BCJLS is committed to only proceeding with its 58th Annual Livestock Show in a manner that will ensure the well-being of all its participants. **After careful deliberation with all BCJLS Directors, it has been decided BCJLS will proceed with a physical show to take place at the BCJLS Show Grounds.** Details regarding the show will be forthcoming. That being said, in the event that the pandemic were to continue, and could adversely affect the health and well-being of any participants, a virtual show would be held. Rest assured that if a decision is made to move forward with a virtual show, Ag-Teachers, FFA Students, and 4H Club members will be notified in a timely manner, and allowing ample time to address any issues or questions that will ultimately arise.

Undoubtedly, many of you will have questions and concerns throughout this process. The BCJLS Board of Directors has the same questions and concerns. Quite obviously, there are issues that will exist and which none of us have considered. It is for that reason that we would encourage you to designate a spokesperson for both FFA Teachers and 4H Directors. This will allow for the individual to convey the thoughts and overall sentiments of the various entities participating in this year’s show. The BCJLS Board of Directors are in 100% agreement that a virtual show takes away from the way livestock shows are traditionally conducted. It also takes away from the thrill of competition that participants look forward to, and thrive upon. That being said, this is uncharted territory for all of us, and we are doing our best to play with the hand that we have been dealt. However, we are all in this together, and it is going to take everybody working as a team to make all of this a reality.

Throughout this process, we invite you to visit our website at www.bcjls.com for continuous updates. Feel free to call us with any questions you may have. Since many of us work, please leave a message which includes your name and number, and we will contact you as soon as possible. Also, please forward this email to any individual or entity which we may have inadvertently left off distribution, as it is important to get this message out to all individuals having interest.

Thank you for your time and patience with this endeavor.



Upcoming Prospect Shows

- ***Atascosa County Fair – “Sonny” Domsch Memorial Prospect Show – Sat. Oct. 10, 2020***
 - Information: Annual Prospect Lamb, Goat, Heifer and Steer show. Taking place at Cowboy Fellowship Church Arena 561 FM 33501 Jourdanton, TX 78026. Entry deadline is Sept. 28, 2020. Show information, contact information and entry form found [HERE](#).
- ***Cowboy Classic Goat & Lamb Prospect Show – Sat. Oct. 17, 2020***
 - Information: Prospect Goat & Lamb show. Taking place at Jourdanton ISD Ag Facility, 499 Christine Rd., Jourdanton, TX. Show information and contact information found [HERE](#).
- ***South Texas Double Trouble Prospect Show – Sat. Nov. 7, 2020***
 - Information: Prospect Steer & Heifer show. Taking place at Cowboy Fellowship Church Arena, 561 FM 33501 Jourdanton, TX 78026. Early entry deadline is Oct. 26, 2020. Show information, contact information and entry form found [HERE](#).

NEW



2020-2021 Livestock Ethics Policy Reminders



1. Exhibitors must be bona fide members of a 4-H Club or FFA Chapter in the state of Texas and care for their animals under the direct supervision of a County Extension Agent or Agricultural Science Teacher. Exhibitors must be enrolled in, and attending, public or private and/or home school elementary or secondary schools in Texas.

2. To gain the life skills developed through the livestock project; exhibitors must be closely engaged in the feeding, maintenance, training, grooming and overall welfare of his/her animals. Exhibitors and immediate family/guardians are responsible for providing the primary and continuous daily care of livestock projects throughout the validation period.

a. 4-H and FFA livestock project exhibitors are under the supervision of an Agricultural Science Teacher or County Extension Agent who serves as the advisor for that project. Excessive involvement of third-party consultants, breeders, fitters not affiliated with the Texas 4-H and/or Texas FFA programs is prohibited. Third party involvement interfering with the exhibitor's ability to provide primary daily care of and engagement with livestock projects may result in the disqualification of all state validated livestock projects owned by all associated exhibitors/families. Likewise, third party involvement interfering with the County Extension Agent and Agricultural Science Teacher's ability to properly supervise the livestock project may result in the disqualification of all state validated livestock projects.

b. Livestock projects must be raised at the physical address of validation record. Prior approval must be granted by the "Species Specific County-Level State Validation Committee" in the event the animal will be outside the direct care of the exhibitor, immediate family/guardian, and/or the supervising County Extension Agent or Agricultural Science Teacher. Failure to gain approval from the supervising Agricultural Science Teacher/County Extension Agent and the Species-Specific County-Level State Validation Committee will result in the disqualification of all state validated livestock.

3. A state validated livestock project may not be simultaneously validated in more than one county. Additionally, a state validated animal may not be county or state validated under a different exhibitor's name in another county.

4. Showing an animal for another individual by claiming ownership in order to show in a specific livestock class/event or claiming ownership through signage, social media, or any other advertising method is prohibited. False ownership is a violation of these guidelines and will lead to disqualification.

5. Treating an animal internally or externally, with any irritant, counter-irritant, or other substance used to artificially change the conformation or appearance of an animal for show is considered unethical, inhumane, and is prohibited. Surgery, injection or insertion of foreign material under the skin and/or into the flesh of an animal to change the natural contour, conformation or appearance of an animal's body is illegal. This includes **injection of gas, air, oil, or other foreign substances**; cutting/tearing of the hide/underneath the hide or removal of tissue in any attempt to alter the physical appearance of the animal; numbing or "deadening" an animal's tail; cutting tendons of an animal; using foreign substances to build or cosmetically re-shape feet (this does not include medically necessary treatments for injured hooves or feet); as well as "twining" which includes the attachment of hair or hair substances

(i.e. baling twine, cloth, fiber, etc.). Acceptable practices of physical preparation which are allowed include, clipping of hair, trimming of hooves, dehorning, removal of ancillary teats, and docking of tails.



Enrolling on 4-H Online (formerly 4-H Connect) for the 2020-2021 Year

- **Information:** With things still being worked on with 4-H Online, I would recommend having all families wait to register until **September 1, 2020** when all of the issues are worked out of the system. Also, NEW 4-H members, specifically those 8 and in the 3rd grade, **need** to wait until the 1st so that the system does not flag them as a clover kid.

Family Guides – 4HOnline 2.0 – NEW RESOURCES

- [Welcome To 4-H Handout](#)
- [Family Profile Guide](#)
- [Enrollment Volunteer Quick Sheets – Renew | New |](#)
- [Enrollment Youth Quick Sheets – Renew | New](#)
- [Credit Card Management](#)
- [Password Management](#)
- [Registration Guide](#)



Bexar County Junior Livestock Show BBQ Plate Fundraiser – Sept. 26, 2020

Information: The Bexar County Jr Livestock Show (BCJLS) will be hosting a BBQ Plate Fundraiser sale. The BBQ Plate Sale (Chicken, Sausage, Rice, Beans, Bread) will support the annual BCJLS Scholarship Fund. You can help donate and buy a BBQ Plate (\$10) and support Ag kids of Bexar County!

BBQ plate sale has officially kicked off and is online right now through the link

below. <https://www.cognitofirms.com/BexarCountyJuniorLivestockShow/BexarCountyJuniorLivestockShowBBQPlateSale>

The BBQ Plate Sale will be on: Saturday, September 26 starting at 12 noon at the Bexar County Junior Livestock Show grounds on 7701 FM 1346, San Antonio TX, 78220. Everyone that buys a pre-ordered plate will be entered into a drawing!

Did you miss the 2020 County Awards Program? Watch it HERE ->



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County Council Election Information **RELEASED**

- **Information:** All meetings will either be held virtually (if we cannot meet in-person) or at the County Extension Office (3355 Cherry Ridge Dr. S-208, SATX 78230) @ 7PM! First meeting will be **Sept. 17th** VIRTURALLY at <https://agriflife-tamu.webex.com/meet/natalie.cervantes> and we will conduct ELECTIONS for 20-21 Council. Please come to RUN or VOTE! If you wish to run, you must turn in an [Officer Application](#) to ntcervantes@ag.tamu.edu by **September 16, 2020**. You **MUST** be present at the virtual meeting to run and conduct a short 2-3 speech.
- **This year's theme is "Socially Distanced, NOT Socially Isolated"** – Each meeting will host a presentation/activity on reducing stress and improving our mental health during this stressful time!
 - **Sept 17 (Thurs.)** – Officer Elections for the 2020-2021 4-H Year, Please submit [Officer Application!](#)
 - **Nov 19 (Thurs.)** **Jan 21 (Thurs.)**
 - **Mar 18 (Thurs.)** **May 20 (Thurs.)** – Officer Elections for the 2021-2022 4-H Year



Texas 4-H Junior Master Photographer (JMP) – Workshop 1 deadline Sept. 17

Information: Please inform your 4-H members that registration for the [Junior Master Photographer training](#) scheduled for **September 26 is now active on 4HOnline and LOCATION has changed to Kerrville at the Hill Country Youth Event Center.** As in the past, youth must have an active enrollment in order to register. See Flyer: [HERE](#)

The Texas 4-H Junior Master Photographer (JMP) program provides advanced instruction to photography enthusiasts. As a Junior Master Photographer, youth will be expected to return to their counties and districts to serve as teen leaders for the project. Additionally, Junior Master Photographers may be called upon by the County Extension Agent or 4-H Specialist to serve as photographers for various 4-H events and activities. Only dedicated photography project youth wishing to expand their knowledge as well as service to others should apply for this opportunity. In other words, youth do need to have a good working knowledge of their camera prior to attending this advanced training.

To be a certified Junior Master Photographer, candidates must:

- Be in 7th – 12th grade
- Attend BOTH Workshop I and Workshop II
- Complete a competency test with a minimum score of 80%
- Submit four photos taken by applicant demonstrating understanding of instruction
- Participate in at least one practice event
- Complete a photography community service activity
- Take part in at least two organized project experiences

Although there is no yearly performance requirement, Junior Master Photographers are expected to return to counties and districts to help expand their photography programs. They receive the Junior Master Photographer pin and certificate. Certified JMPs in 9th grade are eligible to apply to the State 4-H Photography Ambassador Program.

The JMP training consists of two one-day workshops. Below are the details for both:

JMP Workshop I -Space limited to 1st 40 registered! Date: Saturday, September 26 Location: Kerrville at the Hill Country Youth Event Center Grades: 7-12 DSLR Camera Required Deadline: September 17 via 4-H Online	JMP Workshop II * Must have attended Workshop I Date: Sunday, December 13 Location: Dallas Research and Extension Center Grades: 7-12 DSLR Camera Required Deadline: December 7 via 4-H Online
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Dates and locations are subject to change depending on Covid-19 guidelines.

Additional information and contact information can be found [HERE](#).



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Texas 4-H Center Road Show!

- **Information:** The Texas 4-H Center is wrapping up our summer camp programs and looking ahead to the end of the 4-H Year as well as the beginning of a new year! The Texas 4-H Center will be traveling for Road Shows this fall. Texas 4-H can bring the road show to your kickoff events, club meetings and officer trainings to add some extra fun! The Texas 4-H Road Show will be adding a fee this year to help offset cost. If interested in this opportunity please email ntcervantes@ag.tamu.edu to learn how to sign up!

LawnStarter Lawntrepreneur Scholarship

- **Information:** The Lawntrepreneur Scholarship is our way of funding tomorrow's top entrepreneurs. We're fixing the large and disorganized lawn care industry, and we're willing to grant \$1000 to any student we believe has the potential to change the world through entrepreneurship. If you are interested in starting your own business, we'd love to hear from you.
- **We offer the scholarship to a student each semester. The entry for the Spring semester is from August 31st to December 31st.** We will announce the recipient on January 2nd of the subsequent year. For application and eligibility requirements please go to: <https://www.lawnstarter.com/scholarship>

2020-2021 Texas 4-H Chartering Information – Charters due ASAP

Information: Please view and download the [Chartering Packet](#) which includes various support pieces. The documents are also located online at: <https://texas4-h.tamu.edu/management/>.

- 2020-2021 [Texas 4-H Chartering Instructions](#) – Contains all instructions and resources.
- 2020-2021 Charter Agreement.
- Download: [Sample Bylaws](#): The *sample bylaws are developed to serve as a guide* for clubs/groups to use in bylaw development and/or revision. Chartered clubs/groups have flexibility with their bylaws; however, the items in bold in the sample set are required to be in the all bylaws. When you review the sample bylaws, you will notice **LESS bolded/required items**. This does not mean you have to change your bylaws, as long as they meet the minimum requirements, which they should if they were in compliance last year. Club/group bylaws may also not conflict with the Texas 4-H Rules and Guidelines and/or the charter agreement.
- 2019-2020 Financial Review Form: Bank statements uploaded as part of the chartering packet should not include copies of canceled checks. This is for security of the club/group account(s).
- Charter Worksheet for Club/Group Managers to complete and use to fill out information in 4-H CONNECT - This form is simply a worksheet and **should not be uploaded**.
- If you have any questions please feel free to contact me at ntcervantes@ag.tamu.edu

Help Kids with Cancer through new Texas 4-H Partnership

- **Information:** Texas 4-H has partnered with the Variety Television Network (VTN) Commerce Club, the Stu and Laurie Variety Hour, and a familiar face to Texas 4-H - [Brooke's Blossoms](#) to raise money for Brooke's Blossoming Hope for Childhood Cancer and Texas 4-H! The television show will be airing in the fall of 2020, but for now you can do your part by [signing up as a member online](#)! When people sign up for the VTN commerce club, they receive a free sterling silver Brooke's Blossoms ring as a thank you for their support. Then 10% of the buyers club fee goes to support kids with cancer through the Brooke's Blossoms efforts and 10% goes directly to 4-H for the referral.

4-H Project Trainings

4-H Speaker Request Form

- **Information:** If you are interested in having a 4-H staff member speak at your event/club meeting, please complete this [form](#) and submit to ntcervantes@ag.tamu.edu at least 3 weeks prior to the requested date. Please allow 3-5 business days for confirmation. If you have any questions, please contact us at 210-631-0400.

NEW

Virtual Learn, Grow, Eat & Go! Gardening series coming SOON!

The online, video-based Virtual Learn, Grow, Eat & GO! Course for Elementary Students will be available for use next month. [Click the video to see a week 1 preview!](#)

The 4-H STEM Challenge, formerly known as the National Youth Science Day (NYSD), is an annual initiative to inspire kids everywhere to take an interest in science, technology, engineering and math through hands-on learning. With the relaunch of the US space program, now is a perfect time to build upon that excitement. The race to land humans on Mars is on! **The 2020 4-H STEM Challenge will explore sending a mission to Mars with the activity, Mars Base Camp.** Developed by Google and Virginia Cooperative Extension, Mars Base Camp is a collection of activities that teaches kids ages 8-14 STEM skills like mechanical engineering, physics, computer science, and agriculture.

Order your kits today. October is officially 4-H STEM month, so help shine a spotlight on this fast-growing project area. There are two versions of the kit available this year. The “Family-sized Kit” is suitable for 1-4 youth. The “Educator Kit” is ideal for up to 12 youth. Order your kit [HERE](#). Find Educational Resources [HERE](#).

4-H Tech Changemakers Program

Information: National 4-H has teamed up with Microsoft to develop a program for teens that empowers them to serve as digital ambassadors to create change in their communities. Change is in the form of digital literacy with the goal of breaking the digital divide. If you would like to start a 4-H Tech Changemakers group in your county, you can download the guidebook [HERE](#).

4-H AT HOME: MAKING, MEDIA & VISUAL ARTS

- **Information:** 4-H programs across the country are serving as education's first responders, continuing their mission to provide learning resources for all kids in every county. This week's activity theme is making, media and visual arts! Activities here: [4-H at Home Main Page](#)
 - [Paint A Rainforest](#) – Grades 3 – 8
 - [Exploding Baggies](#) – Grades PK- 5
 - [Fizz, Bubble & Goo](#) – Grades K- 12

District 10 4-H Virtual Project Groups on Facebook!

- **Information:** The District 10 4-H Facebook page is hosting several different Virtual 4-H project groups where youth can continue to explore project opportunities and learning experiences from the comfort of their own home! You can join these groups by simply going to the Group page and asking to join! Projects offered: [Entomology](#), [Robotics/STEM](#), [Consumer Education](#), [Photography](#), [Water](#), [Livestock Judging](#), [Wildlife & Fisheries](#), [Clothing/Textiles](#), [Food & Nutrition](#)

Take a Stand Virtual Learning Series

- **Information:** The **Take A Stand Anti-Bullying Curriculum** (Grades K-5) keeps with the 4-H mission of preparing youth to meet the challenges of childhood, adolescence, and adulthood. The Take a Stand curriculum focuses on five main areas: conflict management, communication, etiquette, teamwork and cultural awareness. You can utilize our NEW video series during your club meetings, classroom time and more!
 - **Lesson 1:** [Keep Your Cool](#)
 - **Lesson 2:** [Walk In My Shoes](#)
 - **Lesson 3:** [A Manner of Speaking](#)
 - **Lesson 4:** [Get In the Game](#)
 - **Lesson 5:** [You + Me = Harmony](#)

Virtual Egg to Chick Curriculum and Resources

- **Information:** The Virtual Egg to Chick program now has a video series that you can watch and follow from home!
- **Videos:**
 - [Video 1](#)
 - [Video 2](#)
 - [Video 3](#)
 - [Video 4](#)
 - [Video 5](#)
 - [Video 6](#)
 - [SURVEY for Chicken 101 Series](#)
- Additionally we also have a Google Drive full of resources that include hands-on activities. This program is open to all ages. Anyone participate! Please send us pictures of your youth participating in activities! Google Drive



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Link: <https://drive.google.com/open?id=1Sv2NQ0cYoSEDVV0GnuQGVr3KOVSeSik>

Operation College Access

- **Information:** Maximize your college experience by establishing an academic and financial plan together for your success and beyond! Register here: https://www.pvamu.edu/cahs/4-h_operation-college-access/
Please contact Sayako Seymour (sayako.seymour@ag.tamu.edu) for any questions!

2020 Virtual Club Officer Training: RECAP & Activity for Use

- **Information:**
- Pizza Leadership Kahoot Link: [Kahoot Game Host Site](#)
- Pizza Leadership Questions/Answer Key: [PDF Document](#) & Pizza Leadership Craft Printout: [PDF Document](#)



CONTEST PAGE:



District/State Contest Reimbursement Form

- **Information:** The Bexar 4-H Council has money set aside to reimburse for selected District and State events to encourage participation and help ease the financial burden for active 4-H families. The money reimbursed will need to be requested from our office; no longer automatically mailed. See details below:
- **How:** Please fill out and return the [Reimbursement Form](#) to ntcervantes@ag.tamu.edu



*****2020 County Record Books & Awards PICK UP DAYS*****



I'm sure many of your members are eager to receive their Record Books, Pins and awards they've earned. **We will be doing a curbside pick-up for Record Books, Awards, & County Photos on Friday Sept. 4 from 10am to NOON OR Saturday Sept. 5 from 10am to NOON.** You can pick up items on behalf of another family but communicate you are doing so beforehand!



2020-2021 District/State Food Challenge Updates

The District has made the change to host Food Challenge in Kerrville at the Kerr County Youth Event Center on April 28, 2021. The committee wrote some contest changes/updates and they are linked below for you review until official contest letters are released. Registration will be open in 4-H Online March 30- April 6, 2021 and Late Registration will be April 7-8, 2021.

- *New – [2020 District Food Challenge Updates/Changes](#)
- *New – [DATE CHANGE for Food Challenge Contest – Moved to April 28, 2021](#)
 - *New – [Food Challenge Web Training Recording](#)

2020-2021 District/State Food Show Updates

A quick update on this year's Food Show for the District, here are the current changes that were made to the District contest based on the state changes.

- Juniors will continue to compete in the Food Show as they have in the past and will only be interviewed by the judges
- Intermediates will have the Interview and the Skills Showcase
- Seniors will participate in all 3 components of the contest as listed in the Texas 4-H Food Show Guidelines
 - *New – [2020-2021 Food Show Rules & Guidelines](#)
 - *New – [2020-2021 Updated Food Show Scorecard](#)
 - *New – [2020-2021 Food Show Training RECORDING](#)
- *New – [District 10 2020-2021 Food Show Resources](#) (*The D-10 Food Show Committee will be creating the 10-question quiz for Senior 4-H participants from these resources.*)

Quick Glance for ALL UPCOMING Shooting Sports Events

- **Access all shooting sports events, trainings, & contests here:** https://docs.google.com/document/d/1s-dAH2_/edit
- **Burnet County 4-H Fall Statewide Virtual Match 2020 – Oct. 1 – Nov. 30, 2020**
 - Information: Shoot 3-Position Small Bore, 3-Position Air Rifle, 60 Shot Standing Air Rifle, and 60 Shot Prone Small Bore for 4-H Juniors. Match shooting can take place anytime between Oct. 1 – Nov. 30, 2020. Report must be postmarked by Nov. 30, 2020. Shoot information, contact information and entry form found [HERE](#).



2020-2021 County – District – State Contest Dates

This is subject to change due to COVID-19 restrictions/guidelines at the time of the event. The health & safety of our 4-H members, families & employees is of the utmost importance.

2020-2021 4-H Year BEGINS! – September 1, 2020 *Must be enrolled to compete!

2020-2021 4-H Enrollment Fee +\$5 – Nov. 1, 2020 *Must be enrolled to compete!

County ONE DAY 4-H Event – October 10, 2020

County Roundup (Pub. Speaking & Ed. Pres.) – October 17, 2020 *May be Virtual

County Food Show/Food Challenge – Fall (Oct/Nov), 2020 TBA

County Winter Arts & Crafts Show – (Nov/Dec), 2020 TBA (Tenative)

District 10 Fall Roundup (Kerrville) – December 1 - 3, 2020

-Educational Presentations/Public Speaking

-Entomology

-FCH/Horse/Livestock Quiz Bowl

-Food Show

District 10 Conference (Location TBA) – December 2020 TBA

District 10 Photography Contest *Virtual* - February 2021 TBA

District 10 Dairy/Horse/Consumer Decision Making (SALE) – February 2021 TBA

County Fashion/D2D/Storyboard Contest – March 2021 *May be Virtual

County Photography Entries DUE *Virtual* - March 15, 2021

County Share-the-Fun Contest – April 3, 2021 *May be Virtual

County Spring Project Show – (April/May), 2021 TBA

District 10 Food Challenge (Kerrville) – April 28, 2021

District 10 Meat Judging (San Angelo) – April 2021 TBA

District 10 Spring Roundup (Location TBA) – Late April/Early May 2021 TBA

-Livestock/Wool/Mohair/Soil Judging

-Range Evaluation/Range & Pasture ID

-Share-the-Fun

-Leaders 4 Life

-Fashion Show/D2D/Storyboard

-Small Bore Rifle (Floresville TX)

Texas 4-H Roundup (College Station) – June 7-10 2021 (Guide [HERE](#))

County Record Books/Awards Due *Judging Virtual* - June 14, 2021

District 10 Horse Show (Location TBA) – Late June 2021 TBA

District 10 Leadership Lab (Brownwood) – Late June 2021 TBA

District 10 Record Book Judging (Location TBA) – Early July 2021 TBA

Texas 4-H Dog Show (Belton) – July 9-11, 2021

Texas 4-H Shooting Sports State Games (San Antonio/Manor) – July 2021 TBA

Texas 4-H Horse Show (College Station) – July 2021 TBA

Upcoming Prospect Shows

NEW

- **Atascosa County Fair – “Sonny” Domsch Memorial Prospect Show – Sat. Oct. 10, 2020**
 - Information: Annual Prospect Lamb, Goat, Heifer and Steer show. Taking place at Cowboy Fellowship Church Arena 561 FM 33501 Jourdanton, TX 78026. Entry deadline is Sept. 28, 2020. Show information, contact information and entry form found [HERE](#).
- **Cowboy Classic Goat & Lamb Prospect Show – Sat. Oct. 17, 2020**
 - Information: Prospect Goat & Lamb show. Taking place at Jourdanton ISD Ag Facility, 499 Christine Rd., Jourdanton, TX. Show information and contact information found [HERE](#).
- **South Texas Double Trouble Prospect Show – Sat. Nov. 7, 2020**
 - Information: Prospect Steer & Heifer show. Taking place at Cowboy Fellowship Church Arena, 561 FM 33501 Jourdanton, TX 78026. Early entry deadline is Oct. 26, 2020. Show information, contact information and entry form found [HERE](#).

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