



Colorado Co. 4-H



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Photography & Scholarships

The 2020 Texas 4-H Photography Contest rules and guidelines have been released. The theme for this year is “The Elements”. This category must contain one of the 4 elements: earth, air, water, or fire. Photos can include a combination of one or more elements, but the element(s) itself must be the focal point of the photo. Examples: dust devil, river, steam, snow, campfire, water droplets, clouds, etc. Photo resolution must be a minimum of 300 dpi quality resolution. Must be 3:2 (4”x6”) or 5:4 (8”x10”) ratio (either landscape or portrait). Photo may not be larger than 5120 KB (5MB). This contest is for 4-H members in the 9th—12th grades and the entry deadline for the county contest is **February 7th**. The state deadline is March 1st, 2020. Entries are \$10.00 each. and the rules and guidelines can be found online at https://d114-h.tamu.edu/files/2019/12/19-20_Photography-Rules-and-Guidelines.pdf. The categories include: Animals-Domestic, Animals-Wildlife, Catch-All, Details & Macro, Dominant Color, Elements of Design, Enhanced, Food, Landscape & Nature, Motion/Action, Night, People, Plant/Flora, Sports, Shadow/Silhouette. Theme—Promote 4-H, Travel & Place. The District 11 guidelines and categories will be the same as the state rules and guidelines. The deadline to submit entries for the county contest is **February 7th, 2020**. Those 4-H’ers that advance to the District contest (3rd through 8th graders) will need to submit their entries on 4-H Connect by **March 1, 2020**. The fee will be \$10 per individual not per entry. More information is available at <https://d114-h.tamu.edu/events-and-contests/photography/>.

County Council Scholarships

The 4-H Council sponsors two \$250 scholarships to graduating seniors that have been enrolled in 4-H for at least three years, including the current year. Applications will be emailed to seniors currently enrolled and will also be available at the Extension Office. The deadline for submitting applications is March 27, 2020. Scholarship recipients will have scholarships presented at their school recognition event and will be recognized at the 4-H Awards Banquet.

2020 Texas 4-H Scholarship

The 2020 Texas 4-H Opportunity Scholarship Program opened Friday, November 1st. Applicants will no longer submit their application through 4-H CONNECT or by paper/mail. Applicants must have their application reviewed by their CEA and have their CEA complete the CEA Verification Form. The applicant will need to upload this form with their application. The form is available to print from the Foundation website under the “Apply” button on the Scholarship page or from within their application. Applicants now have the option to upload a pdf document for responses that are better suited in a table format. There have been no changes to the criteria required of the applicant, only the way the applicant applies. Here is the 2020 scholarship timeline: **Application Deadline: February 14th**

Link to Scholarship Webpage: <https://texas4hfoundation.org/what-we-do/>

Food Show/Food Challenge

The Colorado County 4-H had their annual County Food Show/Food Challenge contest on November 4th, 2019. The objective of this event is to provide opportunities for participants to exhibit their knowledge and skill when preparing and presenting a healthy dish. Both teams will be advancing to the District Food Show and Food Challenge Competition in Victoria Texas January 4th 2020. As well as our Food Show competitors, Rayel Aiken and Emily Wied.

Food Show & Food challenge guidelines can be found at : <https://d114-h.tamu.edu/events-and-contests/food-show-and-food-challenge/> . They are also available at the Extension Office or they will be mailed to you if requested.



Easter Community Service

The Colorado County 4-H Council will sponsor the annual Easter Community Service Project with the help of the 4-H Clubs in the county. We will provide the Wharton County Junior College Senior Citizens program with Easter bags for their clientele. We will meet to assemble 100+ bags at **6:30 p.m. on Monday, March 16, 2020** prior to the Council and Leaders meetings. We need a variety of items and ask each club to donate 100 of one item to fill the bags. **Suggested items include tissue packs, lotion, shampoo, razors, Band-Aids, bar soap, toothbrushes, toothpaste, handkerchiefs, antibacterial wipes, deck of cards, socks, pens/pencils and other items.** Please decide what your club will contribute and report this at the January Council meeting or contact the Extension Office to let us know. Items need to be brought to the Extension Office on or before March 16th.

Projects & Contest

The Columbus Area 4-H Shooting Sports Club Rifle Project meeting scheduled is to be announced. The rifle project is open to boys and girls in the third grade through 12th grades throughout Colorado County. The project will last for approximately 5 weeks and shooting will continue after the project is complete for those who are interested in participating in invitational tournaments and other contests. Participants will shoot each week, under the supervision and instruction of certified rifle coaches serving as volunteer 4-H leaders. For more information, contact (979) 732-9498, (979) 733-4784, (979) 732-2530 or contact Terri Jurek at shoot4fun@netzero.net.

Archery participants please take notice that the Archery Postal League Tournament dates are to be announced. Please contact Terri Jurek at 732-9498 or 733-4784 or shoot4fun@netzero.net for guidelines and more information.

County Roundup

County Roundup, which includes Educational Presentations, Public Speaking, Share-the-Fun acts, Fashion Show, Duds to Dazzle, and Storyboarding will be held Saturday, March 30, 2020. The contests will be held at the County Ag Building and will begin at 5:30p.m. The deadline to register to participate is **March 20th, 2019**. The Fashion Show includes a construction and a buying division.

A list of the contest categories is listed on page 4. Please contact the Extension at 979-758-2530 if you have any questions

District 11 Food Show results!
Colorado County had two 4-H members
place

at The District Food Show and Food Challenge competition in Victoria Texas January 4th. Emily Wied (left) placed 3rd and Rayel Aiken (right) placed 2nd in the contest this year. Congratulations ladies!



D 11 & State Happenings

Spring Spectacular May 2-3, 2020

The 2020 D11 4-H Spring Spectacular information is now posted on the D11 website: <https://d114-h.tamu.edu/district-11-4-h-spring-spectacular/>. Please refer to the website for up-to-date information. Spring Spectacular includes Roundup events, including Educational presentations, Share-the-Fun categories, as well as Consumer Decision Making, Fashion Show and Food Show/Food Challenge, Leaders-4-Life, and Beef, Horse and Nutrition Quiz Bowls.

4-H Connect registration deadline is April 3 and late registration is from April 4-17.

- Some things to note: There is an overall \$15 management fee which will include a t-shirt or souvenir. Each contest has a \$5 fee.
- The event will be held at Victoria College Emerging Technology Complex – 7403 Lone Tree Road, Victoria, TX
- Share-the-Fun, Educational Presentations, Public Speaking and Consumer Decision Making will be held on Saturday, May 2.
- Share-the-Fun is an event related to the Theater and Performing Arts Project and includes: Celebrate 4-H, Choreographed Routines, Dramedy, Musical/Instrumental, Poetry/Prose, Solo/Band Performance, and Vocal. All categories have 6 minutes to present their act and 4 minutes to set up and take down (a total of 10 minutes)
- A 4-H Educational Presentation includes what you have learned in a project area. It can be done as a individual or a team of two. The Educational Presentation can be accomplished by using props, posters or media presentations, or it can be you just speaking and convincing or educating with words alone. This contest allows you 12 minutes to complete your presentation with a 9 minute time to set up and take down any props, etc. Following is a list of topics for educational presentations
 - Agricultural Technology & Farm Safety
 - Animal Science
 - Beef
 - Health & Wellness
 - Horse
 - Open – Agriculture & Natural Resources
 - Open—Family & Consumer Sciences
 - Promote 4-H
 - Public Speaking
 - Safety & Injury Prevention

For more information go to the website or contact the County Extension Office.

2020 4-H Outdoor Challenge— is a contest consisting of 10 activities set up for teams of two to compete within their age division. The activities could cover basic skills and knowledge in outdoor safety, outdoor skills, swimming, paddling, shooting, wildlife and habitat, biologist skills, fishing, first aid, outdoor gear, consumer education, off road bicycling, and climbing. The Outdoor Challenge contest is scheduled for **June 21-23, 2020** at the Texas 4-H Center, Lake Brownwood. 4-H members of all ages are eligible to prepare and participate. Participants will compete in a team of two within 4-H age divisions. All participants must have training and experience in all activities posted for the current year's event. Team members must be from the same county 4-H program. **Registration will be held on 4-H Connect April 15-May 15, 2020; Participation is limited to the first 50 full teams that register. Registration fee is \$50 per contestant.** Optional Lodging and Meals at the 4-H Center are available by reserving on <https://texas4hcenter.tamu.edu/> during the same time frame as contest registration. General information, as well as the 10 activities for this year can be found at <https://texas4-h.tamu.edu/projects/outdoor-education-living-skills/>.

2020 National 4-H Beekeeping Essay Competition

The 2020 4-H Beekeeping Essay information has been released by the Foundation for the Preservation of Honey Bees, Inc. This year's topic is "Overwintering: Bee Survival through the Cold Season". Deadline for submission is **April 1, 2020** online via 4-H Connect. Essays will be uploaded on 4-H Connect at no fee. Winners will be announced **June 1, 2020**. For complete rules and information <http://texas4-h.tamu.edu/projects/entomology/>.

Club Updates!

- **4-H Robotics Project** Colorado County 4-H has started a Robotics Project. Members meet every *1st and 3rd Monday of each month at 6:30pm here at the Extension Office*. If you have any questions please contact the Extension Office.
- Consumer Education Project—Practices will be held **January 5th, 12th, 19th, 26th, and February 2nd, and 9th. The practices will begin at 3:30 p.m.** at the County Extension Office.
- **Colorado County 4-H Council— Meeting March 16th at 6:30 p.m. Members will put Easter bags together for WCJC Senior Citizen Program at March 16th meeting.**
Club Managers & Leaders—Will meet on the same date and time.

Best wishes to Sharon Grahmann the 4-H Program Assistant of 25 years!

"I want to express my thanks to the 4-H Families, both members and adult volunteers, for their commitment to the 4-H Program. It has been a joy to work with you and to witness the many successes that our 4-H'ers have attained."

-Sharon Grahmann



4-H Council Meeting

The Colorado County 4-H Council met on Monday, November 18, 2019 at 6:30 p.m. at the County Agricultural Building with five clubs in attendance. The meeting was called to order by Robert Stavinoha and the Pledge of Allegiance to the U.S. and Texas Flags was led by Rowdy Kunz. Sam Peacock led the 4-H Motto and Pledge and Rayel Aiken called the roll and read the minutes. Zena Woods read the treasurer's report.

Activity reports included:

One Day 4-H by Danielle Hilley, Rowdy, Jase Rau, Rayel, Zane Wanjura

Trick or Treat Around the Track by Danielle, Brooke Wanjura, and Sam

Frelsburg 4-H by Kase Weishuhn

District 11 Crossroads by Zane, Sam and Rowdy

4-H Day in Aggieland by Zane

Ja'Shae reported on the newly organized Robotics project that meets the 1st & 3rd Mondays and that we will have 2 Food Challenge teams and 2 Food Show participants going to District.

Jagar Rau reported that the Frelsburg Club had received \$500 in grants through the Columbus State Bank and that the club was going to use the money to buy t-shirts for the members.

Laramie Naumann reported on the Livestock Judging project and on entries for the major shows.

Under old business the matter of activity reimbursements that was tabled at the last meeting was discussed. Ja'Shae said that after speaking with District Administrators it was suggested that the chairman appoint a task force to consider it and bring an amendment to the by-laws before the club at the next meeting. The amendment would be voted on at the March meeting. A motion was made by Rowdy Kunz that members of the task force including, Barbara Weishuhn, Sarah Wanjura, Tina Stavinoha, Zane Wanjura, Rayel Aiken, Rowdy Kunz and Chairman Robert Stavinoha, will meet on December 16, 2019 at 4:00 p.m. The motion was seconded by Sam Peacock. Motion passed

A motion was made by Rowdy and seconded by Sam **to move the January meeting from the 3rd Monday (due to that day being a holiday) to January 6th.** Motion carried.

It was noted that upcoming events were listed on the agenda. With no further business a motion was made and seconded to adjourn the meeting. Motion passed.



Happy Valentines Day

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4-H updates and current happenings in Colorado County will be posted to the **"Colorado County 4-H TEXAS"** page as they occur. You can find the page by searching the quotes or going to: <https://www.facebook.com/pages/Colorado-County/161170703915573>

Colorado County Extension (ANR and FCH) updates and current happenings will be posted on the **"Colorado County Extension"** page. Find the page by going to: [pages/http://Colorado.agrilife.org](http://Colorado.agrilife.org).

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If you need any assistance or help is needed with any livestock project, please call the office at 979-732-2082 to schedule a project visit. Call 979-732-2530 for other project information and/or assistance.

AgriLife Extension Office hours:

Monday-Friday 8am-5pm

Closed 12-1pm for lunch

Important Websites

Colorado Co. 4-H <http://colorado.agrilife.org/>

District 11 4-H <http://d114-h.tamu.edu>

Texas 4-H <http://texas4-h.tamu.edu/>

4-H Connect <https://texas.4honline.com>

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