

## *Lavaca County 4-H Update* *August 13, 2021*

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

**All Members must re-enroll beginning August 15th at**

**<https://texas.4honline.com>**

### **Members**

**All members must wait until August 15th to enroll for the new year.** All records are rolled into the 2020-21 year and archived on August 14th and you will not be listed as active even if you created a new enrollment in the last few weeks. **New third grade members need to wait until September 1 to enroll.** Please, if possible, select pay with a card, as this allows us to process your membership as it is submitted. Check payments made to the office are held and submitted in a group. Children in kindergarten through second grade may enroll as Clover Kids at no charge. There has been an increased interest in Clover Kids. More details about Clover Kids are found further down in this newsletter.

### **Adults**

In order to ensure that we are providing a positive and safe environment for our youth in the program, all adults involved with 4-H need to enroll, as well. As part of the adult volunteer enrollment online there is a criminal background check and trainings that emphasize best practices when working with kids. Recognizing and reporting abuse is included in the training. **Please take time to do this for our kids and the integrity of the organization.** When registering as an adult, please select pay by check, as the county pays your \$10 fee. **The Texas 4-H Liability Coverage only covers those members and adults with active memberships.**

*As heard on Jeopardy: It is a federal offense to pose as a member of  
"This 'learn by doing' alphanumeric youth development organization."*

## Congratulations!!!

Gold Star: Arielle Bennetsen & Samantha Henke

I Dare You: Amanda Janak

Silver Star: Keely Knesek & Macey Pustka

Lavaca County 4-H Scholarships:

Luke Bludua - \$1000

Emma Grahmann - \$1000

Samantha Henke - \$750

Ted Machacek - \$250

Extension Education Association Scholarships:

Adam Steffek - \$300

Congrats Emma Grahmann

2nd Place at State!

Food and Nutrition Recordbook

## Shooting Sports

Lavaca 4-H Shooting Sports will hold orientation and an organizational meeting, Tuesday, August 17 at 6:00 PM at the Appelt's Hill Gun Club near Hallettsville, 4071 CR 204, for all youth, 3<sup>rd</sup> grade - 12<sup>th</sup> grade interested in its fall session.

Small-bore Rifle & Shotgun will be offered, instructed by 4-H certified instructors. A Parental signature will be required. It is required that you attend and register on the 17<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 PM. If unable to attend, please contact Philip Guenther 979-562-2124 or Wayne Rother 361/798-4750.

**Have you read The Clover? Check it out here:**

[https://texas4-h.tamu.edu/wp-content/uploads/management\\_clover\\_guide\\_21\\_22.pdf](https://texas4-h.tamu.edu/wp-content/uploads/management_clover_guide_21_22.pdf)

## Fun Fair Planning Meeting

If you would like to be involved in planning for the Fun Fair this year, we will meet in the conference room at the office on Tuesday, September 7th at 7:00 p.m. All adult, teen and junior leaders are welcome and encouraged to attend. This is a great opportunity for volunteer leadership on the county level.

## Quality Counts - All Major Show Exhibitors

Quality Counts verification is required for all major livestock show exhibitors. The number must be used on major livestock show entries (therefore, it is important that exhibitors complete this before entry). You must complete quality counts once as a junior, once as an intermediate, and once as a senior.

## Heart of Texas Entries

Entry forms for the Heart of Texas are available on their website. All entries must be turned in to the County Extension office by August 27.

## Lavaca County Go Texan Meal

The Lavaca County Go Texan organization supports Lavaca County 4-H by presenting scholarships to graduating seniors. High school junior and senior 4-H members are encouraged to help the Go Texan organization in their fundraising efforts. Their plates to go meal will take place on Monday, August 16 at the KC Hall in Hallettsville.

## Shiner Junior Livestock Show News

Shiner Junior Livestock Show Validation for lambs, goats and swine will be held from 6:00-7:00 pm on August 18 at the Ward Pavilion. August 18th is also the deadline to place an order for broilers for the 2021 stockshow.

### Major Show Lamb and Goat Tag Orders

4-H members who plan to exhibit a lamb or goat at any of the major stockshows in Texas must order tags for their projects by August 20. Market lamb and goat tags will be \$16 each. ALL BREEDING EWES, WETHER DAMS, REGISTERED BOER GOATS AND WETHER DOES TO BE SHOWN AT THE MAJOR LIVESTOCK SHOWS MUST ALSO BE VALIDATED. Please place tag orders at the County Extension Office using the form found in the last newsletter.

### Save These Dates:

September 11 - Leadership and Foods Project Workshops  
Hallettsville Youth Center

Foods and Nutrition 11:00 - 1:00

Leadership 1:00 - 2:30

More details coming soon!

September 13 - County Council

Each club now has three delegates.

We will elect the new parliamentarian position at this meeting.

September 26 - Fun Fair

Hallettsville Youth Center

October 23 - Food Show and Food Challenge

Hallettsville Youth Center

October 3rd - 4-H BBQ

All 4-H members should plan to sell tickets and/or help prep or serve.

Helpers will be needed on both the 2nd and the 3rd.

Tickets will be due in the office by September 24th.

# Clover Kids

*(From the Texas 4-H Rules and Guidelines, page 4)*

In support of the youth development mission of 4-H, the purpose of the 4-H Clover Kids Program is to help youth learn social skills, reinforce formal school programs through informal, noncompetitive experiential educational projects and activities, develop self-esteem and build family strengths. The annual participation fee does not pertain to Clover Kids. The following rules and guidelines are based on youth development research indicating competitive events and competitive judging are inappropriate for Clover Kid aged youth.

## 1. Age Requirements

- The Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service extends a limited version of the 4-H experience to youth in grades K-2 as "4-H Clover Kids." This age category is further defined as youth who are eligible to enroll in Kindergarten on September 1 of the current year and have not entered (started classes) the third grade on September 1.
- Clover Kids are not eligible to serve as club officers, nor are they eligible to participate in activities, recognition, programs, or competitive events reserved for older youth.

## 2. Enrollment

- Any chartered 4-H club may organize a "4-H Clover Kids" group within the club.
- A school, day care center, community center, neighborhood, or group may sponsor and organize a 4-H Clover Kids group, with the aid of volunteers trained by the county Extension staff or their designees.
- Each 4-H Clover Kids member may participate only through organized learning groups under the guidance of qualified and trained volunteer 4-H leaders.
- Members can be enrolled on 4HOnline using individual or group enrollment forms.

## 3. Approved Projects and Recognition

- Emphasis is on providing project-related learning experiences and forms of recognition which are age appropriate and based on current youth

development research. The individual project is the basis for a significant part of the education in 4-H. Projects and curricula approved by the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service for Clover Kids include:

### **Curricula**

- Hatching In The Classroom
- Yea 4-H!
- Junior Master Gardener

### **Projects**

- Rabbits
- Food & Nutrition
- Health & Personal Safety
- Photography
- Robotics
- Horticulture
- Dog Care & Training
- Sport Fishing
- Fashion & Interior Design

**Projects are restricted to those mentioned above which the youth can, by themselves, understand, manage, and care for and for which the youth can master the associated subject matter knowledge.**

- Projects for Clover Kids ARE NOT to be entered into competition.
- Projects are not eligible to be entered into competition in traditional 4-H program events and activities reserved for the 3rd grade to the 12th grade group.
- Projects may be exhibited at an appropriate Extension approved non-competitive 4-H Clover Kids event.
- In presentations and exhibits, Clover Kids will be presented participation awards only, with recognition based upon completing and exhibiting the product or skill. No judging or placing shall be permitted.

**There has been an increased interest in Clover Kids in the county, so this year there will be activities for Clover Kids on the county level in Foods and Nutrition, Photography, Health and Personal Safety, & Fashion and Interior Design. If you are interested in helping a Clover kid or group of Clover Kids with any of the other projects listed above please communicate with Natalie.**

## Washington County Fair Judges

Adult volunteers are invited to judge at the 153rd Annual Washington County Fair on September 10th and 13th in the Creative Arts. These are week day mornings. If you are interested and able, contact Natalie.

## EXPLORE TEXAS

This alliance program with the Texas 4-H Foundation raises money for Lavaca County 4-H!



The 4-H youth can participate in 3 ways:

1. The first opportunity is to take photos of all the points of interest in your community. If they are a photographer and want to take photos and/or videos, they can send Explore Texas their photos and will be paid if their picture is selected to be on their website.
2. The second opportunity is to write short essays or articles about your town or the points of interest within your community. They can write about the history of the town, their favorite restaurant, the local meat market, or anything that pertains to their community. They can even write about their 4-H club or project! They will be paid if their article is selected.
3. The third opportunity is a marketing/sales experience. They will go talk to business owners and learn how to share with them how digital marketing will help increase sales to their business. If the business owner elects to participate, they will be paid for the placement of their ad.

The ExploreTexas.com opportunity is now open to ALL Texas 4-H youth. If any of your 4-H youth are interested in learning more about this no-obligation opportunity, please have them go to <https://explore.us/4-h-club-join/>.

*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!

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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 (361)798-2221 to determine how reasonable accommodations can be made.