

## Lavaca County 4-H Update

November 12, 2021

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### Festival of Lights Help Needed



There are two great ways to get involved with the Festival of Lights. If you are out of school on the Monday before Thanksgiving, you can help make the goody bags for Santa and Mrs. Claus. Help is also needed that Saturday, November 27th. To sign up to help on either day, please sign up here:

[https://docs.google.com/document/d/11JkuFgfj6wrwC\\_g\\_wWnhT\\_FF\\_BxmsDPTZwz+AkO9E3w/edit?usp=sharing](https://docs.google.com/document/d/11JkuFgfj6wrwC_g_wWnhT_FF_BxmsDPTZwz+AkO9E3w/edit?usp=sharing)

### Contest Learning Series

Dr. Julie Gardner hosted a series of virtual sessions for agents and volunteers interested in learning more about several of the Family and Community Health related contests. These trainings have now been uploaded to the Texas 4-H website on their respective project pages. Links:

- Food Show - <https://youtu.be/oDH9ydYil8g>
- Consumer - <https://youtu.be/bAkTsueiufE>
- Food Challenge – <https://youtu.be/Xlk-2PDcdsI>
- Fashion & Interior Design - <https://youtu.be/funPweT4nL8>
- Healthy Lifestyles Invitational – <https://youtu.be/WbTdk6Vwswk>
- FCH Quiz Bowl - <https://youtu.be/S4piN4Op-OU>



T-Shirts

Need a 4-H Shirt?

We have both youth and adult sizes for sale in the office. The older green shirts are \$10 each. The new black shirt is \$15 for cotton and \$18 for drifit. This is an easy fundraiser for our county fund and a great way to promote 4-H.

*Record Book Corner: Section I - For those adults who did record books as kids, Section I is the Size and Scope and the Learning Experiences. Just as the form says, What did you do? What did you Learn? Each of your projects should have goals that you are working to achieve. If you have not set goals, identify them now. Aim for six goals. For example, "I want to learn the nutritional value of different types of feed" or "My goals is to help prepare family meals at least twice a week". These are just examples. Write your goals down and then start making plans to achieve them. Document the time spent, money spent, places you went, and what you did to learn about your project and achieve your goals.*

## Stock Show Important Dates and Information

### **SHINER JUNIOR LIVESTOCK SHOW**

The Shiner Junior Livestock Show is November 20. Exhibitors are encouraged to check the schedule. If you have any questions, contact Mr. DeForest or a stock show committee member.

### **MAJOR SHOW ENTRIES**

All entries and fees for San Antonio, Houston, and Austin Livestock Shows are due in the County Extension Office by November 22.

### **QUALITY COUNTS REQUIREMENTS FOR ALL MAJOR SHOW PARTICIPANTS**

All major show participants must complete an online Quality Counts training once as a junior (grade 3-5), once as an intermediate (grade 6-8), and once as a senior (grade 9-12). This process must be completed prior to submitting major show entries to the Extension Office. Quality Counts numbers are required on the major show entries. Exhibitors can access the course and exam at the following website:

<https://www.texaslivestockvalidation.com/qc/qcregister.aspx>

### **HALLETTSVILLE JUNIOR LIVESTOCK SHOW ENTRIES**

Entries for the Hallettsville Junior Livestock Show are due in the Extension Office by 5:00 pm on December 1. Entries include a HJLS entry card, entry fee of \$10 per card and a Project Report Form.

### **LIVESTOCK SHOW 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.

## Stock show Broiler Distribution

Moulton: December 3rd

Hallettsville: December 10th

## PROJECT HOME VISITS



If you have questions about your show animals or would like Mr. DeForest to come out to look at your animals, please call the Extension Office to make an appointment.

## Stock Show Dates:

Shiner Junior Livestock Show- November 20<sup>th</sup>

Moulton Livestock Show-January 16<sup>th</sup>-17<sup>th</sup>

Hallettsville Junior Livestock Show-January 21<sup>st</sup>-23<sup>rd</sup>

Hope Livestock Show-February 19<sup>th</sup>

## Photography

The State 4-H Photography Contest rules have been released. The Lavaca County Contest will follow the contest guidelines for each of the categories. The county deadline will be in February and more details will be released at a later date. On the county level we will have four age divisions, clover kids (k-2), junior (3-5), intermediate (6-8), and senior (9-12). Clover kids will be strictly an exhibition and will not compete. First place junior and intermediates will advance to the District 11 photography contest and first place seniors will advance to State. To access the contest categories and state guidelines go to the Lavaca County events page at \_



<https://lavaca.agrilife.org/event/lavaca-county-4-h-photography-contest/>

Photography Workshop

Thursday, December 30<sup>th</sup>

Green Dickson Park, Shiner

10:00 a.m. to Noon

Bring a camera (smart phone or tablet are okay)

Use this link to sign up for the workshop:

[https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScYpU6SPmfiAVZSaMNOig\\_3-fIdOmULN4VvEB4nl-eijBmb7w/viewform?usp=sf\\_link](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScYpU6SPmfiAVZSaMNOig_3-fIdOmULN4VvEB4nl-eijBmb7w/viewform?usp=sf_link)

The Texas 4-H Foundation has partnered with rodeo legend and Texas rancher Bob Tallman to create an exclusive fundraiser that will put money RIGHT IN OUR POCKET!



**It's The Texas 4-H Jerky Jackpot!**

**The best news** . . . all 4-H members need to do is send some emails, make a few social media posts and wait for the money to head your county's way! No collecting money, no order sheets to send, no door to door . . . it's all done online and completely managed by the Foundation.

For every bag your 4-H'er sells, your county will receive \$4, AND they will be eligible to win some great prizes like these:

**Choose From Four Great Flavors**



- 25 bags – Jerky Jackpot Hat and T-Shirt
- 100 bags – \$50 Gift card
- 250 bags – \$100 Gift Card
- 500 bags – Apple Air Pods
- 1,000 bags – \$250 Gift Card
- 2,500 bags – Apple iPad
- 5,000 bags – 2 tickets to the Wrangler National Finals Rodeo, airfare and hotels for 2 nights included

Credit for sales is earned when the people who buy jerky list the youth's name and county on their order. The deadline to earn prizes is November 30th.

4-H volunteers, encourage your 4-H'ers to be involved in this unique opportunity, and share the order link with your friends and family, too.

[Click here](#) to find a video, graphics, messaging, and even thank notes for your use!

[Order Now!](#)

## Promote 4-H with a Video Facebook Fridays

Beginning today, we are going to post videos to the Lavaca County Facebook page to promote our county 4-H program and introduce people to our 4-H members and the activities and projects that we complete.

If you would like to make a video showcasing your project, use your phone to record yourself in landscape orientation. In the video, introduce yourself (you can just use your first name), tell what club you are in and something about your 4-H project or experience. To see an example, check out today's post from the Pustka Family.

Upcoming Retreats at the Texas 4-H Center  
Teen Retreat – January 7-9, 2022

Re-Fashion Retreat – January 28-30, 2022

Ask Natalie about either of these great opportunities

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)

*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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