



Lavaca County 4-H Update

April 1, 2022

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*Good Luck to those competing at Spring Spectacular
on April 8-9 in Victoria!*

Augusta Dodson, Intermediate Consumer Decision Making

Kennedy Dodson Senior Consumer Decision Making

Elliott Peters, Senior Consumer Decision Making

Keely Knesek, Senior Fashion Show, Educational Presentation & Share-The-Fun

Lily Janak – Junior Share-The-Fun

Julia Machacek – Senior Share-The-Fun

Lani Pilat – Senior Share-The-Fun

Record Book Workshop

Thursday, April 21, 2022

6:00 p.m.

Extension Office Conference Room

*Come Learn what record books are all about
and get tips and tricks on how to make your
book stand out! Adult volunteers and*

Members and are encouraged to attend.



Record Books will be due to the Extension Office by 5:00 p.m. on Monday, June 13, 2022.

Major Show Steer Tags & Validation

4-Hers who are planning to exhibit a steer at any of the major stock shows must order tags for their projects by Thursday, April 14. Tags are \$21 each and must be paid for when ordering. Orders can be placed at the County Extension Office using the attached order form.

<http://counties.agrilife.org/lavaca/files/2022/03/Major-Show-Steer-Tag-Order-Form.pdf>

Swine Tags

4-H members who plan to exhibit swine project at the State Fair of Texas must order their tags at the Extension Office. Swine deadline is April 14. Tags are \$16 each.

<http://counties.agrilife.org/lavaca/files/2022/03/State-Fair-Swine-Tag-Order-Form.pdf>

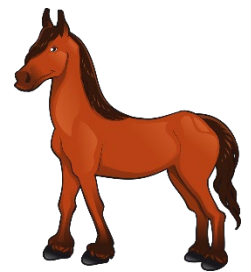
Major Show Heifer Validation

If you plan to exhibit a heifer at any of the major livestock shows and she has not yet been validated, please contact the Extension Office by April 14 so we can order the correct amount of validation supplies. Heifer validation fee will be \$16 and will be collected at validation in June. Please note that heifers are only required to be validated for the major shows once. If you have previously validated a heifer and plan to show her again, she does not have to be revalidated. An additional validation for major show heifers will be held in October for heifers that have not been purchased prior to the June validation. However, this June validation is required for shows held this fall (for example State Fair of Texas). Also, please check to make sure the tattoos and brands on the registration papers match what is on the heifer prior to validation. If you have questions please contact Mr. DeForest.

Texas 4-H Horse Validation

Texas 4-H Horse Validation is open until April 15. If you plan to validate a horse for 4-H competition, please see the link below for information and instructions. You may contact Mr. DeForest for additional information.

<https://texasyouthlivestock.com/horse-validation/>



Leadership Lab

Date: June 15 – 17, 2022

Location: – Victoria, TX

Entry/Registration: April 11 – May 27, 2022

Late Registration: May 28 – June 3, 2022

Registration Fee: Youth – \$200.00; Adult Leaders and County Extension Agents – \$175.00

[D11 Leadership Lab Event Information](#)

[D11 Lab Agenda](#)

Ambassador Activities and Project Opportunities

Several of the Ambassador Applications are currently open. Serving as a Project Ambassador is a State Level Leadership Opportunity for Senior Level Members. If you are going to be in the 9th-12th grade next year, take a look at the Ambassador page on the Texas 4-H Website and see what opportunities are available for you. Many of the applications are due on May 1.

The Healthy Texas Youth Ambassadors have an active role in helping Natalie with Health and Wellness education in Lavaca County. Don't let this opportunity or any of the others you might be interested in slip by you. [Check it all out at https://texas4-h.tamu.edu/ambassadors/](https://texas4-h.tamu.edu/ambassadors/)



State Round-Up and Lead Academy

State 4-H Round-up will be held on the campus of Texas A&M University the week of June 6-10. There are a lot of great opportunities for senior level (high school) 4-H members to participate in workshops and invitational competitions. To check out all of the great opportunities go to <https://texas4-h.tamu.edu/events/roundup/>

LEAD Academy will be held on the Wednesday and Thursday of Round-Up. LEAD Academy has great workshop opportunities for both members and adult volunteers.

Photography Judging Team

This is an invitational (open) contest at Roundup that all senior members can compete in. It will take place on Tuesday, June 7. Details can be found on the Roundup web page: <https://texas4-h.tamu.edu/events/roundup/> If you are interested in entering photography judging contact Natalie. We would like to have a team!

Accommodations: Natalie has a 3 bedroom 2 bath VRBO home booked with space for six more people! Sharing a house gives you the ability to do laundry, save money by not eating every meal out, and gives more living space than that of a hotel room. If you are interested in sharing the house for one or more nights let Natalie know.

**The next page is the schedule at a glance for Round-Up.
Invitational contests have a ** to them.**

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Detailed schedule with time/locations of contest will be announced in April with Registration Packet release. In general, all contests begin in the morning. The day that various contests will be held is noted below.

Youth MAY NOT participate in more than one contest in a day.

Monday, June 6	Tuesday, June 7	Wednesday, June 8	Thursday, June 9
Registration 12 pm - 7 pm	Registration 7 am - 7 pm	Registration 7 am - 7 pm	Registration 7 am - 7 pm
	Assembly 7 pm - 9 pm	Assembly 7 pm - 9 pm	Assembly 7 pm - 9 pm
Offsite Contest	Kickoff Event	Dance	Concert
Indoor Rifle Match (June 4-5)	9:30 pm - 11 pm	9:30 pm - 11 pm	9:30 pm - 11 pm
	Contests	Contests	Contests
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Agricultural Product Identification ** • Archery ** • Livestock Quiz Bowl • Fashion Show • Food Show (Moved to Tuesday) • Horse Quiz Bowl • Leaders 4 Life Skill-a-thon • Livestock Skill-a-thon ** • Family Community Health Quiz Bowl • Photography Judging** • Range & Pasture Grass Identification** (Moved to Tuesday) • Robotics Challenge ** 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Entomology Identification** • Consumer Decision Making • Food Challenge • Horse Judging • Invitational Meat Judging and Identification ** • Qualifying Livestock Judging • Qualifying Meat Judging and Identification • Range Evaluation** • Share-The-Fun <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Choreographed Routines • *NEW* Variety Show • (Moved to Wednesday) Musical / Instrumental • Vocal • Soil Judging** • Combined contest Wool & Mohair Judging and Evaluation** 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Agricultural Technology & Farm Safety * • Animal Science * • Beef * • Discover Scientific Method Research Poster ** • Duds to Dazzle • Health & Wellness * • Healthy Lifestyles ** • Hippology ** • Horse * • Invitational Livestock Judging ** • Open - Ag and Natural Resources * • Open - Family & Community Health (FCH) * • Open * • Poultry Judging ** • Promote 4-H* • Public Speaking • Safety and Injury Prevention * • Share-The-Fun <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Celebrate 4-H • Poetry/Prose (Moved to Thursday) • Solo / Band Performance • Veterinary Science Skill-a-thon ** • Wildlife Challenge**

* Educational Presentations

** Invitational Contests

Visit the Texas 4-H Roundup page at <http://texas4-h.tamu.edu/events/roundup/> for specific guidelines for each contest

Wildfire relief - as some know, Eastland grew up in Eastland. The recent wildfires that began during Spring Break greatly impacted a number of people, including many families. People from across the state and beyond have been very generous with donations of food, clothing, hay, feed, and more. Forty percent of the people who lost homes in the tiny town of Carbon were uninsured. Moving forward, families are going to need financial help. The county council voted via electronic poll to hold a gift card drive. Gift card donations will be sent to Eastland County Extension Agent Amy O'Brien to share directly with the families in the region who are recovering from the fires. Eastland County is very rural, much like Lavaca County. There is one Wal-Mart. Eastland has a Brookshire's grocery store. Cash cards will be the most helpful so that they may be used wherever. Please indicate the value of the card on the card prior to dropping off at the office. Along with donations of gift cards, if you would like to drop off hand-made cards with words of encouragement, all items collected will be sent to Amy by the end of this month.

Texas 4-H Center

Registration for summer camps is open! We have added a page to our county website where you can access the parent handbook and the summer camp guide. Go to <https://lavaca.agrilife.org/4-h/texas-4-h-conference-center/>

Reimbursement for Select Activities

The policy and reimbursement form are now available on the county website. Go to <http://counties.agrilife.org/lavaca/files/2022/01/Lavaca-County-4-H-Reimbursement-Policy-and-Forms.pdf> to access the policy and forms.

Have you read The Clover? Check it out here:

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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