



# Lavaca County 4-H Update June 2022

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There will only be one newsletter a month this summer. Keep an eye on the county website <https://lavaca.agrilife.org/> and facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/LavacaCounty4H>.



## Congratulations to our Graduates

Sarah Barecky, St. Paul, Shiner

Allie Bludau, Sacred Heart, Lucky H

Caden Chrismon, Shiner, Half Moon

Myles Machicek, Sacred Heart, Lucky H

Garrett Matura, Sacred Heart, Lucky H

Halle Pilat, St. Paul, Shiner

Jacob Spann, Shiner, Shiner

Arielle Bennetsen, Hallettsville, Sweet Home

Peyton Brown, St. Paul, Shiner

Lana Leopold, Hallettsville, Town Rounders

Simon Marcak, Shooting Sports, Shiner

Grace Pilat, St. Paul, Shiner

Bailey Smith, Shiner, Half Moon

Cathy Wenske, Moulton, Early Birds



Texas 4-H Foundation Opportunity Scholars

Arielle Bennetsen - \$5,000

Cathy Wenske - \$10,000

County Council Officers will meet at 6:00 p.m. on May 31<sup>st</sup> at the Extension Office to begin planning for the new year. The next council meeting will be held on July 11, 2022.

The following members have items to be picked up in the office:



Haven Flores

Katie Richter

Ava Matias

Aubrey Freytag

Addisyn Greive

Alex Jurena

Hannah Machacek

Trenton Meisetschlaeger

Kennedy & August Dodson

Kaylie and Karlie Hotz

Elizabeth Felcman

Macey & Ashlynn Pustka

Quinn DeLaRosa

Macyn & Chandler Wimberly

Adalyn Pohl

Arielle Bennetsen

Abigail Hill

Jillian Anderle

Julie Henke

Chayton Farmer

Wyatt Kram



## Wildfire Relief

THANK YOU! To those who donated!

We sent \$500 in gift cards and checks to Eastland County 4-H to be shared with their families in the aftermath of the Eastland Complex Fires. Upon receiving the package, CEA-FCS Agent Amy O'Brien said the "needs in Carbon are still great."

*Representing Lavaca County*  
**Good Luck**



**District 11 Horse Show, May 31 & June 1 in Edna**  
Camry Jacob, Lavaca River Oaks  
Barrel Racing, Pole Bending, and Stake Race

**Texas 4-H Round-Up, College Station**  
Tuesday, June 7th

Arielle Bennetsen, Sweet Home, Photography Judging  
Keely Knesek, Half Moon, Fashion Show  
Elliott Peters, Half Moon, Ag Product ID

Wednesday, June 8th

Slicin' Dicin' Chicks – Green Leaves 4-H  
Ava Matias, Allyshia Grahmann, Kayla Immekus & Amanda Janak  
Food Challenge

Keely Knesek, Share-The-Fun Choreographed Routine  
Elliott Peters, Range Evaluation

Thursday, June 9th

Keely Knesek, Promote 4-H Educational Presentation



\*Adalyn Pohl, Green Leaves, will also be at Round-Up as part of the Texas STEM Ambassadors providing behind the scenes technical support and more!

**Texas 4-H Outdoor Challenge, June 19-20,**  
**Texas 4-H Center, Lake Brownwood**  
Brooklyn and RaeLynn Griffith, TownRounders

**National 4-H Shooting Sports Championship, June 26-July 1**  
Grand Island, NE  
Simon Marcak, Muzzleloading Riffle  
Andrew Marcak, Muzzleloading Rifle Coach

**Texas 4-H Dog Show, July 7-9, Montgomery County Fairgrounds**  
Keira Roberts, Half Moon  
Conformation Class, Costume & Tricks



## By the numbers . . .

The information page for your record book will need you to include the number of members in your club. Here is the latest enrollment numbers and what you will use as your number:



Green Leaves – 42

Half Moon – 45

Town Rounders – 27

Hope – 22

Shooting Sports – 36

Lavaca River Oaks – 10

Lucky H – 24

Moulton Early Bird – 45

Shiner – 28

Sweet Home – 33

Vysherad - 10

## Recordbook Work Days

May 31- 1:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.

June 2 10:00 a.m. – noon & 1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Bring your forms, notepads, or even your laptops and spend time here at the office working on your record book. No need to sign up –this is a come and go event. Natalie will be on hand to assist you and answer questions you might have.

Recordbooks are due by 5:00 p.m. on Monday, June 13. Awards Interviews are set for June 20. Candidates should tentatively hold 10:00 to 2:00 that day. Those who have conflicts will need to schedule a video interview with Natalie in advance.

**Awards and scholarship applications are due at the same time as recordbooks.**

Please go to the county website to access the awards and scholarship applications.

<https://lavaca.agrilife.org/4-h/4-h-scholarship-and-awards-information/>

**Adult volunteers are needed to judge recordbooks that we will have received from other counties. Judging county level recordbooks is an excellent way to learn about the recordbook process. The judging will begin with an orientation. Six to eight judges are needed. Please call the office at 361-798-2221 if you are willing to help. We will also need judges for District on July 14<sup>th</sup> in Victoria.**



## Save the Date

Lavaca County 4-H Awards Banquet  
Tuesday, August 2<sup>nd</sup> - Moulton

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### June 18 Validations

Moulton Steers – Gym Parking Lot – 1:00 p.m – 1:30 p.m.

8:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.:

At the HISD Ag Pavilion:

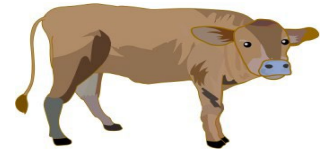
Hallettsville Junior Livestock Stock Show Steers

Shiner Steers

Major Show Steers

Major Show Heifers

Hallettsville Commercial Heifers (at the Livestock Commission)



## THANK YOU!

Dynamite Award Presenters: Arielle Bennetsen, Cathy Wenske, Elliott Peters, Callie Chrismon, Jonah Hermes, Alex Jurena, Dayson Brosch, Rylan Orsak, Lani Pilat and Amanda Janak  
Watch for a video of the winners on our FB page in June!



Mark your calendars for October 6-9, 2022 for the National 4-H Volunteer Conference! Come visit the world's largest 4-H center, enjoy great sessions, meet new people, have fun, and bring home some great ideas to implement with your 4-H clubs and project groups. Rock Eagle 4-H Center, Eatonton, Georgia. <http://www.4hvcoss.com/>. Registration opens June 1. Contact Laura Huebinger, [lhuebinger@ag.tamu.edu](mailto:lhuebinger@ag.tamu.edu), with questions.

## 4 More Campaign

Texas 4-H is launching a new membership campaign. Members who recruit others to join can earn incentives! Between now and September 1, new members should tell us at the office who recruited them. After September 1, the new members will be able to put the name of the person who recruited them in their enrollment on 4-H online.

Incentives:

- 1 new member – 4-H More T-Shirt
- 2 new members – Membership Fee Waived
- 3 new members – leather portfolio
- 4 new members – state recognition and branded backpack

## District 11 Junior Leadership Lab July 12, 2022

Cooper Farms (Camp Kubena), Ledbetter, TX

Registration: May 18 – June 23, 2022

**Late Registration (for an additional \$25): June 24 – July 1, 2022**

Crafts • GaGa / 9 Square • Leadership Activities • Sand Volleyball • Wildlife • Nature Trail • Fishing

*\$40 for ALL youth participants (includes lunch, snacks, t-shirt, programming supplies, facility rental & insurance)*

*\$20 for adults, parents, agents and District Council officers wanting a Jr. Lab t-shirt (must register via 4-H Online)*

*\$5 for adults, parents, agents, and District Council Officers NOT ordering a shirt (register via 4-H Online)*

Get more information here: <https://d114-h.tamu.edu/events-and-contests/junior-leader-lab/>

## TEXAS 4-H CENTER

We are so fortunate in Texas to have our very own 4-H Center. The 4-H Center is perfect for meeting 4-H members from across the state. Summer camps are filling up quickly, don't miss out on the amazing opportunities. If you go, say hi to "Squeak" aka Kathleen Kneseck (Shiner High School '20). She will be working there for her second summer.

<https://texas4hcenter.tamu.edu>





TX 4-H NATURAL RESOURCES PROGRAM



# 4-H SPORTFISHING PROJECT LEADER TRAINING

AUGUST 27-28, 2022

WHITNEY, TX - LAKE WHITNEY STATE PARK

**REGISTRATION WILL TAKE PLACE ON 4-H ONLINE**

**PARTICIPANTS WILL RECEIVE TEXAS ANGLER EDUCATION INSTRUCTOR CERTIFICATION**

Registration fee - \$75; includes lunch on Saturday and educational materials.

Training - 9:00am - 5:00pm on Saturday  
& 8:00am - 12:00 noon on Sunday.

All registrants will receive more details in an email.

Registration open to adult 4-H volunteers, Senior division 4-H members, and County Extension Agents/Program Assistants.

All registrations will remain in pending status until registration period closes.

Contact Larry Hysmith at [lhysmith@tamu.edu](mailto:lhysmith@tamu.edu) with questions. (<https://texas4-h.tamu.edu/project-category/natural/>)  
Also see the [4-H Natural Resources Program Activity and Event Schedule](#) link on each webpage.



## *Audience Needed*

Keely Knesek will be competing in the Promote 4-H Educational Presentation Competition at Texas 4-H Round-Up. If you have a group (adult or youth in or out of 4-H) that you think would like to learn more about all that 4-H has to offer, please reach out to her at [keelyannknesek@gmail.com](mailto:keelyannknesek@gmail.com) or [natalie.knesek@ag.tamu.edu](mailto:natalie.knesek@ag.tamu.edu) as she is eager to share her presentation (about ten minutes) with others.



## The Office will be closed on Memorial Day

“We do not know one promise these men made, one pledge they gave, one word they spoke; but we do know they summed up and perfected, by one supreme act, the highest virtues of men and citizens. For love of country they accepted death, and thus resolved all doubts, and made immortal their patriotism and their virtue.”

– James A. Garfield, May 30, 1868, Arlington National Cemetery

<https://www.pbs.org/national-memorial-day-concert/memorial-day/history/#:~:text=It%20was%20first%20widely%20observed,national%20commemoration%2C%20former%20Union%20Gen.>

## 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.

*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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