



Lavaca County 4-H Update September 2, 2022

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<https://www.facebook.com/LavacaCounty4H>.

2022-23 Enrollment

At this point, about one-third of our members have re-enrolled for the new year. Please take time to get your enrollment completed. **This is the last newsletter that will be sent to last year's enrollment list.** To enroll go to <http://v2.4honline.com>. Member enrollment is \$25 until October 31st. It will increase to \$30 on November 1. Members must be 8 and in the third grade and not older than 18 and in the twelfth grade when enrolling. When filling out the enrollment please take the time to indicate all of the projects that you are interested in. This does not commit you to completion of the project but expresses your interest. This is important to tell the state how many members are interested and helps us in the office notify you when opportunities are available related to specific projects. When enrolling, members will need to pay the enrollment fees with a credit card. If you are unable to pay with a card, your membership will not be finalized until you have brought payment to the office.

Clover Kids may enroll at no charge. Clover Kids are in K-2 and do not compete nor do they raise and show animal projects. Clover Kids activities are non-competitive and focused on hands on learning. Clover kids may participate in the county wide food and nutrition, fashion and interior design, share-the-fun, and photography activities and may exhibit at the project contests.

Adults and youth who do not enroll are not covered by the 4-H liability insurance. Additionally, adults who do not enroll are unable to serve as chaperones and participate in District and State level events. The adult enrollment includes a criminal background check and safety trainings that help provide protections for the youth in our program. Adults may pay with card or those who select the "pay by check" option will have their \$10 fee paid by Lavaca County 4-H. We will not be writing reimbursements for adult enrollments paid by card and we greatly appreciate your covering the expense.

County Council & Adult Volunteers Meeting

The County 4-H Council is made up of three delegates from each of the eleven clubs in the county. Additionally, there are seven officers. All members are invited to attend Council meetings. Only those members who are designated as voting delegates (or are in attendance as an alternate) and the officers vote. All members may engage in the discussion. Adult volunteers are invited and encouraged to attend the meeting. Adults meet separately but at the same time as council to plan details of countywide activities and address issues as they arise.



The Council meets in the months of September, November, January, March and May. This month's meeting was scheduled for Monday, September 12 at 6:30. There are a number of conflicts with the time. A poll has been created in the County Council Band App (a messaging tool that works on all phones and computers). If you are a county council member please take the time to access the survey and respond ASAP. We will evaluate the survey responses and communicate through the band app about the meeting time. All who are interested in attending council meetings are invited to join the band app using the QR code.



Club Managers

Managers are reminded to pick up their tool kits. The folders full of resources are sitting on the conference table in the office.



Foods and Nutrition and Leadership Project Workshops

Sunday, September 25, 2022

Hallettsville Youth Center

1:15 p.m.-3:00 p.m. - Foods and Nutrition Workshop

Hands On Activities and Information about the related contests

This workshop is open to all members and clover kids.

3:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. Leadership Workshop

This workshop is open to all members interested in serving as junior and teen leaders.

Club and council officers are strongly encouraged to attend.

Call the office at 361-798-2221 to register for one or both workshops.

Congratulations!

Texas 4-H Recordbook Results

Arielle Bennetsen - 6th Place Health and Personal Safety

Keely Knesek - 1st Place Visual and Performance Arts

Keely has qualified to attend the National 4-H Conference in Washington DC in November

Serving as Texas 4-H Project Ambassadors

Adalyn Pohl - STEM

Abby Hill - Livestock

Keely Knesek - Healthy Texas

National 4-H Week Activities

- Friday, September 23 – return unsold BBQ tickets to the office no later than this date
- Sunday, September 25 – record radio PSA's at the Leadership Workshop – must attend workshop to participate in recordings
- Monday, September 26 – 4:30 wear a green or 4-H shirt – Proclamation Signing in County Courtroom – meet beside the gazebo at 4:20 – all members welcome!
- Week prior to the BBQ – workers needed to help clean out the pits – speak to Mr. DeForest
- Saturday, October 2 – Potato Prep – 8:00 am – need a dozen or more workers needed – the more the merrier!
- Sunday, October 3 – all hands on deck -BBQ Day! More details in the next newsletter
- Wednesday, October 5 – Kid's Health Party – all fifth grade students in the county --- Healthy South Texas Youth Ambassadors to help
- Saturday, October 8 – One Day 4-H – plan something within your club and report it through the State 4-H website – ask Natalie if you need help
- Sunday, October 9, First United Methodist Church Activity Center in Shiner – **Fun Fair!!!** Sign in up to help with booths, participate in the bake show and talent show. This will be a fun day! Details will be shared at the county council meeting and in the next newsletter.



New Year -Need a t-shirt?

We have Lavaca County 4-H shirts for sale in the office. We have both dri-fit and cotton and shirts in both adult and youth sizes. Wearing a 4-H shirt to school is a great way to promote 4-H!

Shooting Sports Coaches Training

District 11 4-H will be hosting a Shooting Sports Coaches Training for Archery, Pistol, Rifle, & Shotgun in Victoria, TX on **October 15-16, 2022.**

This training is open to any potential coach across the state.

- Registration will be conducted through 4-H Online.
- Look for 2022-2023 D11 4-H Shooting Sports Coach Certification-Victoria, TX
- Registration is open NOW through September 30 for \$130
- Late registration will be open October 1-5 for \$150

Participants MUST be an active volunteer on 4-Honline to be able to register. This means you must complete the volunteer trainings and the background check has to come back. So, Enroll VOLUNTEERS NOW!

Additional details:

- Registration will cover meals, snacks, and course materials.
- Only one discipline certification (archery, pistol, rifle, or shotgun) is obtainable per participant per training.
- Lodging will be the responsibility of the participants.
- Tentative schedule, what to bring list, and release forms can be found on the district 11 4-H website. Additional details will be sent to those that register.

Visit the website to view more details (including lodging information, required forms):

<https://d114-h.tamu.edu/events-and-contests/district-11-shooting-sports/>

Project Corner

IS YOUR PROJECT REALLY A PROJECT??

Did you know you should set goals at the beginning of each 4-H year? What do you want to learn and accomplish this year? Your goals should go beyond wanting to “win”. Shows and other contests are not your project. Shows and competitions are activities that are part of your project. When setting project goals, you should be considering what you want to learn that is new or different from previous years – because 4-H is about always making ourselves a little better than before.

A project is considered a project when you have completed six or more learning experiences (at least thirty minutes each), have done some community service and leadership related to it, and showed your project in some way.

Clubs need adult volunteers and teen leaders to take on the role of project leaders to guide members in project learning experiences. The Texas 4-H website has Explore Guides filled with great learning activities for many of our projects. We have additional resources in the office and access online to some other project materials. Please do not hesitate to reach out to us for questions and help with your projects.

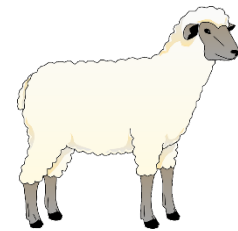
Save the Date

More Information Coming Soon



Saturday, October 22
1:00 - 5:00 (tentative time)
County Food Show and Food Challenge

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Practice Show and Clinic
Lamb, Goat, and Beef
Projects
Livestock Expo Center



Other Important Animal Project Dates

- Major Show Broilers orders due September 2. – TODAY!!
- Major Show and Hallettsville lamb, goat, and heifer validation will take place on October 11 from 4-6 at the HISD Ag Pavilion.
- Shiner Rabbit validation is October 19 in the Arthur Ward Pavilion at Green Dickson Park.
- Please notify the Extension Office by September 6 if you plan to exhibit a breeding heifer at any of the major livestock shows so that the appropriate validation supplies can be obtained. Heifer validation will take place in October.
- Major show swine tags orders are due by September 16 using the attached order form. Swine validation will take place on November 8 and 10 from 4-6 at the Lavaca Expo Center.
- Hallettsville Junior Livestock Show broiler orders are due by October 7 using the attached order form.
- Please notify the Extension Office by September 6 if you plan to exhibit a breeding heifer at any of the major livestock shows so that the appropriate validation supplies can be obtained. Heifer validation will take place on October 11 from 4-6 at the HISD Ag Pavilion.

Major Show Tag Order Form

PLEASE READ CAREFULLY

- Only one order form per family
- Refunds will not be given
- Order form and payment must be physically turned in to the County Extension Office by the due date. If mailed, the order must arrive on or before the deadline.
- There will be no orders taken by phone, fax, email or text
- Order must be accompanied by payment for the tags
- Payment for tags will not be accepted at validations
- Ordering tags does not enter an exhibitor in any stockshow

Please print clearly:

List all exhibitors in the family

Exhibitor Name(s) _____,
 _____,

Mailing Address: _____

Physical Address: _____

Parent/Guardian: _____

Parent/Guardian Email: _____

Phone Number: _____

Payment (Circle One): Check (Payable to Lavaca County 4-H) Cash

Mail form and payment or deliver to: Lavaca County 4-H
 300 South LaGrange Street
 Hallettsville, TX 77964

(A mail slot is available for drop off outside of office hours)

| Order Deadline | Type of Tag | Cost Per Tag | Number Needed | Amount Paid |
|----------------|----------------|--------------|---------------|-------------|
| Sept 16 | Market Swine | \$17 | | |
| Sept 16 | Breeding Swine | \$17 | | |
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Quality Counts

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.



November 11-13, 2022

Texas 4-H Center

Brownwood, TX

Open to 3rd - 8th Grade 4-H Members

Join us in November for SPARK (formerly Junior Leadership Retreat) which is the premiere youth teaching youth statewide leadership retreat for junior and intermediate level 4-H members led by our Texas 4-H Council! 4-H members will have the opportunity to spark their interest through service-learning activities, project experiences, art and crafts, recreation and knowledge. Most importantly, they will have a chance to meet 4-H members from across the State and make new friends!! And of course what is a 4-H camp experience without a dance!!

Let Natalie know if you are interested in attending. It would be great to have a group going to represent Lavaca County!

Hands on Workshops

Service Learning

Fun

Recreation

Make New Friends

Dances

Theme Night

(will be announced soon)



District Crossroads – Senior Level Members

Information for the 2022 — 2023 District 11 Crossroads is now available at the event website:

<https://d114-h.tamu.edu/events-and-contests/crossroads/> .

Registration will open on 4-H Online from September 5– October 7, 2022. Late registration will be open from October 8 – 21, 2022.

Crossroads will be held Thursday, November 10 thru Saturday, November 12, 2022, at Wyndham Garden-College Station, 2829 Texas Ave South, College Station, TX. This year Crossroads workshops will include: • Ag Leadership, Education, and Communication • Animal Science • Health • Natural Resources

Brazos Valley Fair & Rodeo

The 11th Annual Brazos Valley Fair & Rodeo is happening this October! Get your boots dusted off as we “CELEBRATE WHAT’S GREAT”! Our kick-off weekend is October 15-16 (Tractor Pull, Car Show, Weld Off, Steak Cook Off and BBQ Cook Off) with the full fair happening October 21-23! Stay tuned for more updates or visit our website for more information

www.BrazosValleyFair.com.

BVFR Welding Build- Off <https://www.brazosvalleyfair.com/events/2022/weld-off-competition>

AgRobotics <https://www.brazosvalleyfair.com/events/2022/agrobotics5>

Public Speaking <https://www.brazosvalleyfair.com/events/2022/public-speaking>

Livestock Judging <https://www.brazosvalleyfair.com/events/2022/livestock-judging>

Livestock Show Entries <https://brazos.fairwire.com/>

Photography <https://www.brazosvalleyfair.com/events/2022/photography>

Baked and Canned Goods <https://www.brazosvalleyfair.com/events/2022/baked—canned-goods>

Quilt Show <https://www.brazosvalleyfair.com/events/2022/2022-quilts>

Western Art Show <https://www.brazosvalleyfair.com/events/2022/youth-western-art>

If you have any questions, please give us a call at 979-821-1405!

Colorado County Fair



Open Sheep and Goat Show Friday, September 9, 2022 Breeding Lamb Show



Any exhibitor in Texas is eligible to enter this show.

Each exhibitor is entitled to two entries in each single class and one entry in the Exhibitor's Flock class.

Need not be registered but must show true breed character.

Exhibitors flock will be made up of four ewes and one ram.

Only Medium Wool sheep will be shown.

Jackpot Showmanship - \$5 at the gate: PeeWee, Juniors, Intermediate, Seniors

Sheep - Ram Classes

Ram Lambs
Rams, 2 Tooth
Rams, 4 Tooth

Ewe Classes

Ewe Lambs
Ewes, 2 Tooth
Ewes, 4 Tooth and over

Judge:

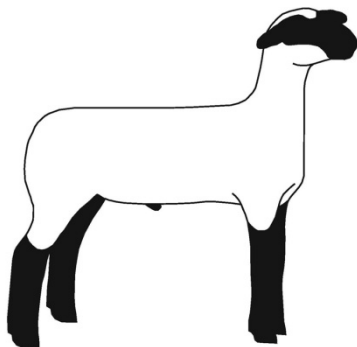
JASON WOODS

Weigh In &
Registration
4:30 pm – 5:30 pm

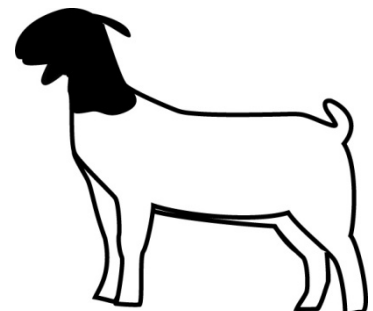
Show
6:00PM

Open Lamb Breeding Show \$10.00
Prospect Lamb/Goat \$20.00

Grand and Reserve Belt Buckles
Jackpot \$\$\$\$



Call for more info:
Gerald Koehl 979.732.4088



4 More Campaign

Texas 4-H is launching a new membership campaign. Members who recruit others to join can earn incentives! 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

Clubs

Sweet Home – Thursday, September 8 – 6:00 p.m. – school cafeteria

Shiner – Wednesday, September 14 – 6:00 p.m. -Shiner Fire Station

Half Moon – Sunday, September 11 – 6:00 p.m. – Green Dickson Park

Town Rounders – Sunday, September 18 – 5:00 p.m. Hallettsville Youth Center

Vysehrad – Sunday, September 18 – 5:00 p.m. School cafeteria

Green Leaves – Sunday, September 18th – 6:30 p.m. – Hallettsville Youth Center

Lucky H – Monday, September 19 - 6:00 p.m. Hallettsville KC Hall of Fame Room

Hope – Sunday, September 25 – 5:00 p.m. -- Hope Community Center

Lavaca River Oaks – Monday, September 26- 6:30 p.m. – Hallettsville Youth Center

Moulton Early Birds – Wednesday, September 28 – 3:45 in the school cafeteria

Shooting Sports – meeting times vary

The office will be closed on Monday in observance of the Labor Day Holiday.

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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