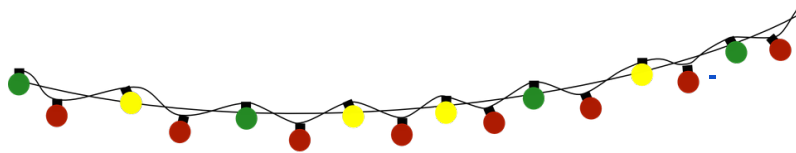




Lavaca County 4-H Update December 2, 2022

always keep an eye on <https://lavaca.agrilife.org/> and our
Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/LavacaCounty4H>.



Thanks to those who helped with
The Festival Of Lights Santa Bags!



San Antonio Stock Show School Tour Guides

Tour Guides assist in educating the students about agriculture and its valued importance, while sharpening their leadership and responsibility skills. Tours last 2 to 2-1/2 hours. Tour guide reservations are taken on a first come-first serve basis.

Any member in the 9th-12th grade that wishes to serve as a tour guide at the San Antonio Stock Show needs to call Jennifer at the office at 361-798-2221 and provide your first, second, and third choice dates by December 9th. We will be notified in January of the dates we were given. Understand that you must be an actively enrolled member, eligible at school, and may need to secure your own transportation. Please only provide dates that you know you can commit to being there. The dates are:

February 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 21 or 22

County Photography
Workshop
December 27
10:00 a.m.

The workshop will be taught virtually. To sign up call the office at 361-798-2221 and give your email no later than December 22nd. A link to join the online session will be sent to the email that you provide. You will be able to join from a computer, tablet, or smartphone.

Moulton Junior Livestock Show

Sunday, January 15 – Significant changes have been made to the schedule. Please see the rules for schedule details.

Attention All Livestock Exhibitors

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.

Medications:

4-H livestock exhibitors should be aware of the withdrawal times on medications and medicated feeds being given to show animals. Technically withdrawal time should be calculated from the time the animal arrives at the show. Please contact your veterinarian or feed dealer if there are any questions. Animals with illegal chemicals found in their system will be disqualified.

Scales:

Lavaca County 4-H has two scales for weighing swine, lambs and goats that can be checked out. Please call the Extension Office to book a scale. Please remember when you transport the scale, it must be locked down. This keeps the cables from breaking. Also make sure you clean the scale before returning it to the 4-H building. **PLEASE NOTE: DO NOT BRING ANIMALS INTO THE 4-H BUILDING.**

Clippers:

Lavaca County 4-H has animal clippers that can be checked out. Please call the Extension Office to book them.

Clippers are checked out without blades. It is each families responsibility to have blades for their projects.

Below is a list of suggested blades to purchase for use on the 4-H clippers

Steers (slick shear):

Oster Clipmaster-83/84AU

Goats:

Lister Cover Cote blades

Lambs:

Lister 2241 A2S Surgical or Fine

Swine:

Andis #10 blade to be used with guards

Lavaca County Leaders take National Trips!

Callie Chrismon, Half Moon 4-H, was among the delegates selected to represent Texas at National 4-H Congress. Callie spent November 25-29 in Atlanta, Georgia. Leadership, community service, and idea sharing among states are a big part of the Congress experience. Being selected to represent Texas at Congress is a great honor that begins with an application in the spring each year. Senior level members interested in applying for next year's Congress should watch for the applications to be due in the next few months.

Keely Knesek, Half Moon 4-H, was one of the nineteen participants to attend the Texas 4-H Leadership Conference to Washington, D.C., on November 25-29. The trip is considered the reward for those senior level members who won state with their recordbooks. Keely placed first in Visual and Performance Arts. While on the trip participants attended the *Nutcracker* at the Kennedy Center, *A Christmas Carol* at Ford's Theatre, and had the opportunity visit many of the historical sites and museums.

Record Book Corner: Section IV: Other 4-H Project

This is your opportunity to tell about the projects you have done in recent years that you are not currently doing and those projects that are not as big as the ones you put in Section I. If you only have two projects, save the one that is not your contest category for this section as it is worth points that you will lose if you leave it blank. Be sure that you do not have the same information in both Section I and IV but do consider formatting them the same for a more polished book.

Teen Weekend at the Texas 4-H Center, Lake Brownwood

January 6-8, 2023

9th-12th Grade

State Level Leadership Training and Opportunities

Make Friends from Across the State

Learn Games and Activities to Bring Back to Your Club

Report this as a State Level Leadership Workshop in your Recordbook!

Registration fee: \$75/teens – Adult Chaperones are FREE

To register go to <https://texas4hcenter.tamu.edu/services/youth-camps-and-retreats/>

Natalie will be attending and will be happy to help provide transportation for others. It is a great experience for adults as well, and adult volunteers, particularly male chaperones, are always needed. We are so lucky to have our own 4-H Center for retreats like this in Texas –many states do not.

Coastal Bend Classic

<https://d114-h.tamu.edu/events-and-contests/coastal-bend-classic/>

All Texas 4-H and FFA members are invited to participate in the 11th Annual Coastal Bend Classic.

Date: December 3, 2022

Location: San Patricio County Fairgrounds, Sinton, TX

Entry/Registration Deadline: Regular Registration – October 1 – November 11. Late Registration – November 12 – Day of event.

Photography

County Contest

Our county contest uses the categories and rules from the State Photography contest. For county you may enter one picture per category. On the county level, you will submit an 8x10 print with your name, grade, and category noted on the back. Pictures that place first advance, so it is important that you remember which pictures you submit in which category as you will enter District or State (depending on your age level) digitally. The County deadline has not been set, as we are waiting on the District deadline. Plan for the pictures to be due close to the beginning of February.

NATURAL RESOURCES PHOTOGRAPHY CONTEST

We are excited to announce a brand new state-level photography contest open to junior, intermediate, and senior members that will focus solely on the Natural Resource project areas. Here are a few key points:

- Open contest (no qualifying required) to all counties
- Open to juniors, intermediate, and senior age divisions
- 10 Natural Resource themed categories
- Same scoring matrix and general rules as the state contest
- **Entry timeline is December 1-15**

County Photography Workshop – Virtual – December 27 at 10:00 a.m. – to sign up call the office and give your Email no later than December 22. A link to join the online session will be sent to the email that you provide. You will be able to join from a computer, tablet, or smartphone.

STATE PHOTOGRAPHY CONTEST

Some of the rules have been revised (noted in the PDF), so please make sure your contestants are aware of those changes. The state 4-H photography contest is a senior-only qualifying contest where photos qualify directly from COUNTY to STATE.

Rules and Guidelines for all three state levels contests as well as more information about the photography project can be found at

<https://texas4-h.tamu.edu/projects/photography-video/>

Spring Spectacular Contests

It is time to start planning for Spring Spectacular Contests. Spring Spectacular is made up of several different contests. The dates will be set soon for county workshops (January or February) and the county qualifying contests (typically late February or early March). District 11 Spring Spectacular will be held on April 13 and April 14 in Victoria.

If you are a senior level 4-H member or adult volunteer interested in helping lead workshops and/or practice sessions for any of the following contests/project areas please reach out to natalie.knesek@ag.tamu.edu

Quiz Bowl: This is a team event where participants work to answer trivia questions related to the contest subject matter. There are horse, livestock, and family and community health quiz bowls. To learn more go to <https://texas4-h.tamu.edu/quiz/>

Consumer Decision Making: You may participate in this contest as an individual and if we have enough participants we can form teams. Participants evaluate merchandise that have similar qualities to determine the best purchase for a given situation. To learn more about consumer decision making go to <https://texas4-h.tamu.edu/projects/consumer-education/>

There are several contests related the Fashion and Interior Design Contest at Spring Spectacular. All of the details may be found at <https://texas4-h.tamu.edu/projects/fashion-interior-design/>

Fashion Show: Fashion Show is an individual event. Participants may construct or purchase their entry. Similar to food show, the participant then provides a brief presentation to a panel of judges and answers questions related to their project participation.

Storyboard: The Storyboard contest is a state level invitational contest that is submitted digitally for senior (9-12 grade) level members. In D-11, we have a contest for our junior and intermediate members that is very similar to the state contest. The exception is that the senior boards must be created digitally. Junior and Intermediate boards may be created digitally or they may be created by hand and a photo of the board is submitted. Because all aspects of the contest are completed virtually, participants do not have to attend Spring Spectacular (Jr/Int) or State Round-Up (Srs.). However, those Jr/Int. participants who

enter District and are present at the District Fashion Show will be recognized for their Storyboard contributions.

Duds to Dazzle: This is a team event. Similar to food challenge, teams bring their own supply box and have fifty minutes to construct an item from a prompt and materials given. It might be a garment, accessory, etc. Each team needs a sewing machine and one person on the team must be comfortable operating a machine.

Talent Show Case: Formerly known as Share-The-Fun you may enter any of the seven categories: solo/band, vocal, instrumental, 4-H Skit, prose/poetry, choreographed routine, or variety show as an individual or with a group. For complete details for the go to https://texas4-h.tamu.edu/wp-content/uploads/roundup_talent_showcase_2023.pdf.

Educational Presentations and Public Speaking: One of the most valuable skills 4-H develops in its active members is the ability to speak in front of others. Educational presentations may be up to 12 minutes (the better ones are at least seven minutes) and may use visual aids and props. Public Speaking is shorter and does not use visual aids. For complete details on both contests including educational presentation categories go to the State 4-H Round-Up page at <https://texas4-h.tamu.edu/events/roundup/>

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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