



Lavaca County 4-H Update

November 4, 2022

always keep an eye on <https://lavaca.agrilife.org/> and our

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

Driscoll Update

WOW!! We checked back in with the Driscoll Hospital Special Events Coordinator and your efforts this past summer combined with mail in donations from Lavaca County totaled \$20,378.57. What a wonderful service to kids in need!



Congratulations to our County Food Show and Food Challenge Participants

Food Show:

Junior – Appetizer – 1st Place – Julie Henke; 2nd Place – Addison Cain

Intermediate – Appetizer – Kaylie Hotz

Intermediate – Side Dish – Sophia Etzler

Intermediate - Healthy Dessert – Karlie Hotz

Senior – Appetizer – Keely Knesek

Senior – Side Dish – Aubrey Freytag

Senior – Healthy Dessert – Amanda Janak

All are eligible to advance to District on December 9th

Food Challenge:

Junior/Intermediate Teams

First Place – Country Cooking Cowgirls –

Katie Richter, Brooke Rothbauer, Addisyn Greive, and Abigail Seigel

Second Place – Slicers & Dicers – Brodie Barta, Bethany Kram, and Taylor Self

Third Place – The Chopettes – Lily Janak, Baye Shimek, and Chloe Jansky

Senior Team

IncrEdibles – Keely Knesek, Callie Chrismon, Kara Remschel and Jenna Pohler

The top two teams in each age division get to advance to District on December 10th



Major Show Entries

- Fort Worth Stock Show entries are due in the Extension Office TODAY!!! Entry forms can be found on the show website at <https://www.fwssr.com/p/livestock-shows/livestock-entry-applications>
- Houston, San Antonio, Austin, San Angelo and Texas Elite Showcase entries are due in the Extension Office by Monday , November 21. Entry forms and rules can be found on each show's website.
- ✓ <https://www.texaseliteshowcase.com/enter>
- ✓ <https://www.sanangelorodeo.com/p/livestock1/entries-premiumbook>
- ✓ <https://rodeoaustin.com/youth-ag-programs/competitions/livestock-show/>
- ✓ <https://www.sarodeo.com/p/competitive-events/livestock-show>
- ✓ <https://www.rodeohouston.com/Get-Involved/Exhibitors-Participants/Livestock-Show>

Major Show Swine Validation

Major show swine validation will take place at the Lavaca Expo Center on November 8 and 10 from 4-6 pm each day. The exhibitor and parent must be present to sign validation documents.

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. Go to <https://www.texaslivestockvalidation.com/gc/qcregister.aspx> .

Hallettsville Junior Livestock Show

Hallettsville Junior Livestock Show swine validation will take place at the Lavaca Expo Center on November 8 and 10 from 4-6 pm each day.

The last opportunity to validate a breeding heifer or swine project for the Hallettsville Junior Livestock Show will be on November 8 or 10 at the Lavaca Expo Center from 4-6 pm each day.

Entries for the Hallettsville Junior Livestock Show are due by December 1. Entries include entry cards, project record forms, and fees (\$10 per card).

Shiner Junior Livestock Show -Go support those showing in Shiner!

Saturday, November 19 –Rules may be found on the Shiner Junior Livestock Show Facebook Page.

Saturday, November 19th:

6:00 – 6:20 am Weigh in Cattle

6:20 – 7:00 am Weigh in Swine

7:00 – 7:20 am Weigh in Lambs

7:20 – 7:40 am Weigh in Goats

7:40 – 8:00 am Weigh in Rabbits

8:30 am Check in/Sift Broilers

9 am Livestock Show

Order of Show:

Broilers, Cattle, Swine, Lambs, Goats, Rabbits

TBD Mandatory Meeting Immediately following Rabbit

Judging - All exhibitors must attend

5:00 pm Buyer's Social and Meal (Sale Sheets available)

7:00 pm Sale Sheets Taken Up

7:30 pm Presentation of Exhibitors/Exhibits and Recognition of Bidders

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

Club Happenings

Does your club have news and/or pictures to share? Our County Council Reporter Jonah Hermes would like to include you in our newsletter and/or on our Facebook page. Email your news and pictures to susanhermes.sh@gmail.com

Enrollment

We currently have 317 members, 29 clover kids, and 51 approved adult volunteers enrolled for this year. There are another 29 incomplete adult volunteers, 4 incomplete club members, and 2 incomplete clover kids. If someone mentions that they are not receiving the newsletter it is likely that they have not finished their enrollment. Please encourage everyone to make this a priority. Enrollment fees for members increased to \$30 on November 1.

Texas 4-H Opportunity Scholarships

The Texas 4-H Foundation Opportunity Scholarship Applications are now OPEN! Attached here are the Rules & Guidelines as well as a FAQ for using the Scholarship Portal. [Scholarship Application - APPLY HERE](#)

The application is also linked on the foundation website: <https://texas4hfoundation.org/types-of-scholarships/>

Deadline to Apply: February 15th at 11:59 PM – The 4-H Foundation will not accept any applications after the deadline.

Academic Verification: The applicant is **required** and responsible for working with their school administrator or counselor to submit an academic verification on their behalf. This **MUST** be received before the deadline as it is part of their application. It is important that the applicant verify that this has been done before the deadline.

CEA Verification: A list of applicants and link to submit the CEA Verification will be sent to agents after the application deadline. Natalie will be verifying your applications. **Please use the collaboration tool to share your application with her no later than January 30th so that she can verify your information when it is requested and give you feedback prior to the deadline. Send the collaboration invite to natalie.knesek@ag.tamu.edu**

FAFSA: Each applicant is required to submit their Estimated Family Contribution provided through their FAFSA application. This should be done before **mid-December** to be able to have it to submit the scholarship application.

Transcripts: Applicant's transcripts **MUST** show grades through December 2022. Applicants should not submit applications before grades have been updated to their transcripts.

Interviews: Selected applicants will be **required** to attend interviews in College Station. Interviews will be held April 28th – 30th. There will be a self-sign up for time spots in early April.

Scholarship Banquets: Recipients will be **required** to attend their scholarship banquet. Scholarship Banquets will be held during the 2023 Texas 4-H Roundup June 6th – 8th.

****NEW**** – Baccalaureate applications are now open to **ALL** 4-H Seniors no matter their quartile ranking. They must meet all other requirements but being in the top half of their class is no longer a requirement to apply. Some donors do have restrictions based on quartile ranking and those will still be honored but there are other scholarships that do not have quartile ranking restrictions.

Navidad Valley Cattle Women Scholarship

Use this link to access the application and rules: www.nvcw.org

Record Book Corner: Section II - Volunteer Leadership - How have you helped or taught other 4-H members? That is what goes in your Section II. Take time each time you bring snacks to a meeting, lead the motto and pledge, give a report, or wear your 4-H shirt to promote 4-H to write it down so that when you are doing your recordbook you can put it in section II.

Save the Date

County Council – November 14 -6:00 p.m. – Extension Office Conference Room

Festival of Lights – Help Stuff the Santa Bags
Monday, November 21- County Courtroom
Watch the newsletter for the time –will be late afternoon

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.

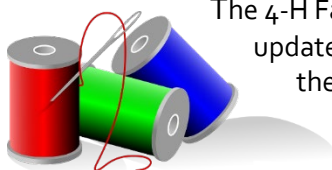
Date: December 3, 2022

Location: San Patricio County Fairgrounds, Sinton, TX

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

State Contest Opportunities

The 2023 Texas 4-H Roundup Guide has been updated on the website at <https://texas4-h.tamu.edu/events/roundup/>. Texas 4-H Round-Up is the state level contest for most of our 4-H events. While the contests at State Round-Up are for Senior Level 4-H members, the rules are typically used to guide the rules for junior and intermediates on the County and District Levels. The Round-Up Guide can help you explore contest opportunities and help you plan.



The 4-H Fashion and Interior Design contest rules and guidelines for 2022-23 have been updated and are available on the [Fashion & Interior Design](#) website. As you will see in the guidelines, there have been very few changes. As a reminder these changes are for the Texas 4-H State contests; district contest rules may vary. District rules have not been finalized and will be shared in the newsletter by early December. We will hold a county workshop in early 2023 and hold the county contest in either late February or early March.

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

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 both contests as well as more information about the photography project can be found at <https://texas4-h.tamu.edu/projects/photography-video/>

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

Please remind your friends to re-enroll for the new year. Big thanks to all adults who have enrolled! Please make sure are finalizing your trainings so that we may approve your enrollment.

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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