



## Lavaca County 4-H Update

October 21, 2022

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

## Thank You!

The activities that took place during National 4-H week were a huge success thanks to so many of you who helped in so many ways! The BBQ net profit shows to be \$6,166.03, which is up slightly from last year!

Fun Fair was great fun! The petting zoo had baby chicks, rabbits, a halter heifer, and goats. There were a few entries in the bake show, and two participants in the talent showcase. In all, 55 people were in attendance. You can check out pictures from both the BBQ and Fun Fair on our Facebook page.



### Lavaca County Practice Show and Clinic

Tomorrow  
October 22  
Lavaca Expo Center

7:30 am - Registration  
8:00 am - Clinic and practice show  
Goats followed by lambs, followed by cattle.  
Registration fee is \$10 per member.

Matt Leopold will arrive at 8:00 for cattle hoof trimming.

## Major Show Entries

- Fort Worth Stock Show entries are due in the Extension Office by Friday, November 4. 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/qc/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

Saturday, November 19 – Please check rules for specific times. Rules may be found on the Shiner Junior Livestock Show Facebook Page.

## 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:**

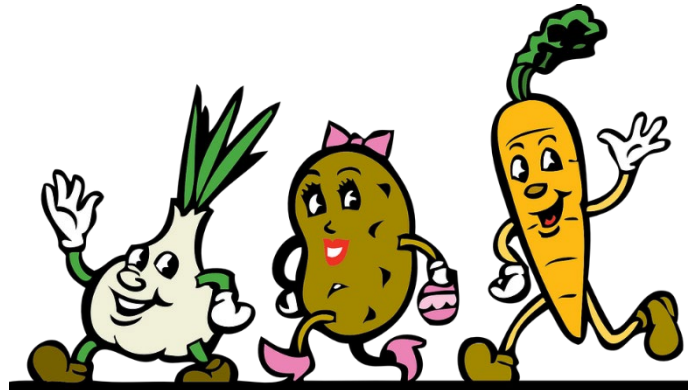
Lister Cover Cote blades

#### **Lambs:**

Lister 2241 A2S Surgical or Fine

#### **Swine:**

Andis #10 blade to be used with guards



The County Food Show and Food Challenge will be held tomorrow, October 22, 2022 in the cafeteria at Moulton Elementary School. Food Show check in begins at 1:00 . Food Challenge check in is at 2:30. Spectators are welcome to come watch the preparation portion of food challenge beginning at approximately 3:00 p.m.

## 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](mailto:susanhermes.sh@gmail.com)

### International Travel Opportunity!



Members who are in the 8<sup>th</sup> through 12<sup>th</sup> grade and adult volunteers may sign up for the Citizenship International Travel Experience to Barcelona and Madrid, Spain next summer. The trip is eight days and will occur sometime between July 1 and July 16, 2023. To learn more about the trip and to sign up contact [megan.logan@ag.tamu.edu](mailto:megan.logan@ag.tamu.edu). Spaces are limited so if you are interested do not delay! Keely and Natalie Knesek plan to attend. If others go from Lavaca County we will plan some fundraisers to help defray the expense.

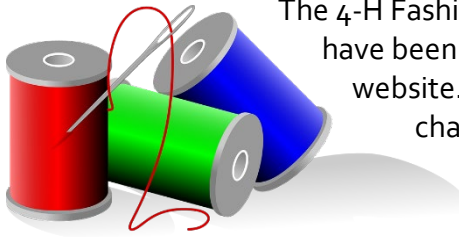
### **Enrollment Fee Goes Up After October 31**

Members who have incomplete and/or unpaid enrollments will be included in the those who have to pay full price \$30 after October 31. Encourage your friends to get their enrollments done if they have not already!

*Record Book Corner: Section I - For those adults who did record books as kids, Section I is the Size and Scope and the Learning Experiences. Just as the form says, What did you do? What did you Learn? Each of your projects should have goals that you are working to achieve. If you have not set goals, identify them now. Aim for six goals. For example, "I want to learn the nutritional value of different types of feed" or "My goals is to help prepare family meals at least twice a week". These are just examples. Write your goals down and then start making plans to achieve them. Document the time spent, money spent, places you went, and what you did to learn about your project and achieve your goals.*

## 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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