



## Lavaca County 4-H News January 20, 2023

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

### Congratulations National Qualifiers!!!



Brooklyn, Zachary, Nathan, and Brenden

On Sunday, January 15, Fort Worth Stock Show & Rodeo held their Dairy Judging Contest that was also the 4-H State Dairy Judging Contest. In the overall contest, the Lavaca County Senior Team of Brenden Henke, Zachary Henke, Nathan Henke, & Brooklyn Griffith placed 5<sup>th</sup>. In the State 4-H Contest, they placed 2<sup>nd</sup> which qualified them to advance to the North American International Livestock Expo in Kentucky in November. In the 4-H contest, individually, Nathan received 3<sup>rd</sup>, Brenden 4<sup>th</sup>, Zachary 10<sup>th</sup>, and Brooklyn 19<sup>th</sup>. Congratulations on this accomplishment & good luck in November representing Texas 4-H!

Congratulations to those who have recently participated in the Moulton and Yoakum Shows. Good Luck this weekend to those in the Hallettsville Show. Stop by and support the exhibitors if you can.

### Upcoming Local Stock Show Dates

Hallettsville-20-22, 2023

Hope-February 18, 2023

### County Photography Contest



Entries are due in the office by February 3<sup>rd</sup>. The contest rules are posted on the county website at <https://lavaca.agrilife.org> or you can stop in the office for a copy on the front counter. If you are uncertain about which category a picture should be in please come for help before they day the are due.

Spring Spectacular Workshops  
Saturday, February 11, 2023  
Hallettsville Youth Center

This will be an opportunity to learn about Fashion Show,  
Educational Presentations, Quiz Bowls,  
Consumer Decision Making, Talent Showcase, Duds to Dazzle, and Storyboard.

**Call the Office at 361-798-2221 to register.**

Let us know which sessions you will attend. Please RSVP by February 9.

10:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m

. Educational Presentations & Talent Showcase

11:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

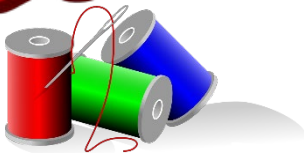
Consumer Decision Making & Quiz Bowls



Lunch Break

1:00 p.m. -3:00 p.m

Fashion and Interior Design: fashion show, duds to dazzle,  
and storyboard



Participation in this workshop is not mandatory to participate in the contests, but county qualification is required to participate at District Spring Spectacular in April. If you are unable to attend the workshop and are wanting to compete in one or more of these events, please get in touch with Natalie. Qualifying event dates will be set based on interest in the contests and prior to the District registration deadline of March 17.

County Council and Adult Volunteers

The next county council meeting will be held on Monday, March 6 at 6:00 p.m. This is a week early due to Spring Break.

Scholarship Deadlines:

Go Texan – January 31

4-H Foundation Opportunity – February 15 (get to Natalie for review by January 31)

Lavaca County Extension Education Association – March 1 (pick up application in the Extension office)

Lavaca County 4-H Council – due with recordbooks in June (exact date tbd)



2023  
**4-H DAY**  
**At the Capitol**



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EXTENSION

**Event Details:**

**Thursday, March 29, 2023 - Texas Capitol - Austin, TX**

Estimated Start Time: 8:30am - Estimated End Time: 4:00pm

Event limited to first 250 youth/50 adults  
(registration is non-refundable)

**Registration Information:**

4Honline Registration will open on at 12:00pm (noon) on February 1, 2023 and will close on February 8, 2023 (or until registration is full)

**Cost per participant: \$40.00 (includes lunch and a t-shirt)**

The Texas 4-H Youth Development Program will once again host 4-H Day at the Capitol on Wednesday, March 29, 2023. This event is designed as a citizenship experience for 4-H members of all ages to learn more about the state legislative process, as well as meet their state representative and senator through an office visit.

Since this event is held during the legislative session and other organizations/groups are at the Capitol on the same day, the number of participants (youth and adults) must be limited.

**Other facts about the day that you should consider before registering:**

- This event does occur during the legislative session, therefore, the event schedule may change from what is published and even distributed the day of the event. Changes to the overall schedule as well as House and Senate member visits will be occurring throughout the day and the 4-H Program will do our best to maintain the most up-to-date schedule changes through email and text messaging.
- We request patience of all our 4-H members, parents, and County Extension Agents during the event due to the fast pace of the event. This includes not just schedule changes, but cancellation of office visits or locations of visits.
- For those parents who do not get registered for the event, but their 4-H member did, they are welcome to attend and join in on the gallery and office visits, but due to space, the welcome assembly in the auditorium and the lunch will be limited to only registered individuals. The Capitol does have a cafeteria located close to the room where the event lunch will be served.
- 4-H members attending the event maybe separated from their parents for periods of time when they are in the welcoming assembly or on office visits, please be assured it is the priority of the 4-H Program that each youth member is safe and comfortable in their participation of the event at all times.
- Each registered participant will receive a t-shirt, therefore the dress is casual-nice (blue jeans or khaki pants/skirt, casual closed toed shoes). The t-shirt will be distributed at check-in and youth will have time to change prior to the event starting.
- A detailed information packet will be sent to each registered participant approximately a week before the event with an updated schedule, parking information and other logistical information.

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*Record Book Corner: Section VII: College and Career Exploration - This is anything that you have done to learn more about colleges and careers. At the top of the page it asks what career you want to pursue. It is okay to put undecided -you do not have to know what you want to be. IF you list a career path make sure you have learning experiences related to what you list and make them the priority on the page. Include college campus visits, internet searches, interviews/job shadowing, entrance exam preparation, etc. Do not list experiences that you have previously put as project experiences.*

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### **State Level Senior Leadership Opportunities**

If you are in the 8<sup>th</sup>-11<sup>th</sup> grade this year and are interested in serving in a state level leadership role for the next school year, be on the look out for that information as it is released in the state 4-H email updates. Applications for project Ambassadors, Texas 4-H Council Delegate At Large, and National Congress all come due in early Spring. Some of the deadlines have changed this year. Healthy Texas Youth Ambassador applications will be due in March instead of June 1. To learn more about these opportunities, visit

<https://texas4-h.tamu.edu/ambassadors/>

Please note that not all of the information has been updated for this year.

### **Reimbursement for Select Activities**

**The reimbursement policy was approved by the council and remains the same for 2023.**

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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