



## Lavaca County 4-H News February 17, 2023

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

### Good Luck to those showing in Hope tomorrow!

Congratulations to our Photographers!

We had 187 photos submitted by  
36 members and nine clover kids.

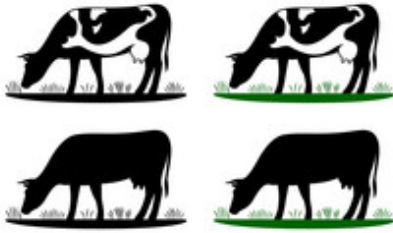
First place winners in each of the categories were:



	Junior	Intermediate	Senior
Animal-Domestic	Rena Pierce	Augusta Dodson	Amanda Janak
Animal - Wildlife	Quinn DeLaRosa	Ashlyn Pustka	Macey Pustka
Catch-All	Quinn DeLaRosa	Chandler Wimberly	Keely Knesek
Details and Macro	Quinn DeLaRosa	Augusta Dodson	Adalyn Pohl
Elements of Design	Quinn DeLaRosa	Chandler Wimberly	Abigail Hill
Enhanced	Hazel Pierce	Andrew Pierce	Keely Knesek
Food	Quinn DeLaRosa	Augusta Dodson	Alex Jurena
Landscape and Nature	Carter Dietz	Augusta Dodson	Amanda Janak
Leading Line	Hope Pierce	Chandler Wimberly	Aubrey Freytag
Long Exposure	Sawyer Wimberly	Chandler Wimberly	Julia Barecky
Motion/Action	Anabelle Ischy	Chandler Wimberly	Alex Jurena
People	Cambree Stroupe	No entries	Kennedy Dodson
Plant/Flora	Quinn DeLaRosa	Ashlyn Pustka	Adalyn Pohl
Shadow/Silhouette	Rena Pierce	Katie Richter	Macey Pustka
Theme: Reflections	No entries	Chandler Wimberly	Adalyn Pohl

The first place winners in Juniors and Intermediates advance to District competition. The first place winners in Senior advance to State. All of the photos including the Clover Kid submissions for exhibition only have been compiled in notebooks and may be viewed at the office until the end of the month. Watch the next newsletter for the locations of the display during the month of March.

If you wish to enter any of the Spring Spectacular Contests you must complete and return the registration form on pages 3&4 by March 1<sup>st</sup>. District Spring Spectacular is April 13 and 14 in Victoria.



## Good Luck at District 11 Dairy Judging -HLSR

Brooklyn Griffith      Brenden Henke      Nathan Henke  
Zachary Henke      Josephine Kram      Wyatt Kram  
Summer Leopold      Dylan Orsak      Lindsey Orsak  
Lani Pilat      Cole Taylor

## Important Dates!



### 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.



### Record Book Workshop

Immediately following the March 6<sup>th</sup> Council meeting

### Shooting Sports

Mandatory Registration and Orientation

Tuesday, March 7

6:00 p.m.

Appelt Hill Gun Club

New Participants need to bring \$28 (book and fees)

Returners need to bring \$10 (fee)

The session begins March 20 & 21 and

wraps up with the tournament on April 29

### Scholarship Deadlines:

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)

### College of Agriculture and Life Sciences Day Registration ends on February 28<sup>th</sup>

ATTENTION FRESHMEN, SOPHOMORE'S, & JUNIOR'S! Interested in the College of Agriculture & Life Sciences at Texas A&M University? Visit us for Texas 4-H Day hosted by the College of Agriculture & Life Sciences on March 30<sup>th</sup> in College Station, Texas! You will experience a campus tour, presentations on admissions and scholarships, meet current students, and see what life is like as a student at Texas A&M! Check out the College of Agriculture & Life Sciences majors [here!](#) Space is limited, make sure to signup starting February 1, 2023! Cost is \$30 per 4-H member, and parents are free! For more information, contact Jana Barrett ([jana.barrett@ag.tamu.edu](mailto:jana.barrett@ag.tamu.edu)) or Megan Logan ([megan.logan@ag.tamu.edu](mailto:megan.logan@ag.tamu.edu)) for more information about 4-H Day at COALS.

**2023 Lavaca County 4-H Spring Spectacular Contest Registration Form**  
**Complete this form if you plan to participate in any of the Spring Spectacular Events**

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Grade \_\_\_\_\_ School \_\_\_\_\_

Best Day time Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_ text ok? Yes or No

email \_\_\_\_\_ Club \_\_\_\_\_

**Check each contest you plan to enter and complete necessary information. For team events, each team member should complete separate forms:**

\_\_\_\_\_ **Consumer Decision Making** (3-4 person team—may compete as an individual if not enough for a team)

List your team members names:

\_\_\_\_\_ **Duds to Dazzle** (3-5 person team)

List your team members names:

\_\_\_\_\_ **Educational Presentation** (1-2 people) List partner if applicable:

Check one:

\_\_\_\_\_ Ag Technology & Farm Safety

\_\_\_\_\_ Animal Science

\_\_\_\_\_ Beef

\_\_\_\_\_ Health and Wellness

\_\_\_\_\_ Horse

\_\_\_\_\_ Open Ag & Natural Resources

\_\_\_\_\_ Open Family and Consumer Education

\_\_\_\_\_ Open

\_\_\_\_\_ Promote 4-H

\_\_\_\_\_ Safety and Injury Prevention

\_\_\_\_\_ **Fashion Show** (Individual Event -enter only one)

Juniors (3<sup>rd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> grade) & Intermediates (6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grade)

Buying

Construction

\_\_\_\_\_ Everyday Living

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\_\_\_\_\_ Fantastic Fashions under \$25

\_\_\_\_\_ ReFashion

\_\_\_\_\_ Dressy

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Seniors (9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade)

Buying

Construction

\_\_\_\_\_ Business/Interview Attire

\_\_\_\_\_ Everyday Living

\_\_\_\_\_ Fantastic Fashions under \$25

\_\_\_\_\_ ReFashion

\_\_\_\_\_ Semi-Formal to Formal

\_\_\_\_\_ Semi-Formal

\_\_\_\_\_ Special Interest

\_\_\_\_\_ Theatre/Costume

\_\_\_\_\_ **Natural Fibers Contest** (Seniors Only) – **attach forms**

**Circle one:** Cotton or Wool/Mohair **Circle one:** Constructed or Purchased

\_\_\_\_\_ **Storyboard** Junior and Intermediates are due to District by March 17<sup>th</sup>. Seniors are due to State by April 15<sup>th</sup>. This is an invitational event. Your storyboard just has to be completed and uploaded by the appropriate deadline.

\_\_\_\_\_ **Public Speaking** (Individual Only)

\_\_\_\_\_ **Quiz Bowl** (up to 4 team members –may play as an individual)

List your team members names:

Check which bowl (only one): \_\_\_\_\_ Livestock \_\_\_\_\_ Horse \_\_\_\_\_ FCH

\_\_\_\_\_ **Talent Showcase** (1-9 members) (will allow multiple entries at county)

Category \_\_\_\_\_ Team Members Names if Applicable \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ 4-H Skit

\_\_\_\_\_ Choreographed Routine

\_\_\_\_\_ Variety Show

\_\_\_\_\_ Musical/Instrumental (playing instrument(s) only – no vocals)

\_\_\_\_\_ Poetry/Prose

\_\_\_\_\_ Solo/Band (instrument and vocals)

\_\_\_\_\_ Vocal (no instrument)

*I verify that I am eligible for competition and responsible for submitting all required entry materials. I have accessed the county website at <https://lavaca.agrilife.org/4-h/>, and read the contest rules and guidelines for each of my events.*

Please check the dates and times you can be available for a county contest:

\_\_\_\_\_ Thursday, March 9-6:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m.

\_\_\_\_\_ Wednesday, March 15-2:00-4:00 p.m.

\_\_\_\_\_ Thursday, March 16- 10:00 a.m.-Noon

\_\_\_\_\_ None of these times work for me

\_\_\_\_\_  
Member Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Parent Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

This form must be submitted to the Extension Office at 300 S. LaGrange, Hallettsville, TX 77964 **no later than Wednesday March 1**. You may send it by email to [natalie.kneseke@ag.tamu.edu](mailto:natalie.kneseke@ag.tamu.edu) . **If emailing, attach a read receipt. You will not be approved for District level competition without registering on the county level by submitting this form.**

## Major Show Steer and Heifer Tag Orders

Major show steer and heifer tag orders will be due in the Extension Office by **March 31**. **Please note this is earlier than normal.** Other than the earlier deadline, the steer validation process will remain the same.

**\*\*NEW\*\* FOR 2023** all state validated heifers will be tagged similar to steers. This will bring the heifer validation program in line with breeding sheep, breeding goats, and breeding gilts. Please order tags accordingly. This is a change from the heifer UINs where you were charged based on animals validated, not ordered. **Those planning to show a heifer at any major livestock show must order and pay for a tag by the deadline.** Please order accurately. No refunds will be given for unused tags. As in the past, there will be a second heifer validation in October.

The order form is attached in this newsletter and on the county website.

## State Fair Lamb and Goat Tag Orders

State Fair Lamb and Goat tags are due in the Extension Office by **March 31**. Order form is attached in this newsletter and on the county website.

**\*NEW FOR 2023\*** Lambs and goats validated during the 2023 State Fair Validation Period WILL BE ELIGIBLE for 2024 Spring Major Shows. Market animals validated for the 2023 State Fair will carryover for 2024 Spring Major Shows. Once validated, the project MUST stay in the care of the exhibitor that project is validated to; if the exhibitor chooses to sell the project to a new exhibitor, the new exhibitor MUST REVALIDATE the project within the next validation period. Please see the Validation Guidelines for more details.

## State Level Leadership Opportunities

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

*A great way to get involved!*

We currently have three State Ambassadors in Lavaca County.

Abigail Hill – Livestock, Adalyn Pohl – STEM, and Keely Knesek – Healthy Texas

If you are in the 8<sup>th</sup> -11<sup>th</sup> grade and would like project related leadership opportunities apply for an ambassador position! Some of the deadlines are quickly approaching.

Equine – April 15

Fashion and Interior Design (typically late April)

Healthy Texas – March 15

Livestock – April 15

Poultry – April 15

Photography – typically summer

Shooting Sports – typically summer

STEM – typically summer

Water – TBA

Another Leadership Opportunity is to run for Delegate at Large to serve on the State 4-H Council. Approximately twelve candidates will be chosen for six spots. The candidate packet is posted on the leadership page with the ambassador information linked above.





**Fun at the Texas 4-H Center!**  
**Register at <https://texas4hcenter.tamu.edu>**  
**Early Bird Registration is Open at the Texas 4-H Center**

**County Camp – Grades 3-9**

**I – June 25-29**

**II – July 9-13**

**Traditional camp experiences ideal for total family groups.**

**Horizons -July 2-6– Grades 4-8**

**Sign up for a specific project: Hunting, Fashion, Shooting**

**Other projects to be added soon**

**Prime Time**

**I – July 16-19 – Grades 3-5**

**II – July 19-22 – Grades 6-9**

**Traditional camp experiences with less age differences than county camp.**

**High Adventure – age 10-15**

**June 18-20**

**Outdoor /High Energy**

**Reimbursement for Select Activities**

**The reimbursement policy was approved by the council and remains the same for 2023. Members may request reimbursement for a number of activities including participation at the Texas 4-H Center and entry fees for 4-H contests. Refer to the policy for details. 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!*