



Lavaca County 4-H News May 19, 2023

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Congratulations 2023-24 County Council Officers

Chair – Zachary Henke
1st Vice Chair – Macey Pustka
2nd Vice Chair – Keely Knesek
Secretary – Callie Chrismon
Treasurer – Amanda Janak
Reporter – Rylan Jalufka
Parliamentarian – Nathan Henke

Congratulations to our Graduating Members!!



Name	School	Club
Kavis Dvorak	Hallettsville	Town Rounders
Cecilia Fikac	Providence	Early Bird
Savannah Filip	Sacred Heart	Hope
Brooklyn Griffith	Hallettsville	Town Rounders
Bailey Haas	Sacred Heart	Lucky H
Brenden Henke	Hallettsville	Town Rounders
Jonah Hermes	Hallettsville	Hope
Madelyn Hynes	Sacred Heart	Hope
Jules Janak	Sacred Heart	Lucky H
Kolton Kopecky	Hallettsville	Sweet Home
Julia Machacek	St. Paul	Shiner
Lilly Machicek	Sacred Heart	Lucky H
Katherine Pavliska	Sacred Heart	Lucky H
Elliott Peters	St. Paul	Half Moon
Lani Pilat	Sacred Heart	Hope
Keira Roberts	Shiner	Half Moon
Brooklyn Schoeneman	Hallettsville	Hope

Recordbook Judges Needed



We will be judging recordbooks in Gonzales at the PACE Building, 623 N. Fair Street on June 19 beginning at 9:00 a.m. If you have never judged recordbooks this will be a great opportunity to learn how, as will begin the morning with a judges training. Adults and senior level members who have had recordbooks place in the top three at District are encouraged to judge. Senior level members will be assigned junior books. We need four to five judges. Please call the office at 361-798-2221 if you are able to judge. We will also need volunteers to judge at District on July 13th.

Recordbooks, all awards, and county scholarship applications are due by 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, June 13 to the Extension Office. Please note this is also the date for the Driscoll Auction and the office will be closed during that time. Interviews will be held on June 22nd. The awards/scholarship application has been revised this year –so please make sure you are using the new form. The same form is being used for all awards and the county scholarship. You only have to submit your form one time! Access it here:

<https://lavaca.agrilife.org/4-h/4-h-scholarship-and-awards-information/>

The record book training recording can be found with this unlisted YouTube link:<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IZ6ytD36PKo>

District 11 Leadership Lab –Regular Registration Ends Today!

Leadership Lab is a great opportunity to get to know other senior members from across the District and learn team building and leadership skills. Those already registered are Abigail Hill, Keely Knesek, Callie Chrismon, Macey Pustka, Ashlyn Pustka, Amanda Janak. Natalie and Karen Janak will be attending as chaperones.

Date: June 14 – 16, 2023

Location: – Ledbetter, TX

Entry/Registration: April 3 – May 19, 2023

Late Registration: May 20 – 26, 2023, for an additional \$25

Registration Fee: Youth – \$225.00; Adult Leaders and County Extension Agents – \$200.00

[D11 Leadership Lab Event Information](#)

[D11 Lab Agenda](#)

[Camp Kubena Waiver](#)

Junior Leadership Lab

Date: July 11, 2023

Location: Texana Community Education Center – Lake Texana, Edna, TX

Entry/Registration: May 15 – June 23, 2023

Late Registration (for an additional \$25): June 24 – 30, 2023

Entry Fee:

\$40 for ALL youth participants (includes lunch, snacks, t-shirt, programming supplies, facility rental & insurance)

\$20 for adults, parents, agents and District Council officers wanting a Jr. Lab t-shirt (must register via 4-H Online)

\$5 for adults, parents, agents, and District Council Officers NOT ordering a shirt (register via 4-H Online)

Go to <https://d114-h.tamu.edu/events-and-contests/junior-leader-lab/> for more information.

Driscoll Auction

Tuesday, June 13

Hallettsville Livestock Commission

Lavaca County 4-H will once again be involved in conducting a benefit auction for Driscoll Children's Hospital in Corpus Christi. This auction, as in the past, will take place at the Hallettsville Livestock Commission Company on Tuesday, June 13th. This is an opportunity for 4-Hers to join with area ranchers and agribusinesses to support the hospital. The role of Lavaca County 4-Hers will be to donate items to be sold at the auction and/or help on the day of the sale.

In the past, items have included baked goods, arts and crafts, plants, animal feed, various livestock health products, etc. **Items may be delivered directly to the auction barn between 10:00 a.m. and 11:15 a.m. Please do not bring perishable items to the office ahead of time.** Other items may be dropped off, but please know that the more that is left at the office ahead of time, the more help we will need to move it that day. Once you know what you are going to be donating, please call the office and let us know so we can ensure that we have plenty of items. The auction will take place after the sale of the cows at approximately 12:00 noon. We need everyone's participation to ensure that the auction is a success.

Donation Suggestions - 4-H members are encouraged to donate items that relate to their projects. This is a great way to get project related community service which is often hard to achieve.

Hunter Education Class to be held in Hallettsville June 3rd

A hunter education class will be held on June 3rd at St. James Episcopal Church in Hallettsville beginning at 9 a.m. until 5 p.m. The class is open to anyone age 9 and over. Cost of the class is \$20.00. A hotdog lunch will be provided. Students ages 9-17 who complete a hunter education class are eligible to participate in youth hunts sponsored by Texas Youth Hunting Program www.tyhp.org. Students must register online at tpwdelementlms.com. For more information call Shirley Odell at 361-782-8730 or Harry Odell 361-782-1352.

Mark Your Calendars

August 1 – 4-H Banquet – Hallettsville Youth Center

October 8 – 4-H BBQ – all hands on deck! Please keep this open to work and to sell tickets. If other organizations are planning meals, please encourage them to pick another date.

Upcoming Validations

June 17 8:00 am – 10:00 am at the Hallettsville ISD Ag Pavillion

Major show steer and heifers

Hallettsville Jr. Livestock Show steers and Halter heifers (other opportunities later in the year for HJLS halter heifers)

Shiner Jr. Livestock Show steers

June 17 8:00am – 10:00am Hallettsville Livestock Commission Company

Hallettsville Jr. Livestock Show Commercial Heifer validation

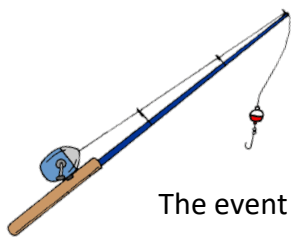
June 17, 2023 10:00 am to 11:00 am at the Moulton ISD Campus

Moulton Stock Show steer validation

Major Show Turkey orders due here July 28, 2023

The order forms were in the May 2nd newsletter and available here at the office.

Coastal Bend Sports Fishing Day



Information for the 2022 – 2023 Coastal Bend 4-H Sportfishing Day is now available on the event website: <https://d114-h.tamu.edu/coastal-bend-4-h-sportfishing-day/>.

The event will be held Tuesday, July 18, 2023, in Rockport, TX. The event is open to D11 4-H youth in grades 3 through 7 as of September 1, 2022.

Registration will be open on 4-H Online from May 1 – 31, 2023. There is no late registration.

NOTE: Registration is limited to the first 35 youth.

Are you doing your part to be an Active Member?

- “I pledge my head to clearer thinking” . . . Did you complete projects with six new learning experiences where you learned something new and applied it?
- “I pledge my heart to greater loyalty” . . . How have you represented 4-H? What have you done as a citizen and how have you helped your club and county 4-H? Are you attending and participating in meetings? Are you a leader in your club? county?
- “I pledge my hands to larger service” . . . How have you helped others outside of 4-H? What are you doing to take the lead?
- “I pledge my health to better living” . . . Do you make smart choices and take care of yourself and serve as a role model for others? How have you avoided peer pressure?

Are you working on your 4-H Record Book?

The answers to the questions above tell your story that belongs in your book –unique to you.
Go make it happen!

Club Charters

Club managers received an email mid-April regarding the chartering process for this next year. **All chartering paperwork is due to the office by May 31st.** Please note that this is earlier than last year. All clubs are required to charter annually. The chartering paperwork includes submitting a financial review, a financial statement, and by-laws. This deadline is necessary for us to be able to get the charters submitted prior to the state deadline.

There are LOTS of opportunities that do not get included in this newsletter. Make sure you are also reading the weekly email from Texas 4-H and following Texas 4-H on social media so you do not miss out. There is just more than we can possibly keep up with and share. If you participate in something, please send us a picture or two and let us know what you learned and what you did so we can spotlight you in this newsletter or on our Facebook page!



Mental Health **FIRST AID**

from NATIONAL COUNCIL FOR MENTAL WELLBEING

For Adults who Interact with Youth

including school faculty and staff, church youth group leaders, pastors, and teachers,
youth organization volunteers and anyone who mentors adolescents

*Mental Health First Aid was designed to extend the concept of first aid training to mental health and substance abuse challenges. This training is for **adults** who interact with youth. A separate Adult focused Mental Health First Aid training is scheduled for June 28, 2023.*

Wednesday, June 21, 2023

9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

\$40/person includes all course materials

Shiner Lutheran Church

1103 N. Ave B, Shiner, TX 77984

Participants will be emailed a link to complete a short survey prior to the class.

AFTER THE COURSE, YOU'LL BE ABLE TO:

- Recognize common signs and symptoms of mental health challenges, including anxiety, depression, eating disorders and attention deficit hyperactive disorder (ADHD).
- Recognize common signs and symptoms of substance use challenges.
- Understand how to interact with a young person in crisis.
- Know how to connect a young person with help.
- Better understand trauma, substance use, self-care and the impact of social media and bullying.

To Register

complete the attached registration form.

For more information call 361-798-2221.

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Youth Mental Health First Aid Registration Form

Training to be held Wednesday, June 21, 2023

This form must be received by June 16, 2023

**Make Payments \$40/per person (Check or Money Order)
to Lavaca Home Economics Committee**

c/o Lavaca County AgriLife Extension

300 S. LaGrange Street

Hallettsville, TX 77964

All paid participants will receive an email with a short survey to complete prior to attending the class. Upon completion of the course, a short quiz must be completed online to receive your certificate.

Name _____

Phone Number _____ Text OK? Y or N

Email address _____

Occupations/Place of Employment:

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Safe Sitter®

The course provides hands-on practice in lifesaving techniques to young teens who are home alone, watching younger siblings, or babysitting so they are equipped with the skills and confidence to act in an emergency. They learn basic first aid and infant and child choking rescue. **This class is open to youth** in grades 6-11. It is ideal for those in junior high. **Lavaca County EMS will provide infant and child CPR training.** Students also receive instruction on how a child's age affects how to care for them, how to prevent problem behavior, and how to run their own babysitting business.

Students who graduate from a Safe Sitter® course receive a completion card demonstrating they know how to use their skills in the situations that they encounter.

June 27, 2023

9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Lavaca County Extension Office Conference Room

300 S. LaGrange Street, Hallettsville, TX 77964

\$40 Course Fee
includes supplies
and CPR
certification



Class size is limited. Pre-registration is required. Please sign up by calling 361-798-2221. For more information email natalie.knesek@ag.tamu.edu.

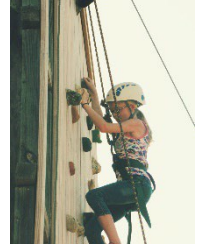
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Fun at the Texas 4-H Center!

Register at <https://texas4hcenter.tamu.edu>

There are still spots open at the 4-H Center camps. We have two Lavaca County graduates working at the 4-H Center this summer: Kathleen Knesek (Shiner '20) and Isabell Clay (St. Paul '20) and two Teen Counselors: Abigail Hill, Green Leaves and Keely Knesek Half Moon who will be there for certain camps.



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!

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