



Lavaca County 4-H News August 18, 2023

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

2023-2024 Enrollment is Open

All current members and adult volunteers need to re-enroll in 4-H at <https://v2.4honline.com> . When enrolling youth, please select a credit card option or come in the office **in advance** to pay the membership fee. **Members who select pay by check will not be approved until payment is received in the office.** Incoming third grade members who are eight years old need to wait until September 1 to enroll.

Adults who wish to have the county cover their registration fee should select the pay by check option. Those who select pay by credit card will not be reimbursed. All adults who participate in meetings, activities, and events must enroll and complete the volunteer trainings. If you completed screenings and/or trainings when you enrolled last year, you may not have to complete those items again. If you are not required to complete them the system will have a notation that says “completed” next to the word “required”.

Please take care of your enrollment as soon as possible, as you are not considered an active member and not covered by insurance at meetings and events unless you are on the approved roster.

2022-2023 Final Enrollment Numbers

61 Volunteers

337 Members

39 Clover Kids

437 Active Enrollments

Let's make it a goal to increase each of these numbers this new 4-H year!

4-H VOLUNTEER TRAINING



SATURDAY, AUGUST 26, 2023
HALLETTSVILLE SR. CITIZENS CENTER
1:00 P.M.-3:00 P.M.

For all Volunteers
Club Managers
Project Leaders
Activity Leaders
Parents



Topics include:
Volunteer Roles
Risk Management
4-H Rules
Project vs Activity
Getting Members Involved
Project Ideas

"To Make the
Best Better"

light refreshments
door prizes

Please RSVP
by calling the Extension Office
361-798-2221
by Friday, August 25th



Date and Location Change!!!



Foods and Nutrition and Leadership Workshops

Due to several unforeseen conflicts, the workshops have been pushed back one weekend. So sorry for the inconvenience!

Saturday, September 23, 2023

Shiner First United Methodist Church Activity Center

Foods and Nutrition Workshop

10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

This workshop is for all members, clover kids, and parent volunteers interested in the Food and Nutrition project. The workshop will include information on contest opportunities and hands-on project activities. If you have a food allergy please inform the office when you pre-register.

Leadership Workshop

1:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m.

This workshop is for all club junior and teen leaders and other members interested in the leadership project. Learn the roles and responsibilities of the various club offices, find out about leadership opportunities on the county level and beyond, learn games and activities to share with your club, and develop a better understanding of the parts of the meeting and how parliamentary procedure works.

Please call the office to pre-register by Wednesday, September 20th and let us know which workshop(s) you will be attending.

Major Show Orders Due in Our Office

Lamb and Goat tags – August 18

Swine tags – August 25

Heifer Tags – August 25

Broiler Orders – September 1

Major Show and Hallettsville Lamb and Goat Validation

October 10th 4:00 p.m -6:00 p.m.

October 12th 5:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

****NEW**** 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. This is the last opportunity to validate a heifer for the 2024 major shows. Heifers validated in June do not need to be revalidated. Order forms for all major show animals listed above are at the end of this newsletter and available in the office.

District Food
Show and
Food
Challenge
December 13
and 14 in
Cuero

County Council and Adult Volunteer Meeting
Monday, September 11
6:00 p.m.
Extension Office

We need involvement from all of the clubs at county council!
Each club should have delegates and adult volunteers attending.

Heart of Texas Stock Show

Entries are due in the Extension Office by August 18.
Entry forms are available on the show website <https://www.hotfair.com>

State Fair of Texas



Youth Livestock and Contest entries will be made online by parent/guardians through the online parent portal. Both the exhibitor and parent/guardian will be required to electronically sign the Release and Liability Signature form. A W9 including the youth exhibitor's social security number and signature is required at time of entry and may be completed electronically. Entries made by a parent/guardian must then be approved and submitted to State Fair by CEA/AST. Youth Livestock and Contest (and their uploaded required materials) entries must also be approved and submitted by CEA/AST. **Entries are due on the portal by August 18.** This is our county deadline to ensure enough time for approval and submission by the CEA/AST deadline. The entry portal can be found at <https://bigtex.com>

Quality Counts

If you participate in any of the major shows, you must have a current quality counts certificate on file to enter. You obtain the certificate one time in each age division based on grade: junior (3-5), intermediate (6-8) and senior (9-12). Access quality counts here:

<https://agrillifelearn.tamu.edu/s/product/quality-counts-archive/01t4x000002ciQSAAY>

National 4-H Week Proclamation Signing Picture with Judge Mudd
Monday, September 25 @ 4:30 p.m.

September Club Meetings – Dates and Locations

Thursday, September 14:

Sweet Home – 6:00 p.m – School Cafeteria

Wednesday, September 16:

Shiner 4-H – 6:00 p.m. – First Station

Sunday, September 17:

Hallettsville Town Rounders – 5:00 p.m. – Youth Center

Green Leaves – 6:30 p.m. – Youth Center

Half Moon – 6:00 p.m. -Shiner Lutheran Church

***Half Moon date changed due to Shiner Homecoming Pep Rally

Vysehrad – 5:00 p.m. – School Cafeteria

Monday, September 18:

Lucky H – 6:00 p.m. – KC Hall of Fame Room

Lavaca River Oaks – 7:00 p.m. – Youth Center

Wednesday, September 20:

Moulton Early Birds – 3:45 p.m. – School Cafeteria

Sunday, September 24:

Hope – 5:00 p.m. – Hope Community Center

4-H BBQ

October 8, 2023

all hands on deck

Tickets are available from your club manager. Please do your part to sell tickets.

Call the office at 361-798-2221 to let us know which shift you can work:

Friday afternoon - peel onions

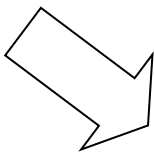
Saturday morning – 7:30 a.m. – peel potatoes

Sunday

10:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m

11:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

1:00 p.m. until everything is cleaned up



Cookies

Each club will be required to supply 120 bags of cookies. Each zip lock bag should contain two homemade cookies that are at least 3'' in diameter. Clubs should include how to fulfill this responsibility in their September club business to ensure that the need is met.

4-H Fun Fair

Sunday, October 15, 2023
afternoon

Hallettsville Youth Center

Club Chili Cook-Off –rules will be sent to the club managers soon.

Individual Bake Show and Talent Showcase

Information Booths

Petting Zoo

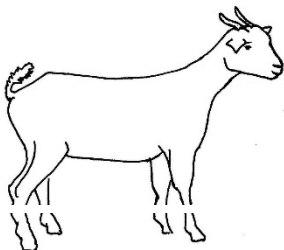
Fun Fair is a great time for us to come together as a county and introduce others to 4-H. We need lots of help to make the day successful. Use this sign-up link to volunteer for some of the jobs we will have (adults and members are both needed)!

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/9040944AAA72FA2FD0-2023>



**Shiner rabbit Validation
October 18**

**Lavaca County Lamb, Goat and
Beef Project Clinic
October 28**



TEXAS GAME WARDEN EXPERIENCE



**ARE YOU 17-22 YEARS OLD WITH A STRONG
INTEREST IN A CONSERVATION LAW CAREER?**

Apply to join us for hands-on education, led by local Wardens!



On-duty drills
Range skills and safety
Active shooter simulations
Fishing skills and regulations
Q&A sessions

**SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 16, 2023
8:00am - 1:45pm**

**TEXAS GAME WARDEN TRAINING CENTER
4363 FM 1047, Hamilton, TX 76531**

APPLY BY AUGUST 29, 2023

Contact camps@texasbrigades.org for questions
or visit www.texasbrigades.org/experiences to apply

Project Help and Welcome to the New Year!

We want to give a big welcome to our members who are new to 4-H this year! Whether you are brand new or you have been a member for ten or more years, we want you to know we are here to help and support you in your project efforts. Jennifer Steffek, our office manager, is here for your general 4-H questions, 4-H online enrollment issues, club information and more. Shannon DeForest, County Extension Agent- Agriculture and Natural Resources is here to assist with all agricultural and natural resources related projects including shooting sports. I am the County Extension Agent – Family and Community Health and here to help you with all the other projects. Please do not hesitate to call, come by, or send us an email. The office number is 361-798-2221 and we are located next to the Post Office in Hallettsville. Our address is 300 S. LaGrange Street, Hallettsville, TX 77964. We are the first office in the building when you pull in to the parking lot that is the dead end of S. LaGrange. I try to put this newsletter together and get it out every other week with help from Jennifer and Shannon. It is the best way to know what is going on with 4-H in Lavaca County. Please take the time to open it and read it when it comes –typically every other Friday. At times when I have to be gone it may show up a day early or a day late. I try to remember, also, to upload it to our website, at <https://lavaca.agrilife.org>

Best wishes for a great new year!

-Natalie

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!

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.



TEXAS A&M
AGRILIFE
EXTENSION

TEXAS 4-H PRESENTS

2023 RABBIT EXTRAVAGANZA

STATEWIDE EDUCATIONAL EXPERIENCE & RABBIT SHOW

Rule Book

Join us Friday evening, September 15, 2023, for some project education opportunities!

SHOW DATE:

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 16, 2023

REGISTRATION PERIOD:

AUGUST 16, 2023 – SEPTEMBER 12, 2023

LAST REVISED 08/13/2023



SCAN ME

2023 TEXAS 4-H JUNIOR MASTER PHOTOGRAPHER WORKSHOPS

Come join the Junior Master Photographer program for two hands-on workshops designed for novice photographers. Upon completion of both workshops, 4-H members can attain certification. JMP certification is the training ground and first step to becoming a Photography Ambassador.

Workshops are open to all intermediate and senior 4-H members. Register on 4HOnline. Each workshop costs \$50. Seating is limited to the first 50 submitted registrations.

WORKSHOP I - DALLAS

September 23 - 8 AM TO 4:30 PM

Register Aug. 30 to Sept. 20

WORKSHOP II - DALLAS

December 9 - 8 AM to 4:30 PM

Register Nov. 10 - 30

FOR MORE INFORMATION,
CONTACT D-BRUTON@TAMU.EDU



Photo Credit: Zachary Smith, Photography Ambassador



Farm Service Agency

Youth Loans

FACT SHEET
August 2019

Overview

The U.S. Department of Agriculture's Farm Service Agency (FSA) makes operating loans of up to \$5,000 to eligible individual youths ages 10 to 20 to finance income-producing, agriculture-related projects. The project must be of modest size, educational, and initiated, developed, and carried out by youths participating in 4-H clubs, FFA, tribal youth organizations, or similar agricultural-affiliated groups.

The project must be an organized and supervised program of work. It must be planned and operated with the assistance of the organization advisor, produce sufficient income to repay the loan, and provide the youth with practical business and educational experience in agriculture-related skills.

Who May Borrow

To qualify for a loan, the applicant must:

- Comply with FSA's general eligibility requirements; and
- Conduct a modest income-producing project in a supervised program of work.



How Loan Funds May Be Used

These loans can finance many kinds of income-producing agricultural projects. The loan funds may be used to:

- Buy livestock, seed, equipment, and supplies;
- Buy, rent, or repair needed tools and equipment; and
- Pay operating expenses for the project.

How It Works

To apply, the applicant must submit completed plans and budgets signed by the project advisor and parent or guardian along with the FSA application for loan assistance.

These loans:

- Have a maximum loan amount of \$5,000 (total principal balance owed at any one time cannot exceed this amount);
- Have an interest rate that is determined based on the cost of money to the federal government (after the loan is made, the interest rate for that loan will not change);
- Will be secured, in addition to promissory notes, by liens on the products produced for sale and on chattel property, including livestock, equipment, and fixtures purchased with loan funds; and
- Have a repayment schedule that varies depending on the type of project for which the loan is made. For example, if it involves raising livestock or crops, the loan is paid when the animals or produce are normally sold.

More Information

For more information, visit fsa.usda.gov/farmloans or farmers.gov. Find your local USDA Service Center at farmers.gov/service-locator.

Major Show Tag Order Form

PLEASE READ CAREFULLY

- Only one order form per family
- Refunds will not be given
- Order form and payment must be physically turned in to the County Extension Office by the due date. If mailed, the order must arrive on or before the deadline.
- There will be no orders taken by phone, fax, email or text
- Order must be accompanied by payment for the tags
- Payment for tags will not be accepted at validations
- Ordering tags does not enter an exhibitor in any stockshow

Please print clearly:

List all exhibitors in the family

Exhibitor Name(s) _____,
 _____,

Mailing Address: _____

Physical Address: _____

Parent/Guardian: _____

Parent/Guardian Email: _____

Phone Number: _____

Payment (Circle One): Check (Payable to Lavaca County 4-H) Cash

Mail form and payment or deliver to: Lavaca County 4-H
 300 South LaGrange Street
 Hallettsville, TX 77964

(A mail slot is available for drop off outside of office hours)

Order Deadline	Type of Tag	Cost Per Tag	Number Needed	Amount Paid
Aug 25	Market Swine	\$18		
Aug 25	Breeding Swine	\$18		

Major Show Tag Order Form

PLEASE READ CAREFULLY

- Only one order form per family
- Refunds will not be given
- Order form and payment must be physically turned in to the County Extension Office by the due date. If mailed, the order must arrive on or before the deadline.
- There will be no orders taken by phone, fax, email or text
- Order must be accompanied by payment for the tags
- Payment for tags will not be accepted at validations
- Ordering tags does not enter an exhibitor in any stockshow

Please print clearly:

List all exhibitors in the family

Exhibitor Name(s) _____,
 _____,

Mailing Address: _____

Physical Address: _____

Parent/Guardian: _____

Parent/Guardian Email: _____

Phone Number: _____

Payment (Circle One): Check (Payable to Lavaca County 4-H) Cash

Mail form and payment or deliver to: Lavaca County 4-H
 300 South LaGrange Street
 Hallettsville, TX 77964

(A mail slot is available for drop off outside of office hours)

Order Deadline	Type	Cost Per bird	Number Needed <small>Increments of 25 Max order 75 per family</small>	Amount Paid
Sept. 1	San Antonio Broilers	\$1.50		
Sept. 1	Houston Broilers	\$1.50		
Sept. 1	Austin Broilers	\$1.50		

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!

Texas A&M AgriLife Extension provides equal opportunities in its programs and employment to all persons, regardless of race, color, sex, religion, national origin, disability, age, genetic information, veteran status, sexual orientation, or gender identity. The Texas A&M University System, U.S. Department of Agriculture, and the County Commissioners Courts of Texas Cooperating Individuals with disabilities who require an auxiliary aid, service or accommodation in order to participate in any Extension activity, are encouraged to contact the County Extension Office (361)798-2221 to determine how reasonable accommodations can be made.