



Lavaca County 4-H News August 4, 2023

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

Congratulations

Gold Star

Keely Knesek and Macey Pustka

I Dare You

Ryan Janak

Council Scholarships

Brenden Henke - \$750

Lani Pilat - \$750

Elliott Peters - \$500

Extension Education Association Scholarship

Lani Pilat - \$300

National Shooting Sports – Grand Isle Nebraska

Aaron Migl

Small Bore Rifle

Day One – 17th Place Silhouettes

Day Two – 12th Place CMP (one point from a medal!)

Day Three – Third Place Individual and Team!

Overall 26th out of 94 Rifle Shooters

718 participants total from 42 states

State Horse Show

Camry Jacob

Overall Reserve Junior Horseman in Timed Events!



Mark Your Calendars

Hunters' Education

August 5th

The Shiner Business Men's Club is sponsoring a state-certified hunters education course at the Kaspar Pavilion in Green Dickson Park from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. on Saturday, August 5th. The course cost is \$15. Registration is required in advance. For more information contact Kori Landmann at 361-798-0685.

Fall Shooting Sports Registration

Tuesday, August 8, 2023

Appelt's Hill Gun Club

4071 CR 204, Hallettsville

6:00 p.m.

The Fall shooting session is open to all youth 3rd grade (at least 8 years old) through 12th grade interested in the fall session. Small-bore rifle and shotgun will be offered, instructed by 4-H certified instructors. It is mandatory that you attend and register on the 8th at 6:00 p.m. If unable to attend, please contact Philip Guenther at 979-562-2124 or Wayne Rother at 361-798-4750.

2023-2024 Enrollment Opens

August 15, 2023

All current members and adult volunteers need to re-enroll in 4-H at <https://v2.4honline.com> beginning August 15. When enrolling youth, please select a credit card option or come in the office **in advance** to pay the membership fee. 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.

Club Management and Adult Volunteer Training

Saturday, August 26

Location TBD

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

Final details in the next newsletter

Email natalie.knesek@ag.tamu.edu for more information

RSVP by August 25

Foods and Nutrition and Leadership Workshops

Saturday, September 16

afternoon

More information in the next newsletter

County Food Show and Food Challenge

Tentative County Food Challenge/Food Show – First Weekend in December

(please communicate your afternoon conflicts)

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

Natalie had been told that this competition was being moved to May –but we received this date today from the District Office –so we are back to a fall Foods project schedule!

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

****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.

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>

4-H BBQ

October 8, 2023

all hands on deck

Please keep this weekend open to work and to sell tickets.

If other organizations are planning meals, please encourage them to pick another date.

4-H Fun Fair

October 15, 2023

Hallettsville Youth Center

More Details Soon!

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.

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 Increments of 25 Max order 75 per family	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!

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