



Lavaca County 4-H News September 1, 2023



The office will be closed on Monday, September 4th.

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

ATTENTION: This is the last issue that will be sent to last year's enrollment list. To continue to receive this newsletter, you must re-enroll prior to September 14, 2024.

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.**

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.

Congratulations! Texas 4-H Recordbook Results

1st Place

Keely Knesek

Visual and Performance Arts

Keely has qualified to attend the Texas 4-H Leadership Conference in Washington D.C. on November 23-28, 2023.

8th Place

Zachary Henke

Animal Agriculture



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.

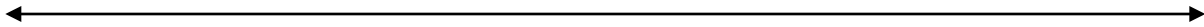
This workshop is for all members, clover kids, and parent volunteers interested in the Food and Nutrition project. The workshop will include information on contest opportunities and hands-on project activities. If you have a food allergy please inform the office when you pre-register.

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

Broiler Orders Due TODAY!!– September 1

Major Show and Hallettsville Lamb and Goat Validation

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

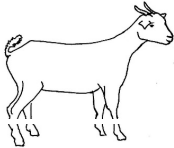
****NEW**** All state validated heifers will be tagged similar to steers. This will bring the heifer validation program in line with breeding sheep, breeding goats, and breeding gilts. Please order tags accordingly. This is a change from the heifer UINs where you were charged based on animals validated, 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 -not sure which date is which contest yet.

Hallettsville Junior Livestock Show Broiler Orders

Hallettsville Junior Livestock Show broiler orders are due in the Extension Office by October 6.
Order form is at the back of this newsletter.

Shiner rabbit Validation October 18



Lavaca County Lamb, Goat and Beef Project Clinic October 28

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.



Photography Project Leader Training and Meeting

Immediately following County Council on Sept. 11
(7:00 p.m.-7:45 p.m)

Plans for the county photography workshop and contest will be made at this meeting and resources available for the project will be shared. This training is for all adult volunteers and teen leaders who wish to assist with the photography project.

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). **Please note, new this year –each member must have their own email address in the quality counts system. If they do not have an email account, you will need to go create a new email for them in a free service like gmail or yahoo ahead of logging in to quality counts.**

Access quality counts here:

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

4-H BBQ

October 8, 2023

all hands on deck

Tickets are available from your club manager. Please do your part to sell tickets. Unsold tickets and money need to be returned to the Extension Office by September 22nd.

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



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

the need is met.

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 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 (open to non-members, too)

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>

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

Lavaca County 4-H Chili Cook-off

2023 RULES

Date of Chili Cook-off: October 15, 2023
Location: Hallettsville Youth Center

- 1) 4-H Clubs should notify the Extension Office of their intent to participate by September 29, 2023 by 5:00 p.m.
- 2) Each 4-H Club is invited to participate with **one** team consisting of (2-6) 4-H members in the Chili with Beans category and **one** team in the Chili without Beans category. (You may have only one team or two different teams with one team in each category. Parents should not help make the chili.). All participants must be actively enrolled in 4-H online with an approved membership before October 15, 2023.
- 3) If a club team wishes to make **HOMEMADE** cornbread (brought already baked--ready to eat) to compete with, there will be a **BEST CORNBREAD CONTEST**. (The homemade cornbread is to be made by the 4-H youth). Bring your recipe with your pan of cornbread.
- 4) Dessert category (any type of dessert already baked-ready to eat): Bring your recipe with your dessert. Only one dessert per club. This entry is separate from the individual bake show. Please do not bring desserts that need to be refrigerated.
- 5) Three (3) lbs. of hamburger meat will be provided for each chili team. All other ingredients and equipment should be brought by 4-H families (i.e. hot plates, spoons, spices, extension cords, etc.). One plug will be allotted to each team. Propane and open flames are not permitted. Chili should be ready to eat by 3:30 p.m. for judging. Teams may check in and begin cooking at 1:00 p.m.. Meat will be handed out at check in. Teams are strongly encouraged to use best food safety practices. Other activities for the Fun Fair will kick off at 2:00 p.m. Awards will be handed out at 5:00 p.m.
- 6) Awards will be provided for Best Chili with Beans, Best Chili without Beans, Best Cornbread and Best Dessert. Desserts entered in the Chili Cook -off may not be entered in the individual bake show.
- 7) New and experienced 4-H members and families are invited to participate. Each team is required to have at least one adult supervisor. Adults are there to supervise safety but should allow for all preparation to be completed by the 4-H members.



Lavaca County 4-H Fun Fair Bake Show Rules

General Information:

1. This bake show is open to all youth kindergarten through 12th grade.
2. There will be four age divisions: Clovers (k-2), Juniors (3-5), Intermediates (6-8) and Seniors (9-12). Clover Kids will receive recognition but do not compete for grand/reserve or color ribbon awards.
3. There are two categories: Cakes and Cookies. Within those Categories entries may be divided into: Cakes: Cupcakes, Sheet Cakes, Layered Cakes; Cookies: Drop Cookies, Rolled Cookies, and Bar Cookies depending on the number of entries.
4. Awards, including grand and reserve designations, will be determined based on the number of entries.
5. All exhibitors are responsible for making their product. Entries will be accepted between 2:00 and 2:30 p.m.
6. Judging will begin at 2:45 p.m.
7. Disqualification will occur if a judge refuses to taste a recipe due to a health or safety concern (examples, but not limited to, undercooked food, hair in food, etc.).
8. Entry Fees: Participation is for FREE for members and clover kids who are on the approved member list as of October 15, 2023. Non-members may enter for \$2 per item.

RECIPE SELECTIONS:

1. All products must be baked or cooked.
2. No ready-mix foods may be used. (Examples, but not limited to: canned pie filling, canned or boxed icings, frosting, puddings, jams, jellies, pre-made cookies, cake or brownie mixes, Bisquick, etc)
3. There is no refrigeration available. Caution should be taken with ingredients chosen. Cream cheese items and frostings that contain dairy will not be allowed unless they are cooked.
4. Entries must be baked and displayed according to the recipe. If the recipe states the cake must remain in the pan, a disposable pan is allowed. Garnishes should be edible. Extra decorations and decorative dishes are not necessary as they will not be judged. Focus on the food item.
5. No alcoholic beverages or liqueurs will be allowed in baked goods. Extracts will be permitted.

Categories:

Cookies: (Bar, Drop, and Rolled)

- No less than one dozen to be turned in. No purchased, refrigerated or boxed dough may be used.
- Place an additional 4 cookies in a plastic bag for judging. These cookies must be from the original batch.
- There are two classes: Bar Cookies and Drop Cookies

Cakes (Cupcakes, Sheet Cakes, Layered Cakes):

- All cakes will be judged together – Frosted and Non-Frosted.

● **Cut one piece of cake and put it on a small, covered, disposable plate.**

***** A copy of the recipe without the exhibitor's name must be turned in with every entry at the time of check-in. *****

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		

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.

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!