



Lavaca County 4-H News

September 15, 2023



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ATTENTION: Only those members and leaders who have completed their online registration and are now in the approved membership list are receiving this newsletter. Please encourage your friends to re-enroll.

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. We have a number of people who have selected the check option and have not paid. We cannot finalize your membership until your dues are paid.**

Adults who wish to have the county cover their membership 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 encourage others to take care of their 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.



Foods and Nutrition and Leadership Workshops

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.

Please bring a food item to donate to the food drive –flyer attached.

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.

The District Food Show will be held December 13 beginning at 2:00 p.m. and Food Challenge December 14 beginning at 8:00 a.m.

We will discuss the county contest date (November ???) during the Food and Nutrition Workshop.

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



National 4-H Week Happenings!

Radio PSA's will be recorded at the Leadership Workshop on September 23, 2023.

Picture with Judge Mudd - Monday, September 25 - Courthouse

Please wear either a 4-H t-shirt or a green shirt. Meet at the gazebo outside of the courthouse by 4:25. The picture is scheduled for 4:30 and we will go in to the courthouse together as a group. All 4-H members are encouraged to come be a part of the picture promoting 4-H in Lavaca County.

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 the need is met.

One Day 4-H- October 7, 2023

One Day 4-H is a day set aside each year for 4-H members across the state to make an impact in their communities all at the same time. For more information on One Day 4-H go to

<https://texas4-h.tamu.edu/events/oneday/>

There is an order link for One Day 4-H t-shirts –they must be ordered by September 19th and a link to report your activities.

If you download the One Day packet, you will find a great listing of community service ideas by project area that can be done at anytime during the year. Check it out!

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>

Recordbook Survey

The state 4-H office is looking for feedback on the recordbook process and forms. They review and update annually and want your input before they finalize this year's guidelines. Complete the survey by September 24th.

https://agrilife.az1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_4G9hUPCDTcneod0



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.

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

6:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.

Ward Pavilion, Green Dickson Park

Shiner Junior Livestock Show is November 18

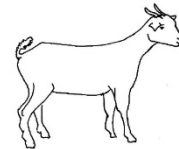
Moulton Show Lamb and Pig Validation

Saturday, October 21

8:00 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.

at the Ag Shop

Lavaca County Lamb, Goat and Beef Project Clinic October 28



Major Show and Hallettsville Swine Validation and Last Chance to validate Hallettsville Halter Heifers

Tuesday, November 14 4:00 p.m. -6:00 p.m.

Thursday, November 16 5:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.

Lavaca County Expo Center

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://agrifilearn.tamu.edu/s/product/quality-counts-archive/01t4x000002ciQSAAY>

County Council and Adult Volunteer Meeting

Monday, November 13

7:00 p.m.

Extension Office

We need involvement from all of the clubs at county council!

Each club should have delegates and adult volunteers attending.

Club delegates are expected to give a short report on what their club is doing and also take county business back to their club to report at their meetings. This is an excellent way to become more involved and develop leadership and presentation skills.

District Crossroads

Career Development and Youth Leadership Program

Information for the 2023 - 2024 District 11 Crossroads is now available at the event website: <https://d114-h.tamu.edu/events-and-contests/crossroads/>. The event will be held November 9-11, 2023, in Brenham, TX. The event is open to **D11 4-H youth in grades 8 through 12 as of November 9, 2023.**

Registration will open on 4-H Online from September 5 – October 6, 2023. Late registration will be open from October 7 – 20, 2023. Please share this information with your 4-H families.

Educational Presentations

It is not too early to be thinking about Spring Spectacular Contests. The educational presentation contest is a presentation (up to 12 minutes) that utilizes visual aids. Many people use power points but if you are demonstrating something hands on –other visual aids are appropriate. They have revised the state guidelines and categories for this year.

The new Educational Presentation Guide and Categories will be updated on the Texas 4-H Roundup website by this afternoon --- September 15, 2023 at: <https://texas4-h.tamu.edu/events/roundup/>

Starting in 2023, there will be 12 categories for Educational Presentations:

1. Agriculture & Natural Resources
2. Animal Science
3. Beef
4. Health & Wellness
5. Horse
6. Family and Consumer Education
7. Open
8. Promote 4-H
9. Safety & Injury Prevention
10. ***NEW***STEM
11. ***NEW***Sheep & Goat
12. ***NEW***Swine

Also, category descriptions have been updated for each with the hope this helps 4-H members find the best fit for their presentations. A new score sheet for Educational Presentations is also in development and will be shared in the coming weeks once final edits have been made.

Raise Funds with the Jerky Jackpot! Go to <https://texas4hfoundation.givecloud.co/texas-4-h-jerky-jackpot>
All proceeds come back to Lavaca County 4-H
Participating members will be entered in a drawing for prizes.

GOLDEN CRESCENT CHILDREN'S PROJECT

FOOD DRIVE

The mission of the Golden Crescent Children's Project is to be a collaborative resource that addresses the child's needs while supporting their family.

Bring items to the Lavaca County Foods Workshop on September 23 and the Lavaca County Fun Fair on October 15.



- Ravioli (with pull tab)
 - Poptarts
 - Fruit Cups
- Gold Fish (individual packs)
- Chips - Assorted Snack Size
- Ramen Noodles (in a cup)
 - Granola Bars
 - Cheese Crackers
- Mac & Cheese (in a cup)
- Cereal (individual packs)
 - Small Waters
 - Small Sport Drinks

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2023 Fall Walking Leagues

September 17 - November 11

Come join the fun!
The eight week league challenges teams to walk
832 miles (the distance from Orange to El Paso).

To form a team go to <https://howdyhealth.tamu.edu> and use the league code given below to form either an adult or youth team. Once your team is created a team code will be generated for your members to use to join. The team must be created first.



2023 Lavaca County
Fall Walking League Code:
watL-230829-59209

teams of up to 8 adult members register individually in Howdy Health and join the team using a team code. Members report individually their mileage for a collective team distance. Members will receive a weekly e-newsletter with health tips and recipes. Fun incentives will be given.



2023 Lavaca County
Fall Youth Walking League Code:
watLY-230829-28735

unlimited number of adults and youth on the team, the team captain reports the team mileage. Ideal for schools and youth groups.



HEALTHY SOUTH TEXAS

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.

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!

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