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Lavaca County 4-H News October 20, 2023

<https://lavaca.agrilife.org/> <https://www.facebook.com/LavacaCounty4H>.

ATTENTION: The enrollment fee increases to \$30 on November 1. Please encourage your friends that have not yet re-enrolled to do so and make their payment by October 31.

THANK YOU!!

There are too many people to name without leaving someone out! Thank you to everyone who made the 4-H BBQ and 4-H Fun Fair huge successes! It takes everyone pitching in to make both of these events a success. If you are a member that helped in some way, make sure you put it in your record book under volunteer leadership. You can find pictures from both events on our Lavaca County 4-H Facebook Page.

Meeting Date Change for October: Lucky H -October 24

Lavaca County Lamb, Goat and Halter Cattle Clinic

Saturday, October 28

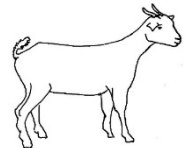
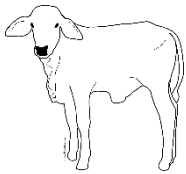
Lavaca County Expo Center

Registration 8:00 (no registration fee)

Clinic begins 8:30

Lambs and goats followed by cattle

Matt Leopold will be set up to trim hooves on cattle beginning at 8:00



**Moulton Show Lamb and Pig Validation
Saturday, October 21
8:00 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.
at the Ag Shop**



2023 4-H FUN FAIR RESULTS

Bake Show

Grand Champion Cookies

Raleigh Moore and Annabelle Stewart (tie)

Grand Champion Cake - Kaylie Hotz

Bar Cookies

Clover - Tate Gonzales-Moulton

Junior 1st Place - Annabelle Stewart - Moulton

Drop Cookies

Clover - Ellie Kedziora

Junior 1st Place Olivia Gonzales - Moulton

Intermediate 1st Place - Raleigh Moore - Half Moon

2nd Place - Alaina Bogle - Town Rounders

Rolled Cookies

Intermediate 1st Place - Maya Mahon - Green Leaves

Sheet Cakes

Junior 1st Place - Emery Haas - Green Leaves

Intermediate 1st Place - Kaylie Hotz - Green Leaves

Senior 1st Place - Sophia Etzler - Town Rounders

Talent Showcase Participants

Choreographed Routine - Tate & Olivia Gonzales - Moulton

Vocals - Raleigh Moore - Half Moon

Poetry - Eli Barton - Half Moon

Chili Cook Off

With Beans

1st Place - Town Rounders

2nd Place - Hope

No Beans

1st Place - Hope

2nd Place - Town Rounders

3rd Place - Vysehrad

Cornbread

1st Place - Town Rounders

2nd Place - Green Leaves

3rd Place - Hope

Desserts

1st Place - Hope

2nd Place - Town Rounders



Blue Jeans Go Green

The District 11 Council Officers are organizing a denim recycling project. Donate new or used blue jeans by dropping them off at the county office or delivering them directly to Spring Spectacular on April 4-5, 2024. For more information contact keelyannknesek@gmail.com

County Food Show and Food Challenge

Sunday, November 5

Hallettsville Youth Center

Food Show will begin at 1:00 p.m.

Followed by Food Challenge at approximately 3:00 p.m.

Schedule will be set once entries are received.

*please call the office if you would like to help with set up at 12:15, you do not have to be entered in either contest to assist with set up –this is good volunteer leadership.

Entry Forms must be received in the Extension by October 30th. If emailing to natalie.knesek@ag.tamu.edu be sure to put your name and food show/food challenge in the subject line and look for a reply that says received. Food Show entries must be accompanied by the Food Show Recipe Form. All members of each food challenge team must separately submit an entry form.



Food Show is an individual event and open on the county level to all clover kids and members. We will follow the district guidelines on the county level. The theme is “Cooking Through the Decades”. For the guidelines go to the District 11 website at <https://d114-h.tamu.edu/files/2023/09/23-24-District-Food-Show-Info-and-Guidelines.pdf>

Food Challenge is a team event (3-4 members). This will be the qualifying event for both the District Food Challenge and the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo Food Challenge. You do not have to commit to participation in District and/or Houston to participate on the county level. The top two senior and intermediate teams will have first preference at participation at Houston. New this year, we will have all three age divisions at county and district. Junior teams will not use electricity -the supply box needs are reduced for this reason.

For the district guidelines go to https://d114-h.tamu.edu/files/2023/09/23-24-District-11-4-H-FC-INFO_GUIDELINES_Final.pdf





**2023 Lavaca County
4-H Food Show and Food Challenge
Entry Form**

**This form is due by Monday, October 30, 2023
Contest: Sunday, November 5, 2023, 1:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.
Hallettsville Youth Center**

Name _____ Grade _____ Club _____

Email address _____

We will follow the District 11 Rules and Guidelines for County. Access the recipe form and contest information here: <https://d114-h.tamu.edu/files/2023/09/23-24-District-Food-Show-Info-and-Guidelines.pdf> and Food Challenge here: [https://d114-h.tamu.edu/files/2023/09/23-24-District-11-4-H-FC-INFO GUIDELINES Final.pdf](https://d114-h.tamu.edu/files/2023/09/23-24-District-11-4-H-FC-INFO_GUIDELINES_Final.pdf)

Food Challenge: (teams that have both Juniors and Intermediates will compete as Intermediates. Senior teams may only have senior level members. There will be all three levels at District this year!)

I plan to participate in food challenge.

Team Name:

Other Members on Team:

I do not plan to participate in food challenge.

Food Show: (attach the required recipe form to this sheet)

I plan to participate in food show and have attached my required recipe form.

I do not plan to participate in food show.

I understand that I must be enrolled as an active member in Lavaca County 4-H and be academically eligible to participate in the county food show. I have the permission of my parent or guardian to participate and am responsible for arriving prepared.

Member Signature

Parent Signature



TEXAS 4-H FOOD SHOW RECIPE SUBMISSION PAPERWORK

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|--|--------------------------|-------------|--------------------------|------------------|
| CONTESTANT NAME: | | | | |
| CATEGORY <i>Please check one</i> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Appetizer | <input type="checkbox"/> | Main Dish |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> | Side Dishes | <input type="checkbox"/> | Healthy Desserts |
| COUNTY | | | | |
| DISTRICT | | | | |

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|------------------------|-------------------|--------------|
| Name of Recipe: | | |
| Prep Time: | Cook Time: | Cost: |

Type Recipe Here:

By submitting the recipe, the contestant releases the recipe for use by Texas 4-H Youth Development and Texas A&M AgriLife Extension.

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**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**

[Hallettsville Junior Livestock Show](#)

Hallettsville Junior Livestock Show broiler distribution will be on December 8 at the Lavaca Expo Center office. A \$10 validation fee will be collected from each exhibitor at distribution.

HJLS entry cards, entry fee of \$10 per card and project report forms are due in the Extension Office by December 1.

Major Show Entries

Fort Worth Stock Show entries are due in the Extension Office by November 3. Entry forms can be completed and printed from the Fort Worth Stock Show website. <https://www.fwssr.com/p/livestock-shows/livestock-entry-applications>

Houston, San Antonio, Austin, San Angelo and Texas Elite Showcase entries are due in the Extension Office by Monday , November 21. Entry forms and rules can be found on each show's website.

<https://www.texaseliteshowcase.com/enter>

<https://www.sanangelorodeo.com/p/livestock1/entries-premiumbook>

<https://rodeoaustin.com/youth-ag-programs/competitions/livestock-show/>

<https://www.sarodeo.com/p/competitive-events/livestock-show>

<https://www.rodeohouston.com/Get-Involved/Exhibitors-Participants/Livestock-Show>

Quality Counts

If you participate in any of the major shows, you must have a 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>

Spark – Red Carpet Rodeo!

This is one of Natalie’s most favorite events. She is not able to attend this year but hopes that you will!

Join the 2023-2024 Texas 4-H Council members in November for SPARK (formerly Junior Leadership Retreat), the premiere statewide leadership retreat for junior and intermediate level 4-H members!! 4-H members will have the opportunity to spark their interest through service-learning activities, project experiences, art and crafts, recreation, and knowledge. Most importantly, they will have a chance to meet 4-H members from across the state, make new friends, and of course, dance!! Registration is now open and closes on November 4th. Council has a fun weekend planned and we hope everyone can join them for the Red Carpet Rodeo!

Registration is through the Texas 4-H Conference Center website

<https://texas4hcenter.tamu.edu/services/youth-camps-and-retreats/> Click the Green Register Now. Cost is \$170/camper and closes on November 4th. This event is open to 3rd – 8th Grade 4-H Members. **The Lavaca County Council will reimburse you half of your registration fee if your paperwork is submitted in accordance with the reimbursement policy linked at the end of the newsletter.**

Adult Chaperones are required. The required ratio is 1 adult for every 8 youth. Each youth should have a chaperone of the same gender assigned to him/her. As in the past, male chaperones are needed, or the Center will have to limit the number of male campers. So, keep this in mind if your county is bringing youth you will need to also have a male Chaperone with the group. Chaperones must be officially screened volunteers in 4HOnline. Make sure to get your chaperones registered sooner rather than later. Cost for the Chaperones is \$0.00. Natalie will be at District 11 Crossroads—so members will need to have an adult chaperone.

County Council and Adult Volunteer Meeting

Monday, November 13

7:00 p.m.—notice time change!

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.

Record Book Corner

What exactly is a record book? Some of our local shows require “record books” but the forms that are required for your stock shows are not your 4-H Record book. The 4-H Record book has three parts – an information page, a story with photo portfolio, and the report forms. Our 4-H record books document everything we do in 4-H. Over the next several newsletters this “Record Book Corner” will be used to provide basic training on how to put together a 4-H record book. Throughout the year you should be writing down what you have done, what you have learned, where you have been, and who you have helped as a 4-H member. Take a lot of pictures of everything you doing. The best pictures show you learning and are active shots –not posing pictures. Then in June turn in a 4-H Record Book!



Coastal Bend Classic

All Texas 4-H and FFA members are invited to participate in the 13th Annual Coastal Bend Classic.

Date: December 2, 2023

Location: San Patricio County Fairgrounds, Sinton, TX

Entry/Registration Deadline: Regular Registration – September 18 – November 27 (8pm). -\$35 Late Registration – November 27 (8:01pm) – Day of event.- \$60

[2023 – 2024 Coastal Bend Classic Information & Rules](#)

[2023 – 2024 Coastal Bend Classic flyer](#)

[Waiver, Indemnification, Medical Treatment Authorization Form](#) (All youth must bring in or mail to the address below) youth will not be allowed to participate without a signed consent form.

Register through Eventbrite via the [Eventbrite link](#) or QR code. (Credit Card/Debit or PayPal)



Photography Project Information

NATURAL RESOURCES PHOTOGRAPHY CONTEST

We are excited to announce the continuation of the state-level Natural Resource Photography Contest. It is open to junior, intermediate, and senior members, and categories are focused solely on the Natural Resource project areas. Here are a few key points:

- Open contest (no qualifying required) to all counties
- **Open to juniors, intermediate, and senior age divisions**
- 10 Natural Resource themed categories
- Same scoring matrix and general rules as the state contest
- Entry timeline is December 1-15
- No late entries accepted

The Lavaca County 4-H Photography Contest will be digital this year. In the past our participants have submitted 8 x 10 photos –we are no longer going to use printed pictures. More details on the county contest will be posted before Christmas. The County Contest will use the State Photography Contest categories and rules. Jrs and Intermediates who place first at county advance to District. First place senior entries advance directly to state.

STATE PHOTOGRAPHY CONTEST

The rules for the 2023-2024 state contest are also attached. For those who may be new to Extension, the state 4-H photography contest is a senior-only qualifying contest where photos qualify directly from COUNTY to STATE. Each county may submit no more than 1 photo per category (15 total). As stated in the rules, counties are highly encouraged to have some type of selection process in place to determine which photos are eligible. The timeline for entry is April 1-15. If you have questions about this contest, please contact Derrick Bruton. Key points:

- Qualify from county level (district contests have no bearing on qualifications)
- Open to senior age division only
- 15 categories (includes a new “Abandoned” theme for this year)
- Entry timeline is April 1-15
- No late entries accepted

Go to the Photography project page to access the categories and rules for each contest: <https://texas4-h.tamu.edu/projects/photography-video/>

The 2024 Texas 4-H Roundup Handbook is now posted at <https://texas4-h.tamu.edu/events/roundup/> Opportunities for our members increase significantly in junior high and high school. State 4-H Round-Up is the highlight of the Texas 4-H program each year and an opportunity for our teen leaders to come together to learn about leadership and career development and compete in dozens of contests. Some of the contests are qualifying events while others are invitational. If you are a senior level 4-H member Texas 4-H Round-Up participation should be one of your goals.

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.



FORT BEND COUNTY 4-H
OUTDOOR SKILLS DAY
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 28TH
8:30AM-3:30PM
LOCATION: THE JAMES B HARRISON FOUNDATION
HARRISON-LONG POINT RANCH
8200 FM 1994, RICHMOND, TX 77469

OPEN TO YOUTH
3RD-12TH GRADE

REGISTRATION REQUIRED!
\$20 per youth.
VISIT: AGRILIFE.ORG/FTBEND4H/BEYOND-THE-PROJECT/WORKSHOPS-CLINICS-CAMPS/
FOR MORE DETAILS AND TO REGISTER!

Activities will include:
 Birding, Nature Hike, Wildlife Identification, Outdoor Skills, Fishing, Citizen Science and MORE!...

PARTICIPANTS SHOULD DRESS FOR THE OUTDOORS AND BRING A LUNCH!!!

IF YOU NEED ANY TYPE OF ACCOMMODATION TO PARTICIPATE IN THIS PROGRAM OR HAVE QUESTIONS ABOUT THE PHYSICAL ACCESS PROVIDED, PLEASE CONTACT THE FORT BEND COUNTY EXTENSION OFFICE AT (281)-342-3034.

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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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