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## *Lavaca County 4-H News*

*November 3, 2023*

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**Good Luck!!**



The Senior Dairy Judging Team: Brooklyn Griffith, Zachary Henke, Nathan Henke, and Brenden Henke! They will be competing tomorrow at the North American International Livestock Exposition Louisville, Kentucky. They earned this opportunity to represent Texas 4-H by placing 2<sup>nd</sup> at the Fort Worth Stock Show and Rodeo Texas Open Dairy Cattle Judging Contest.

## **County Food Show and Food Challenge**

**Sunday, November 5**

**Hallettsville Youth Center**

**Food Show will begin at 1:30 p.m.**

**Followed by Food Challenge at approximately 2:45 p.m.**

**Participants received an email with the full details.**

**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 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>

## 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.

## 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 4<sup>th</sup>**. This event is open to 3<sup>rd</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> 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.

### Jerky Jackpot

Don't forget that you can order jerky at <https://texas4hfoundation.givecloud.co/texas-4-h-jerky-jackpot> and all of the profits come back to Lavaca County 4-H. This fundraiser put on by the 4-H Foundation runs through the end of the year. Details have been in your weekly Texas 4-H newsletters.

### Record Book Corner

Great Question: Why should I complete a 4-H Record book?

The 4-H Slogan is "Learn By Doing". Keeping a record book is how you can show others what you have been doing. The skills you "learn by doing" a record book will stay with you through out life. Your 4-H record book is made up of a story about your projects that you include pictures in and report forms that talk about what you have done, how you have done it, and how you have helped others. As you get older, completed record books can be used in completing many scholarship applications and even in searching for first jobs.



## 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/>

## 2023 Shiner Junior Livestock Show Schedule of Events

### Saturday, November 18th:

6:30 – 6:45 am	Weigh in Cattle
6:45 – 7:15 am	Weigh in Swine
7:15 – 7:40 am	Weigh in Lambs and Goats
7:40 – 8:00 am	Weigh in Rabbits

8:30 am	Check in/Sift Broilers
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9 am	Livestock Show
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#### Order of Show:

Broilers	followed by
Cattle	followed by
Swine	followed by
Lambs	followed by
Goats	followed by
Rabbits	

TBD	Mandatory Meeting Immediately following Rabbit Judging - All exhibitors must attend
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5:00 pm	Buyer's Social and Meal (Sale Sheets available)
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7:00 pm	Sale Sheets Taken Up
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7:30 pm	Presentation of Exhibitors/Exhibits and Recognition of Bidders
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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.

## Opportunity Scholarship

The Texas 4-H Opportunity Scholarship application is now available. Important dates:  
November 1, 2023 – **Application will be available online**  
February 15, 2024, by 11:59 PM – **Deadline to Apply**  
April 2024 – **Interviews in College Station**  
May 2024 – **Award Notifications**  
June 2024 – **Scholarship Banquets in College Station**  
**Go to:** <https://texas4hfoundation.org/about-scholarships/>

## 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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