



Lavaca County 4-H News

January 19, 2024

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Congratulations to those who showed in the Yoakum and Moulton Stock Shows and Good Luck to those who will be showing in the Hallettsville Show this weekend. For a schedule of events at the Hallettsville Show, please see the January 5th newsletter.

Hope Stock Show will be held on February 17

Spring Spectacular

If you are interested in participating in any of the following activities, please call the office at 361-798-2221 to be added to the list. A county wide workshop focused on the contests will be planned in conjunction with a fashion and interior project workshop once interest has been expressed. The date and time for the workshop(s) and contests will be set based on the availability of those who have expressed interest. In order to participate in the District contest in April you must qualify on the county level. Expressing interest is the first step in getting to participate but does not commit you to participation at District.

Spring Spectacular Contests:

- Fashion Show (Individual)-Construction and Buying Categories
- Consumer Decision Making (Individual and Team)
- Quiz Bowls: Horse, FCH, and Livestock (Individuals and Team)
- Duds to Dazzle (Team) – team constructs a craft or wearable item in 50 minute prep
- Talent Showcase (Individuals and Groups)- categories:musical/instrumental, vocal, solo/band, choreographed routine, variety show, poetry/prose, and 4-H skit
- Fashion Storyboard (Individual) – do not have to attend to participate – digital submission
- Educational Presentations (Individuals and Teams) – this is a speech with visuals/props – up to 12 minutes - categories: Promote 4-H, Ag and Natural Resources, Beef, Family Consumer Education, Health and Wellness, Horse, Open, Safety/Injury, STEM, Sheep and Goat, and Swine
- Public Speaking (Individual) – this is a five to eight minute persuasive speech on the topic of your choice --- no visuals or props

Please contact the Extension office at 361-798-2221 by January 31 if you are interested in attending workshops related to any of these contests or you plan to participate in the county and/or district contests.

Where do I get the forms? [Go to https://texas4-h.tamu.edu/recordbooks/](https://texas4-h.tamu.edu/recordbooks/)

In previous newsletters, we have talked about the story and photo portfolio and how you choose your category. If you haven't read those newsletters, visit the last several issues housed on the county website at <https://lavaca.agrilife.org/4-h/newsletters/>

Section I continued from the last newsletter – it is important in this section that you name your projects correctly. Livestock Judging is the only judging activity that is also considered a project. Dairy, Horse, and other Judging contests and the Quiz bowls are all activities as part of the bigger project so for example, rather than listing Dairy Judging as the name of the project, you should be listing Dairy Cattle and then indicating what you learned about Dairy Cattle when you were participating in Dairy Judging. The same is true for Food Show or Food Challenge –they are activities as part of the bigger Food And Nutrition Project.

Do not be afraid to use tables and charts. If you do, try to be consistent from one project to the next in the way you present your information. Carry the same format over to Section IV where you report other projects.



- DONATION LOCATIONS:
- SHINER PUBLIC LIBRARY
115 E. WOLTERS, 2ND STREET SHINER, TX 77984
 - PATEK GROCERY & MARKET
224 S AVE E SHINER, TX 77984
 - LAVACA COUNTY EXTENSION OFFICE
300 S. LAGRANGE ST. HALLETTSVILLE, TX 77964

WE ACCEPT DONATIONS OF NON-PERISHABLE FOOD IN JARS AND CANS. WE RECOMMEND SAUCES, SOUPS, BEANS, HONEY, AND PEANUT BUTTER.



Shooting Sports

Lavaca County Shooting Sports is open to anyone who is actively enrolled in any of the Lavaca County 4-H clubs. In order to participate in a session (Spring or Fall) participants **must attend the mandatory meeting** at the beginning of the session that includes required safety training. The shooting sports leaders are working to plan the Spring Session and information will be shared in this newsletter as soon as they have it available.



2024 Lavaca County Council Budget- Approved on January 8, 2024

| Budget Item | Approved | notations |
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| End of Year Balance | \$38,203.87 | |
| Allocation of capital funds | \$8,000 | |
| Reserve Funds | \$30,203.87 | Reserve funds not included in the proposed budget |
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| Anticipated Income | Proposed | |
| BBQ | \$7,000 | |
| Interest | \$35 | |
| EEA Donation | \$225 | |
| Dickson-Allen | \$3000 | |
| t-shirt sales | \$120 | |
| Tractor supply | \$500 | |
| Awards Donations | \$500 | |
| Driscoll Donation | \$200 | |
| Capital Funds | \$8,000 | will be utilized for leadership and educational activities including reimbursements to members and scholarships |
| National Dairy Judging Team Donations | \$0 | |
| Budgeted Funds | \$19,580 | |
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| Anticipated Expenses | Proposed | |
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| Banquet Facilitation | \$1,500 | |
| Awards (include recordbook supplies) | \$2,000 | |
| Stock Show Supplies | \$500 | |
| Food and Nutrition | \$450 | |
| Clothing and Textiles | \$100 | |
| Miscellaneous Supplies | \$250 | |
| Photography Project | \$200 | |
| Major Stock Shows | \$700 | |
| Shooting Sports | \$700 | |
| Scholarships | \$7,500 | **if recordbooks are completed, it appears there are five members eligible this year: Kodie Bible, Zachary Henke, Amanda Janak, Raelynn Griffith and Brady Haas and the individual amount is capped at \$1500 |
| Progress Show | \$130 | |
| Volunteer Screening | \$350 | |
| Judging Teams | \$700 | |
| Leadership/Educational/contest Activities - Reimbursable | \$4,500 | |
| National Dairy Judging Team Reimbursement | \$0 | |
| Total Expenses | \$19,580 | |
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The reimbursement policy was approved with a minor revision to clarify national qualifying event support at \$800 per participant. The policy can be accessed here: <https://lavaca.agrilife.org/4-h/>



Photography Project Information

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 judge printed pictures**. The contest guidelines are available on the county website and linked here: <https://lavaca.agrilife.org/event/lavaca-county-4-h-photography-contest-entries-due-by-february-1-at-500-p-m/> 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. **Please note that there was a revision to the submission instructions, rather than email, pictures will be submitted through Google Drive. The most current version of the rules have been updated on the website and are dated January 4, 2024.**

Photography Contest Judges Needed – If you are a photographer that would like to judge photography entries, we will be seeking judges for our county contest, the district and state contests, and possibly other county contests. Email natalie.knesek@ag.tamu.edu if you are interested in serving as a judge for digital photography contests.

The Photography Project page has a number of resources and information about other contests. Check it out here: <https://texas4-h.tamu.edu/projects/photography-video/>

Aperture Academy at the Texas 4-H Center: It is a beginner’s photography camp for youth entering grades 6-8 and is scheduled for July 7-10. It will be instructed by a team of outstanding photography volunteers and ambassadors. All cameras, equipment, and supplies for the camp will be provided. No prior knowledge or experience of photography is required. Registration is already open on the Texas 4-H Conference Center’s [website](#). Space is limited to 25 campers, so sign up soon!!

JUNIOR MASTER PHOTOGRAPHERS / PHOTOGRAPHY AMBASSADORS

There are two JMP workshops each fall that are open to intermediate and senior age divisions. Youth who attend both workshops, pass a test, and complete a few prescribed activities can attain JMP certification. Once a certified JMP reaches 9th grade or higher, they can then apply to become an ambassador (with no additional training required). In a nutshell, the JMP program is the training ground and pathway to become a photography ambassador. More details about the JMP workshops will come out in the summer, but if you are interested Natalie can forward you two brochures that have a little more detail about those two leadership programs.

PHOTOGRAPHY JUDGING CONTEST

This is an invitational contest for senior 4-H members and is held at Roundup in June. The contest format is equivalent to other judging contests like CDM, horse, or livestock. Rules, resources, and practice classes can be found on our website [here](#).

TEXAS 4-H CONGRESS PRESS CORPS

At this event, we have a team of youth who serve as the press corps. This event takes place in July and the press corps oversees documenting the event through photographs, video newscasts, and written news articles. If you know of senior 4-H members with these talents, please encourage them to apply when press corps registration opens (scheduled to be posted in February). Watch for an email from Megan Logan in the coming weeks.

Summer Camp Registration is now open at the Texas 4-H Conference Center. The Conference Center, located in the heart of Texas at Lake Brownwood, was established to be a central meeting place for statewide 4-H opportunities. The Lavaca County 4-H Reimbursement policy includes the opportunity for reimbursement of half of your registration fee for any camp you attend at the 4-H Center. To see the list of camps and to register go to <https://texas4hcenter.tamu.edu/services/youth-camps-and-retreats/>

2024 SUMMER CAMP DATES

Horizons Camp- June 30-July 4

Early Bird Price \$375 After April 15, 2024 \$425

Prime Time I- July 7-July 10

Early Bird Price \$300 After April 15, 2024 \$350

Aperture Camp- July 7-July 10

Early Bird Price \$300 After April 15, 2024 \$350

County Camp I- July 14-July 18

Early Bird Price \$375 After April 15, 2024 \$425

Prime Time II- July 21-July 24

Early Bird Price \$300 After April 15, 2024 \$350

County Camp II- August 4-August 8

Early Bird Price \$375 After April 15, 2024 \$425



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.

Delegate at Large

The 2024-2025 Texas 4-H Council – At Large Delegate Applications are now available online at <https://texas4-h.tamu.edu/ambassadors/>. **Deadline to apply is March 28, 2024.** We are working to schedule a Q&A Session in late February/early March, date/time TBD, for those that may have questions.

Texas 4-H Council

Members of this team are elected by their peers from across the state of Texas, representing the twelve AgriLife Extension districts plus an additional six At-Large Delegates. The Texas 4-H Council members serve as ambassadors for the Texas 4-H program. Members represent the organization statewide while collaborating with Extension faculty to plan, coordinate, and facilitate activities and events.

COMMITMENT DATES:

- July 22-25, 2024 – **Texas 4-H Council Workshop** – Location Kingsville/Corpus Christi area
- October TBD, 2024 (Dates set by State Fair of Texas) - **State Fair of Texas Honor Awards -- Fall Planning Meeting** - Dallas, TX
- November 8-10, 2024 - **Spark** – Brownwood, TX *TENTATIVE Must have enough committed to attend*
- January 3-5, 2025 – **January Planning Meeting** - College Station or Brownwood (TBD)
- June 1-5, 2025 – **Texas 4-H Roundup** – College Station, TX

Monthly Online Conference Calls (dates to be distributed during Workshop)

Other opportunities may/will be offered to members as they are identified throughout the year.

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

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