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## *Lavaca County 4-H News*

### *January 5, 2024*

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### **County Council and Adult Leaders**

### **Monday, January 8, 2024**

### **6:00 p.m.**

### **Extension Office**

It is very important that there is representation present from each of the clubs. Each club has designated council delegates. If you are a delegate and are unable to make the meeting, please send an alternate in your place. All members and adult volunteers are welcome to attend council meetings.

## **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

# Record Book Corner

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 of the record forms is 4-H Project Experiences. You can have up to four projects in this section. List the project that is the category you are entering first. Use charts or graphs when possible to show how your project has grown or changed. Include quantifiable information –how much did you spend, how many hours did you spend, how many items did you make, etc? You will likely need to also include a small amount of narrative to be able to tell the things you have done and learned. Avoid lengthy paragraphs, instead use bullet points to keep the information concise. The record book judges have a lot to read, avoid repetition and avoid being too wordy.

Examples of things you have done include attending workshops and clinics, participating in contests, reading books or watching television shows about the project, etc. Do NOT include in this section your contest results –they go in a separate section.

## Show and Sale Schedule

Moulton Junior Livestock Show

2024

### **Sunday January 14, 2024:**

7:15 am to 7:45 am	Weigh in Steers
7:45 am to 8:15 am	Weigh in Wethers
8:15 am to 9:00 am	Weigh in Barrows
9:00 am to 9:30 am	Check in Broilers
11:00 am	Market Broiler Show
Immediately Following Broiler Show	Market Wether Show
12:45 pm Recognition	Jr. 4-H Project
1:00 pm	Market Barrow Show
Immediately Following Market Barrow Show	Market Steer Show

### **Sunday January 14, 2024:**

6:30 – 8:00 pm Legion Hall	Buyers Social, American
6:30 - 8:00 pm Legion Hall	Premium Sale, American

Good Luck to our Members  
participating in the  
following stock shows:  
Yoakum (January 13-14)  
Moulton (January 14)  
Hallettsville (January 18-20)

### Attention All Livestock Exhibitors

**Please make sure you check the rules and schedule for the show in which you are participating.**

It is the responsibility of each 4-Her to read, understand, and follow the rules of each activity they participate in. This especially holds true for local and major livestock shows, as consequences for breaking the rules can be quite significant. Please contact the Extension Office if questions should arise.

#### *Medications:*

4-H livestock exhibitors should be aware of the withdrawal times on medications and medicated feeds being given to show animals. Technically withdrawal time should be calculated from the time the animal arrives at the show. Please contact your veterinarian or feed dealer if there are any questions. Animals with illegal chemicals found in their system will be disqualified.

#### *Scales:*

Lavaca County 4-H has two scales for weighing swine, lambs and goats that can be checked out. Please call the Extension Office to book a scale. Please remember when you transport the scale, it must be locked down. This keeps the cables from breaking. Also make sure you clean the scale before returning it to the 4-H building. **PLEASE NOTE: DO NOT BRING ANIMALS INTO THE 4-H BUILDING.**

#### *Clippers:*

Lavaca County 4-H has animal clippers that can be checked out. Please call the Extension Office to book them. **Clippers are checked out without blades. It is each families responsibility to have blades for their projects.** Below is a list of suggested blades to purchase for use on the 4-H clippers

**Steers (slick shear):** Oster 83-84

**Goats:** Lister Cover Cote blades

**Lambs:** Lister 2241 Fine

**Swine:** Andis #10 blade to be used with guards

## Youth Day at the San Antonio Stock Show and Rodeo

4-H, FFA, & FCCLA members from across South Central Texas gather at the San Antonio Stock Show & Rodeo to showcase their talents, organization activities and project work. Members set up exhibits and hands-on activity booths for visitors and guests attending the Stock Show & Rodeo. An additional activity to this event is the Wagon & Wheelbarrow Parade. Youth Day is hosted by the San Antonio Stock Show & Rodeo School Tours Committee on - Saturday February 10, 2024.

**Below is a schedule for the day's activities.**

8:30 a.m.	Open for Exhibitors
10:00 a.m. - 4:30p.m.	Interactive & informative Exhibits and Activities
12:00 Noon	Youth Day Best of Show Awards Presented
2:30 p.m.	Line Up for Wagon & Wheelbarrow Parade
3:00 p.m.	Wagon & Wheelbarrow Parade
4:30 p.m.	Exhibits close

**The deadline for entries is January 12th, 2024.** The link to register for youth day is <https://www.sarodeo.com/f/75>.

Registration is per club, so you will need to coordinate activities with others in your club prior to registering and have your club manager or appointed adult volunteer complete the registration. If your club decides to participate, please let the office know. All passes and information will be sent to the county office.

When registering, include the total number of youth and adults that you expect to participate in activities and your exhibit. List the county office address: 300 S. LaGrange Street, Hallettsville, TX 77964. **You are invited to participate in as many Youth Day activities as you would like but please note that there will only be one exhibit table for each club or chapter.**

## San Antonio Stock Show and Rodeo School Tour Guides

Lavaca County 4-H has a limited number of spots available to high school aged teen leaders to serve as tour guides at the San Antonio Stock Show and Rodeo on February 20. This is a great leadership opportunity and puts your name on a list for possible scholarships. Abigail Hill is signed up. If you would like to serve as a tour guide, please contact the **office no later than January 19** so that Natalie can try to arrange for more tour guide spots. Spots will be filled first come first served.



### 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](mailto: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/>

### State Dog Show Validation

Texas 4-H Dog Show will be held on July 11-13, 2024 at the Walker County Fairgrounds in Huntsville, Texas. To be eligible for this show, dogs must be validated by January 10, 2024 in 4-H Online. Attached are detailed written instructions. Video instructions are also available at <https://youtu.be/3Nz0ljk9Pco> if that is more convenient. 2024 Texas 4-H Dog Show Rule Book will be posted to <https://texas4-h.tamu.edu/projects/dog-care-training/> soon.



We strongly encourage members who are considering participating in the dog show to validate their dogs even if they are not sure they will be participating in the Texas 4-H Dog Show. Completing the FREE validation process before January 10<sup>th</sup> will give them until entries are due in May to make a final decision.

There will be a couple of opportunities to practice with your dog whether you validated or not.

- Montgomery County 4-H Dog Show will be February 3, 2024 at the Montgomery County Fairgrounds in Conroe, Texas
- Brazos County 4-H Dog Show will be February 17, 2024
- Tarrant County 4-H Dog Show has been in April
- Wise County is has historically been done in June.

The state office will send details of each of these as soon as they have them available. Let the county office know if you are interested in receiving this information when it is released.

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.

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!

**The Extension Office will be closed on Monday,  
January 15<sup>th</sup> for Martin Luther King, Jr. Day**