



Lavaca County 4-H News

February 15, 2024

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Good Luck to the exhibitors at the Hope Livestock Show and Auction on Saturday! The full schedule is in the February 2 newsletter.

Photography Contest Results

Congratulations to everyone who participated! We had a total of 237 photos entered across the four age groups. All of the Junior and Intermediate Photos have been judged and the results are posted below. Comments for the first place photos have been placed in the google drive folder where the photos were originally shared. All other Junior and Intermediate comments will be shared by March 1. Clover photo comments will be placed in their folders by this evening. All Senior photos are still being judged and participants will be notified in late March. Photos will be displayed virtually at a later date (after the advancing pictures have been judged).

Clover Participants:

Preslee McCord, Elena Sanchez, Keirstyn Kutzer, Claire Smolik, Dillon Collins, and Tate Gonzales

Junior/Intermediate Photography Contest Results

Category	Juniors	Intermediates
Animal-Domestic	First Place – Case Caka Second Place – Olivia Gonzales Third Place – Carter Dietz Blue – Bretley Kutzer Red – Hazel Pierce Red – Rena Pierce Red – Hope Pierce	First Place – Camry Jacob Second Place – Payten Molnoskey Third Place – Elsie Dietz Blue – Faith Wenske Blue – Jax Caka Blue – Hailey Rothbauer Blue – Andrew Pierce Blue – Cambree Stroupe
Animal – Wildlife	First Place – Clay Henke Second Place – Slayten Molnoskey Third Place – Case Caka Blue – Hazel Pierce Blue - Bretley Kutzer Red – Rena Pierce Red – Carter Dietz	First Place – Julie Henke Second Place – Cambree Stroupe Third Place – Andrew Pierce Blue – Jax Caka
Catch All	First Place – Olivia Gonzales Second Place – Tristan Collins Third Place – Rena Pierce Red – Bretley Kutzer Red – Carter Dietz	First Place – Cambree Stroupe Second Place – Camry Jacob Third Place – tie- Hailey Rothbauer Julie Henke Red – Shaylee VanHowten

Details and Macro	First Place – Case Caka Second Place – Hazel Pierce Third Place – Tristan Collins Blue – Hope Pierce	First Place – Jax Caka
Leading Line	First Place – Tristan Collins Second Place – Case Caka Third Place – Olivia Gonzales Red – Bretley Kutzer	First Place - Elsie Dietz Second Place – Shaylee VanHowten Third Place – Payten Molnoskey Blue – Jax Caka
People	First Place – Hazel Pierce Second Place – Case Caka	First Place – Faith Wenske Second Place – Cambree Stroupe Third Place – Jax Caka
Elements of Design	First Place – Olivia Gonzales	First Place – Shaylee VanHowten Second Place - Cambree Stroupe
Plant/Flora	First Place – Hazel Pierce Second Place – Clay Henke Third Place – Rena Pierce Blue – Case Caka Red – Hope Pierce Red -Slayten Molnoskey	First Place – Faith Wenske Second Place – Camry Jacob Third Place – Andrew Pierce Blue – Jax Caka Blue – Cambree Stroupe Blue – Julie Henke Blue - Payten Molnoskey
Landscape and Nature	First Place – Bretley Kutzer Second Place – Tristan Collins Third Place- Clay Henke Red – Hope Pierce Red – Case Caka Red – Rena Pierce	First Place – Hailey Rothbauer Second Place – Faith Wenske Third Place – Cambree Stroupe Blue – Shaylee VanHowten Blue – Camry Jacob Blue- Andrew Pierce Blue – Jax Caka
Long Exposure	First Place – Tristan Collins	No entries
Shadow/Silhouette	First Place – Tristan Colins Second Place – Bretley Kutzer Third Place – Case Caka Red – Oliva Gonzales	First Place – Elsie Dietz Second Place – Jax Caka
Enhanced	First Place – Tristan Collins Second Place – Bretley Kutzer	First Place – Faith Wenske
Motion/Action	First Place – Case Caka Second Place – Rena Pierce	First Place – Elsie Dietz Second Place – Jax Caka
Theme – Abandoned	First Place – Olivia Gonzales Second Place – Case Caka	First Place – Jax Caka Second Place – Shaylee VanHowten
Food	First Place - Hazel Pierce Second Place – Case Caka Third Place – Hope Pierce Red – Rena Pierce	First Place – Jax Caka

County Council
Monday, March 4, 2024
Senior Citizens Center
(at the back of our parking lot)
6:00 p.m.

Scholarship Committee

Each club has been asked to appoint one member and one volunteer leader to serve on the scholarship committee for this year. Only those serving on the committee will be allowed in the meeting. Committee member names will be shared in upcoming newsletters so that you are able to provide them with your wishes and concerns. The first meeting is set for March 7 at 6:00 p.m. in the Conference Room of the Extension Office.

Hallettsville Junior Livestock Show

The Hallettsville Jr. Livestock Show Appreciation Supper will be held on Thursday, February 15, 2024 February 22 at the Hallettsville KC Hall from 5-7. Sale checks will be distributed. Checks will only be released to those who turned in thank you notes.

All Major Show Passes have arrived and are ready to be picked up in the office.

Reminder for all stock show exhibitors:
Please make sure you have written thank you's to your buyers!

Lavaca County Spring Spectacular

If you plan to participate the registration form on the next pages must be signed by the member and their parent/guardian and returned to the office no later than Monday, February 26 so that we have time to check grades. Clover Kids are invited to participate but do not compete.

Tentative Schedule **Sunday, March 3, 2023** **Location to be Determined**

(If there are contest conflicts or contests that do not have entries, this schedule will be revised, please hold the afternoon free until the final schedule is set)

1:30 p.m. -2:45 p.m. Duds to Dazzle, Consumer Decision Making, and Quiz Bowls

2:45 – 3:30 Fashion Show and Storyboard Display*

3:30-4:30 Educational Presentations, Public Speaking, and Talent Showcase

*storyboards do not have to be completed by March 3 but members may bring them to display if they are complete

2024 Lavaca County 4-H Spring Spectacular Contest Registration Form
Complete this form if you plan to participate in any of the Spring Spectacular Events

Name _____ Grade _____ School _____

Best Day time Phone Number _____ text ok? Yes or No

email _____ Club _____

Check each contest you plan to enter and complete necessary information. For team events, each team member should complete separate forms:

_____ **Consumer Decision Making** (3-4 person team—may compete as an individual if not enough for a team)

List your team members names:

_____ **Duds to Dazzle** (3-4 person team)

List your team members names:

_____ **Educational Presentation** (1-2 people) List partner if applicable:

Check one:

_____ Ag and Natural Resources

_____ Beef

_____ Horse

_____ Open

_____ STEM

_____ Swine

_____ Animal Science

_____ Health and Wellness

_____ Family and Consumer Education

_____ Promote 4-H

_____ Sheep and Goat

_____ Safety and Injury Prevention

_____ **Fashion Show** (Individual Event -enter only one)

Juniors (3rd-5th grade) & Intermediates (6th-8th grade)

Buying

_____ Everyday Living

_____ Fantastic Fashions under \$25

_____ Dressy

_____ Special Interest

Construction

_____ Everyday Living

_____ ReFashion

_____ Dressy

_____ Special Interest

Seniors (9th-12th grade)

Buying

_____ Business/Interview Attire

_____ Fantastic Fashions under \$25

_____ Semi-Formal to Formal

_____ Special Interest

Construction

_____ Everyday Living

_____ ReFashion

_____ Semi-Formal

_____ Theatre/Costume

_____ **Natural Fibers Contest** (Seniors Only) – **attach forms**

Circle one: Cotton or Wool/Mohair **Circle one:** Constructed or Purchased

_____ **Storyboard** Junior and Intermediates are due to District by March 7th. Seniors are due to State by May 15th. This is an invitational event. Your storyboard just has to be completed and uploaded by the appropriate deadline.

_____ **Public Speaking** (Individual Only)

_____ **Quiz Bowl** (up to 4 team members –may play as an individual)

List your team members names:

Check which bowl (only one): _____ Livestock _____ Horse _____ FCH

_____ **Talent Showcase** (1-9 members) (will allow multiple entries at county)

Category _____ Team Members Names if Applicable

_____ 4-H Skit

_____ Choreographed Routine

_____ Variety Show

_____ Musical/Instrumental (playing instrument(s) only – no vocals)

_____ Poetry/Prose

_____ Solo/Band (instrument and vocals)

_____ Vocal (no instrument)

I verify that I am eligible for competition and responsible for submitting all required entry materials. I have accessed the county website at <https://lavaca.agrilife.org/4-h/>, and read the contest rules and guidelines for each of my events.

If you wish to participate but are not available on Sunday, March 3rd, please make a notation here of when you are available between now and March 7th. All District Entries are due by March 8th.

_____ I need an alternate qualifying time:

Member Signature

Date

Parent Signature

Date

This form must be submitted to the Extension Office at 300 S. LaGrange, Hallettsville, TX 77964 **no later than Monday, February 25th**. You may send it by email to natalie.knesek@ag.tamu.edu . **If emailing, attach a read receipt. You will not be approved for District level competition without registering on the county level by submitting this form.**

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/>

Understanding what goes in Sections IV

Pay attention to the page requirements - Juniors only get one page - Intermediates and Seniors can have two pages. This is where you list the projects that you did not put in Section I. You can have up to four projects in section I. If you have multiple projects in section I and have nothing to put here, move one to this section, so you do not lose these points when your book is scored.

These are your smaller projects, not your main projects. If possible, keep your style the same as what you used in section I.



Spring 4-H Shooting Sports Registration and Orientation

Lavaca 4-H Shooting Sports will hold orientation and an organizational meeting, Tuesday, March 5 at 6:00 PM at the Appelt's Hill Gun Club , 4071 CR 204, Hallettsville , for all youth, 3rd grade – 12th grade interested in the Spring session. Small-bore Rifle & 22 Pistol will be offered, instructed by 4-H certified

instructors. In order to participate, youth must be enrolled in Lavaca County 4-H. One must also register and attend orientation on **Tuesday, March 5**. A Parental signature will be required. It is required that you attend and register on the 7th at 6:00 PM. If unable to attend, please contact Philip Guenther 979-562-2124 or Wayne Rother 361/798-4750.

Spring Fever Match March 9th

Mike Myers Shooting Complex, 1571 FM 975 Caldwell, TX 77836 Hosted by Burleson County Shooting Sports
Lavaca County Contact – Andrew Marcak – 361-772-8385

Open to all Texas 4-H Shooting Sports Members.

Events: 3D Archery, 18 M Field Archery, Air Pistol, Air Pistol Silhouette, Air Rifle Silhouette, Sporter Air Rifle, Light Rifle, 22 Rifle Silhouettes, 22 Pistol Bullseye, 22 Pistol Silhouettes, 22 Hunter Pistol Silhouettes, 25 YD Muzzleloading, 50 YD Muzzleloading

Leadership Opportunities

Texas Communities Futures Forum

Texas 4-H operates as part of the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service. The programming efforts made by Extension are driven by the expressed needs of our communities across the state. To identify the needs in Lavaca County, we will be holding a Texas Community Futures Forum on the evening of April 9. All citizens of Lavaca County are invited to participate. This is a great opportunity for civic leadership for our teen leaders and the input we receive from our members and adult volunteers is a critical part of the information that we will be gathering. More details will be included in upcoming newsletters.

Ambassador Applications and Deadlines

There are a number of opportunities for senior level members to hold state leadership positions by serving as project ambassadors and on State 4-H Council and information on how to apply for Delegate at Large for Council are located on the state 4-H website at <https://texas4-h.tamu.edu/ambassadors/>.

Deadlines to Apply:

Equine – April 15

Fashion and Interior Design – March 31

Healthy Texas – April 1

Livestock – April 15

Poultry – April 15

STEM – July 31

Water- opens in March

Photography – must complete Junior Master Photographer Training to apply

Shooting Sports – July 31

Texas 4-H Council Delegate At Large – March 28

Texas 4-H Congress

July 14-17, 2024

State Capitol

Congress only happens in non-legislative years. Texas 4-H is given full access to the capitol. Senators and Congressman sit in the actual desks on the floor of the house and senate. A leadership team has been appointed to fill the roles of the governor, lieutenant governor, pages, etc.

Applications are now open for press corps and lobbyist. Those applications close on March 14. Go to <https://texas4-h.tamu.edu/events/congress/> for more information and the application.

We are allotted a small (may only be one) number of delegates from the county to fill the senator and congressman positions. If you are interested in attending as a county representative, please reach out to Natalie at natalie.kneseke@ag.tamu.edu no later than March 4. If we have more members interested in attending than there are spots available formal interviews will be conducted to select the delegate(s).

District Leadership Lab

June 12-14, 2024

McKinney Roughs State Park in Bastrop
(Incoming 9th-12th grade)



2024
Spring



Virtual **TEXAS 4-H REEL 'EM IN**

2024 FISHING SKILL-A-THON

Program Highlights:

- Register **individually** as 4-H youth (grades 3-12) or Clover Kid (grades K-2) via 4HOnline at <https://v2.4honline.com/> beginning February 1st
- Clover Kids - FREE to participate and will receive a participation certificate
- Prizes to be listed March 2024
- Judging via FishDonkey App (no fee to use app!) Rules posted February 1st at <https://d54-h.tamu.edu/>

Species Divisions:

NEW!

- Saltwater - Spotted Seatrout, Flounder & Redfish
- Freshwater - Bass, Catfish & Panfish group



More Ways to Win!

- Longest single fish or stringer by tournament, species, division and overall
- Grand Slam - post 3 different fish species within species division
- Wild Card - random drawing of all fish posted on FishDonkey

Fee:

- Regular Registration: February 1-March 7, \$50 flat fee per division per 4-H participant (saltwater and/or freshwater)
- Late Registration: March 8-31, \$100

Questions?

- Contact Jheri-Lynn McSwain, Ph.D., Extension Program Specialist at jlmcswain@ag.tamu.edu

Spring Tournament
Fish at YOUR Location:
March 15 at 12:00 am thru
May 27 at 11:59 pm

The members of Texas A&M AgriLife will provide equal opportunities in programs and activities, education, and employment to all persons regardless of race, color, sex, religion, national origin, age, disability, genetic information, veteran status, sexual orientation or gender identity and will strive to achieve full and equal employment opportunity throughout Texas A&M AgriLife.

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

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.



<https://texas4hcenter.tamu.edu/services/youth-camps-and-retreats/>

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.



The County Office will be closed on Monday, February 19 in observance of Presidents' Day!

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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