



Lavaca County 4-H News February 29, 2024

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Lavaca County Spring Spectacular

Sunday, March 3rd
Sacred Heart School Gym

Come support our participants and learn what the contests are all about.

Schedule

2:00 Doors Open

2:15 **Educational Presentation**- Zachary and Nathan Henke

2:30 – **Talent Showcase**

Tate and Olivia Gonzales – Choreographed Routine

Keely Knesek – Prose/Poetry

Lily Janak – Musical/Instrumental

2:50 – **Horse Quiz Bowl** – Tate and Olivia Gonzales, Ryan Koncaba and Anabelle Stewart

3:15 – **Talent Showcase**

Keely Knesek – Choreographed Routine

3:30 - **Fashion Show Judging**

Senior Buying – Amanda Janak

Senior Buying – Keely Knesek

Intermediate Buying – Karlie Hotz

Junior Construction – Ainsley Guelker

Junior Buying – Olivia Gonzales

Clover Buying – Tate Gonzales

4:15 (approximate) **Fashion Review on stage**

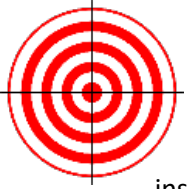
County Council

Monday, March 4, 2024

Senior Citizens Center

(at the back of our parking lot)

6:00 p.m.



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.

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.

Members named so far are

Chair: Macey Pustka

Town Rounders – Sarah Kram and Sophia Etzler

Hope: Cheryl Pilat and Bryleigh Muehlstein

Half Moon: Jennie Chrismon and Keely Knesek

Sweet Home: will appoint at their meeting

Shiner: no appointees at this time

Vysehrad: Amy Orsak and Garrett Appelt

Green Leaves: Jamie Steffek and Macy Haas

Names not yet submitted from Moulton, Shooting Sports, Lucky H, Lavaca River Oaks

Photography Contest Update

All comments for Clover, Junior, and Intermediate participants have been loaded into the member's shared google drive folders. If for some reason you believe you are missing comments or think your comments do not match your picture, reach out. These were copied and pasted from a spread sheet so there was lots of room for error.

Ribbons for Juniors and Intermediates have been placed in envelopes and are ready to be picked up at the office. There are also frames for the six Clover Kids participants. Individuals can come in and pick up or club managers are welcome to take for their club members and present at the next meeting.

Senior photos are still being judged. Results will be shared prior to April 1.

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

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 V – Awards and Recognition

Remember that this is your 4-H Awards and recognition –if you are listing awards you received showing under FFA save it for section VI. Pay close attention to the guidelines so that you do not exceed the maximum entries or pages, as it differs for each age group.

List the current year first and the most important for each year first. If you are listing Gold Star it is considered a State level award. I Dare You is a National award. You can include items such as where you placed with your previous recordbooks, your photography awards, club and county teen leader recognition, stock show placing, project recognition, etc. When listing importance to you be specific, address goals you met. Avoid putting the same response next to every entry.

Major Show Steer and Heifer Tag Orders

Major show steer and heifer tag orders will be due in the Extension Office by March 28.

Remember that all state validated heifers will be tagged similar to steers. Please order tags accordingly. Those planning to show a steer or heifer at any major livestock show must order and pay for a tag by the deadline. Please order accurately. No refunds will be given for unused tags. As in the past, there will be a second heifer validation in October. The order form attached in this newsletter.

State Fair Lamb and Goat Tag Orders

State Fair Lamb and Goat tags are due in the Extension Office by March 28. Order form is attached in this newsletter and on the county website.

NOTE: Projects validated in June for the Fall 2024 season are validated for the Spring 2025 season as well.

Breeding Sheep and Breeding Goats roll over validation for three years, they do not need to be validated every year. The order form is attached in this newsletter.

Walk Across Texas Spring Walking League

Get Your Club Involved. In the fall Half Moon 4-H logged over 2000 miles. The Spring League Kicks off on March 10. Clubs participating in the youth league can have both adults and youth participants. One youth captain works with one adult captain to report mileage for all participants. Natalie has a mileage chart that can be shared with your members that will help you report to your captain. The flyer attached to this newsletter has the details on how to sign up a youth team.

Lavaca County

2024 Spring Walking Leagues

March 10 - May 11, 2023

Come join the fun!

The eight week league challenges teams to walk 832 miles (the distance from Orange to El Paso).

To form a team go to <https://howdyhealth.tamu.edu> and use the league code given below to form either an adult or youth team. Once your team is created a team code will be generated for your members to use to join. The team must be created first.



2024 Lavaca County
Spring Walking League Code:
watL-240221-71037

teams of up to 8 adult members register individually in Howdy Health and join the team using a team code. Members report individually their mileage for a collective team distance. Members will receive a weekly e-newsletter with health tips and recipes. Fun incentives will be given.



2024 Lavaca County
Youth Spring Walking League Code:
watLY-240221-58774

unlimited number of adults and youth on the team, the team captain reports the team mileage. Ideal for schools and youth groups.



HEALTHY SOUTH TEXAS

Leadership Opportunities

Texas Communities Futures Forum

April 9, 2024

6:00 p.m.

Senior Citizens Nutrition Site, Hallettsville



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 Round Up

June 3-7, 2024

(Members who are currently in 9th-12th grade)

This is the premiere event for Texas 4-H each year.

The Monday night keynote speaker is John Beede!

Thursday night dance is Cole Whittlesey

Check it all out at <https://texas4-h.tamu.edu/events/roundup/>

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.

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.knesek@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)



The County Office will be closed tomorrow for Texas Independence Day. A reminder that the Lavaca EEA scholarship applications are still due by tomorrow. You may drop them in the slot at the office door.



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/>

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