



Lavaca County 4-H News March 15, 2024

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Wildfire Relief

The county council voted to donate \$1000 to the Panhandle Wildfire Relief efforts. There is still a tremendous need for monetary donations to go towards both agriculture supplies (hay, cubes, fencing, etc.) and personal property recovery. Anyone wishing to add on to the donation may drop off checks, money orders, and Visa gift cards to the Extension Office by Noon this Monday, March 18.

Calendar Fundraiser

The county council voted in their March meeting to hold a calendar fundraiser ending May 31st. Once the calendar page is finalized it will be made available to all members in this newsletter and copies will also be available in the office. The calendar fundraiser will take place throughout the month of May and will have 31 days. The goal is to find a sponsor for each day on the calendar and have them donate the dollar amount that corresponds with the day of the month. May 1 is \$1, May 2nd is \$2 and so on. Sponsors may choose to buy multiple days. We hope that all members will participate in the fundraising effort. Funds raised will support our general county funds that include project supplies and activities, awards, scholarships, leadership activities, and community service. The goal is that those members who complete the calendar will have their membership dues paid for the 2024-25 year. Watch here for final details and the actual calendar.



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 members of the committee have been asked to discuss the scholarship priorities at their March and April meetings and bring that information back with them to the next meeting on April 25.

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

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 VI – Non 4-H Activities

This is your opportunity to include all of the great things that you do outside of 4-H. Judges will appreciate it if you can find a way to categorize your entries and use headings like School, Community, and Church. Bulleted statements help too. Give as much detail as you can without making it difficult to read. For example:

School

- Track – 800 meter, 300 meter hurdles – 7th, 8th, and 9th grade
- UIL Art Memory – 1st Place District 7th Grade, 3rd Place team 8th Grade

Horse Validation



Texas 4-H Horse Validation for the 2024 season **will be open in 4-H Online from March 1 – May 1, 2024.**

A few important reminders:

- ALL horses must be validated/re-validated each year. There is no limit to the number of horses that can be validated. You are encouraged to validate all horses that may possibly be shown at district and/or state shows. Only state validated horses can be substituted in the event that a validated horse becomes unusable due to lameness, sickness, etc.
- The family can submit payment of \$10.00 per horse (\$20.00 after April 15th, or \$250 from May 1st to May 5th), in the form of a **credit card ONLY**.
 - **From March 1 – April 15, the validation cost for each horse is \$10.00.** The \$10.00 cost is only guaranteed if the animal validation is approved by the county office by the April 15th deadline and the payment is processed.
 - **From April 16 – May 1, the validation cost for each horse is \$20.00.** The \$20.00 cost is only guaranteed if the animal validation is approved by the county office by the May 1st deadline and the payment is processed.
- Each validation must include front view, right side view, and left side view images. **The entire horse should be included in the photo and markings should be clearly visible.**
- **If the horse is registered, a copy of the registration papers must be uploaded.** These papers must list the 4-Her, sibling, parent, stepparent, grandparent or legal guardian as the current owner. If the ownership is in the process of being transferred, please list “pending” in the registration number area. Once the updated registration papers have been received, please email me a copy of the new papers and I will add it to the validation online.
- Lease horses are eligible to be validated and shown at District and State 4-H Horse Shows. An official Texas 4-H Horse Lease Agreement must be signed by the exhibitor, horse owner, and the supervising County Extension Agent. The lease period must include, at minimum, May 1st to August 31st of the current 4-H year. The lease agreement form can be found at <https://texasyouthlivestock.com/horse-validation/> and must be uploaded in 4-H Online at the time of validation.
- Image uploads in 4-H Online must be in the form of a .jpg, .gif or .png file.
- **Families should validate each horse only one time.** Once the horse is validated, any sibling within that family in 4-H Online is eligible to show the horse at their district show and/or the State 4-H Horse Show.
- **Youth validating a futurity horse must be at least 12 years of age (as of Sept. 1, 2023) and at least in the 6th grade.**

Validation walk-through guide for families: https://texas4-h.tamu.edu/wp-content/uploads/4honline_family_guide_horse_validation_2023.pdf

- For additional one-pagers and other resources, please visit <https://texasyouthlivestock.com/horse-validation/>
- Validation walk-through video: <https://youtu.be/OPoOmyC1kTk>
- The family will receive an automated message from 4-H Online when the County Extension Agent has approved the horse at the county level. **This approval does NOT guarantee eligibility.** After it is approved at the county level, the validation will then be reviewed at the state level. The family will be notified by June 1st if there are any issues with the validation at the state level.
 - We will begin to review validations at the state level on March 1st and will be working closely with families and agents to fix errors as quickly as possible prior to the validation deadline.



Blue Jeans Go Green

The District 11 Council Officers are collecting used denim for the Blue Jeans Go Green campaign which will shred the denim and repurpose it for insulation and other materials. You can learn more about Blue Jeans Go Green at

[https://bluejeansgogreen.org/?utm_source=google&utm_medium=cpc&utm_campaign=Blue Jeans Go Green Exact&utm_term=bluejeansgogreen&utm_content=BJGG&gad_source=1](https://bluejeansgogreen.org/?utm_source=google&utm_medium=cpc&utm_campaign=Blue%20Jeans%20Go%20Green%20Exact&utm_term=bluejeansgogreen&utm_content=BJGG&gad_source=1)

The denim is being collected at the Spring Spectacular events on April 4th and 5th. Donations collected at the Extension Office need to be dropped off by April 2nd. The District Council officers thank you for your support!

Major Show Steer and Heifer Tag Orders

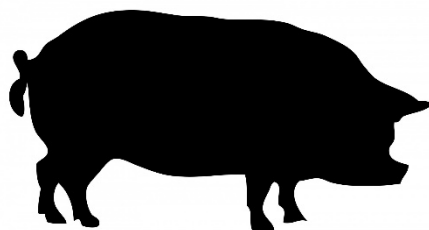
Major show steer and heifer tag orders will be due in the Extension Office by March 28.

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, Goat and Swine Tag Orders

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

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.



Major Show Tag Order Form

PLEASE READ CAREFULLY

- Only one order form per family
- Refunds will not be given
- Order form and payment must be physically turned in to the County Extension Office by the due date. If mailed, the order must arrive on or before the deadline.
- There will be no orders taken by phone, fax, email or text
- Order must be accompanied by payment for the tags
- Payment for tags will not be accepted at validations
- Ordering tags DOES NOT enter an exhibitor in any stock show

Please print clearly:

List all exhibitors in the family

Exhibitor Name(s) _____,

Mailing Address: _____

Physical Address: _____

Parent/Guardian: _____

Parent/Guardian Email: _____

Phone Number: _____

Payment (Circle One): Check (Payable to Lavaca County 4-H) Cash

Mail form and payment or deliver to: Lavaca County 4-H
300 South LaGrange Street
Hallettsville, TX 77964

(A mail slot is available for drop off outside of office hours)

| Order Deadline | Type of Tag | Cost Per Tag | Number Needed | Amount Paid |
|----------------|---------------------------|--------------|---------------|-------------|
| March 28 | State Fair Market Swine | \$18 | | |
| March 28 | State Fair Breeding Swine | \$18 | | |

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| March 28 | Market Steer | \$26 | | |
| March 28 | Breeding Heifer | \$26 | | |

Major show heifers will be tagged similar to steers. Tags must be ordered and paid for by the deadline. Please order accurately. No refunds will be given for unused tags.

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| March 28 | State Fair Market Goat | \$16 | | |
| March 28 | State Fair Breeding Goat | \$16 | | |
| March 28 | State Fair Wether/Commercial Does | \$16 | | |
| March 28 | State Fair Market Lamb | \$16 | | |
| March 28 | State Fair Breeding Sheep | \$16 | | |
| March 28 | State Fair Wether/Commercial Dam | \$16 | | |

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:

- March 28 – Council Delegate at Large
- March 31 – Fashion and Interior Design
- April 1 – Healthy Texas
- April 15 – Livestock, Poultry, and Equine
- Opening Soon – Water
- Shooting Sports- Opens June 1
- July 31 – STEM

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.

District Leadership Lab

June 12-14, 2024

Location Change:
Camp Oak Haven
Near Columbus
(Incoming 9th-12th grade)

District Leadership Lab is a great opportunity for senior level 4-H members to get to know others from District 11 and participate in leadership activities.

Save the Date

District 11 Junior Leadership Lab
July 9
(Junior and Intermediate members)
More Details Soon

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.

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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