



## *Lavaca County 4-H News*

### *March 28, 2024*

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#### Wildfire Relief



Thank you so much to those who helped add to the Wildfire Relief fund, along with the \$1000 from County Council, another \$950 was collected and a check was mailed to the Ag Relief Fund in Canadian in the amount of **\$1950!!**

Good Luck!!

The following will be representing Lavaca County at District 11 4-H Spring Spectacular next week in Victoria.

Horse Quiz Bowl: Anabelle Stewart, Ryan Koncaba, and Olivia Gonzales

Fashion Show: Ainsley Guelker, Olivia Gonzales, Amanda Janak, and Keely Knesek

Talent Showcase: Lily Janak, Olivia Gonzales, Faith Wenske, and Keely Knesek

Educational Presentations: Zachary and Nathan Henke

Olivia will also be competing at the District 11 Horse Judging in College Station on April 6<sup>th</sup>!

#### One last call for BLUE JEANS

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+Jeans+Go+Green+Exact&utm_term=bluejeansgogreen&utm_content=BJGG&gad_source=1)



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

#### **The Lavaca County 4-H Senior Photography Results are on the next page!**

Congratulations to everyone on an outstanding set of entries. A digital exhibition will be created once the state entries have been judged. First place pictures advance to STATE! First place winners received an email yesterday with state information.

# 2024 Lavaca County 4-H Senior Photography Contest

Animal Domestic	Animal Wildlife	Catch-All	Food
First - Alex Jurena	First Place - Layne Gerke	First Place -Keely Knesek	First Place - Adalyn Pohl
Second - Zachary Henke	Second Place - Zachary Henke	Second Place - Callie Chrismon	Second Place - Abigail Hill
Third - Abigail Hill	Third Place - Adalyn Pohl	Third Place - Adalyn Pohl	Third Place - Amanda Janak
Red - Nathan Henke	Blue -Nathan Henke	Blue -Nathan Henke	Blue - Keely Knesek
Red - Adalyn Pohl	Blue - Katie Richter	Red - Zachary Henke	
Red - Katie Richter	Blue - Thomas Klozik	Red -Abigail Hill	
Red - Julia Barecky	Red - Amanda Janak	Red - RaeLynn Griffith	
Red - Keely Knesek	Red - Abigail Hill	Red - Thomas Klozik	
White - Ryan Janak	Red - Keely Knesek		
Details and Macro	Elements of Design	Enhanced	Landscape and Nature
First Place - Thomas Klozik	First Place - Alex Jurena	First Place -Keely Knesek	First Place - Julia Barecky
Second Place - Abigail Hill	Second Place - Abigail Hill		Second Place - Keely Knesek
Third Place - Brooke Rothbauer	Third Place -tie - Adalyn Pohl		Third Place - tie- Katie Richter
Blue - Zachary Henke	Third Place tie - Keely Knesek		Third Place -tie-Callie Chrismon
Blue - Amanda Janak	Blue - Zachaary Henke		Blue-Ryan Janak
Blue- Nathan Henke	Blue - Amanda Janak		Blue - Abigail Hill
Blue - RaeLynn Griffith	Blue - Nathan Henke		Blue - Nathan Henke
Blue - Katie Richter			Blue - Brooke Rothbauer
Blue - Keely Knesek			Blue - RaeLynn Girffith
			Blue - Thomas Klozik
			Red - Amanda Janak
Motion/Action	People	Plant/Flora	Shadow/Silhouette
First Place - Alex Jurena	First Place - Abigail Hill	First Place - Keely Knesek	First Place - Alex Jurena
Second Place tie - Ryan Janak	Second Place - Nathan Henke	Second Place-Alex Jurena	Second Place - RaeLynn Griffith
Second Place tie - Keely Knesek	Third Place - Zachary Henke	Third Place -RaeLynn Griffith	Third Place - Callie Chirsmon
Third Place - Callie Chrismon	Blue - Amanda Janak	Blue - Amanda Janak	Blue - Zachary Henke
Red - Nathan Henke	Blue - Ryan Janak	Blue Abigail Hill	Blue - Abigial Hill
	Blue - Adalyn Pohl	Blue - Amanda Janak	Blue - Julia Barecky
	Blue - Katie Richter	Blue Katie Richter	Blue - Sally Machacek
	Blue - Callie Chrismon	Blue - Amanda Janak	Blue - Keely Knesek
		Blue - Callie Chrismon	

## Calendar Fundraiser

The county council voted in their March meeting to hold a calendar fundraiser ending May 31<sup>st</sup>. 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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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.



## 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 VII – College and Career Exploration

Here is where you list everything you have done to help you prepare for a career. You may include non-4-H activities. Include presentations you attended that were given by professionals, anyone you have interviewed about jobs, tours you have taken, job shadowing, mentoring, research, work experience, dual credit, test taking, etc ---

It is okay if you do not know what career you want to list but try to put an industry like agriculture, medical field, education, etc. if you are unsure. The learning experiences that you have had this year should at least in part match the career you list.

This is the final installment in this year's Record Book Corner. Record Books will be due on Tuesday, June 11 no later than 5:00 p.m. There will be no exceptions to the deadline as they will be loaded at that point to be judged.

All awards applications and scholarships are due on June 11 as well. Interviews will be held on Wednesday, June 19.

If you would be interested in attending an in person or online record book workshop please call the Extension Office at 361-798-2221 and request the training and provide your preference of in person or online. The last two trainings that were offered were not attended so one will not be planned and unless requested by three or more people.

Natalie is available by appointment or chance anytime to help with record books. It is one of her most favorite parts of 4-H and is eager to help you.

## 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 15<sup>th</sup>, or \$250 from May 1<sup>st</sup> to May 5<sup>th</sup>), 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 15<sup>th</sup> 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 1<sup>st</sup> 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 1<sup>st</sup> to August 31<sup>st</sup> 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 6<sup>th</sup> grade.**

Validation walk-through guide for families: [https://texas4-h.tamu.edu/wp-content/uploads/4honline\\_family\\_guide\\_horse\\_validation\\_2023.pdf](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 1<sup>st</sup> if there are any issues with the validation at the state level.
  - We will begin to review validations at the state level on March 1<sup>st</sup> and will be working closely with families and agents to fix errors as quickly as possible prior to the validation deadline.

## Major Show Steer and Heifer Tag Orders

Major show steer and heifer tag orders are Due Today!!

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 Validations

- Major Show Steer Validation- June 15, 2024 8-10 am Hallettsville ISD Ag Pavilion. The exhibitor and a parent must be present.
- Major Show Heifer Validation June 15, 2024 8-10 am Hallettsville ISD Ag Pavilion. The exhibitor and a parent must be present. A color scan of the registration papers must be emailed to [jlsteffek@ag.tamu.edu](mailto:jlsteffek@ag.tamu.edu) prior to validation. Registration papers must also be brought to validation.
- State Fair Lamb and Goat Validation June 15, 2024 8-10 am Hallettsville ISD Ag Pavilion. The exhibitor and a parent must be present.

If you have an unavoidable conflict with the date, you must contact the County Extension Office prior to the validation date.

### Hallettsville Junior Livestock Show Validations

Steer Validation June 15, 2024 8 a.m.-10 a.m. Hallettsville ISD Ag Pavilion

Halter Heifer Validation June 15, 2024 8 a.m. – 10 a.m. Hallettsville ISD Ag Pavilion (Halter heifers can also be validated at other HJLS validations later in the year)

Commercial Heifer Validation June 15, 2024 7-9 am Hallettsville Livestock Commission Co.

### Shiner Junior Livestock Show Validation

Steer Validation June 15, 2024 8-10 am Hallettsville ISD Ag Pavilion

### Moulton Junior Livestock Show Validation

Steer Validation June 15 11 a.m. to 12 p.m.

**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: \_\_\_\_\_

Organization (Circle One): Lavaca 4-H   Hallettsville FFA   Moulton FFA   Shiner FFA

Ezzell FFA 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	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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\_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Physical Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Organization (Circle One): Lavaca 4-H   Hallettsville FFA   Moulton FFA Shiner FFA Ezzell FFA

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 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 9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> 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 9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> 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

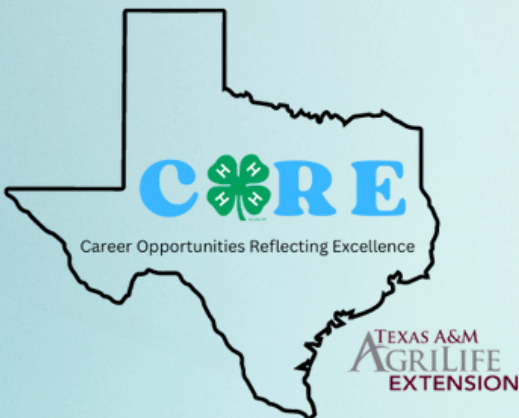
County Camp II- August 4-August 8

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

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/>





ONE OF THE PRIMARY PURPOSES OF THE CORE ACADEMY IS TO PROVIDE THEM WITH A TOUR OF SOME OF THE PREMIER UNIVERSITIES AND BUSINESSES IN STEPHENVILLE, ABILENE, AND SAN ANGELO AREAS.

- 5-Day exploration program
- Experience higher education and career choices
- Meet with industry and business professionals to expose youth to a variety of career paths.

QUESTIONS PLEASE CONTACT:  
KARA SPANGLER: 830-796-7755  
KARA.SPANGLER@AG.TAMU.EDU

**17**  
JUNE

DAY 1

- Depart from Fredericksburg
- Game Warden Academy
- Schreiber Cheese Factory

**18**  
JUNE

DAY 2

- Team Building
- Tarleton State University
- Barefoot Campus Outfitter
- Capital Hatters

**19**  
JUNE

DAY 3

- 3M Factory
- Mueller, INC
- Mohair Council

**20**  
JUNE

DAY 4

- Aviator Wind Turbines
- Apex Solar Plant
- Angelo State University

**21**  
JUNE

DAY 5

- Danmuth Taxidermy
- Depart for Fredericksburg

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**Registration**  
**DEADLINE**

**April**  
**15<sup>th</sup>**

**\$250**

With Application

**ALL TOURS ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE**

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

We will be closed tomorrow in  
observance of Good Friday.  
Happy Easter!!



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