



Lavaca County 4-H News

April 12, 2024

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We have been very well represented on the District level over the past two months!
Congratulations on a Job Well Done!

District 11 & State Dairy Judging @HLSR

Nathan Henke – 1st Place Individual, District; 6th Place Individual, State
Zachary Henke – 3rd Place Individual, District; 12th Place Individual, State
Nathan, Zachary, and Summer Leopold – 1st Place Team, District; 5th Place, State
Lyndsey Orsak, Dylan Orsak, and Wyatt Kram – 3rd Place Team, District

District Fashion Show

Junior Construction – Everyday Living – Ainsley Guelker, participant
Junior Buying – Special Interest – Olivia Gonzales, 2nd Place
Senior – Buying – Semi-Formal -Formal – Amanda Janak – 1st Place-advances to state
Senior- Buying – Special Interest – Keely Knesek – 1st Place – advances to state

District Educational Presentations

Senior STEM – Nathan and Zachary Henke – 4th Place – alternate to state

District Talent Showcase

Junior Choreographed Routine – Olivia Gonzales - participant
Intermediate Musical/Instrumental – Lily Janak – participant
Intermediate Vocal – Faith Wenske – participant
Senior Choreographed Routine – Keely Knesek – 1st Place – advances to state
Senior Poetry/Prose – Keely Knesek – 1st Place- advances to state

District Horse Judging

Olivia Gonzales, 4th place individual – halter
2nd place individual – performance
2nd Place individual – over all

District Photography Contest

Tristan Collins – Junior Best of Show – Shadow/Silhouette,
Enhanced -1st Place, Leading Line-1st Place, Long Exposure-3rd Place,
Case Caka – Junior Details and Macro – 1st Place
Bretley Kutzer – Junior Landscape and Nature – 1st Place
Olivia Gonzales – 3rd Place -Theme
Elsie Dietz – Intermediate Motion/Action – 1st Place

To see a complete list of the District photography results go to:

<https://d114-h.tamu.edu/files/2024/04/Copy-of-2024-D11-4-H-Photography-Contest-Placings-3.pdf>



Thank you to everyone who donated blue jeans for Blue Jeans Go Green. Keely Knesek turned in 90 pounds of denim from Lavaca County!

Thank you to Rylan Jalufka, Amanda Janak, and Ryan Janak for representing the youth of Lavaca County at our Texas Community Futures Forum on April 9th.

Calendar Fundraiser

Lavaca County 4-H Families are encouraged to participate in the calendar fundraiser which will be held throughout May. The calendar will be in the next newsletter and copies will be available in the office at the end of this month. The goal will be to get all 31 days sponsored. All funds will be used to support the Lavaca County 4-H program including activities, supplies and awards. Members who turn in completed calendars with all thirty-one days filled will have their membership dues covered for the 2024-25 4-H year.



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/>

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. Please hold mid-morning to mid-afternoon.

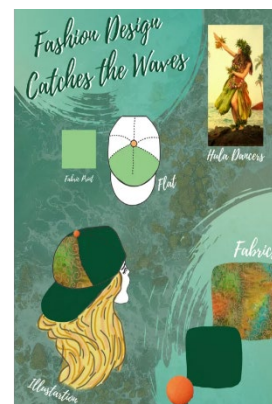
If you would be interested in attending an in person or online record book workshop please call the Extension Office at 361-798-2221 and request the training and provide your preference of in person or online. The last two trainings that were offered were not attended so one will not be planned and unless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

Natalie is available by appointment or chance anytime to help with record books one on one. It is one of her most favorite parts of 4-H and is eager to help you. Additionally, all day Thursday, May 30 and the morning of Friday, May 31 will be considered record book work days where you can come work in the office or drop in for help.

Senior Level Storyboard Entries Due May 15

The 4-H Storyboard is an industry-inspired method of displaying original designs. The storyboard “tells the story” of the designer’s idea. The storyboard includes original illustrations, flats, and more to promote the design. Now an Invitational contest for Senior members!

- [General Rules/Guidelines](#) | [Label](#) | [Score Sheet](#)
- [2023 Uploading Instructions](#)
- [Wakelet Collection](#)



Horse Validation



Texas 4-H Horse Validation for the 2024 season **will be open in 4-H Online from March 1 – May 1, 2024.** Fee doubles on April 16! Validation information has been in the past two newsletters. Please reach out if you need help or more information.

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 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.

State Fair Broilers and Major Show Turkeys

State Fair broiler orders are due May 17.

Major Show turkey orders are due July 26.

Order forms for both are attached.

Major Show 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 stockshow

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 bird	Number Needed min 25/max 75 must order in increments of 25	Amount Paid
May 17	State Fair Broilers	\$1.50		

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July 26	Major Show Turkeys	\$4.75		

Leadership Opportunities

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:

April 15 – Livestock, Poultry, and Equine

May 1 – Water Ambassadors

Opens June 1 – Shooting Sports

July 31 - STEM

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. More information will be posted on this link as it becomes available: <https://d114-h.tamu.edu/events-and-contests/leadership-lab/>

District 11 Junior Leadership Lab

July 9

(Junior and Intermediate members)

More Details Soon

Texas 4-H Round Up

June 3-7, 2024

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

This is the premiere event for the 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.

The following contests do not require individuals to qualify at district level contests however they must be a member by March 1, 2024 or have competed in another District level contest. Contests are open to all 4-H members who are in the 9th – 12th grades as of the September 1, 2023 school year. Invitational contests include:

INVITATIONAL CONTESTS

- Agricultural Product Identification – Tuesday, June 4th
- Archery – Tuesday, June 4th
- 4-H Science Fair (formerly Discover Scientific Method) – Thursday, June 6th
- Entomology Identification – Wednesday, June 5th
- Healthy Lifestyles – Thursday, June 6th
- Hippology – Thursday, June 6th
- Invitational Livestock Judging – Thursday, June 6th
- Invitational Meat Judging and Identification – Wednesday, June 5th
- Livestock Skillathon – Tuesday, June 4th
- Photography Judging – Tuesday, June 4th
- Poultry Judging – Thursday, June 6th
- Range Evaluation -Wednesday, June 5th
- Range & Pasture Grass Identification- Wednesday, June 5th
- Soil Judging- Wednesday, June 5th
- Robotics Challenge -Tuesday, June 4th
- Veterinary Science Skillathon – Thursday, June 6th
- Wildlife Challenge – Thursday, June 6th
- Wool & Mohair Judging & Evaluation – Wednesday, June 5

You may only participate in one contest per day.

NOTE: Those individuals qualifying to participate in the Qualifying Livestock Judging Contest and Qualifying Meat Judging Contest MAY NOT participate in the Invitational Livestock Judging Contest or Invitational Meat Judging Identification Contests, respectively. See specific contest rules Regarding eligibility requirements.

In addition, there will be leadership, project, and career focused workshops for adults and youth throughout the week and a community service project opportunity. **Adults planning to chaperone youth must be enrolled in 4-H online as a parent volunteer no later than April 29th.**

Natalie will be at Round -Up the full week. If you are interested in going or have questions, please reach out.

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/>

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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