



July 2016 Lavaca County 4-H Newsletter

Enrollment for 2016-2017

August starts a new 4-H enrollment year on 4-H CONNECT! All profiles will change to INACTIVE and you will be required to re-enroll for the 2016-2017 4-H year beginning **August 15**.

All new 4-H members and adult leaders are required to enroll on 4-HConnect. All 4-H members will be charged the annual \$20 participation fee if completed before November 1. All enrollments completed after November 1 will be charged a \$25 fee. Adult leaders enrollment is paid for by the County 4-H Council. Enrollment instructions will be distributed at your first club meeting. Please contact the Extension Office for more information and/or help with the enrollment and re-enrollment process.

4-H Awards Banquet

The Lavaca County 4-H Awards Banquet has been set for Tuesday, August 2 at 7:00 p.m. at Lillie Appelt Youth Center in Hallettsville .

All 4-H members and their families are encouraged to attend. Certificates will be given to each member who turned in a record book. Gifts will be presented to Junior and Teen Leaders. The presentations of the Bronze Star, Silver Star, Gold Star, and I Dare You awards, as well as, the County 4-H Scholarships will be made.

Reminder: All award applicants must be present to receive an award.

Each club is asked to bring two large desserts and 2 door prizes (valued at \$7.50 each) to the banquet. **4-H families are asked to RSVP to the Extension Office by July 25.**

4-H Age Reminder

Texas 4-H membership eligibility is based on SCHOOL GRADE and not age. Youth may participate in 4-H year from September 1st of grade three through August 31 following completion of grade twelve, with these age restrictions:

Minimum age - 8 (in addition to being in the 3rd grade)

Maximum age - 18 (as of August 31, 2016)

Juniors: Grades 3, 4, and 5

Intermediates: Grades 6, 7, and 8

Seniors: Grades 9, 10, 11, and 12

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Driscoll Children's Hospital Auction

The Driscoll Children's Hospital Benefit Auction at the Hallettsville Livestock Commission Company was held on Tuesday, June 21. The auction was once again a huge success. We raised over \$10,000. A grand total is still being calculated. A big thank you goes out to all who helped with this event by donating items and/or working at the auction.

Texas 4-H Roundup

Lavaca County 4-Hers participated in the Texas 4-H Roundup at Texas A&M University in June.

Share the Fun—Christina Benedict

Fashion Show—Trinity Kusak

Consumer Decision Making—Eric Flores, Stevie Nicole Peters, Miranda Shimek

Storyboard—Stevie Nicole Peters

Photography—Mandi Mitchon, Eric Flores, Hannah Bludau, Sarah Peters, Ryan Malinovsky, Mackenley Ebner

Meat Judging—Laney Bowman, Luke Bludau

Photography Judging—Sarah Bludau, Hannah Bludau

Ag Product ID—Laney Bowman, Lauren Bowman, Jessi Pesek

Healthy Lifestyle Judging—Miranda Shimek, Christina Benedict

Food Challenge—Allison Drabek, Sarah Bludau, Hannah Bludau

Vet Camp & Vet Skill-A-Thon—Sarah Peters

4-H Foundation Scholarship Winners

Three Lavaca County 4-H members recently attended Texas 4-H Roundup at Texas A&M University in College Station to receive scholarships through the Texas 4-H Opportunity Scholarship Program. Allison Drabek received \$1,000, Hannah Perez received \$10,000 and Camille Grahmann received \$18,000.

CONTRATULATIONS!

Photo Workshop Held

A 4-H Photography Workshop was held June 9. Mieko Mahi, professional freelance petroleum photographer instructed the group on lighting and focus techniques. The photographers traveled to Victoria to shoot the historical courthouse. The photography from the workshop was entered in the James Reily Gordon Texas Historical Architecture Art Contest.

Shooting Sports Fall Registration

Lavaca 4-H Shooting Sports will hold orientation and an organizational meeting on Tuesday, August 9 at 6:30 PM at the Appelt's Hill Gun Club on County Road 208, Hallettsville. Small-bore Rifle will be offered for all age groups. Shotgun will be offered for intermediate and senior levels. Anyone interested in participating in the fall session must attend orientation on August 9. A Parental signature will be required. You may contact Philip Guenther 979-562-2124 with questions.

Record Books

This year Lavaca County had 48 Awards Program Record Books turned in for competition. Each received a Sonic Gift Card. Those placing 1st in their category earned the opportunity to advance to district competition. Those who competed at the district level are listed below. District placings are indicated behind the names. Congratulations to Sarah Bludau and Camille Grahmann, who earned the opportunity to advance to the State Record Book Judging by placing first at the district level in the senior division. **Please note...if you have not picked up your record book and/or Sonic Gift Card from the Extension Office, please do so.**

Junior

Amanda Janak—Food & Nutrition
Arielle Bennetsen—Clothing & Textiles
Holden Kloesel—Swine
Julia Machacek—Shooting Sports
Haven Flores—Family Life—2nd
Railey Nieto—Sheep

Intermediate

Luke Bludau—Health—1st
Derrick Janak—Shooting Sports
John Berckenhoff—Horticulture—1st
Bret Etzler—Swine
Emma Grahmann—Consumer Education—2nd
Garrett Drabek—Beef
Matthew Berkenhoff—Poultry—1st

Senior

Mackenley Ebner—Sheep
Allison Drabek—Beef
Anna Adamek—Rabbit
Abigail Bludau—Swine—3rd
Mandi Mitchon—Food & Nutrition
Sarah Bludau—Family Life—1st
Joshua Bludau—Shooting Sports
Camille Grahmann—Personal Development—1st
Kingsley Kahanek—Leadership

State Fair Entries

Entry forms for the State Fair of Texas should be available on their website soon. All entries must be turned in to the County Extension office by August 5.

Major Show Turkey Orders Extended

The deadline to order turkeys to be exhibited at the major stockshows has been extended to August 5. Contact the Extension Office to place an order.

Major Show Chick Orders Due

Chick orders for San Antonio, Houston and Star of Texas Livestock Shows will be due in the County Extension Office by 5:00 p.m. on Friday, September 2.

Major Show Lamb and Goat Tags

4-H members who plan to exhibit a lamb or goat at any of the major stockshows in Texas must order tags for their projects by August 19. Market lamb and goat tags will be \$11 each. ALL BREEDING EWES, WETHER DAMS, REGISTERED BOER GOATS AND WETHER DOES TO BE SHOWN AT THE MAJOR LIVESTOCK SHOWS MUST ALSO BE VALIDATED at \$8.50 each. Please place tag orders at the County Extension Office.

4-H BBQ Fundraiser

The Lavaca County 4-H BBQ is set for Sunday, October 2 at the K.C. Hall in Hallettsville. The dinner will be drive-thru plates to go only with a menu of $\frac{1}{2}$ BBQ chicken, potatoes, beans, and dessert. Each club is responsible for 19 dozen homemade cookies which is 114 packages of cookies (2 cookies per package). All cookies need to be at the hall by 9:30 a.m. on Sunday morning.

This is our major county wide fund raiser that provides money for awards and other opportunities. It's success depends on ticket sales. Each 4-H member is expected to help sell tickets. Those who wish to count ticket sales as their qualification for one of the county level awards is expected to sell at least 20 tickets. Help is also needed for gathering wood, preparing potatoes, etc. Saturday, or serving on Sunday. A work sign-up sheet and tickets will be available soon.

Project Help

If you have questions about your show animals or would like Mr. DeForest to come out to look at your animals, please call the Extension Office to make an appointment.

Kids in the Kitchen Camp

Date - August 10, 2016

Time - 1 - 4 p.m.

Cost - \$5 for supplies

RSVP - County Agent's Office 798-2221

Teen Leaders encouraged to help.



TRAIN LIKE A CHAMPION BEEF CATTLE CLINIC AND SHOW

SATURDAY, JULY 30TH

TEXAS A&M
AGRI LIFE
EXTENSION



FAYETTE COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS

7:30 - 8:30am:

Check In

9am:

Clinic - Shane Jennings

11am:

Showmanship Workout

1pm:

Showmanship *

Showmanship is \$5. Winner takes 80%

Steer and Heifer Show *

(immediately following showmanship)

\$20 per Head by July 25th

\$25 per Head after July 25th

3 Divisions - American, British, & Exotic

Buckles for Champions

Prizes for Reserve

Must participate in Clinic to be eligible for awards

Mail Registration Form To: Kayla Kaspar

255 Svoboda Lane, Suite 134

La Grange, TX 78945

Or turn into your local County Extension Office

Checks Payable to PLC

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