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# Montgomery County 4-H Focus

*Hello & Welcome!*

**2021-2022 4-H YEAR**

**SEPTEMBER 1ST OUR NEW 4-H YEAR OFFICIALLY BEGINS!!!**

**Nobody is too old for 4-H!! Adult volunteers are always needed.**

## NEW MEMBERS

4-H enrollment started August 15th. If you will be going into the 3rd grade, please wait until after Sept. 1 to enroll so the system doesn't consider you a Clover Kid.

Enrollment Fee Correction:

Aug. 15-Oct. 31 yearly enrollment fee is \$25. November 1st it will increase to \$30.

## RETURNING MEMBERS

Each year starts with zero-enrollment so all returning member must enroll; youth and adult members.

DO NOT create a new member profile. Log into your existing profile, update information, and pay the membership fee.

## WHAT DOES ALL OF THIS 4-H STUFF MEAN

New Member or Returning Member,  
Do you have questions about the 4-H Program?

### 4-H 101

Join us to learn all about the program and what it has to offer.

Ask any questions that you have.

September 22, 2021

5:30-6:30pm

Join us in person or virtually for this meeting!

Please RSVP so that you will receive the virtual link.

<https://agrilife.org/montgomery4h/101-information-meeting/>

### Still Need Help?

Are you interested in a specific project & have questions?

Join us for our 101 sessions covering 4-H projects.

Follow your weekly updates and check the calendar for dates and more information.



**HOW DOES THE 4-H OFFICE COMMUNICATE WITH YOU?**

WEEKLY EMAILS: All enrolled members will receive the 4-H Weekly Update newsletter to your family email used on your membership.

4-H FOCUS: This is our bi-monthly newsletter that will be available on our Montgomery County 4-H webpage.

## COUNTY COUNCIL



County Council meetings are held the **4th Monday of the Month at 7:00 p.m. at the Extension Office**, unless noted otherwise.

Club delegates are strongly encouraged to attend, but are open to everyone!

MEETING: Sept. 27, 2021

Program Activity: Texas Ranger

Community Service Project: Breakfast Bags

Please be sure to RSVP to let us know your coming:

## *fall fundraiser*

### PECANS

It's that time of year again.

This is the major source of income for the Montgomery County 4-H program.

These funds go directly back to you in the form of educational programs, registration fees, and equipment and curriculum.

**THE MORE YOU SALE, THE MORE YOU HAVE!!**

Start by making a list of friends, family members, and neighbors that would be interested.

Members can pick up their fundraiser packet at their September club meeting.

September - October is your time to sale pecans. ALL orders will be due back to your club's pecan leader at your October monthly club meeting unless your pecan leader has set up an alternate date/time.

**\*\*NO orders are to be turned directly in to the 4-H office.**

**ALL orders must be given to the club's pecan leader!!**

**\*\*Be sure to get your fundraiser packet from your pecan leader at your September club meeting.**



## COMMISSIONER'S COURT APPRECIATION

*thank  
you*

**Tuesday, September 14, 2021**

**8:30am**

The purpose of this event is to show our Commissioners & County Judge how much we appreciate their support of 4-H in Texas, and to showcase the highlights of the 4-H program in Montgomery County.

We will attend Commissioner's Court and present each Commissioner and the County Judge with a specially prepared basket filled with items donated by our clubs.

Each club is encouraged to contribute and donate 5 identical gift items for the baskets. Ideas include treats baked by the club's food & nutrition project members, mugs, candles, etc.

Please keep in mind our Commissioners' Court is made up of all male representatives.

These items need to be to the 4-H office by **Friday, September 20th.**

If you have a gift donation idea, please coordinate with your club manager/ast. managers.

**Volunteers** - at this time we are being allowed a limited number of youth and adult volunteers to attend and present the gift baskets to the Commissioner's. If you are interested and available on this date, please let Jennifer know that you would like to sign up on the interest list. As the date nears we will contact you if you're help will be needed.

### **4-H Explore Guides**

Each guide has been developed to support volunteers, Agents, and even 4-H members in leading project experiences. Check out the available project guides to get a better understanding of what a specific project is.

<https://texas4-h.tamu.edu/resources/>





# LIVESTOCK PROJECTS

## SPRING MAJOR SHOWS

Austin	March 12-26, 2022
Fort Worth	Jan. 14 - Feb. 5, 2022
San Angelo	Feb. 3 - 20, 2022
Houston	Feb. 28 - March 20, 2022
San Antonio	Feb. 10-27, 2022

**\*\*Livestock Validation refers to the process of ordering tags if you intend to show at any of the Major shows.**

**The process is not the same for County Fair animals.**

## VALIDATION

Any member who would like to show at the Major Shows must complete the validation process, including ordering tags and attending validation.



**\*\*\*A Sign-up Genius link will be sent to the email of those that purchased validation tags. You must sign up for a time to validate your animal.**

## HEIFER Validation

Cost \$17 per tag

**Orders due by: September 16th \*\*ALL orders are due by this date, there will not be a late order date**

If you have not validated your heifer before, or if the heifer has been validated but changed ownership, you need to validate the heifer. Registration papers must be in the exhibitor's name. 4-H members should bring the papers to the 4-H office prior to validation to be scanned in

### VALIDATION

**Date:** Monday, October 25th **Time:** 4:00-7:00pm **Location:** The Montgomery County Fairgrounds

## LAMB & GOAT Validation

TLBA tags must be in lambs Ears before it can be marked on the validation form.

Cost: \$25 per tag

**Late Orders due by: October 5th**

### VALIDATION

**Date:** Tuesday, October 26th **Time:** 4:00-7:00pm **Location:** The Montgomery County Fairgrounds

## SWINE (Gilt & Barrow) Validation

Cost: \$17 per tag

**Orders due by: September 16th**

### VALIDATION

**Date:** Tuesday, November 30th **Time:** 4:00-7:00pm **Location:** The Montgomery County Fairgrounds



All Livestock exhibitors are required to complete the education module and test.

Link:

<https://www.texaslivestockvalidation.com/qc/qcregister.aspx>

If you changed age divisions, you will need to complete the age appropriate testing.

Don't know your QC#, call the 4-H office.



## Horse project

### Horse Judging

If you are interested, contact:

Judy Skelton -- [jjskelton@yahoo.com](mailto:jjskelton@yahoo.com)

### Horse Shows

To qualify for the **County 4-H Horse Show** you must participate in at least 2 County 4-H practice shows and one other event; either another Montgomery County 4-H practice show or a Montgomery County 4-H Horsemanship clinic.

Negative Coggins is required.

**Practice Shows** TBD

## POULTRY



### BROILER orders

San Antonio - Houston - Rodeo Austin

**Due: Wednesday, Sept. 22nd**

Order forms can be obtained from the 4-H office or online at: <https://agrilife.org/montgomery4h/livestock/>

### Major Show Calf Scramble

Spring Major Shows - complete and submit the Major Show Calf Scramble Application.

**Applications DUE to the 4-H office by: September 16th**

This application will allow us to contact interested parties when the registration forms for each of the shows becomes available. The application form can be found at: <https://agrilife.org/montgomery4h/livestock/>



## NON-LIVESTOCK PROJECTS



science • technology • engineering • math



What is STEM?  
What can I do with it?  
Is it fun?

If you have these questions then join us at our

**4-H Stem Project 101 Information meeting.**

When: September 21, 2021 at 7pm

Where: The Extension Office Master Gardener room

### MULTIMEDIA PROJECT

Find out where multimedia opportunities await you!

Informational Meeting

When: September 28, 2021 at 7pm

Where: The Extension Office Master Gardener room



## District 9 Fall Meeting

September 11, 2021

12:30pm—4:00pm

Brazos County Extension Office

Registration day of

Leader Training/Fall District Council Meeting

Great Training sessions to pick from

## 4-H ROUNDUP

**What is County, District, & State Roundup???**

Competitive events allowing 4-H members the opportunity to develop & practice citizenship and leadership skills. It consists of approximately 50 competitive events.

Each year contests are held throughout the counties, the twelve Texas A&M AgriLife Extension districts, and at the state level hosted in College Station.

Check out the State 4-H webpage for more information: <https://texas4-h.tamu.edu/events/roundup/>

### **ACADEMIC ELIGIBILITY FORMS**

These are **REQUIRED** to be completed by the school and signed by the parent prior to any 4-H member participating in any competitive 4-H activity.

A separate form is required for each competitive event/activity. Forms can be requested & mailed if time is permitted. Should any special arrangements be needed, it must be communicated and approved with the 4-H office.

**Eligibility Forms (No Pass, No Play) are ultimately the member's responsibility to complete for any competitive 4-H event regardless of the day of competition.**

**Even if you are not missing school, you still need to turn in an eligibility form.**

## UPcoming EVENTS

<b>DATE:</b>	<b>TIME:</b>	<b>LOCATION:</b>	<b>EVENT:</b>
Oct. 5			Late Sheep, goat, & swine Validation orders due
Oct. 5	4-7p	Mont. Co. Fairgrounds	MCF Replacement Heifer tag-in
Oct. 3-9			National 4-H Week
Oct. 6	5:30	Extension Office & Virtual	Livestock & Agriculture Projects 101
Oct. 8	by 5pm	Mont. Co. Fair Office	MCF Fair Queen Applications Due
Oct. 9			One Day 4-H
Oct. 12	4-7p	Mont. Co. Fairgrounds	MCF filly & gelding tag-in
Oct. 20	5:30	Extension Office & Virtual	Natural Resources Projects 101
Oct. 25	7pm	Extension Office	County Council Meeting
Oct. 25		Mont. Co. Fairgrounds	Heifer Validation for Major Shows
		Schedule a time with the sign-up genius sent to your email used to order your validation tags	
Oct. 26		Mont. Co. Fairgrounds	Sheep & Goat Validation for Major Shows
		Schedule a time with the sign-up genius sent to your email used to order your validation tags	
Oct. 28	5:30p	Extension Office & Virtual	Family & Community Health Projects 101
Nov. 7 & 8		Extension Office	2022 Spring Major Show Entries
		Schedule a time with the sign-up genius that will be sent to those who validated	
Nov. 12-13			Junior Leadership Lab
Nov. 19	by 5pm	Mont. Co. Fair Office	MCFA Intent to Show Forms Due
			Market rabbit & Turkeys

If you have special needs for any of the programs offered at the County or District level, please give us a least five days' notice.  
We will make every reasonable effort to accommodate your needs.