



Montgomery County 4-H Focus

4-H Awards Banquet

Tuesday, August 09, 2022

Master Gardener Building | Doors open at 6:30pm

If you need additional tickets they can be purchased from the 4-H office prior to the banquet for \$10 each.

Make sure you RSVP'd if attending.

WELCOME

It's that time of year again!!
Welcome back returning 4-Her's!!
Welcome new 4-H'ers!!

Lots of exciting events planned throughout the year.

JOIN THE CLUB 2022-2023 Member Enrollment

The new 4-H year officially begins on September 1, 2022.

Enrollment will open and begin on August 15, 2022

Each year starts out with zero-enrollment. This means all 4-H members, whether new or returning, must complete their enrollment through 4-H Connect to become an active 4-H member.

Returning members do not complete a new profile. You log into your existing profile, update all info, and pay the participation fee. Duplicate profiles will get deleted. Enroll as soon as possible so that you don't miss out on any weekly update emails.

Texas 4-H Connect: <https://texas.4honline.com>

Enrollment will begin on August 15, 2022

Volunteers

Nobody is too old for 4-H!! Adult volunteers or adults who wish to attend District or State trainings will create/update their profile and pay a yearly \$10 fee (this helps cover the cost of background screenings).

If you have volunteered as a club manager, assistant manager, or a project leader you are required to complete the volunteer enrollment. Please be sure to do this as soon as enrollment opens on Aug. 15th

By not doing so it could hinder your ability to participate in select trainings or events. Volunteers enroll the same way 4-H members complete their enrollment.

TEXAS 4-H ONLINE: <https://v2.4honline.com/#/user/sign-in>
MONTGOMERY COUNTY 4-H WEBSITE: <http://agrilife.org/montgomery4h/>
DISTRICT 9 4-H: <https://d94-h.tamu.edu/>

August 2022



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**ON THE WEB
County 4-H**

[agrilife.org/
montgomery4h](http://agrilife.org/montgomery4h)

Facebook:

[@4HMontgomeryCounty](https://www.facebook.com/4HMontgomeryCounty)

Twitter:

[@MontgomeryCo4H](https://twitter.com/MontgomeryCo4H)

Instagram:

[@Montcotx4H](https://www.instagram.com/Montcotx4H)

**County Extension
Service**

montgomery.agrilife.org

District

d94-h.tamu.edu

State

texas4-h.tamu.edu

Office Hours

8:00am - 12:00pm

1:00pm - 5:00pm

M. Michelle Mihalek
County Extension Agent
4-H Youth Development

Justin Saenz
County Extension Agent
4-H Youth Development

Jo Picken
4-H Program Assistant

Jennifer Derks
4-H Coordinator

I pledge
my Head to
clearer
thinking,

my Heart
to greater
loyalty,

my
Hands to
larger
service,

my Health
to better
living.



For my club, my community, my
country, and my world.

COUNTY COUNCIL

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

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

Meeting Date:
 August 22, 2022

Program Activity/Topic:

Community Service Project:



LEADERSHIP TEAM TRAINING

Date: August 20, 2022

Time: 8:30am

Location: Exhibit Building at the Montgomery
 County Fairgrounds

The Leadership team training is an annual training
 that is essential for club officers, their parents,
 managers, assistant managers, and
 project leaders. BUT, everybody is welcome to
 attend.

Officers will learn their duties and responsibilities
 in the positions they've been elected to.
 Adults will gain the resources they need to better
 support youth members and
 projects.



FALL FUNDRAISER

It'll be that time of year again. Now is a good time to start thinking about the 4-H Pecan Sale Fundraiser.
 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!!

You can start now 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!!

COMMISSIONER'S COURT APPRECIATION

Tuesday, September 13, 2022

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 2nd.**

Volunteers—we also need volunteers (members & adults) to help present the baskets. If you would like to help out, please call the 4-H office to sign-up by **Friday, September 2nd.**



LIVESTOCK PROJECTS

FALL MAJOR SHOW ENTRIES

Thursday, August 11th at The Extension Office

Please sign up for a time on the sign up genius link that will be emailed out.

Everybody planning to participate at any of the Fall Major Shows

State Fair of Texas or Heart of Texas - livestock or non-livestock events,
MUST submit an entry on this day.

****Quality Counts must be completed/updated if participating at State Fair of Texas**

What to Bring:

*4-H Member - *Parent - *4-H Member's Social Security Number

*Valid Quality Counts Number - *Method of Payment (cash or check)

*Heifer registration papers - *Pure bred gilt papers

DO NOT forget form of payment.

Entries are not complete if payment is not received.

***Late Entries could incur a late fee of \$50**

State Fair of Texas Contests

Team Contests:

- Ag Robotics
- Dairy Judging
- Food Challenge
- Livestock Judging
- Plant ID
- Product ID
- Wildlife Challenge

Individual Contests:

- Archery
- Job interview
- Public Speaking
- Science Fair
- Skillathon - Beef, Sheep, & Swine

SAVE THE DATE!

Major Show Entry Day/Night
for Spring 2023 Shows
November 6 & 7, 2022

If you have an outstanding balance for any ordered tags please note that you will not be able to complete your show entries or order any future tags until you have cleared up your past due balances.



SPRING MAJOR SHOW VALIDATION ORDERS

All order forms are located on the 4-H webpage:

<https://agrilife.org/montgomery4h/livestock/>

LAMB & GOAT Validation

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

Cost: \$17 per tag Orders due by 8/25/2022

VALIDATION

Date: TBD **Time:** 4:00-7:00pm **Location:** The Montgomery County Fairgrounds

HEIFER Validation

If you have not validated your heifer before, or if the heifer has been validated but has changed ownership, registration papers must be in the exhibitor's name. 4-H members should bring the papers to the 4-H Office prior to validation so that they can be scanned.

Cost: \$17 per tag Orders Due by: 9/13/2022

VALIDATION

Date: TBD **Time:** 4:00-7:00pm **Location:** The Montgomery County Fairgrounds

SWINE Validation

Purebred Gilts must be validated

Cost: \$17 per tag Orders due by: TBD

VALIDATION

Date: TBD **Time:** 4:00-7:00pm **Location:** The Montgomery County Fairgrounds



POULTRY

San Antonio - Houston - Rodeo Austin

BROILER orders

Orders will be due in September. Follow Weekly Updates for deadline.

Each show will have a separate order. You will be ordering birds for each show and not birds for all 3 shows. Please contact the 4-H office if you need more clarification.

Order forms can be obtained from the 4-H office or online at:

<https://agrilife.org/montgomery4h/major-shows/>

Major Show Calf Scramble

If you would like to participate in a Calf Scramble at one of the major livestock shows this Spring, please complete and submit the Major Show Calf Scramble Application.

Applications DUE to the 4-H office by September 15, 2022

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/major-shows/>

Spring 2023 Major Shows:

Fort Worth	Jan. 17 - Feb. 8, 2020
San Antonio	Feb. 6-23, 2020
San Angelo	Jan. 30 - Feb. 16, 2020
Houston	March 3-22, 2020
Rodeo Austin	March 16-30, 2020

MONTGOMERY COUNTY FAIR

March 24 - April 2, 2023

www.mcfa.org

Watch weekly updates and the Fair webpage for Fair dates

NON-LIVESTOCK PROJECTS

NON-LIVESTOCK MAJOR SHOW EVENTS

Fall Major Show NON-LIVESTOCK contests:
Registration for these contests will take place at the Fall Show Entry Night.

When: August 11, 2022

Contact Michelle - mmmihalek@ag.tamu.edu
to schedule a time on the sign-up genius

Swine Skill-A-Thon

Sheep Skill-A-Thon

Ag Science Fair

Ag Product ID

Job Interview Contest

Agriculture Public Speaking

Youth Ranch & Pasture ID

Beef Skill-A-Thon

Wildlife Contest

Youth Food Challenge

Livestock Judging

Project Highlight

Veterinary Science



Through 4-H you can go through a veterinary assistant preparatory training program to prepare for a future career as a vet technician.

If you are interested in a career as a veterinarian, start with your veterinary assistant certificate!

The 4-H Veterinary Science Project is a 5 year curriculum based project with 100 lessons and 500 hours of apprenticeship. that gives youth interested in veterinary medicine a chance to work in the field and see if they

would like to pursue it as a career. After a member has completed the program, they may apply to take a test to become a Certified Veterinary Assistant. 4-H members may begin the project at any age, but have to be 16 years old in order to apply to take the test.

To learn more about the program, visit: <http://aevm.tamu.edu/4-h-veterinary-science/curriculum/>
We currently have 2 active Vet Science groups within our County. For more information on them, contact the 4-H office.



The Montgomery County 4-H Dog Project strives to educate youth in the health, grooming, safety, and training of their own personal dog. Members in the project must have a dog of their own, provide proof of vaccinations, and pass a skills test.

Training begins with basic obedience, showmanship and conformation, progresses to rally, then finally agility is added provided that the dog is 18 months or older. Youth can be members of any club to participate in the project. This is a great way to have fun with your dog, gain more knowledge about dog care, make new friends, and learn more about a lifelong career. Beginner training has started for this year, but there are still opportunities to participate.

Contact: Heather Email: heather.hadash@yahoo.com



You can participate in any 4-H project by being a part of any of our County Community 4-H clubs.

Just because a club does not currently have active members in a specific project area; it doesn't mean that no one will get interested in it.



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/>



**5 Senior Record Books
Advanced to State Judging**

Jackson Skelton
Dean Holtkamp
Cora Garcia
Rachel Haines
James Fagan



EXTRA, EXTRA ...READ ALL ABOUT IT

HOW DOES THE 4-H OFFICE COMMUNICATE WITH YOU?

weekly update emails, monthly 4-H Focus, County 4-H webpage & Facebook.

WEEKLY EMAILS: 4-H Weekly Update

these are sent weekly, typically every Friday, to the primary and secondary emails on the 4-H Connect account

4-H FOCUS:

multi-page newsletter that will be published on the county 4-H webpage and emailed the last week of each month.

Be sure to keep your 4-H Connect profile up-to-date so that you don't miss any important news!!!

UPcoming EVENTS

DATE: TIME: LOCATION: EVENT:

SEPTEMBER 2022

September 1st : 2022 - 2023 4-H Year Officially Begins - Get your enrollments completed

9/05	EXTENSION OFFICE CLOSED		
9/13	8:30	Conroe Courthouse	County Commissioners Court
9/26	6:30pm	The Extension Office	County Council monthly meeting

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.