Texas A&M AgriLife Extension

November 2022

Montgomery County 4-H Focus

The Extension Office will be CLOSED
Friday, November 11, 2022 - Veteran's Day
Thursday-Friday, November 24-25, 2022

Pecans

Thank you to all that participated in the annual 4-H fundraiser. This is the major source of income for our 4-H Program.

Any orders that members have accepted after pre-orders were turned in are considered post pre-sales ($12.50/lb) and will need to be turned into the pecan leader to be added to the clubs total order on pecan pick up day.

Pecans customarily arrive the week before Thanksgiving.
A more accurate date will be provided as we get closed to delivery. Please be prepared to pick up your orders from your pecan leader and deliver orders to buyers in a timely manner.

4 MORE.

The new marketing campaign used across the state of TX in hopes to increase 4-H membership. The campaign challenges each 4-H Members to invite 4 friends to join.

Incentives are given for new members:
1 new member : 4-H More t-shirt
2 new members : Membership refund
3 new members : Leather portfolio
4 new members : Backpack & state recognition

All participants are encouraged to list participation on TX 4-H scholarship applications & record books.
Referrals are tracked through 4honline enrollment.

4-H Questions Answered

What is a CEA? County Extension Agent

Who are your Montgomery County 4-H CEA's?
Michelle Mihalek & Justin Saenz

How many projects can I participate in?
As many as you want!!
With that being said, we always recommend families try projects that fit into their schedule and that can include the whole family.

4-H has so much to offer that anyone can find something they like.

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ON THE WEB
County 4-H
agrilife.org/montgomery4h

Facebook:
@4HMontgomeryCounty

Twitter:
@MontgomeryCo4H

Instagram:
@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

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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

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:
November 28, 2022

Program Activity/Topic:

Community Service Project:
Salvation Army—Adopt a Child

Salvation Army - Adopt A Child

6 year old girl &
10 year old boy

Donation items include needed necessities and some toys.
A sign up genius link has been created to sign up for a specific donation item.

MoCo 4-H County Council: Montgomery County 4-H County Council Angel Tree 2022 (signupgenius.com)

Bring Donations to the 4-H office or to the November Council Meeting.

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.
Contests are held to test a 4-H member's knowledge of the skills they learned.

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

County Roundup - county 4-H members have the opportunity to present their projects, completed or not, to judges to receive constructive guiding to better complete their project.
February 21-22, 2023

District Roundup/Big Time In D9 – Open to all 4-H members in District 9 (18 counties)
April 27-29, 2023

State Roundup/Texas 4-H Roundup – For Senior (9th – 12th grade) 4-H members only
Qualifying Contest: 4-H members must qualify from District Roundup
Invitational Contest: Any Senior 4-H member can participate
June 5-8, 2023

LIVESTOCK PROJECTS

SPRING MAJOR SHOWS 2023

Fort Worth	Jan. 13-Feb. 04, 2023
San Angelo	Feb. 2-19, 2023
Texas' Elite	Feb. 10-12, 2023
San Antonio	Feb. 9-26, 2023
Houston	Feb.28-March 19, 2023
Rodeo Austin	March 3-25, 2023

****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.

SWINE (Gilt & Barrow) Validation
Date: November 29th **Time:** 4:00-7:00pm
Location: The Montgomery County Fairgrounds

*****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**

Austin - Ft. Worth - Houston - San Angelo - San Antonio - Texas' Elite

Livestock & Non-Livestock Participants

Entry Day/Night: Sunday, Nov. 6th and Monday, Nov. 7th
A sign-up genius will be sent out to sign up for a time to complete entry requirements.

This is when you will complete all required paperwork to enter any of the above shows.
Quality counts is required to be completed by this date.

ALL livestock & non-livestock participants MUST submit their entries on these days.
Heifers & market entries must be validated.

What to bring to complete your entry:
*Parent *4-H Member *4-H Member Social Security Number
*Quality County Number *Method of Payment (cash or check)

(Late Entries could be subject to a late fee up to $50 per show)

*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.

HORSE PROJECT

Horse Judging
No horse, No problem!! Learn to be the judge of a horse show. You will learn horse anatomy, characteristics, and understanding of scoring a horse in competition.

If you are interested, contact:
Judy Skelton -- 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.

Clinic & Practice Shows: https://agrilife.org/montgomery4h/hcr/
November 6, 2022
November 19, 2022
*complete show list available at the above website. Registration required

QUALITY COUNTS

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.

MONTGOMERY COUNTY FAIR

March 24 - April 2, 2023
www.mcfa.org

Fair Rules to make sure you are aware of:

- 4-H members are required to attend 50% of their monthly club meetings between September and February. Meeting attendance is required to be from your primary club community meetings. Not from project meetings or a combination of primary and secondary club meetings.
- Academic eligibility will be required to participate. Substitute showmen are not allowed if an exhibitor is ineligible to participate due to grades.

November 16 4-H Member County Fair Broiler orders DUE to the 4-H office
November 18 Turkey Intent to Show Forms DUE to the Fair Office
Market Rabbit Intent to Show Forms DUE to the Fair Office
December 6 Market Goat & Lamb Tag-In

Be Sure to Follow the MCFA Facebook page. They share lots of info here.

NON-LIVESTOCK PROJECTS

Montgomery County Fair Non-Livestock Workshop

Have questions about any of the non-livestock projects for The Fair?
This is your opportunity to get information and questions answered.
When: Monday, Nov. 7th | Time: 6:00pm | Location: The Mont. Co. Fair Office

Livestock & Non-Livestock Participants - **Austin - Ft. Worth - Houston - San Angelo - San Antonio**

Entry Day/Night: Sunday, Nov. 6th and Monday, Nov. 7th

A sign-up genius will be shared to sign up for a time to complete entry requirements.

This is when you will complete all required paperwork to enter any of the above shows.

ALL non-livestock participants MUST submit their entries on these days.

What to bring to complete your entry: **Method of Payment (cash or check)

(Late Entries could be subject to a late fee up to $50 per show)

Consumer Decision Making

When: Tuesday
Nov. 29, 2022

Time: 6:30pm

Where: The Extension Office

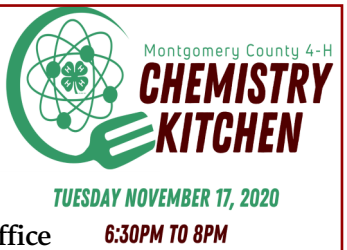
RSVP is required!!
https://bit.ly/moco4hRSVP

STEM Night

When: Thursday
Nov. 17, 2023

Time: 6:30pm

Where: The Extension Office



Space is limited & fills up quickly!
RSVP is required!
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Project Highlight

Photography

Beginner - Intermediate - Advanced

Learn how to use a digital camera, lighting, and other photography equipment to get great photos.
You will learn to review and evaluate photos for quality and eye-appeal.
You can discover techniques in editing and developing photographs for display, competition, or personal enjoyment.

Learn how to:

- Take photos in manual and preset modes
- Apply different lighting techniques
- Learn about composition to take better photos
- Tell a story with your photos
- Express your artistic side

CONTESTS

*State 4-H Photo Contest

*Roundup Photo Judging Contest

*Natural Resources Photo Contest

*Videography Contest

Take pictures of 4-H projects, events, activities for use in member record books, newspaper articles, exhibits, promotion, and recognition.
For more project info, visit the Texas 4-H website:
https://texas4-h.tamu.edu/projects/photography-video/

Consumer Education

Do you like to shop?

Yes or No, it's part of everyday life

This project will help you learn how to compare prices, test for quality, and make purchases based on facts and research.
Opportunities for all skill levels to improve skills in money management, smart purchasing, and decision making.

Learn:

- Budgeting
- Savings plans
- Price Comparison
- Product quality
- Decision Making
- Consumer facts & research

Contests

*Consumer Decision Making

*Educational Presentation

For more project info, visit the Texas 4-H website:
https://texas4-h.tamu.edu/projects/consumer-education/

PICK YOUR PROJECT

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.

UPcoming EVENTS

DATE:	TIME:	LOCATION:	EVENT:
DECEMBER 2022			
• 12/06		Mont. Co. Fairgrounds	Lamb & Goat tag-in
• 12/10	1:30-3pm	The Extension Ofc	Fish Keeping
• 12/11		Mont. Co. Fairgrounds	Horse Project clinic
• 12/20	7:00pm	The Extension Ofc	County Council Mtg

- 12/22 **Extension Office Closes at Noon**
- 12/23 **Extension Office Closed**
- 12/26 **Extension Office Closed**
- 12/27-1/03 **Extension Office limited hours & staff**

ACADEMIC ELIGIBILITY FORMS

Eligibility Forms (No Pass, No Play) are ultimately the member's responsibility to complete. These forms are REQUIRED to be completed by every 4-H member participating in an event that requires 4-H membership.

- Forms are required regardless if school is missed or not.
  Yes, if participation is on a Saturday or Sunday a form is required.
- Forms are to be signed by the parent and then sent to the school for eligibility approval prior to any 4-H member participating in any competitive 4-H activity.
- A separate form is required for each competitive event/activity.
- Multiple forms can be requested for all events that occur during the current school grading period.
- Forms can be picked up or mailed if time is permitted.
- Forms are required to be returned to the 4-H office prior to participation.

Should any special arrangements be needed, it must be communicated and approved with the 4-H office. This includes picking up &/or returning forms.

These forms come from the 4-H office. **They cannot be printed or emailed.**
You will need to request your form and then make arrangements to pick it up. USPS mail is an option if time allows.

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.

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