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Office Hours  
8:00am - 12:00pm  
1:00pm - 5:00pm

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# Montgomery County 4-H Focus

## Pecans

Halves still available \$12.50/lb



Top Selling Club:  
Champion 4-H

### Top Selling Individuals:

- 1) Matthew Fagan - Fur & Feathers 4-H
- 2) Tyler Christiansen - Champion 4-H
- 3) Cheyenne Walters - Outback 4-H
- 4) Kylie Kamman - Champion 4-H
- 5) Briana Billingsley - Conroe 4-H



### MAJOR SHOW PARTICIPANTS

- ◊ Over 100 4-H members participating
- ◊ Many participants entered more than 1 competitive event
- ◊ Competing against 4-H & FFA members from across the State
- ◊ Entries in 6 different Major shows include:

Livestock animals	*Photography
*Public Speaking	*Wildlife contest
*Robotics	*Judging-livestock, horse, & goat
*Food Challenge	*Vet Science
*Science Fair	

\*also a 4-H Roundup Contest

Why not enter more contests that you've already been preparing for?  
Talk to the 4-H office now!



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: Feb. 27, 2023

Program Activity/Topic:

Community Service Project:  
 Angels Rodeo



## Angels Rodeo

February 12, 2023  
 2:00pm - 4:30pm

Mont. Co. Fair Grounds Equestrian Center  
 Adapted Rodeo for school-aged special needs  
 Angels

- FREE event
- NO horse required
- Hay ride
- Horseback riding
- Bounce house
- Roping events
- Stick horse racing
- Free concession



<https://agrilife.org/montgomery4h/angels-rodeo/>

## TX A&M AgriLife Extension Service-Montgomery County Scholarship

5 different scholarship opportunities in 1 application.

\$500-\$1000 awarded to chosen applicants.

Application available on the 4-H webpage:

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

Due to the 4-H office by: March 22, 2023



## Montgomery County Fair

March 24 - April 2, 2023  
[www.mcfa.org](http://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.  
 \*short 1 meeting, contact Michelle asap to discuss make up possibilities
- Academic eligibility will be required to participate. Substitute showmen are not allowed if an exhibitor is ineligible to participate due to grades.

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

## Scholarship:

Due: March 1, 2023 to the Fair Office

Application available at:

<https://agrilife.org/montgomery4h/montgomery-county-fair-dates-info/>



### New Contest

Ag Prepared Public Speaking Contest  
 and  
 Discussion Meet Contest.

Contestants may choose to enter one or both.  
 Each contest entry is separate.

**Enter Now!**

For all the details, forms and rules, please visit:  
<https://mcfa.org/events/ag-prepared-public-speaking-discussion-meet/>



### Kids Day Tour Guides

Volunteer as a tour guide for Kid's Day.

- 4-H or FFA membership required
- 13-18 years old

[https://www.signupgenius.com/  
 go/10C0E44AE623A0FACE9-kids](https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0E44AE623A0FACE9-kids)



# NON-LIVESTOCK PROJECTS

## 4-H ROUNDUP

Sign up NOW to participate in County Roundup -

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

Your project does not have to be complete to participate

**County Roundup - February 21-22, 2023**

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.

### 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/>



### Texas 4-H Videography Contest

An annual contest that allows youth to demonstrate videography skills and encourages self-expression.

- Eligibility: Intermediate and Senior 4-H Member
- Theme: Promote 4-H

\*For complete Rules, Guidelines, & Category Descriptions:

[https://texas4-h.tamu.edu/wp-content/uploads/photography\\_videography\\_22.pdf](https://texas4-h.tamu.edu/wp-content/uploads/photography_videography_22.pdf)



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

Record Keeping is a skill that can be used for the rest of your life.

Start with keeping a record of your 4-H projects.

Record Book Training

April 25, 2023

At the Extension Office

Watch weekly updates for more information.



More Stem Projects & Info:

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

**STEM**  
Science-Technology  
Engineering-Math



## LIVESTOCK PROJECTS

NEW Info.

**VALIDATION NEWS**  
THE 2023 TEXAS MAJORS ARE FAST APPROACHING!

**PLEASE CHECK CATTLE (STEER AND HEIFER) AND SHEEP/GOAT TATTOOS!**

Individual ID Tattoos (Breeding Animals)  
County Number Tattoos (Market Animals)

**All placing livestock that does not have a visible and/or legible tattoo will be DISQUALIFIED at Texas major livestock shows.**

(DNA collection will not be considered for tattoo discrepancies or the absence of tattoos)

**IF A TATTOO NEEDS TO BE REDONE, PLEASE DO SO BEFORE THE SHOW. County-level state validation committees should be utilized to correct/replace tattoos.**

For additional information, please visit [www.texasyouthlivestock.com](http://www.texasyouthlivestock.com)

TEXAS A&M AGRILIFE EXTENSION

TYLA TEXAS YOUTH LIVESTOCK & AGRICULTURE

### 2023 SPRING MAJOR SHOWS

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



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

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](mailto:jjskelton@yahoo.com)

#### Horse Clinics

Only clinics will be offered this year to learn new skills and hone existing skills.

To qualify for the **County 4-H Horse Show** you must participate in at least 2 clinics. Be certain to sign the attendance sheet.

#### Clinic & Practice Shows

complete show list available at:

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

Registration required

### Horse Validation

**Validation will open on March 1, 2023**  
**Watch weekly updates for more information**

- Validations are done through your 4-Honline.com member profile
- Previously validated horses must be revalidated
- Registered horses must upload registration papers
- There is no limit on the number of horses that can be validated

# Project Highlights



## BETTA Fish

- ◊ 55 Bettas went to 4-H homes
- ◊ 10 Bettas traveled to Walker County
- ◊ 10 Bettas traveled to Liberty County

Betta Info:  
<https://agrilife.org/montgomery4h/betta/>



## 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/>

## Quilting Workshops



Multiple 4-H Club members in Montgomery County came together this past month to try their sewing skills at quilting. Our members had a choice of which level of quilt top they wanted to try, a Charm Quilt or a Double 4-Patch Quilt. The room was buzzing with conversation getting to know members from across the county while learning a new skill. We can't wait to see their finished projects!

## 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:
<b>March 2023</b>			
• 3/01			Mont. Co. Fair Scholarship Due
• 3/14			HLSR Food Challenge
• 3/15			HLSR Robotics competition
• 3/15			TX A&M AgriLife Ext. Mont. Co. Scholarship DUE
• 3/15			District 9 Horse Judging Entries, Photography Entries, & Rifle Entries DUE
• 3/20	7:00pm	The Ext. Ofc.	County Council Mtg.
• 3/23			Montgomery County Fair begins
• 3/25		College Station	TAMU Judging Clinics
• 3/29			Big Time in D9 entries DUE

\*\*Major Show Livestock Exhibitors:

Make note that Fall Show Validation Orders will come up towards the end of March.

Make sure to keep up with your weekly updates.

## 4-H Member Yard Signs \$5 - available at the 4-H office

### Attention!

#### 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**.

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.