



# Montgomery County 4-H Focus

— WELCOME —

We would like to welcome Tami Ward as the new 4-H Volunteer Coordinator. The name may sound familiar because she has been a long time 4-H parent and volunteer active with the Shooting Sports and Dog projects. We are excited to have a full staff again.



The office will be closed on June 19, 2023 for the County Holiday

Don't forget to mark your calendars for August 15, 2023. That is when we will start re-enrollment for the 2023-2024 4-H year. If you are 8 years old going into the 3rd grade WAIT until September 1st.



## MONTGOMERY COUNTY 4-H AWARDS PROGRAM



HANDBOOK & APPLICATIONS

download the handbook with the applications at <https://agrilife.org/montgomery4h/forms-downloads/>

Record Book Required:

Gold Star  
Danforth "I Dare You"  
Silver Star  
Bronze Star  
Special Record Book Awards



## County 4-H Awards

In addition to the numerous awards available to 4-H members who complete a 4-H Record Book, there are a number of awards available to 4-H members and 4-H Clubs. These award applications are due to the County Extension Office by June 12th and can be completed by any 4-H member, parent or volunteer. The Awards Program Handbook has fillable PDF applications for each of the awards. You can

Record Book NOT required:

Unsung Hero  
Outstanding 4-H Leader  
4-H Club Secretary  
4-H Club Treasurer  
4-H Club Scrapbook  
4-H Club Community Service  
Honor Club  
4-H Essay Contest

June 2023



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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](http://montgomery.agrilife.org)

**District**

[d94-h.tamu.edu](http://d94-h.tamu.edu)

**State**

[texas4-h.tamu.edu](http://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

**Tami Ward**  
4-H Volunteer  
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.

## 4-H RECORD BOOKS

Get a free meal and be recognized on August 15, 2023 at our County Awards Banquet. It is not too late to complete a 4-H Record Book. If you missed the training, you can watch the videos at <https://tinyurl.com/4-H-Record-Book-Video> The forms and instructions can be found at <https://texas4-h.tamu.edu/> under the Youth tab.



June 12, 2023 County 4-H Record Books are due Extension Office

June 15, 2023 County 4-H Record Book Judging

9:30 a.m. Montgomery County Extension Office. Email [mmmihalek@ag.tamu.edu](mailto:mmmihalek@ag.tamu.edu) to sign up. No previous experience

required other than completing a 4-H Record book

July 13, 2023 District 4-H Record Book Judging

9:30 a.m. Montgomery County Extension Office.

Sign up at County 4-H Record Book Judging

Parents the best way to learn how to do a 4-H Record Book is to judge 4-H Record Books.

Both county and District happen here at the Extension Office.



### STATE 4-H ROUNDUP

Congratulations to the 4-H members who advanced to State 4-H Roundup.

Duds to Dazzle -

Ali Denson, Brooklynn Ayscue and Corbinn Cruz

Educational Presentation - Horse

Jessica Skelton

Educational Presentation - Open

Madely Nichols

Educational Presentation - Open Ag

Jackson Skelton

Fashion Show Construction - Everyday Living

Brooklyn Ayscue

Fashion Show Natural Fiber - Cotton

Brooklyn Ayscue

4-H Talent Showcase - Vocal

Aimee Austin

4-H Talent Showcase - Poetry/Prose

Aimee Austin

Horse Judging -

Julia Howard, Jessica Skelton, Ines Pierens,

Paige Westerfeld

Rifle Contest - .22 Smallbore

Ava Jones, Brooklyn Shely, Cora Garcia,

Rachel Haines

Scholarship Winner -

Shelby Cones

Montgomery County 4-H also has a few 4-H members who will be competing in one or more invitation- al contests making a total of 12 4-H members representing Montgomery County 4-H. We wish the best of luck to all the members who will be competing at State 4-H Roundup in College Station June 4-8, 2023.

## District 4-H Leadership Lab

Registration Deadline is May 31.

This 3 day event is open to youth 14-18 years old. The objective is to prepare teen leaders for leadership roles in their counties. Fun hands on educational sessions along with fun and games makes it a can't miss event. Bonus: Montgomery County 4-H reimburses half of the registration fee. This year participants will be CPR certified.



## National 4-H Congress

National 4-H Congress will be held Friday, November 24<sup>th</sup> through Tuesday, November 28<sup>th</sup> at the Hyatt Regency in Atlanta, Georgia. National 4-H Congress is the flagship event of the National 4-H program. Each year a National Design Team of Extension educators, 4-H youth, and 4-H adult volunteers analyze current youth issues and determine the most effective ways to address them. The program combines a variety of fun and exciting educational, recreational, and networking opportunities. The program combines sessions, seminars, discussion groups, and a service-learning experience. The nation's most outstanding community leaders, speakers, and educators present the most current and timely information available. Available to 4-H members in grades 9-12 at the time of the event. Application deadline is June 13, 2023 through 4-H Online. Due to successful pecan sales, Montgomery County 4-H will be able to assist with registration fees.



# NON-LIVESTOCK PROJECTS

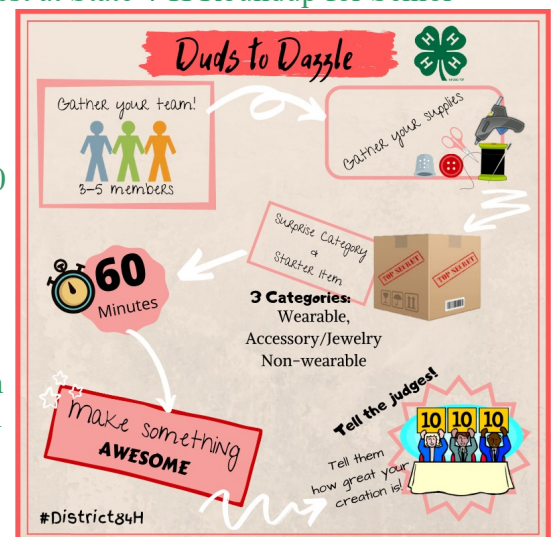


## Fashion Storyboard Workshop

June 23, 2023 at the County Extension Office beginning at 10:00 a.m. Register by June 20 at <https://agrilife.org/montgomery4h/rsvp/>. The 4-H Storyboard is an industry-inspired method of displaying original designs. The storyboard "tells the story" of the designer's idea. The storyboard includes original illustrations, flats, and more to promote the design. Now an Invitational contest at State 4-H Roundup for Senior members! Class is limited to 12.

## Duds to Dazzle Workshop

June 30, 2023 at the County Extension Office beginning at 10:00 a.m. Register by June 28 at <https://agrilife.org/montgomery4h/rsvp/>. During Duds to Dazzle, teams of 3 to 5 receive textiles and each team has 60 minutes to create a new product using items from the supply closet. Each team provides their own supply kit (Supply kit list found in Duds to Dazzle guide). The teams then present their item to a team of judges. You may also be tested on what you have learned about how the fashion and interior design industry impacts the environment, specifically the waste stream. Class limit of 12.



**STATE FAIR OF TEXAS CONTESTS**

AgRobotics	Food Challenge
Livestock Judging	Plant ID
Product ID	Wildlife
Archery	Public Speaking
Science Fair	Vet Tech

**HEART OF TEXAS CONTESTS**

Public Speaking	Food Challenge
Livestock Judging	Ag Product ID
Trap Shooters Extravaganza	

Contest Entry Date will be August 10, 2023 from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. Please mark this date on your calendar if you want to compete at State Fair of Texas or Heart of Texas.

**Crochet Workshop**

July 18, 20, and 21st beginning at 1:30 p.m.  
 Montgomery County Extension Office  
 RSVP by July 14th at <https://agriflife.org/montgomery4h/rsvp/>

This series of classes are welcome to beginner's, even if you don't know how to crochet. You will be instructed on the basic skills and foundations of crochet, with the goal to make granny squares. The crochet yarn, needles and patterns will be provided for you, so you do not need to bring anything but your beginner's luck! This is a 3-part class, so please try to make each class, and the third day will serve as time for additional instruction and help or for you to continue the work you started in class 1 and 2. Each class is two hours, with 12 4-H'ers max per class.



**LIVESTOCK PROJECTS**

**District 9 4-H Horse Show**

Congratulations to the 10 4-H members who have completed the events required to participate in the District 4-H Horse Show. We wish them the best of luck as they compete at the District 9 4-H Horse Show in Bryan, Texas June 21-22. Megan Caraway, Mikki Gassett, Katelyn Keeland, Shelby Laqua, Kinsley Mims, Jackson Poole, Sarah Scheler, Finley Spikes and Eleanor Steele.

**TURKEY ORDERS FOR MONTOMGERY CO. FAIR AND MAJOR SHOWS**

If you want to show a turkey in 2024 this is the one time order for turkeys. The form is available at <https://agriflife.org/montgomery4h/livestock/> We ask members to order in multiples of 5. 10-15 birds is recommended per show you will be entering. The turkeys will be \$4.75 per bird. Delivery will be the first two weeks of November. **TURKEY ORDERS** for major shows and Montgomery County Fair will be due to the County Extension Office on **July 27, 2023**

**\*\*Livestock Validation refers to the multi-step process including ordering tags, attending validation, and submitting a show entry if you intend to show at any of the Major shows/State Show.**

**This is not for County Fair animals**

**ALL orders must be placed through the online link using the correct species form.**

<https://agrillife.org/montgomery4h/4-h-validation/>

**ALL Late Orders DUE: June 1, 2023**      **\*Late orders will have a price increase.**

**Sign-Up Genius** Link will be sent at a later date to the email of all purchased tags to schedule a validation time. Additional time slots will be added as needed once the original time slots are filled.

◆ **STEERS**

**There is only ONE Steer validation for FALL 2023 & SPRING 2024 MAJOR SHOWS**

**Validation Date:** June 26, 2023      **Time:** 4:00p.m. -7:00p.m.

**Location:** The Montgomery County Fairgrounds Lone Star Arena



◆ **HEIFERS** There will be a second validation in October for the Spring Shows.

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.

**2023 Validation CHANGE:** heifers will be validated and tagged similar to steers. UIN's will no longer be used.

**Validation Date:** June 19, 2023      **Time:** 4:00p.m. -7:00p.m.

**Location:** The Montgomery County Fairgrounds Lone Star Arena

◆ **LAMBS & GOATS** - There will be a second validation in October for Spring Shows.

Market Lambs and Goats, Registered Does and Ewes and Commercial/Wether Does and Ewes for State Fair.

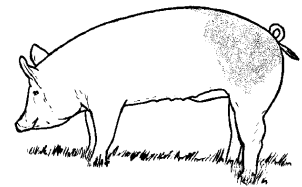
TLBA/TGBA tags must be in lambs/goats ears before it can be marked on the validation form.

Market lambs and goats validated for State Fair will not have to revalidate for Spring major shows.

Breeding animals validation carries through their career.

**Validation Date:** June 23, 2023      **Time:** 4:00p.m. -7:00p.m.

**Location:** The Montgomery County Fairgrounds Pavilion/Livestock Barn



◆ **SWINE** - **Validation Date:** June 26, 2023      **Time:** 4:00p.m. -7:00p.m.

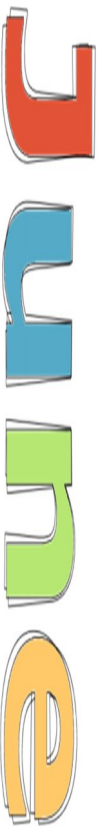
**Location:** The Montgomery County Fairgrounds Pavilion/Livestock Barn

## **FALL MAJOR SHOW ENTRY DAY**

Ordering Turkeys or Broilers, ordering tags and validating your animal only makes your project **ELIGIBLE** to be entered into one or more of the major livestock shows held in the September/October time frame. The next step is to complete entry forms to determine what animal you are taking to which show and pay those entry fees. Entry Day for State Fair of Texas, Heart of Texas and East Texas State Fair will be **AUGUST 10, 2023 FROM 5:00 P.M - 7:00 P.M.** This will include a multitude of contests and events unrelated to owning livestock.



<b>DATE:</b>	<b>TIME:</b>	<b>LOCATION:</b>	<b>EVENT:</b>
<b>June 2023</b>			
6/5-8		College Station	State 4-H Roundup
6/8-9	8:00 a.m.	Lone Star Expo	TAMU Horsemanship Clinic Adults
6/10-11	8:00 a.m.	Lone Star Expo	TAMU Horsemanship Clinic Youth
6/12	4:30 p.m.	Extension Office	4-H Record Books DUE
6/12	4:30 p.m.	Extension Office	Star Award, Club Award and Individual Award Applications DUE
6/15	9:00 a.m.	Extension Office	County 4-H Record Book Judging
6/19	4:00 p.m.	Lone Star Expo	Summer Heifer Validation
6/19		EXTENSION OFFICE CLOSED	
6/20	2:00 p.m.	Brazos Co. Expo	Dist. 9 Instructional Horse Show
6/20-22	8:00 a.m.	Brazos Co. Expo	Dist. 4-H Horse Show
6/23	10:00 a.m.	Extension Office	Fashion Storyboard Workshop
6/23	4:00 p.m.	Montgomery Co. Fairgrounds	State Fair Lamb and Goat Validation
6/26	4:00 p.m.	Montgomery Co. Fairgrounds	State Fair Swine Validation
6/26	4:00 p.m.	Lone Star Expo	State Steer Validation
6/27-29		Tomball	Dist. 9 Leadership Lab
6/30	10:00 a.m.	Extension Office	Duds to Dazzle Workshop
<b>July 2023</b>			
7/4		EXTENSION OFFICE CLOSED	
7/6-9		Walker Co. Fairgrounds	Texas 4-H Dog Show
7/13	9:30 a.m.	Extension Office	Dist. 9 4-H Record Book Judging
7/18	6:30 p.m.	Extension Office	4-H Club Manager Training
7/18	1:30 p.m.	Extension Office	Crochet Workshop #1
7/20	1:30 p.m.	Extension Office	Crochet Workshop #2
7/20	5:30 p.m.	Extension Office	4-H Finance Committee Meeting
7/21	1:30 p.m.	Extension Office	Crochet Workshop #3



Montgomery County 4-H 2022-2023



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 <i>Individual Record Book Conferences</i>	2 <i>D-9 Officer Candidate Q&amp;A TEAMS</i>	3
4 <i>State 4-H Rifle Match</i>	5	6	7	8 <i>Horsemanship Clinic—Adult</i>	9	10 <i>Horsemanship Clinic Youth</i>
		State 4-H Roundup - College Station, Texas				
11 <i>Horsemanship Clinic Youth</i>	12 <i>Co. 4-H Record Books and Award Applications Due</i>	13 <i>Dist. Officer Interviews and Horse Show Workday</i>	14	15 <i>Co. 4-H Record Book Judging Co. 4-H Star Award Interviews</i>	16	17
18	19 <i>Office Closed</i>	20 <i>Dist. 4-H Instructional Horse Show</i>	21	22	23 <i>Fashion Storyboard Workshop State Fair of Texas Lamb/Goat Validation</i>	24
	<del>Summer State Heifer Validation</del>		Dist. 9 4-H Horse Show - Bryan, Texas			
25	26 <i>State Steer Validation State Fair Swine Validation</i>	27	28	29	30 <i>Duds to Dazzle Workshop</i>	

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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