



Montgomery County 4-H Focus



4-H Awards Banquet



Tuesday, August 15, 2023

Doors open at 6:30pm

Thomas LeRoy Building

The Awards program is designed to recognize the accomplishments of 4-H members for their project work, leadership skills, personal growth and development, and participation in various 4-H sponsored activities.

The individuals that completed record books, club books, and award applications will receive invitations and tickets in the mail. Everyone is invited and tickets will be available for purchase at the 4-H office for \$12. Please RSVP here <https://agrilife.org/montgomery4h/banquet-rsvp/>

2023-2024 Member Enrollment

 **JOIN THE CLUB**

The new 4-H year officially begins on September 1, 2023. Enrollment will open and begin on August 15, 2023. 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 need to 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>

VOLUNTEER TODAY.
INSPIRE FOR
A LIFETIME.

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 \$12 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. Not doing so could hinder your ability to participate in select trainings or events.

Volunteers enroll the same way 4-H members complete their enrollment.

August 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

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

Jo Picken

4-H Program Assistant

Tami Ward

4-H Volunteer
Coordinator



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

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, especially if you are willing to lead.



Pecans

It's that time of year again. Now is the 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 SELL, THE MORE YOU HAVE!!

You can start now by making a list of friends, family members, and neighbors that might be interested. Members need to pick up their fundraiser packet at their September club meeting from the club's pecan leader.

September - October is your time to sell 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!!**

Once your club's order is turned into the 4-H Office, pre-sale orders cannot be added. Any orders after this will be late pre-sale at the increased price and turned in at pecan pickup.

COUNTY COUNCIL

Your 2023-2024 officers

Chairman: Dean Holtkamp
1st Vice Chairman: Jessica Skelton
2nd Vice Chairman: Lani Duncan
Secretary: Ella Porter
Treasurer: Jackson Skelton
Reporter: Karis Downs
Health & Safety: Connor Haines
Parliamentarian: Ali Denson

County Council meetings are the fourth Monday of each month.

The first meeting will be at Leadership training on August 26. If you can't stay for all of leadership training, but would like to come to the council meeting it should start around 12:30. Please use the same RSVP for Leadership Training if you plan on attending the meeting and indicate on the form that you are only coming to the meeting.

LEADERSHIP TEAM TRAINING

Date: August 26, 2023
Time: 8:30am-2:00pm (approximately)
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 by playing fun games and team building activities. Adults will gain the resources they need to better support youth members and projects. Please RSVP here:
<https://forms.gle/iTkzXs3ZApb3uDvb6>
by August 23rd.

Commissioner's Court Appreciation Tuesday, September 26, 2023

thank
you

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 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 **Monday, September 25th**.



NON-LIVESTOCK PROJECTS

STATE FAIR OF TEXAS CONTESTS

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

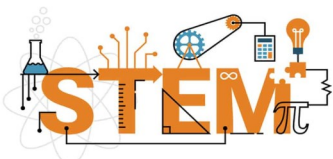
HEART OF TEXAS CONTESTS

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

****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. Sign up for a time here: <https://tinyurl.com/4-H-Fall-Entry-Night>

4-H 101

New to 4-H? Starting a new 4-H club? What does 4-H have to offer? Where do I start? Come and get all of your questions answered September 26, 2023 from 6-7pm at the Thomas Leroy Education Center.



Interested in Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math? Join us on September 26, 2023 from 7-8pm in the Thomas LeRoy Education Center to learn more about the 4-H STEM project.

Quilts of Valor Sew Day Kick Off



Saturday, September 9th from 1-4 p.m. in the Thomas LeRoy Education Center we will be hosting sew day for Quilts of Valor. Teams of 1-3 Adult Leaders, County Agents, and Youth are invited. \$50 Supply fee covers instruction, fabric for 20 blocks, use of sewing machines, sewing tools, and refreshments.



Fashion and Interior Design

Each club will receive a kit at their October meeting to try out a Fashion and Interior Design project. If you are interested in the project, we will also have a workshop on October 21st at the Extension office so that you can learn more about it.



LIVESTOCK PROJECTS

ATTENTION: Quality Counts is currently undergoing platform maintenance . Learners are encouraged to wait until the update is released to enroll to avoid disruption. We will notify you as soon as it is up and running again.

Exhibitors must be verified once as a Junior (grades 3-5), once as an Intermediate (grades 6-8), and once as a Senior (grades 9-12).



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.** at the Extension Office. This will include a multitude of contests and events unrelated to owning livestock. 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.**

Please sign up for a time on the sign up genius here: <https://tinyurl.com/4-H-Fall-Entry-Night>

****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.

***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 paid any past due balances.**



SPRING MAJOR SHOW VALIDATION ORDERS

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

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

	Price	Due Date	Late Price	Late Cutoff	Validation
Heifers	\$27	8/22	\$30	10/10	10/24
Lambs & Goats (market or breeding)	\$17	8/22	\$27	10/10	10/30
Swine	\$17	8/22	\$20	10/10	11/28

Actual validations are held at the Montgomery County Fairgrounds. Each date will have a Sign Up Genius for selecting a time. Please see link above for further species specific details and use the linked Google forms there to order tags. Again, these are NOT for county fair, but major shows only.

Spring 2024 Major Shows:

Fort Worth	Jan. 12 - Feb. 3, 2024
San Antonio	Feb. 6-26, 2024
San Angelo	Feb. 1 -18 2024
Houston	Feb. 27– March 17, 2024
Rodeo Austin	March 8-23, 2024

Congratulations!

5 Senior Record Books

Advanced to State Judging

Jackson Skelton James Fagan
Ella Porter Casey Ward
Rachel Haines

Major Show Calf Scramble

If you are interested in doing the Calf Scramble for any major show, please call or email the office to let us know by September 20, 2023 and we can send you more information.

MONTGOMERY COUNTY FAIR

April 11-21, 2024

www.mcfa.org

Watch weekly updates and the Fair webpage for more information.

Tagging animals for county fair does not require ordering tags ahead of time.

UPcoming

EVENTS

DATE:	TIME:	LOCATION:	EVENT:
August 2023			
8/10	5:00 p.m.	Extension Office	Fall Major Show Entry night
8/15		4honline	2023-24 Enrollment Opens
8/15	6:30 p.m.	Tom LeRoy Bldg.	County Awards Banquet
8/22			Validation tag orders due for Spring Major Shows
8/24	6:30 p.m.	Online	Club Manager/Volunteer Training
8/26	8:30 a.m.	Exhibit Bldg. Fairgrounds	County Leadership Training
September 2023			
9/9	1:00 p.m.	Tom LeRoy Bldg.	Quilts of Valor Sew Day
9/25		Extension Office	Commissioner's Court donations due
9/26	6:00 p.m.	Tom LeRoy Bldg.	4-H 101
9/26	7:00 p.m.	Tom LeRoy Bldg.	Introduction to STEM



Montgomery County 4-H 2023-2024



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2
3	4 <i>Labor Day Office closed</i>	5	6 SFT Archery	7	8	9 <i>District 4-H Council Meeting/Leader Training Quilts of Valor Sew Day</i>
10	11	12 <i>MCF Steer Tag-in</i>	13	14	15	16
17 <i>County Council Officer meeting</i>	18	19 <i>Lego robotics intro meeting</i>	20	21	22	23
24	25 <i>County Council meeting</i>	26 <i>Commissioners Court Appreciation 4-H 101 6:00 Intro to STEM 7:00</i>	27	28	29	30

August

Montgomery County 4-H 2022-2023



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
				Fall Major Show Entry		
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
	4-H Banquet Preparation	Enrollment begins in 4-H Online Co. 4-H Awards Banquet				
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
						4-H Club Manager / Leadership Team Training
27	28	29	30	31		

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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