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# Montgomery County 4-H Focus

2023-2024 4-H YEAR  
[4-H Online \(4honline.com\)](http://4honline.com)

**- WELCOME -**

### NEW MEMBERS

4-H enrollment officially started August 15th. If you will be going into the 3rd grade, please wait until after Sept. 1 to enroll so the system doesn't consider you a Clover Kid.

Aug. 15-Oct. 31 yearly enrollment fee is \$25. Nov. 1st it will increase to \$30

**WELCOME  
BACK!**

### RETURNING MEMBERS

Each year starts with zero-enrollment so all returning member must reenroll; youth and adult members.

DO NOT create a new member profile. Log into your existing profile, update information, and pay the membership fee.

**Nobody is too old for 4-H!! Adult volunteers are always needed.**

**VOLUNTEER TODAY.  
INSPIRE FOR  
A LIFETIME.**

Adult volunteers are always needed to help grow our 4-H program. You can participate in a variety of ways.  
Get enrolled as an approved Volunteer &  
Find out now how you can help your club!

**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!!!**

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/>



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:  
September 25, 2023

Program Activity/Topic:  
Poultry Project/Industry

Community Service Project:  
Project Linus blankets  
Workday September 23, 2023  
9-11am



**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 does not mean that no one will get interested in it, especially if you are willing to lead.



## 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/>



## Pecans

It's that time of year again.

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!!**

**\*\*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.

Pre-Sale: \$12.00/lb      1 lb packages halves or pieces

Post Pre-Sale: \$12.50/lb      1 lb packages halves or pieces

## 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 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 **Monday, September 25th.**

**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 **Monday, September 25th.**



# LIVESTOCK PROJECTS

## **SPRING MAJOR SHOW VALIDATION ORDERS**

All order forms are located on the 4-H webpage:  
<https://agrillife.org/montgomery4h/livestock/>



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.

### **LAMB & GOAT Validation**

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

Cost: \$27 per tag .... LATE orders due by 10/10/2023

#### **VALIDATION**

**Date:** October 30, 2023      **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: \$30 per tag ..... LATE Orders Due by: 10/10/2023

#### **VALIDATION**

**Date:** October 24, 2023      **Time:** 4:00-7:00pm      **Location:** The Montgomery County Fairgrounds

### **SWINE Validation**

Purebred Gilts must be validated

Cost: \$17 per tag .... Orders due by: 9/20/2023

Cost: \$20 per tag .... LATE Orders due by: 10/10/2023

#### **VALIDATION**

**Date:** November 28, 2023      **Time:** 4:00-7:00pm      **Location:** The Montgomery County Fairgrounds

## **Spring 2023 Major Show Entries**

**Fort Worth Stock Show,  
Houston Livestock Show  
and Rodeo, Rodeo Austin,  
San Angelo, San Antonio**

Entry Day: November 5th from 3-5PM or November 6th from 5-7PM  
 Location: The Extension Office

Sign up for a time on the Sign-Up Genius link that will be emailed.

Heifers and Market Animals must be validated to be eligible.

If you plan on competing in any of the above listed shows you must complete an entry.

What to bring to entry night to complete & submit an entry:

- Parent
- Method of payment (cash or check)
- Heifer entries must bring registration papers
- Pure bred Gilts must bring papers
- 4-H Member
- 4-H Member's Social Security Number
- Quality Counts Verification number

**Livestock & Non-Livestock participants must submit an entry at this entry night**

\*\*If you cannot make this entry day, you must make arrangements with the 4-H office to get your entries completed.



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. Exhibitors must be verified once as Junior (grades 3-5), once as an Intermediate (grades 6-8), and once as a Senior (grades 9-12). Don't know your QC#, call the 4-H office.

## POULTRY



**San Antonio - Houston - Rodeo Austin**  
**BROILER orders**  
**Orders will be due September 14, 2023**

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://agriflife.org/montgomery4h/livestock/>

## 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 14, 2023.**

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://agriflife.org/montgomery4h/livestock/>

## MONTGOMERY COUNTY FAIR

April 11- April 21, 2024

[www.mcfa.org](http://www.mcfa.org)

- Make sure you have reviewed the rule book for any projects you plan to participate in at the Fair.
- 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.

**\*Jr. Committee Applications due 9/8**

**Steer tag-in 9/12**

**Fair Queen Applications due 10/6**

**Replacement Heifer tag-in 10/10**

**Filly & Gelding tag-in 10/17**

## NON-LIVESTOCK PROJECTS



**Youth Gardening Program 101**

**What is it?**

**How do I get started?**

Join us for this project information meeting. Anyone can participate in the 101 meeting.

Bring A Friend. When: Saturday, September 2, 2023 Time: 2:00-4:00pm

Where: The Extension Office RSVP by 8/31/23 required: <https://forms.gle/6KB2ELetYoEdrGfQ8>

Growing kids by igniting a passion for learning, success, and service through gardening education.



## Montgomery County Vet Science Program

Stuffed Animal Clinic

September 2, 2023 11-1 PM

Thomas LeRoy Education Building

Bring your stuffed animals for check-ups or to be repaired.



## District 9 Fall Training and Council Meeting

September 9, 2023 9:30 am check-in

Navasota Jr. High 9038 TX-90, Navasota, TX

Topics: scholarships, Vet Science Skill-a-Thon,  
Quiz Bowls, Outdoor Challenge,

Photography Judging

Register in 4honline by September 16th

Cost \$10

## 4-H Open House



September 10, 2023  
1-5 PM



Thomas LeRoy Education Bldg.

Come and meet some of the clubs and learn  
about 4-H projects



**Robotics**



**Informational Meeting**  
September 19, 2023  
7:00 PM

Thomas LeRoy Education Building  
RSVP required:

<https://forms.gle/qmjyXwgQayn5aiSA6>



## Quilts of Valor



**Sew Day Kickoff**  
September 9, 2023  
1-4 PM

**Thomas LeRoy  
Education Building**

Unleash your creativity, share your kindness, and honor our Texas veterans and military members through the art of quilting with Quilts of Valor. Quilts of Valor is a nationwide initiative that brings people together to create handcrafted quilts specially designed for our courageous veterans and active-duty military members. Whether you're a seasoned quilter or a beginner eager to learn, the Quilts of Valor program warmly welcomes you. Open to Adult Leaders, County Agents, & Youth. \$50 Supply fee covers 1-3 people and includes instructions, fabric to make 20 blocks, use of sewing machines, sewing tools, and refreshments.



## Crochet Class Series

Continues on September 16, 2023

10-12pm and 1-3pm at the

Extension Office

You can come to either session or both. Bring a sack lunch if staying for both.



## 4-H 101

New to 4-H? Don't know how to get started? Please join us for this informational meeting. When: Sept. 26, 2023 Time: 6-7:00pm  
Where: Thomas LeRoy Education Bldg.

**Stay for intro to STEM**  
Sept. 26, 2023 7-8pm

Robotics, computers, alternative energy,  
engineering, and agri-science



What are these projects?  
How do I participate?

If you have these questions mark your calendar & join us to have all your questions answered.



# UPcoming EVENTS

**DATE:                      TIME:                      LOCATION:                      EVENT:**

**OCTOBER 2022**



- 10/01-10/07
- 10/07
- 10/4-10/15                      All Tractor Supply locations                      Tractor Supply Clover Campaign
- 10/06                      by 3pm                      Fair Office                      Mont. Co. Fair Queen applications DUE
- 10/10                      <https://agrilife.org/montgomery4h/4-h-validation/>                      VALIDATION - late orders DUE
- 10/10                      4-7pm                      Mont. Co. Fairgrounds                      Mont. Co. Fair replacement heifer tag-in
- 10/14                      9:30-12:30pm                      Extension Office                      Solar Eclipse Viewing Event
- 10/17                      4-7pm                      Mont. Co. Fairgrounds                      Mont. Co. Fair Filly & Gelding tag-in
- 10/21                      9-12pm                      Thomas LeRoy Ed. Bldg.                      Fashion & Interior Design Workshop
- 10/23                      7 pm                      Thomas LeRoy Ed. Bldg.                      County Council meeting
- 10/24                                                                                     Major Show Heifer Validation
- 10/30                      \*must have ordered UIN's and signed up on the sign up genius link                      Major Show Sheep & Goat Validation
- \*must have ordered tags and signed up on the sign up genius link

**THANK YOU!**

In case you didn't know or just need a reminder:  
 ALL of our club managers and assistant managers are volunteers. They volunteer their personal time to help the 4-H program. Without our volunteers, our program would not be what it is.  
 Take a moment to say "thanks."

**4-H Member Yard Signs \$5**

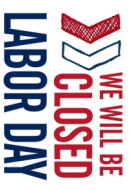


If you have special needs for any of the programs offered at the County or District level, please give us a least five days' notice. We will make every reasonable effort to accommodate your needs.



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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
						2 Vet Science Stuffed Animal Clinic 11-1pm Thomas LeRoy Education Bldg. JMG informational meeting 2-4pm Extension Office
3	4 	5		7 Calf Scramble applications due	8 MCF Jr. Committee Applications due by 3pm to fair office	9 District 9 4-H Council meeting/ Leader Training Navasota Quilts of Valor Sew Day Kick-off 1-4
10 4-H Open House 1-5 Thomas LeRoy Education Bldg.	11	12 MCF Steer tag-in	13	14 Broiler Orders Due for Spring Major Shows	15	16 Crochet Class 10-12pm And 1-3pm Extension Office
17	18	19 Robotics Informational Meeting 7pm Thomas LeRoy Education Bldg.	20	21 Club Manager Meeting 6:30 PM Extension Office	22	23 Project Linnus Workday 9-12pm
24	25 County Council Meeting 7pm	26 Commissioner's Court Appreciation 4-H 101 6-7pm Intro to Stem 7-8pm Thomas LeRoy Education Bldg.	27	28	29	30

# OCTOBER

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SUNDAY MONDAY TUESDAY WEDNESDAY THURSDAY FRIDAY SATURDAY

1	2	3	4	5	6	7
15 Tractor Supply Clover Campaign Ends	16	17 MCFA Filly & Gelding tag-in 4-7pm Fairgrounds	18	19 Pecan leaders turn in orders to Extension office	20	21 Fashion and Interior Design Workshop 9-12pm Extension Office
22	23 County Council Meeting 7pm Thomas LeRoy Education Bldg.	24 Major Show Heifer Validation 4-7pm Fairgrounds * sign-up genius will be sent	25	26	27	28 Aggiefest Judging Contests & Clinics
29	30 Major Show Lamb & Goat Validation 4-7pm Fairgrounds * sign-up genius will be sent	31				