



November 2023



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Montgomery County 4-H Focus



The Extension Office will be CLOSED
Friday, November 10, 2023- Veteran's Day
Thursday-Friday, November 23-24, 2023

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 close to delivery. Please be prepared to pick up your orders from your pecan leader and deliver orders to buyers in a timely manner.

VOLUNTEER TODAY.
INSPIRE FOR
A LIFETIME.

Nobody is too old
 for 4-H!! Adult

volunteers are always needed to help grow our 4-H program. Sign up on 4honline to be an approved volunteer and find out how you can help your club.

PICK YOUR PROJECT

You can participate in any 4-H project by being a part of any of our County 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.

Attention!

2023-2024 Member Enrollment

The current 4-H enrollment fee is \$25 through October 31st. The fee will go up to \$30 on November 1st. If you have not already enrolled on 4honline, be sure and do so by the 31st to avoid extra fees. You must be enrolled to participate in any 4-H activities.

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/>

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

RSVP hub
agrilife.org/montgomery4/rsvp/

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.

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 27, 2023

Program Activity/Topic:
Rabbits

Community Service Project:
Veterans Care Packages and warm
clothing drive
Please RSVP here:
<https://agrilife.org/montgomery4h/rsvp/>



THANK A VETERAN

VETERANS
DAY
CARE PACKAGES

4-H IS COLLECTING ITEMS
FOR VETERANS IN ASSISTED
LIVING FACILITIES

Items wanted:

Patriotic themed items, small lap blankets,
lotions, soft cookies and snacks, men's
socks, cards, toothpaste and toothbrushes

Due by October 23 at County Council Meeting
Contact Jackson Skelton for more information
skeltjac@gmail.com



LIVESTOCK PROJECTS



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.

This is not for County Fair animals

SPRING MAJOR SHOW VALIDATION ORDERS

LAMB & GOAT Validation

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

Date: October 30, 2023 **Time:** 4:00-7:00pm **Location:** Montgomery County Fairgrounds
Sign up genius: <https://tinyurl.com/2023FallLambGoatValidation>

SWINE Validation

Purebred Gilts must be validated

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

***Sign up genius will be sent prior to validation date to schedule your time.**



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. (Juniors 3-5 grade, Intermediate 6-8 grade, and Senior 9-12 grade)

SPRING 2024 MAJOR SHOWS:

Fort Worth	Jan. 1-Feb. 03, 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

Spring 2023 Major Show Entries

Entry Day: November 5th from 3-5PM or November 6th from 5-7PM

Location: The Extension Office

Sign up for a time here: <https://tinyurl.com/MajorShowEntry>

Breeding and Market Animals must be validated to be eligible.

If you plan on competing in any of the shows listed 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.

Volunteers needed to help both days. Please call the office and let us know if you are able to help.


NON-LIVESTOCK MAJOR SHOW EVENTS	Swine Skill-A-Thon	Beef Skill-A-Thon
	Sheep Skill-A-Thon	Wildlife Contest
	Ag Science Fair	Youth Food Challenge
	Ag Product ID	Livestock Judging
	Job Interview Contest	Agriculture Public Speaking
	Youth Ranch & Pasture ID	Public Speaking
	Horse Judging	Robotics
	Science Fair	Consumer Decision Making

Horse Project

Horse Judging Meeting dates:
11-6, 12/4, 1/29, 2/5, 3/4, 4/1, 5/6
from 7-8pm at the Extension Office

Reining Clinic: November 11, 2023 from 9-11am at Troy Koehl's Performance Horses 22348 Sharp Rd. Montgomery, TX 77356 *Sign up on the RSVP hub

Horsemanship club meets the second Tuesday of each month at 6:45 pm at the Extension





WHAT IS SOUTHERN CLASSIC?

Southern Classic is an educational opportunity for new 4-H/FFA families participating in livestock projects to teach the basic principals of livestock management.

Breakout Sessions Include:

- Showmanship
- Feeding
- Animal Health
- Selection
- & MORE



TO REGISTER VISIT:
<https://walker.agrilife.org/4h/southern-classic-registration/>

Early Bird Registration:
\$40 family
until Dec. 4



December 8-10, 2023

Brazos County Expo Center
5827 Leonard Road, Bryan, TX 77807

FRIDAY 4:00-7:00 PM Barn Open/ Check-in	SATURDAY 7:00 AM Check-in 9:30 AM Speed Judging/ Breakout Sessions	SUNDAY Prospect Shows (YOU MUST attend Saturday to participate)
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NO OUTSIDE BEDDING MATERIALS




Southern Classic December 8-10 Brazos County Expo Center

Invitational Quiz Bowl competition for Family/ Community Health, Horse, and Livestock

**January 12, 2024
10:30am at the Walker
County Storm Shelter**

Invitational Quiz Bowl Family/Community Health, Horse, and Livestock



Friday, January 12, 2024
Walker County Storm Shelter
426 State Highway 75N
Huntsville, TX 77320

10:30 a.m. to End
Registrants will be emailed
week of event with exact
order of game time slots



- Team competition for Junior (3rd - 8th grades) and Senior (9th - 12th grades) Divisions
- 4-person teams only, no exceptions
- Questions taken from the Texas 4-H Reference List (<https://texas4-h.tamu.edu/quiz/>)
- 4-H members enter individually through their 4-H Online profile (<https://v2.4honline.com/>)
- FFA members enter team by completing form (<https://forms.office.com/dre1LVZCa>) and mailing a Chapter Check (Texas A&M AgriLife - D-9 4-H at 1470 William D. Fitch Parkway, College Station, TX 77845)
- Registration Deadlines & Fees
 - o December 6 - December 20, \$10/4-H member and \$40/FFA Team
 - o December 21 - January 8, \$15/4-H member and \$60/FFA Team
 - o NO on-site registrations accepted

Prizes awarded to 1st place winning Junior & Senior teams of Family/Community Health, Horse & Livestock

Questions? Contact Kristy Tiltman at 936-435-2426 or kcorley@ag.tamu.edu

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MONTGOMERY COUNTY FAIR



April 11- April 21, 2024
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 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.

Broiler Order forms due 11/15 to the Extension office
Turkey and Rabbit intent to show forms due 11/17 to the Fair office
December 5 Lamb & Goat tag-in

* Be sure to follow the MCFA Facebook page for updates and reminders.

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. 6th | Time: 6:00pm | Location: The Montgomery County Fair Office

TEXAS A&M AGRILIFE EXTENSION
 TEXAS A&M FOREST SERVICE
 LONE STAR FAMILY HEALTH CENTER
 RECOVERY UNTAMED

ROOTED IN HEALTH, NURTURED BY NATURE

HEALTH & WELLNESS EVENT!

Saturday November 4, 2023
 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM
 William Goodrich Jones State Forest in Conroe

Free!

Nature & Outdoors Activities for all
 Health & Wellness Education Stations
 Forest Therapy Walks by Recovery Untamed
 Walk with a Doc!

November 4, 2023



Who? any 4-H member
What? Come join the fun!
When? 1st Saturday, 2 to 4
Where? Montgomery Co AgriLife Extension Office
 9020 Airport Road
 Conroe, TX 77303
Why? “hands-on” group experiences that promote a love of gardening and an appreciation for the environment, plus cultivate the mind

RSVP on the 4-H website’s hub.
 Questions:
michele.scaife@ag.tamu.edu



Photography

2023-24 Natural Resources Photography Contest

- For Junior, Intermediate, and Senior 4-Hers.
- Entries uploaded through Submittable December 1-15th.
- Categories include Aquatic Science, Entomology, Forestry, Hunting, Outdoor Education, Shooting Sports, Sportfishing, Range Science, Water Conservation and Education, and Wildlife and Fisheries

See the rules here:
[photography_natural_resources_rules_24.pdf \(tamu.edu\)](http://photography_natural_resources_rules_24.pdf(tamu.edu))

District 9 4-H Scholarship Workshop



November 15, 2023
Via TEAMS @ 7pm
<https://tinyurl.com/db8njw3h>





The workshop will focus on the Texas 4-H Foundation Scholarship application and process.

JOIN US FOR THE 4-H WEEKEND IN AGGIELAND!



4-H DAY AT COALS & 4-H DAY IN AGGIELAND
NOVEMBER 17-18

Friday, Nov. 17

- **4-H Day at COALS** hosted by the Texas A&M University College of Agriculture and Life Sciences
- Interact with current COALS faculty and staff
- Campus tour
- Admissions and college opportunities discussion
- 9 AM - 3 PM
- Agendas and more information will be sent to registrants
- Questions: Contact kacee.gasper@ag.tamu.edu

Saturday, Nov. 18

- **4-H Day in Aggieland** hosted by Texas 4-H
- Indoor 4-H Tailgate with food, fun, and networking at the Joe and Shirley Swinbank AgriLife Center, 8 - 11 AM
- Financial aid and 4-H workshops 8 - 10 AM
- Group tickets to the Texas A&M football game, kickoff at 11 AM
- 2023 t-shirts purchased **MUST BE PICKED UP AT TAILGATE**
- Questions: Contact Callie.cline@ag.tamu.edu



Purchase game tickets at: <https://texas4-h.tamu.edu/events/aggieland4hday/>

UPcoming EVENTS

DATE:	TIME:	LOCATION:	EVENT:
December 2023			
• 12/5		Mo. Co. Fairgrounds	Lamb and Goat Tag-In
• 12/8-10		Brazos County Expo Center	Southern Classic
• 12/19	6:30 pm	Thomas LeRoy Ed. Ctr.	*STEM night
• 12/25-26		Extension Office closed	



* STEM night in lieu of County Council meeting. There will not be a December County Council meeting.

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

Buy and pick up at the Extension Office

**Proud 4-H
Member
Lives
Here**



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.



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1	2	3	4
5 Major Show Entry day/night 3-5 pm Sign-up genius will be sent to schedule your time	6 5-7 pm	7	8	9	10 11 Office closed  Jr. Leadership Lab	11 Reining horse clinic 9-11 am Performance Horses
12 Pecan pickup this week	13	14	15 MCEFA Broiler Orders due to the Extension Office	16	17 MCEFA Intent to show forms for rabbits and turkeys due to the Fair office	18 4-H day in Aggieland
19	20	21	22	23  Extension Office CLOSED	24	25
26	27 County Council meeting	28 Swine Validation *sign-up genius	29	30 Stem Night 6:30 pm Thomas LeRoy Education Center		

DECEMBER



Montgomery County



SUNDAY MONDAY TUESDAY WEDNESDAY THURSDAY FRIDAY SATURDAY

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3	4	5 MCF lamb and goat tag-in	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19 STEM night 6:30 pm Thomas LeRoy Education Center	20	21	22	23
24	25	26 Extension Office Closed	27	28	29	30
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