



Montgomery County 4-H Weekly Updates February 9-16, 2024

Office hours: Mon-Fri 8am-12pm; 1pm-5pm

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Important Dates

February 2024

- 2-6-2/9 Bell County Youth Fair Contests, Belton, TX *see attached flyers
- 2/11 Angels Rodeo, Fairgrounds Equestrian Center *see flyer attached
- 2/11 Beginner sewing class 2:00-3:30pm, sewing project work 3:30-5pm,
Thomas LeRoy Education Bldg., RSVP
- 2/15 Texas 4-H Foundation Scholarships and County TEEA Scholarship applications due**
- 2/17 Crochet Workday 1-3pm, Extension Office, RSVP
- 2/19 Extension office closed for President's Day
- 2/26 County Council meeting 7pm, Thomas LeRoy Education Building, RSVP
- 2/29 STEM night 6:30pm, Thomas LeRoy Education Building, RSVP

March

- 3/1 MCF Broiler pick-up, Thomas LeRoy Education Building
- 3/4 MCF Scholarships due by 5pm to the Fair office**
- 3/15 County Extension scholarship applications due**
- 3/19 County Roundup, Sign up genius
- 3/19 MCF Rabbit tag-in 5-8pm, Extension office
- 3/19 Colt Project Clinic, 6:30pm, Lone Star Expo Center
- 3/20 D-9 entries due for photography, horse judging, air pistol and rifle**
- 3/25 County Council meeting 7pm, Thomas LeRoy Education Bldg., RSVP
- 3/29 Extension office closed for Good Friday

Project Information

*Be sure to check out any attachments also

Spring 2024 Major Shows

SAN ANTONIO FEBRUARY 8-25, 2024

SAN ANGELO FEBRUARY 1-18, 2024

HOUSTON FEBRUARY 27-MARCH 17, 2024

RODEO AUSTIN MARCH 8-23, 2024

Good luck to all of our 4-Hers competing in the spring shows!



Angels Rodeo

Adapted rodeo free for school-aged special needs children

February 11, 2024

2-4:30pm

Montgomery County Fairgrounds Equestrian Center

Volunteers needed. Please sign up here:

<https://forms.gle/L9fX9ZZnMGfeSnXL7>

MONTGOMERY COUNTY FAIR APRIL 11-21, 2024



Ag Robotics entries open January
22-February 16

CHECK THE
WEBSITE FOR
IMPORTANT
DATES: MCFA.ORG

Broiler order pickup March 1st
Thomas LeRoy Education Bldg.

Ag Prepared Public Speaking &
Discussion Meet registration now
open

Rabbit tag-in March 19, 5-8pm,
Extension Office

Crochet Workday



February 17th
1-3pm
Extension Office



RSVP: <https://forms.gle/UuVfbe8QP4i7o42o7>



Scholarship Opportunities

Texas 4-H Foundation Scholarships
Due February 15th



For available scholarships and requirements visit
<https://texas4hfoundation.org/types-of-scholarships/>



Montgomery County Scholarships

Due March 15th, TEEA due February 15th

To apply go to <https://montgomery.agrilife.org/home/scholarships-2023-2024/>

Montgomery County Fair Scholarship

Due by March 4th at 5pm For more information or to apply online visit:

<https://mefa.org/scholarships/>



Mo. Co. Soil & Water Conservation District and Lake Creek Greenway Partnership

Due by April 1, award will be announced May 1.

*application and more information attached.



Young Leaders – Apply to FEMA's
Youth Preparedness Council Today!



Represent
Your
Community



Learn
&
Grow



Create
Change
Now!

Applications Due March 4, 2024



FEMA

Webinar for potential applicants
on February 27th.

Sign up here:

<https://fema.zoomgov.com/meeting/register/vJltcOiprTMrGN-j7qr-oL5lc0NL4Xn1vik#registration>

Youth Preparedness Council is for kids in 8-11 grades who are interested in disaster preparedness and community service.

STEM Night

February 29, 2024
6:30pm
Thomas LeRoy Education Center
***RSVP on the Hub**

Virtual TEXAS 4-H REEL 'EM IN
 2024 FISHING SKILL-A-THON

Program Highlights

- Register **individually** as 4-H youth (grades 5-12) or Clover Kid (grades K-2) via 4HOnline at <https://x2.4honline.com/> beginning February 1st
- Clover Kids - FREE to participate and will receive a participation certificate
- Prizes to be listed March 2024
- Judging via FishDonkey App (no fee to use app!) Rules posted February 1st at <https://d54.h.tamu.edu/>

Species Divisions

- Saltwater - Spotted Seatrout, Flounder & Redfish
- Freshwater - Bass, Catfish & Panfish group

NEW!

More Ways to Win!

- Longest single fish or stringer by tournament, species, division and overall
- Grand Slam - post 3 different fish species within species division
- Wild Card - random drawing of all fish posted on FishDonkey

Fee

- Regular Registration: February 1-March 7, \$50 flat fee per division per 4-H participant (saltwater and/or freshwater)
- Late Registration: March 8-31, \$100

Spring Tournament
 Fish at YOUR Location:
 March 15 at 12:00 am thru
 May 27 at 11:59 pm

Questions?

- Contact Jheri-Lynn McSwain, Ph.D., Extension Program Specialist at jmcswain@tamu.edu

The members of Texas A&M AgLife will provide equal opportunities in programs and activities, education, and employment to all persons regardless of race, color, sex, religion, marital status, age, disability, genetic information, veteran status, sexual orientation or gender identity and will strive to attract and equal employment opportunity throughout Texas A&M AgLife.

Texas 4-H Virtual Reel 'em in Fishing Skill-a-thon

Register February 1-March 7 for \$50 on 4honline * Clover kids are free
Late Registration March 8-31 \$100

HORSE PROJECT

Colt Project Clinics:
March 19, 2024 @6:30pm Lone Star Expo Ctr.
April 29, 2024 @6:30pm Lone Star Expo Ctr.

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

County Roundup



Sign up for a time using
the QR code

Tuesday March 19, 4-6pm (come and go)
Thomas LeRoy Education Building

Everyone will advance to District 4-H Roundup April 26-27 and May
3rd. This is a practice to get feedback on how to improve before
competing in District Roundup.



TEXAS 4-H COUNCIL AT-LARGE DELEGATE



Applications are now open until March 28, 2024

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

AT-Large Delegates serve as ambassadors for the Texas 4-H program. Members represent the organization statewide while collaborating with Extension faculty to plan, coordinate, and facilitate activities and events.



Healthy Texas Youth Ambassadors work with Extension agents to help provide leadership with programs. You will become knowledgeable and skilled in the healthy lifestyles subject matter. You will also learn to coordinate and present educational events that will encourage better health in your community.

- **High school aged**
- **12 month commitment**
- **Have a passion for health and wellness**
- **40 hours of community service**

Applications open February 1-April 1

ACADEMIC ELIGIBILITY FORMS

Eligibility forms, which you may have called tan forms or No Pass No Play, are REQUIRED for every event that mandates 4-H membership. This is true whether or not an excused absence is necessary = also true for weekend events. A separate form is needed for each event, but you can make a list and submit at once for all those which fall within a single grading period. If you have entered a major stock show or, later in the year, the county fair, you will not need to make this request. We automatically generate those.

We are switching over to an easier process for the 2023-24 year. Instead of phone calls or emails, place your request online at <https://forms.gle/LadR3ohSycgNs3Gx7> . If you are able to provide an email address for the individual who will be responsible for these on your campus and willing/able to send us a copy of your own signature, we will get this completed digitally. Given enough time, we can mail a hard copy to you or you may come by the office to physically pick it up. Before carrying these to campus, parents must sign the form. Upon completion, those physical copies are returned to students, and you as a family are responsible for returning it to us. Our standard timeline is to have it on file a week before the event or competition. If you are in a time crunch, send a digital copy and follow that with the original. Forms will be generated on Mondays and Thursdays. (There is not an acceptable version of the eligibility form for Montgomery County 4-H'ers posted online anywhere.)