



August 2024



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Montgomery County 4-H Focus



4-H Awards Banquet



Tuesday, August 20, 2024 in the Education Bldg

Doors open at 6:30pm

The Awards program brings a close to the 2023-2024 year and 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 members that completed record books, club books, and award applications will receive invitations and complimentary tickets in the mail. But attendance is NOT limited to those deserving individuals! Everyone is invited and tickets are available for purchase at the 4-H office for \$12 through the 19th. It is absolutely essential that everyone, regardless of whether they received tickets in the mail or purchased them in person, RSVP no later than August 15 here <https://agrilife.org/montgomery4h/banquet-rsvp/>. It is also on the RSVP hub.

ON THE WEB
County 4-H

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**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

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4-H Volunteer
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2024-2025 Member Enrollment

We are approaching the exit ramp for one and all! What does that mean? The end of the 23-24 year is bearing down on us, and we will be back at ZERO enrollment. This happens annually.

We DO want you back, unless of course you have graduated and are going away to college. All members must complete enrollment for 24-25 through 4-H Online. As a reminder, full-fledged member age is 8 and in the 3rd grade.

If you are coming in as a newly minted 3rd

grader, please wait until September 1. All others, adults and youth alike, please be as prompt as possible once August 15th rolls around. Enroll early so that you don't miss out on any weekly update emails or any of the fun we have planned. The fee is lower if you complete this in August or September, plus you will be able to register for events through 4-H Online without delay at: <https://texas.4honline.com>



RE- JOIN THE CLUB

We want to build on this year's successes and find new ways to

To Make the Best
BETTER
in 2024-2025!



PICK YOUR PROJECT

As you re-enroll, you get the chance to decide where the path will lead you next year. Your 4-H Online profile allows you to select projects (interests) old or new. You can participate in any 4-H project by being a part of any one of our Community 4-H clubs. Just because a club does not currently have active members in a specific project area; it doesn't mean that you cannot participate, so feel free to jump in—maybe even take the lead!



We couldn't be prouder to be sending 8 senior record books on to STATE competition! Great work!! And that means we are working in a variety of project areas because they are each competing in a different category. Congrats to: **Ali Denson, Ella Porter, Casey Ward, Matthew Fagan, Jessica and Jackson Skelton**, plus **Rachel and J.D. Haines**. Best of luck competing against the best of the best! We believe in you!



We had other winners in the district competition as well! **Amazing work:**

Asher, Maci and Kobi in the JUNIOR age division

Isabelle, Connor, Azalee, Lani, Kaitlyn, Isabel, Addison, Karis & Genevieve in the INTERMEDIATES

COUNTY COUNCIL

Back in April, the following officers were elected:

Chairman Jessica Skelton
1st Vice Chairman Jackson Skelton
2nd Vice Chairman Ella Porter
Secretary Lani Duncan
Treasurer Ali Denson
Reporter Genevieve Miller
Health & Safety Officer Aubri Noska
Parliamentarian Connor Haines

County Council meetings are held the fourth Monday of each month at 7 pm, except for the 1st one. It will be held after Leadership training. If you can't come for all of leadership training, but would like to attend just the council meeting, it should start around 12:30 pm. Please RSVP at <https://forms.gle/Uqq8AFGBx8xZRTcT6>. Beginning in September, there will be a pre-meeting meal option. There will also be a speaker and a community service opportunity monthly.

LEADERSHIP TEAM TRAINING

Date: Saturday, August 17, 2024

Time: 8:30am-12:30pm (approximately)

Location: Exhibit Building at the Montgomery Co. Fairgrounds

BUT everybody is welcome to attend!

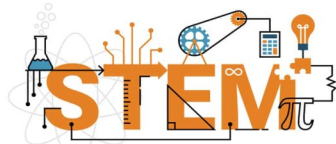
CALLING ALL

club officers and parents, managers, assistant managers, and project leaders

Officers will learn their duties and responsibilities by *playing fun games and participating in team building activities*. Adults will gain resources needed to better support youth members and projects. Please RSVP here: <https://agrilife.org/montgomery4h/rsvp/> then let us know via email or phone call if you have food allergies or issues that would need to be accommodated.

What are my 4-H OPPORTUNITIES?

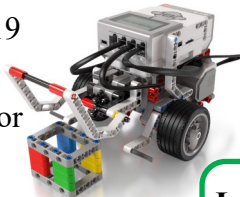
- ◇ Your club holds a monthly “business” meeting. For most clubs, this will begin in September.
- ◇ Your club might host project meetings, practices and/or community service events.
- ◇ Any 4-H'er, regardless of which club or clubs they have selected, may participate in the county-wide offerings. Those are commonly held here at the office or in our office complex and require a simple RSVP, which can typically be found on the website's RSVP hub. All of these will hold an initial meeting in the month of September: STEM, Fashion & Interior Design, JMG, Food & Nutrition, Photography, Horse Judging and Robotics. Read below...



Fall STEM Nights

- Tues, Sept. 24*
- Tues, Oct. 29
- Thurs, Nov. 21
- Thurs, Dec. 19

*Also Intro for Robotics



Horse Judging
kick off
Sept 9

SUNDAY AFTERNOONS

- Sept. 22
- Oct. 20
- Nov. 10
- Spring dates also available

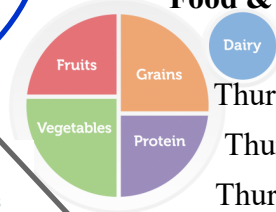


PHOTOGRAPHY



SAVE:
Sept 28
9 am

WHAT'S COOKING WITH Food & Nutrition Nights?



- Thurs, Sept. 19
- Thurs, Oct. 17
- Thurs, Nov. 14
- Fri, Dec. 20



Level One Group Study on
the 1st Saturday of the month
Sept 7 @ 2 pm

What a great way to dive deeper into an existing project or pick up a new one while making new friends?!



Q: Looking for Commissioner's Court Appreciation? A: It's moving to October.

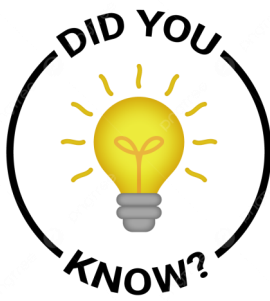
SPREAD THE WORD
and
SAVE THE DATE

4-H OPEN HOUSE

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 15

1 to 5 pm

Come and go.
Find out more about clubs and projects.



Texas' Major Shows aren't JUST for livestock projects! There are many other available contests to choose from...

The State Fair , Heart of Texas (in Waco), and/or the East Texas State Fair offer:

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|-------------------|----------------|-----------------|------------------|
| Ag Product ID | Food Challenge | Photography | Vet Science |
| Ag Mechanics | Job Interview | Public Speaking | Wildlife Contest |
| Archery & Shotgun | Meat Science | Science Fair | and many more |



FALL MAJOR SHOW ENTRY NIGHT



4-H'ers with livestock or contest entrants need to attend and complete entries. Keep reading for further details...

Ordering Turkeys or Broilers, ordering tags then validating your animal only makes your project **ELIGIBLE** to be entered into one or more of the major livestock shows in the September or October time frame. The next step is to complete entry forms to commit to what animal you plan to take to which show and pay those entry fees. Please sign up for a time on the sign up genius here:

[Montgomery County 4-H: 2024 Fall Major Show Entry \(signupgenius.com\)](https://www.montgomerycounty4h.com/signupgenius)

****Quality Counts must be completed/updated if participating at the State Fair of Texas.**

Remember it must have been completed in the current age division.

<https://www.texaslivestockvalidation.com/qc/qcregister.aspx>

What is needed on the 13th:

- 4-H Member
- Parent
- Member's Social Security #
- Valid Quality Counts # (livestock)
- Method of Payment (cash or check only)
- Heifer registration papers
- Pure bred gilt papers



Looking forward to the 2025 Montgomery County Fair? Who isn't??



Don't forget the dates: April 3 to 13 or the meeting attendance requirement. Attend those club monthly meetings early and often. You'll be glad you did!

Steer Tag-In: Tuesday, September 10 

Major Show Calf Scramble

If you are interested in doing the Calf Scramble at any major show, please call or email the office by mid-September so we can send you further information.





SPRING MAJOR SHOW VALIDATION ORDERS ARE OPEN

All order forms are separated by species, except lamb and goat are together.

	Price	Due Date	Late Price	Late Cutoff	Validation
Heifers https://forms.gle/myLAunYflx6mveaE6	\$27	8/22	\$30	10/10	10/29
Lambs & Goats https://forms.gle/cwiT3H1cXHcLKPSE7	\$17	8/22	\$27	10/10	10/28
Swine https://forms.gle/syxPxa3mQRW1Uq5E7	\$17	8/22	\$20	10/10	11/19

Actual validations are held at the Montgomery County Fairgrounds. Each date will have a Sign Up Genius for selecting a time. Please see links above for further species specific details and use the Google forms there to order tags. We cannot accept digital payment, so follow up your order with cash or check. Again, these are NOT for county fair, but major shows only. Then PLEASE mark November 3 or 4 on the calendar to complete all necessary paperwork and make payment at Spring Major Show Entry Night.



The county pecan fundraiser is just around the corner. Start now by making a list of friends, family, & neighbors that might be interested. And don't miss the September meeting to pick up your packet.

UPcoming EVENTS

DATE:	TIME:	LOCATION:	EVENT:
August 2023			
8/13	5-7 p.m.	Extension Office	Fall Major Show Entry night, Sign Up Genius slots
8/15		4honline	2024-25 Enrollment Opens
8/17	8:30 a.m.	Exhibit Bldg. Fairgrounds	Leadership Team Training
8/20	6:30 p.m.	Tom LeRoy Bldg.	County Awards Banquet
8/22		Google form	Validation tag orders due for Spring Major Shows
8/22	6:30 p.m.	Online	Club Manager/Volunteer Training
September 2023			
9/1		4honline	Begin enrolling 3rd graders
9/2		OFFICE CLOSED	Labor Day Holiday
9/7	2:00 p.m.	Extension Office	JMG project group meeting
9/15	1:00 p.m.	Tom LeRoy Bldg.	Open House
9/19	6:30 p.m.	Tom LeRoy Bldg.	1st Food & Nutrition Night
9/21	TBD	Tom LeRoy Bldg.	Quilts of Valor Kick Off
9/22	2:00 p.m.	Tom LeRoy Bldg.	Fashion & Interior Design Project Meeting
9/23	7:00 p.m.	Tom LeRoy Bldg.	County Council Meeting
9/24	6:30 p.m.	Tom LeRoy Bldg.	STEM and Robotics Projects Intro
9/26	6:30 p.m.	Online	Club Manager/Volunteer Training
9/27	4:00 p.m.	Mo Co Fairgrnds	Texas ARBA Rabbit Clinic
9/28	9:00 a.m.	Tom LeRoy Bldg.	Photography Workshop: Camera Basics

If you have special needs for any of the programs offered at the County or District level, please give us at least 5 days' notice. We will make every reasonable effort to accommodate your needs.

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August

Montgomery County 4-H 2023-2024



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13 <i>Fall Major Show Entry Night 5 to 7 pm, time slots through Sign Up Genius</i>	14	15 <i>Enrollment begins in 4-H Online</i>	16	17 <i>Leadership Team Training 8:30 am to 12:30 pm, followed by first Co Council Meeting of 24-25</i>
18	19	20 <i>Awards Banquet 6:30 pm</i>	21	22 <i>Spring Major Validation Tag Orders Due Virtual Club Manager training</i>	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	31



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 <i>Begin enrolling 3rd graders</i>	2 <i>Labor Day Office closed</i>	3	4	5	6	7 <i>JMG Project group 2 to 4 pm</i>
8	9	10 <i>MCF Steer Tag-in</i>	11	12	13	14
15 <i>Open House, Come and Go from 1 to 5 pm</i>	16	17	18	19 <i>Foods & Nutrition Night 6:30 pm</i>	20	21 <i>Quilts of Valor Kick Off</i>
22 <i>Fashion & Interior Design Project mtg 2 pm</i>	23 <i>County Council Meal 6:30 pm Meeting 7 pm</i>	24 <i>STEM and Robotics Intro Night 6:30 pm</i>	25	26 <i>Virtual Club Manager training</i>	27 <i>Texas ARBA Rabbit Clinic 2 to 4 pm</i>	28 <i>Photography workshop 9 am to noon</i>
29	30	31				