



December 2024



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

RSVP hub
agrilife.org/montgomery4/rsvp/

Facebook:
[@4HMontgomeryCounty](https://www.facebook.com/4HMontgomeryCounty)

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[@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

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County Extension Agent
Urban Youth Development

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4-H Program Assistant

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4-H Volunteer Coordinator

Montgomery County 4-H Focus



The Extension Office will be **CLOSED** Tuesday and Wednesday December 24-25, 2024 for Christmas and Wednesday January 1st for New Year's Day. The office will have limited hours and staff 12/26, 12/27, 12/30, and 12/31.

Pecans



We still have pecans to sell in the Extension Office. They are \$12.50/lb. halves or pieces. You can stop by between 8am-noon or 1pm-5pm to buy pecans. Cash or check are the only forms of payment accepted.

Congratulations to our top sellers!

1. Matthew Fagan
2. Kyndall Wieghat
3. Travis Christiansen
4. Rylee Billingsley
5. Brynn Kamman



Top selling club
Champion 4-H

December County Council Meeting/Christmas Party

December 17th 6:30pm Pot luck dinner

7pm Meeting Starts

Please RSVP by December 10th.

*meeting may be cancelled if not enough RSVP



If you missed out on county 4-H T-shirt orders, we have extra for sale in the office for \$13. Youth sizes Small-Large are available.

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/>





No Sewing Experience Required!

FIDGET QUILTS

WHAT TO COLLECT?

- Zippers (All Sizes)
- Bells(All Types)
- Cotton Thread(Assorted Colors)
- Plastic 1 Inch Rings
- Old Men's Dress Shirts
- Lace
- Ribbon
- Hair Ties
- Buttons
- Beads
- Velcro

WHEN ARE WE CREATING?
December 26th-27th, 2024
10 AM. to 2 PM

WHERE ARE WE CREATING?
Thomas Leroy Education Bldg
(9020 Airport Rd)

WHY ARE WE CREATING?
Quilts will be donated to hospice/nursing homes

WHERE ARE WE COLLECTING?
Bring Collected Items to Montgomery County Council Meeting on November 18, 2024

County Council December Service Project
December 26 & 27 10am-2pm,
Thomas LeRoy Education Building
We will be making quilts to donate to hospice and nursing homes.



Paper Clover

Nov. 29 – Dec. 15

Funds support 4-H camp, scholarships & leadership activities.

TSC TRACTOR SUPPLY CO.



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.



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)
 Don't know your QC#, call the 4-H office.

Spring 2025 Major Shows:

Fort Worth	Jan. 17-Feb. 08, 2025
San Antonio	Feb. 6-23, 2025
San Angelo	Feb 1-16, 2025
Houston	March 4-23, 2025
Rodeo Austin	March 14-29, 2025

Horse Project



Horse Judging Meeting dates:
12/2, 1/7, 2/3, 3/3, 4/7
6:30pm at the Extension Office



Upcoming horse clinics:

December 7, 2024 Matt Nichols Working Cow Horse/Sorting Clinic
Aggie Extension Land, FM 1486 Richards, TX

January 11, 2025 Taylor Wells Ground Driving Clinic
Higgins Horse Ranch

February 2, 2025 Lee Imhoff Trail (ride and in-hand)
Higgins Horse Ranch

Horsemanship club meets the second Tuesday of each month at 6:30 pm at the Extension Office.



MONTGOMERY COUNTY FAIR

April 3- April 13, 2025
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.

December 3 Lamb & Goat tag-in
January 7 Market Barrow tag-in
January 14 Breeding Beef Paper Verification
February 21 Broiler Pickup
March 11 Rabbit Tag-in

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

Southern Classic Youth Livestock Experience

December 13-15

Brazos County Expo Center

Register by December 8th
\$40/family



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. 8



December 13-15, 2024

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

FRIDAY
4:00-7:00 PM
Barns 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)

RV SPOTS & PEN BEDDING AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE



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PROUD PARENTS BUYERS GROUP

New Year's BUCKLE BASH

2024

<p>FRIDAY, DECEMBER 20TH LAMB & GOATS GATES OPEN: 4:00 PM REGISTRATION: 5:00PM -7:00PM 1 RING SHOW PRE-REGISTRATION \$40 \$45 ENTRY FEE STARTING 12/20</p> <p>LAMBS - BREEDS: DORPER, SOUTHDOWN, FINEWOOL, FINEWOOL CROSS & MEDIUM WOOL CLASS PRIZES BUCKLES & BANNERS - BREED, GRAND & RESERVE</p> <p>GOATS - 3 DIVISIONS LIGHT, MEDIUM & HEAVY WEIGHT CLASS PRIZES BUCKLES & BANNERS - DIVISION, GRAND & RESERVE SHOWMANSHIP - \$10 PAID AT REGISTRATION STARTS AT 7:30PM JUDGE - LAMB: ALLEN MCELROY JUDGE - GOAT: CAM ANDERSON</p>	<p>SATURDAY, DECEMBER 21ST SWINE GATES OPEN: 5:00 AM REGISTRATION: 6:00AM -8:00AM 1 RING SHOW PRE-REGISTRATION \$40 \$45 ENTRY FEE STARTING 12/20</p> <p>BREEDS: BERK, DUROC, HAMP, LOPB, DOPB, YORK, LT CROSS (BLUES ONLY), DK CROSS 10 LB WEIGHT BACK AT SHOW MANAGEMENT/JUDGE'S DISCRETION CLASS PRIZES BUCKLES & BANNERS - BREED, GRAND & RESERVE SHOWMANSHIP - \$10 PAID AT REGISTRATION STARTS AT 8:30AM W/ PEE WEE</p> <p>GILTS & BOARS ARE ALSO WELCOME WILL CLASS WITH MARKET SWINE BOARS MAX WIGHT 125LBS JUDGE: KELTON MASON</p>	<p>SUNDAY, DECEMBER 22ND CATTLE MAY ARRIVE AFTER 8 PM 12/21 REGISTRATION: 6:00AM -8:00AM 1 RING SHOW PRE-REGISTRATION \$50 \$55 ENTRY FEE STARTING 12/20</p> <p>COMMERCIAL HEIFERS CLASS PRIZES BUCKLES AND BANNERS FOR GRAND, RESERVE</p> <p>STEEERS DIVISIONS- AMERICAN, BRITISH & EXOTIC CLASS PRIZES BUCKLES & BANNERS FOR GRAND, RESERVE</p> <p>HEIFERS DIVISIONS- AMERICAN, BRITISH & EXOTIC CLASS PRIZES BUCKLES & BANNERS FOR GRAND, RESERVE SHOWMANSHIP - \$10 PAID AT REGISTRATION STARTS AT 8:30AM HEIFERS W/ PEE WEE - STEERS W/ SENIORS JUDGES: TBD</p>
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100 + BUCKLES

LIMITED PIG STALLS / FIRST COME FIRST SERVE / BRING DIVIDERS / SHOW OFF TRAILER / SCALES PROVIDED
CONCESSIONS / SHOPPING / SULLIVANS SHOW SUPPLY AVAILABLE ALL WEEKEND

MONTGOMERY COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS - 9333 AIRPORT RD. CONROE, TX 77303
PROUDPARENTSBUYERSGROUP.COM / NEWYEARSBUCKLEBASH@GMAIL.COM / FB - NEWYEARSBUCKLEBASH PH: 832-639-4919

NON-LIVESTOCK PROJECTS



Photography

2024-25 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_nr_state_contest_2025.pdf](#)



December STEM night
December 19th 6:30pm
Thomas LeRoy Education Bldg.
RSVP by December 16th



Food & Nutrition Project Opportunities

GULF COAST FOOD CHALLENGE

Hosted by Brazoria & Galveston County

When: Saturday, December 14th 2024
 Where: Texas A&M AgriLife- Brazoria County
 21017 CR 171, Angleton, TX 77515
 Time: 9:00am - 6 slots (3 or 4 members per slot)
 10:00am - 6 slots (3 or 4 members per slot)
 11:00am - 6 slots (3 or 4 members per slot)
 Cost: \$ 20 per team
 Who: 4-H Members (Age: 8 to 18)

REGISTRATION DEADLINE
December 6th, 2024

REGISTER AT: <https://gulfoastfoodchallenge.eventbrite.com> OR SCAN ME

FOR QUESTIONS EMAIL
SHANA.KUTAC@AG.TAMU.EDU OR 979-864-1558

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COME HEAR A CHRISTMAS STORY OF THE 4-H QUIZ BOWL & AG PRODUCT ID CONTEST

MONTGOMERY CO. 4-H FOOD & NUTRITION NIGHT

FRIDAY DECEMBER 20TH 6:30PM
 TOM LEROY (SILVER) BUILDING
 9020 AIRPORT RD. CONROE TX.

RSVP ON 4-H WEBSITE BY TUES. DEC. 17TH!

CREATE A CHRISTMAS TREAT!
 LEARN & TAKE A SHOT AT 4-H QUIZ BOWL & AG PRODUCT ID

Questions or accommodations?
 Contact Alyssa Sims
alysa.sims@ag.tamu.edu

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January Workshops

Join Montgomery Co. 4-H for

INVITATIONAL FOOD CHALLENGE Workshop

SATURDAY JANUARY 18TH, 2025
 9:00am - 12:00pm
 Tom LeRoy Building - Montgomery Co. Extension Office
 9020 Airport Rd. Conroe TX.

Join us for the Food Challenge Co. Roundup workshop to learn more about Food Challenge, take a swing at a mock contest, and practice before the district contest.
Teams of 3-4 Needed

RSVP on 4H Website use QR Code

Questions or accommodations?
 Contact Alyssa Sims alysa.sims@ag.tamu.edu

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Join Montgomery Co. 4-H for

INVITATIONAL ROBOTICS WORKSHOP

Exhibit your Robotics Skills at a Mock Robotics Contest, and compete for a spot at the HLSR Robotics Contest!
Teams of 3-5 Needed

SAT. JANUARY 4TH, 2025
9AM-12PM
TOM LEROY (SILVER) BUILDING
9020 AIRPORT RD. CONROE TX. 77303

Questions or Accomodations?
 Contact Alyssa Sims
alysa.sims@ag.tamu.edu
 (936) 539-7823

SIGN UP ON 4-H WEBSITE USING QR CODE!

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Invitational Quiz Bowl

Family/Community Health,
Horse, and Livestock



Friday, January 10, 2025
Walker County Storm Shelter
455 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/r/drc1LVZCex>) 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**
 - **December 4 - December 18**, \$10/4-H member and \$40/FFA Team
 - **December 19 - January 6**, \$15/4-H member and \$60/FFA Team
 - **NO on-site registrations accepted**

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

Questions? Contact Kristy Titzman at 936-435-2426 or kkcorley@ag.tamu.edu

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Fashion & Interior Design Project

September 22, October 20,
November 10, 2024 and
January 26, February 23,
and March 23, 2025
from 2pm to 4pm
at the Montgomery County
Extension Office
9020 Airport Rd, Conroe, TX

Save the Dates!

Quilts of Valor • Storyboard
Sewing • Duds to Dazzle
Fashion Contests • Community Service

Future information and RSVP to come!

Photography Judging Workshop

Learn about photography judging basics and how to construct a good reasons speech for photography

Where?
Thomas Leroy Education Building (9020 Airport Rd)

When?
February 22th, 2025 from 2 pm to 5 pm

Please RSVP at:
<https://agrilife.org/montgomery4h/rsvp/>

YOUTH ADVENTURE PROGRAM

ENTOMOLOGY CAMP

For RISING 7th - 10th grade students

CAMP DATES: JULY 13 - 18, 2025

Registration Opens in January 2025

Ever wanted to learn more about bees, beetles, butterflies, and other “f-ant-astic” bugs?

Get ready for a journey into the exciting world of insect science! In the Entomology course, students will discover “un-bee-liveable” ways insects interact with their environments, their significance to human society, and different careers in the field of entomology.

Students will “spread their wings” and gain practical, field- and laboratory-based skills through hands-on activities, experiments, and expeditions to distinct habitats. Students will collect, identify, and preserve insects to create their own unique insect collections.

Time will “fly” when exploring special topics like honey beekeeping, edible insects, and the fields of forensic, medical, and veterinary entomology. By the end of this course, students will know the basics of insect diversity, biology, behavior, morphology, and ecology, and how to pursue their passion for insects through high school and beyond!

Visit <http://tx.ag/ENTOYAP2025> or scan the QR Code to receive updates & share specific interests! →

Website: <http://yap.tamu.edu> Contact: yap@tamu.edu



4-H ROUNDUP



What is County, District, & State Roundup????

Competitive events allowing 4-H members the opportunity to develop & practice citizenship and leadership skills. It consists of approximately 50 competitive events.

Each year contests are held throughout the counties, the twelve Texas A&M AgriLife Extension districts, and at the state level hosted in College Station. Contests are held to test a 4-H member's knowledge of the skills they learned.

Check out the State 4-H webpage for more information:
<https://texas4-h.tamu.edu/events/roundup/>

County Roundup - March 27, 2025

County 4-H members have the opportunity to present their projects, completed or not, to judges to receive constructive guidance to improve or better complete their project.

Entries for Big Time in D-9 are done on 4honline and will be due in early April.



District Roundup/Big Time In D9 – April 24-26, 2025
 Open to all 4-H members in District 9 (18 counties)

Schedule of events can be found here:

<https://d94-h.tamu.edu/eventsandcontests/bigtime/>

State Roundup/Texas 4-H Roundup – June 2-5, 2025

For Senior (9th – 12th grade) 4-H members only

Qualifying Contest: 4-H members must qualify from District Roundup

Invitational Contest: Any Senior 4-H member can participate



UPcoming EVENTS

DATE:	TIME:	LOCATION:	EVENT:
January 2025			
• 1/1		Extension Office Closed	New Year's Day
• 1/4	9am-12pm	Thomas LeRoy Ed. Bldg.	Robotics Qualifier
• 1/7		Fairgrounds	MCFA Barrow tag-in
• 1/10		4honline	Dog Validation Due
	10:30am	Walker Co. Storm Shelter	Invitational Quiz Bowl
• 1/14		Fairgrounds	MCFA Breeding Beef Paper Verification
• 1/18	9am-12pm	Thomas LeRoy Ed. Bldg.	Food Challenge Workshop
• 1/20		Extension Office Closed	MLK day
• 1/26	2-4pm	Thomas LeRoy Ed. Bldg.	Fashion & Interior Design Project Meeting
• 1/27	7pm	Thomas LeRoy Ed. Bldg.	County Council Meeting
• 1/30	6:30pm	Thomas LeRoy Ed. Bldg.	STEM Night

THANK YOU!

In case you didn't know or just need a reminder:

ALL of our club managers, assistant managers, and project leaders 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."

ACADEMIC ELIGIBILITY FORMS

Eligibility forms 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 have switched over to an easier process. 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.)

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.

DECEMBER



Montgomery County 2024-25



SUNDAY MONDAY TUESDAY WEDNESDAY THURSDAY FRIDAY SATURDAY



1	2	3	4	5	6	7
		MCFEA lamb and goat tag-in, fargrounds				
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
		RSVP due for County Council Meeting				
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
		County Council Meeting and Christmas Party	Invitational Quiz Bowl Entries Due	STEM night 6:30pm, Thomas LeRoy Ed. Bldg., RSVP	Food & Nutrition Night 6:30pm, Thomas LeRoy Ed. Bldg., RSVP	
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
		Extension Office closed				
29	30	31				

JANUARY

Montgomery County 2024-25



SUNDAY MONDAY TUESDAY WEDNESDAY THURSDAY FRIDAY SATURDAY

			1 <i>Extension Office Closed</i> 	2	3	4 Robotics Qualifier 9am-12pm, Thomas LeRoy Ed. Bldg. RSVP
5	6	7 MCF A Barrow tag-in	8	9	10 Dog Validation due	11
12	13	14 MCF A Breeding Beef Paper Verification	15	16	17 D-9 Invitational Quiz Bowl	18 Food Challenge Workshop 9am-12pm, Thomas LeRoy Ed. Bldg.
19	20 <i>Extension Office Closed</i> 	21	22	23	24 District 9 Archery Contest	25
26 Fashion & Interior Design Project Meeting 2-4pm, Thomas LeRoy Ed Bldg., RSVP	27 County Council Meeting	28	29	30 STEM night 6:30pm, Thomas LeRoy Education Bldg., RSVP	31	