



November 2024



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# Montgomery County 4-H Focus



**The Extension Office will be CLOSED**  
**Friday, November 11, 2024- Veteran's Day**  
**Thursday-Friday, November 28-29, 2024**

## 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.

## Tractor Supply Clover Campaign



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](http://agrilife.org/montgomery4h)

**RSVP hub**  
[agrilife.org/montgomery4/rsvp/](http://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](http://montgomery.agrilife.org)

**District**  
[d94-h.tamu.edu](http://d94-h.tamu.edu)

**State**  
[texas4-h.tamu.edu](http://texas4-h.tamu.edu)

**Office Hours**  
 8:00am - 12:00pm  
 1:00pm - 5:00pm

**M. Michelle Mihalek**  
 County Extension Agent  
 4-H Youth Development

**Alyssa Sims**  
 County Extension Agent  
 Urban Youth Development

**Jo Picken**  
 4-H Program Assistant

**Tami Ward**  
 4-H Volunteer Coordinator



## 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 meetings are open to everyone!

Meeting Date:  
 November 19, 2024

Program Activity/Topic:  
 Master Gardener

Community Service Project:  
 Supplies for Fidget Quilts  
 Please RSVP here if coming for dinner at 6:30pm  
<https://agriflife.org/montgomery4h/rsvp/>



## 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)

### WHERE ARE WE COLLECTING?

Bring Collected Items to Montgomery County Council Meeting on November 18, 2024

### WHY ARE WE CREATING?

Quilts will be donated to hospice/nursing homes



## 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

#### SWINE Validation

Purebred Gilts must be validated

**Date:** November 19, 2024     **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)  
 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

## Spring 2025 Major Show Entries

Entry Day: November 3rd from 3-5PM or November 4th from 5-7PM Location: The Extension Office

Sign up for a time here: <https://tinyurl.com/Correct-25-Major-Show>

Breeding and Market Animals must be validated to be eligible.

**If you plan on competing in any of the shows listed in any event 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  
Sheep Skill-A-Thon  
Ag Science Fair  
Ag Product ID  
Job Interview Contest  
Youth Ranch & Pasture ID  
Horse Judging  
Science Fair

Beef Skill-A-Thon  
Wildlife Contest  
Youth Food Challenge  
Livestock Judging  
Agriculture Public Speaking  
Public Speaking  
Horse Skill-A-Thon  
Consumer Decision Making

Archery  
Floriculture  
Robotics  
Meat Judging  
Photography  
Poultry Judging  
Shotgun  
Vet Science



## MONTGOMERY COUNTY FAIR

April 3- April 13, 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 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 11/15 to the Fair office**  
**December 3, 2024 Lamb & Goat tag-in**

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





## Horse Project

**Horse Judging Meeting dates:**  
**11-11, 12/2, 1/7, 2/3, 3/3, and 4/7**  
**from 6:30-8pm at the Extension Office**

**November 10, 2024 Sabine Lazo Performance Clinic Countless Blessings**  
**Arena 2578 FM 1486 Montgomery, TX \*Sign up on the RSVP hub by 11/6**

**November 26, 2024 Ranch/In Hand Handling Friendsgiving Clinic Jeremy**  
**Dull Arena**

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



**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

<b>FRIDAY</b> 4:00-7:00 PM Barns Open/ Check-in	<b>SATURDAY</b> 7:00 AM Check-in 9:30 AM Speed Judging/ Breakout Sessions	<b>SUNDAY</b> Prospect Shows (You <b>MUST</b> attend Saturday to participate)
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RV SPOTS & PEN BEDDING AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE

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## Southern Classic Youth Livestock Experience

December 13-15

Brazos County Expo Center

Register by December 8th

\$40/family



# NON-LIVESTOCK PROJECTS



November 2, 2024



RSVP on the 4-H website's hub.  
 Questions:  
[michele.scaife@ag.tamu.edu](mailto:michele.scaife@ag.tamu.edu)



**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

Level 1- 3rd-5th graders  
 Level 2- 6th-8th graders



Join Montgomery Co. 4-H for  
November's

## F.A.N NIGHT

**Thurs, November 17th, 2024  
6:30pm**

Tom LeRoy (Silver Building)  
9020 Airport Rd. Conroe, Tx. 77303

Create a fun healthy thanksgiving dessert!  
And learn more about the 4-H Food Show  
Contest!

**RSVP on 4-H Website! Use QR Code!**

Questions, or accomodations?  
Contact Alyssa Sims  
alyssa.sims@ag.tamu.edu




### Food & Nutrition Project Opportunities



#### FOOD SCIENCE & THE TEXAS FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRY

Have you ever thought about how your favorite snack flavor was developed? Wonder who makes your food safe? Join us as we learn more about Food Science and Processing in Texas!

**Thursday, November 14  
6:30 PM**

Meeting Link: <https://tinyurl.com/5xt8nvxy>



For Information: [juliagardner@ag.tamu.edu](mailto:juliagardner@ag.tamu.edu)

Note: The session will be recorded and posted on <https://texas4h.tamu.edu/food-nutrition/>



## 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)

REGISTER AT: <https://gulfoastfoodchallenge.eventbrite.com>

**REGISTRATION DEADLINE  
December 6th, 2024**

FOR QUESTIONS EMAIL  
[SHANA.KUTAC@AG.TAMU.EDU](mailto:SHANA.KUTAC@AG.TAMU.EDU) OR 979-864-1558



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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

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

Future information and RSVP to come!

Save the Dates!



**November Fashion & I.D. Project**  
**November 10, 2024 RSVP by 11/7 here:**  
<https://forms.gle/C7MjY6WsnzLUMKNZA>



JOIN MONTGOMERY Co. 4-H AT

# STEM NIGHT



**RSVP ON 4-H WEBSITE! USE QR CODE!**

**Wednesday November 20th, 2024  
6:30pm**

Tom LeRoy (Silver) Building  
9020 Airport Rd. Conroe Tx. 77303

**In honor of Thanksgiving, come participate, and create Thanksgiving Sensory Science experiments!**

**Who knows?!? There might be snacks!**

Questions or Accomodations?  
Contact Alyssa Sims  
[alyssa.sims@ag.tamu.edu](mailto:alyssa.sims@ag.tamu.edu)



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# 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](#)

### 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 (3<sup>rd</sup> - 8<sup>th</sup> grades) and Senior (9<sup>th</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup> 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/trdc1LVZCex>) 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 1<sup>st</sup> place winning Junior & Senior teams of  
Family/Community Health, Horse & Livestock

Questions? Contact Kristy Titzman at 936-435-2426 or [kkcorley@ag.tamu.edu](mailto:kkcorley@ag.tamu.edu)

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## 2024 Coastal Bend 4-H Marine Expo

### November 25-26, 2024

Camp Aranzazu in Rockport and  
UTMSI in Port Aransas

Join us for an exciting opportunity to envision your future  
in coastal, marine, and natural resource related fields.  
Engage in hands-on learning experiences and connect with  
professionals from diverse careers in these areas.

Registration via 4-H Online  
opens October 1, 2024

Cost: \$100

Registration is limited to the first 10 girls and  
10 boys in grades 8th-12th from District 11 4-H.

Sponsored By:



In Memory of  
Jim Atkins



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# UPcoming EVENTS

DATE:	TIME:	LOCATION:	EVENT:
<b>December 2023</b>			
• 12/3		Mo. Co. Fairgrounds	Lamb and Goat Tag-In
• 12/7	TBD	Extension Office	Floral Design Class
• 12/13-15		Brazos County Expo Center	Southern Classic
• 12/16-20		Extension Office	*Broiler pickup this week
• 12/17	7 pm	Thomas LeRoy Ed. Bld.	**County Council
• 12/19	6:30 pm	Thomas LeRoy Ed. Bld.	STEM night
• 12/24-25		Extension Office closed	
• 12/26-27	10am-2pm	Thomas LeRoy Ed. Bldg.	Fidget Quilt work days

\*A more accurate date will be given in December

\*\* RSVP by 12/10. If not enough sign up, meeting will be cancelled.



# 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 "thank you", or offer a lending hand when you can!

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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# Montgomery County 4-H 2024-2025



SUNDAY MONDAY TUESDAY WEDNESDAY THURSDAY FRIDAY SATURDAY

					1	2
						Aggriefest Judging Clinics
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
Major Show 3-5 pm	Entry day/night 5-7 pm					
Sign up genius will be sent to schedule a time						
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
Fashion & Interior Design Project meeting 2-4pm, Thomas LeRoy Ed. Bldg.	 Extension Office CLOSED			Food & Nutrition Night 6:30pm, Thomas LeRoy Ed. Bldg.	MCEA Broiler Orders due to Extension Office Turkey & Rabbit Intent to Show Forms due to Fair Office	
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
		County Council meeting 7pm, Thomas LeRoy Ed. Bldg. Swine validation 4-7pm Fairgrounds		STEM night 6:30pm, Thomas LeRoy Ed. Bldg.		
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
				 Extension Office CLOSED	Tractor Supply Clover Campaign Starts Extension Office CLOSED	



# DECEMBER



Montgomery County



SUNDAY

MONDAY



TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

SATURDAY

1	2	3	4	5	6	7
		MCFE Lamb & Goat tag-in				Floral Design Class
8	9	10 RSVP for County Council meeting by today	11	12	13	14
15 Tractor Supply Clover Campaign ends	16	17 County Council Christmas party	18 Invitational Quiz Bowl entries due	19 STEM night 6:30pm, Thomas LeRoy Ed. Bldg.	20	21
22	23	24  Extension Office Closed	25  Extension Office Closed	26 Fidget Quilts Community Service Project 10am-2pm Thomas LeRoy Ed. Bldg.	27 Fidget Quilts Community Service Project 10am-2pm Thomas LeRoy Ed. Bldg.	28
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