

# Montgomery County 4-H Weekly Updates March 14-21, 2025

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

Ph (936)539-7823

https://agrilife.org/montgomery4h/ Facebook @4hmontgomerycounty

## **Important Dates**

#### **March 2025**

3/19 District 9 photography, horse judging, and air rifle/pistol entries due on 4honline

District 9 Roundup entries open

3/21 MCFA Photo entries due

3/23 Fashion & Interior Design project meeting 2-4pm, Thomas LeRoy Ed. Bldg., RSVP

3/24 County Council meeting 7pm, Thomas LeRoy Ed. Bldg., RSVP for dinner at 6:30pm

3/27 County Roundup 2-6pm, Thomas LeRoy Ed. Bldg., RSVP

**County deadline for State Photography entries** 

3/29 TAMU Judging Clinics call the office to do an entry through Judging Card

#### **April 2025**

4/1 Validation tag orders due for lamb, goat, steer, and heifers for Fall 25 shows

4/2 District 9 Roundup entries due through 4honline

District 9 Livestock Judging entries open

4/3-4/13 Montgomery County Fair

4/5 Open Gardens Day 9am-12pm, Extension Office

4/12 District Horse Judging, Rifle, and Air rifle/pistol contests

4/16 D-9 Livestock Judging entries due

4/18 Extension Office closed for Good Friday



# We still have pecans!

We have a limited supply of extra pecans for sale in the Extension Office. 1-pound bags of halves for \$12.50/bag. We are open 8:15am-12pm or 1pm-4:45pm Monday-Friday. Cash or check are the only forms of payment accepted.



## County 4-H t-shirts

We have extra youth sized t-shirts available for purchase at the office.

Sizes Youth Small-Large.

2 colors available, \$13 each.



# Scholarship Opportunities

**Montgomery County Scholarships** 

AGRILIFE EXTENSION

To apply go to: https://montgomery.agrilife.org/home/scholarships/

#### **Capital Farm Credit**

Due by April 1st https://cfc.smapply.us/prog/cfc\_scholarship/ \*flyer attached

Agriculture/Natural Resources Scholarship
Sponsored by Mo. County Soil & Water Conservation District & Lake Creek
Greenway Partnership
Due 5/1
\*application attached

## **Project Information**

\*Be sure to check out any attachments also

# Pictures Needed



We need your help! We are working on a display board for the Montgomery County Fair. This is a way to promote 4-H and get more kids involved. We would love to show them all of the fun things our 4-Hers are doing. Please send pictures of you working on your different projects. We want to see "action" shots, not just a picture with an award. Our theme is "Beyond the Barn". Of course we want pictures with your livestock projects, but other projects we would like to see are leadership/community service, STEM, Natural Resources, FCH (cooking, sewing, etc.), or any other project you are working on. Please email pictures to tami.ward@ag.tamu.edu by March 21st.













3/10-3/21 Turn in Photos to fair office Re-tag date 3/22

2025 rule book and schedules have been posted: https://mcfa.org/



\*Eligibility forms for the fair will be distributed at your March club meeting and will be due back at least a week before your event. You will need to get these forms from your club manager not the Extension office.

## **Fall 2025 Major Show Validation Orders**

All order forms are located on the 4-H webpage:

https://agrilife.org/montgomery4h/livestock/

	Price	Due Date	Late Price	Late Cutoff	Validation
Heifers	\$27	4/1	\$30	6/5	6/27
Lambs & Goats (market or breeding)	\$17	4/1	\$27	6/5	6/26
Steer (Fall 25 & Spring 26 shows)	\$27	4/1	\$30	6/5	6/30
Swine	\$17	4/22	\$20	6/5	6/30

Actual validations are held at the Montgomery County Fairgrounds. Each date will have a Sign Up Genius for selecting a time. Please see link above for further species-specific details and use the linked Google forms there to order tags. Again, these are NOT for county fair, but major shows only.





Leon County contests

April 11, 2025



#### **HORSE PROJECT**

### Horse validation open in 4-H online March 1-April 15



**UPCOMING CLINIC** 

April 13, 2025
Tammy Ahrendt Speed Clinic

Last Horse Judging Meeting for the year 4/7, 6:30pm at the Extension Office.



## DISTRICT 9 CONTEST REGISTRATIONS OPEN NOW THROUGH 3/19









Virtual Sportfishing
Program
Entries close March 15th



# **COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING**

**MARCH 24, 2025** 

Come for dinner at 6:30pm, meeting starts at 7

**Program: Floral Design** 

**Community Service Project: Toiletry drive for the homeless** 

RSVP on the hub

# County Roundup

Tuesday March 27, 2-6pm (come and go)
Thomas LeRoy Education Building

Everyone may advance to District 4-H Roundup April 24-26. This is a practice to get feedback on how to improve before competing in District Roundup. Sign up on the RSVP hub.

# **Upcoming Adult Trainings**







Applications are now open until March 27, 2025 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 March 1st** 

## **Ambassador Opportunities**

Equine, Livestock, and Poultry Ambassadors applications are open through April 15th

#### **Selection Criteria:**

- Senior level (9-12th grade in fall 2025) 4-H youth that have exhibited a superior level of ambition regarding his/her livestock/equine/poultry projects
- Students with a profound interest in animal/equine/poultry science, animal production and advocacy
- Students have shown advanced leadership qualities and a willingness to help others
- Top 25% class rank

Fashion & Interior Design Ambassador applications open 3/1-3/31 Water Ambassador applications open 3/15-5/1

For more information visit: https://texas4-h.tamu.edu/ambassadors/

#### **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/WKANekDFA81Nyc6K6. 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.)