Montgomery County 4-H Weekly Updates

October 23-30, 2026

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

Ph (936)539-7823

https://agrilife.org/montgomery4h/

Facebook @4hmontgomerycounty

Important Dates

October 2026

10/24 Beginner Sewing 9am-12pm, Extension Office RSVP
10/26 Heifer validation 4-7pm, Fairgrounds, sign up genius
10/27 Lamb and Goat validation 4-7pm, Fairgrounds, sign up genius
10/29 Record keeping training 6:30pm, Extension Office, RSVP
10/31 San Antonio photo entries due

November 2026

11/1 Major Show Entry Day 3-5pm, Thomas LeRoy Ed. Bldg., Sign up genius
11/2 Major Show Entry Night 5-7pm, Thomas LeRoy Ed. Bldg., Sign up genius
11/7 Horticulture class 10am RSVP Fashion Project meeting 2pm RSVP
11/11 Extension Office closed for Veteran's Day
11/12 MCF Broiler Orders due to the Extension Office by 5pm
11/13 MCF Turkey and Rabbit Intent to Show Forms due to the Fair Office
11/16-11/20 Pecan delivery will be this week
11/17 County Council meeting 7pm, Thomas LeRoy Ed. Bldg. RSVP for dinner at 6:30pm
11/19 State Swine Validation 4-7pm, Fairgrounds, Sign Up Genius
11/26-27 Extension Office closed for Thanksgiving
11/27-12/13 Tractor Supply Clover Campaign
11/29 Hope & Holly event 2-4pm, Extension Office RSVP

OCTOBER COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING

What is county council? The County 4-H Council is a group of 4-H members elected to represent their clubs who meet, discuss, plan, and assist in carrying out 4-H programs and activities on the county level. The Council Officers use input from Club representatives to implement programs and activities.

Who can attend County Council meetings? Club delegates are strongly encouraged to attend, but meetings are open to everyone.

Monday, October 26, 2026

6:30pm dinner (creamy chicken pasta)

7:00pm meeting starts

Program: Makeup Junkie

Community Service: Friend of TX Wildlife Care Kits

RSVP here: https://forms.gle/tZcwVFpxTcobKtqo7



RESCHEDULED

Scholarships

The Texas 4-H Foundation scholarship application process will open on November 1st. There will be a virtual training session to help you prepare on November 5th at 6:30pm. **NEW LINK:** https://teams.microsoft.com/meet/229826492482294?p=0OFZ3eFDhHyNDIqlPr

More information can also be found here: https://texas4hfoundation.org/about-scholarships/

Record Keeping Training

October 29, 2026 at 6:30 pm at the Extension Office

In the next 5 to 10 years will you be applying for a job, a scholarship, trade school or college?



Every application requests information about extracurricular activities, leadership and community service. A 4-H Record Book will be a great resource for you no matter what your age. Learning how to keep records is the first step and starting now will make it easier in the future.



Join us for Record Keeping Training to find out what kind of information you need to be keeping, how to keep up with it, and why. Please RSVP at https://forms.gle/ZkkNNwjfUh5qyeGE7 so we have enough copies and seats for everyone.





Hope & Holly Celebration

A FREE, FUN FOSTER FAMILY EVENT

FOSTER FAMILY SIGN-UP

VOLUNTEER SIGN-UP

IF YOU REQUIRE ANY ACCOMADATIONS TO PARTICIPATE IN THIS EVENT PLEASE LET OUR PLANNERS KNOW WHEN FILLING OUT THE SIGN UP SHEET. ALL REASONABLE ACCOMODATIONS WILL BE MET.

November

Sunday 29 2-4 PM

2026

TEXAS A&M AGRILIFE EXTENSION

9020 AIRPORT ROAD

CONROE, TEXAS 77303

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Project Information

*Be sure to check out any attachments also

Spring 2027 Major Show Validation Orders

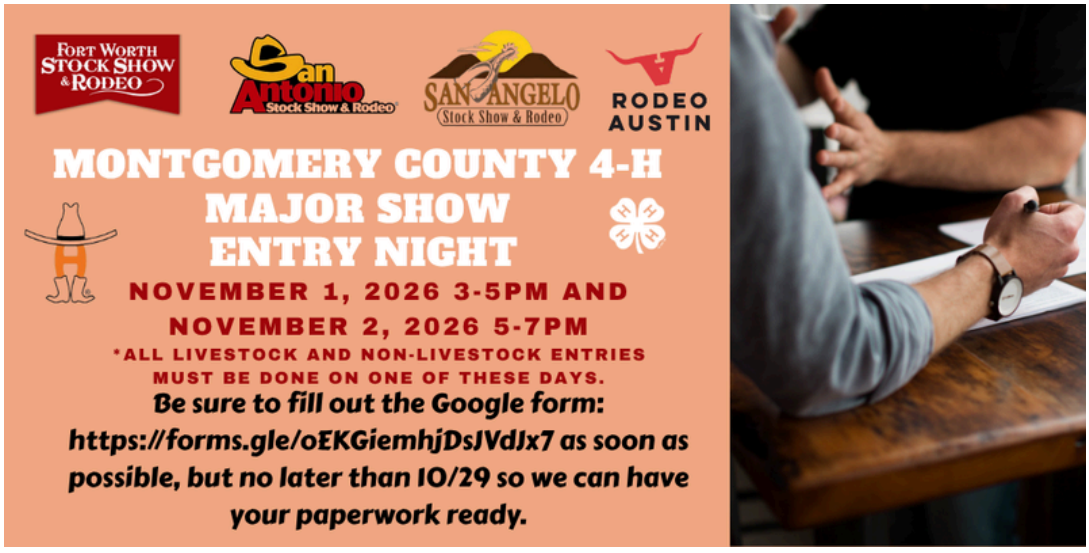
All order forms and Sign Up Genius links are located on the 4-H webpage: https://agrilife.org/montgomery4h/livestock/

	Late orders	Due	Validation Date
Heifers	**Closed**		**10/26**
Lambs & Goats (market or breeding)	**Closed**		**10/27**
Swine	**$30**	**10/30**	**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 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.

Be prepared for the 2026-27 show season. If you are going into the 6th or 9th grade, you will need to complete your Quality Counts course for the next level. If you are new to showing livestock you will also need to take this online course. All major shows and the County Fair require you to have a valid Quaity Counts number to enter.





****If you cannot attend either entry day, you must make arrangements with the 4-H office to get your entries completed before November 2nd.**

Contests at Major Livestock Shows 2027

Event *State Roundup	Fort Worth	San Angelo	San Antonio	Rodeo Austin	Houston
Ag Mecanics	1/15-18/27	2/4-67/27	2/26-28/27	3/5-6/2027	3/19-21/27
Ag Mech Skill-A-Thon					
*Ag Product ID		02/18/27	02/21/27	03/23/26	03/17/27
Archery					10/9-11/26
Beef Skill-A-Thon		02/13/27	02/15/27	03/11/26	
*Consumer Decision Making		02/18/27	02/20/27		
Dairy Juging	01/18/27		02/12/27		TBD
Floriculture	01/21/27		02/19/27		03/06/27
*Food Challenge		01/20/27	02/11/27		03/16/27
Goat Judging	01/17/27				
*Horse Judging	01/19/27		02/10/27		03/08/27
Horse Skill-A-Thon		02/21/27	02/14/27		
Horticulture					
Job Interview					
Landscape Challenge			02/09/27		
Landscape Skill-A-Thon					
*Livestock Judging		02/20/27	02/28/27	03/23/27	03/15/27
*Livestock Skill-A-Thon					
*Livestock Quiz Bowl					03/05/27
*Meat Judging	01/31/27	02/20/27	02/21/27		03/07/27
Meat Science Skill-A-Thon					
Nursery Landscape			02/09/27		03/06/27
Photography			by 10/31/26		
Poultry Judging			02/18/27		03/03/27
*Public Speaking		02/06/27	02/14/27	03/17/27	3/13-14/27
*Range and Pasture ID	01/24/27				03/14/27
*Robotics	01/29/27	04/10/27	02/18/27	03/13/27	03/17/27
*Science Fair			02/20/27	03/17/27	03/07/27
Sheep Skill-A-Thon		02/07/27	02/07/27	03/18/27	
Shotgun			2/10-14/27		2/5-7/27
Swine Skill-A-Thon			02/09/27	03/20/27	
Taxidermy Contest			2/11-13/27		
*Veterinary Science					03/18/27
*Wildlife Contest	01/19/27	02/20/27	02/17/27		03/13/27
Wildlife Habitat Evaluation					
Wildlife Poster Contest					03/06/27
*Wool and Mohair Judging	01/26/27	02/20/27	02/13/27		03/15/27

Dates of the contest are listed. Printed 9/25/26. If 4-H members are interested in entering a Spring major show, they should attend Major Show Entry Night Nov. 1st 2-5pm or Nov. 2nd 5-7pm

Contests at Major Livestock Shows 2027 Awards

Event *State Roundup	Fort Worth	San Angelo	San Antonio	Rodeo Austin 2026 Awards	Houston 2026 Awards
Ag Mecanics	$2,500	Sch	$10.000 Sch	Trophy	
Ag Mech Skill-A-Thon					
*Ag Product ID		Plaques	$10,000 sch	Buckle	$400/team
Archery					$1,200
Beef Skill-A-Thon		Buckle	$10,000 Sch	$250	
*Consumer Decision Making		$1,000	$10,000 Sch		
Dairy Juging	$500 sch		$10,000 Sch		Buckle
Floriculture	$2,000 sch		$10,000 sch		Buckle
*Food Challenge		Awards	$20,000sch /team		Trophy
Goat Judging	Buckle				
*Horse Judging	$4,000 Sch		$10,000		$1,500
Horse Skill-A-Thon		$1,000	$10,000		
Horticulture					
Job Interview					
Landscape Challenge			$20,000sch /team		
Landscape Skill-A-Thon					
*Livestock Judging		$1,000	$10,000 Sch	Buckle	Trophy
*Livestock Skill-A-Thon					
*Livestock Quiz Bowl					$400/team
*Meat Judging	Banner	$1,000	$10,000 Sch		Trophy/Buckle
Meat Science Skill-A-Thon			$10,000 Sch		
Nursery Landscape			$10,000 Sch		Trophy/Buckle
Photography			$10,000 Sch		
Poultry Judging			$10,000 Sch		Trophy/Buckle
*Public Speaking		Buckle	$10,000 Sch/cat	*Buckle*	$2,500
*Range and Pasture ID	$4,000 Sch				Trophy/Buckle
*Robotics	$2,500 sch	Awards	$20,000/team	$1,000	$140/team
*Science Fair			$10,000 Sch/cat	Buckle	$2,500
Sheep Skill-A-Thon		$1,000	$10,000 Sch	$250	
Shotgun			$20,000 Sch		$3,000
Swine Skill-A-Thon			$10,000 Sch	$250	
Tell Your Story Video			$10,000		
*Veterinary Science					Trophy
*Wildlife Contest	Rosette	$1,000	$10,000 Sch		Trophy/Buckle
Wildlife Habitat Evaluation					
Wildlife Poster Contest					$1,500
*Wool and Mohair Judging		$1,000	$10,000 Sch		Trophy/Buckle

Top team or individual award for the 2026 contest listed. Printed 9/25/26. "Sch" indicates the award is a scholarship to be used at graduation. *Red is last year's awards.* Major Show Entry Night Nov. 1st 2-5pm or Nov. 2nd 5-7pm

Horse Project Upcoming Events

October 25, 2026 2pm Magnolia Horse Arena

Desensitization Clinic and Costume Contest

November 21, 2026 2pm Magnolia Horse Arena

Games/Practice patterns/Fun day

***RSVPs required https://agrilife.org/montgomery4h/rsvp/**



JUNIOR, INTERMEDIATE, AND SENIOR 4-H TEAMS

Montgomery County 4-H Horse Judging Team

LOVE HORSES? WANT TO STUDY AND LEARN ABOUT HORSES WITHOUT HAVING TO OWN ONE? JOIN US FOR HORSE JUDGING

October 6
November 3
December 1
January 5
February 2
March 2
April 6
May 4

AT THE EXTENSION OFFICE @ 6:00 PM
EVERYONE WELCOME!

Contact information- hankthomas99@hotmail.com
Find us on Facebook: Montgomery County 4-H Horse Judging

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HORSE QUIZ BOWL CONTEST

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 21

OPEN TO ALL 3RD-12TH GRADERS!

BRAZORIA COUNTY AGRILIFE EXTENSION OFFICE
21017 COUNTY ROAD 171, ANGLETON, TX 77515

Divisions

Seniors: 9th - 12th grade
Juniors: 3rd - 8th grade

Teams of 3 or 4

Don't have a team? Register as an individual and we will find a spot for you!

EQWISE 4-H CLUB
BRAZORIA COUNTY, TX

$10/person
Register by November 13 at
www.eqwise4h.org/contest-registration.html

Contact: eqwise4h@gmail.com

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Blow & Go

South Texas Double Trouble Prospect Show

ONE DAY ONLY

Steer and Heifer Show – November 7, 2026.

Cowboy Fellowship, 561 FM 3350, Jourdanton, TX 78026

Heifer Ring A Judge – Collin Osbourn, Steer Ring A Judge – Collin Osbourn
Steer Ring B Judge – Collin Welper
Stalling will be done off the trailer. Please No Alcohol

Entry Fees:
$50.00 per head/per ring
must enter Ring A to be
eligible for Ring B
Showmanship: $5.00 Cash at Gate

Early Entry Deadline - October 30, 2026.

Day of show entry $50.00 dollars per ring CASH ONLY

Prizes:
Heifer Show: Buckles to Div. Champions
Prizes to Reserve Div.
Steer Show: Buckles to Breed Champions A&B
Prizes to Reserve Champions A&B
Showmanship: 3 Heifer & 3 Steer Buckles
Prizes to Reserve Champions

Heifer Show
Sat, November 7- Check in: 7:00am - 8:00am
Sat, November 7- Heifer Showmanship 8:30am
- **Heifer Show following immediately after Heifer Showmanship**

Steer Show
Sat, November 7- Classify/Check in: 7:00am-9:00am
Sat, November 7- Steer Showmanship following Heifer Show
- **Steer Show following immediately after Steer Showmanship or completion of Heifer Show**

Hotels:
La Quinta Inn & Suites - (830) 769-3050
Hampton Inn - (830) 569-3001
Holiday Inn Express & Suites - (830) 769-3323
Best Western Plus Hotel - (830) 569-1917
Fairfield Inn & Suites - (830) 569-8656
Sleep Inn & Suites - (830) 770-0722

Blow & Go Show!

***Bring generators and water hoses.**

For more info, please call (830) 569-0034.

South Texas Double Trouble Prospect Show

****One animal per entry form. This is your weight card.****

Name:_____ Address:_____

Phone:_____ Email:_____

School Grade:_____

STEER Breed:_____ Weight:_____

Ring A B (Please Circle. Must enter Steer Ring A to be eligible for Steer Ring B.)

HEIFER Breed (Ring A only):_____Heifer Date of Birth:_____

Entry Fees - $50.00 per ring (Steers ONLY. Must enter Ring A to be eligible for Ring B)
EARLY ENTRY DEADLINE: October 30, 2026. On Site Entry $50.00 per head per ring.
Please mail and make early entry checks payable to:
Atascosa 4-H Council, PO Box 379, Leming, TX 78050













Invitational Quiz Bowl

Family/Community Health, Horse, and Livestock

TEXAS A&M AGRILIFE EXTENSION

Friday, January 8, 2027
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 TX4H profile (https://tx4h.tamu.edu)
- FFA members enter team by completing form **(Invitational Quiz Bowl - FFA Only Registration)**
  Mail 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 2 - December 16**, $10/4-H member and $40/FFA Team
  - **December 17 - January 6**, $15/4-H member and $60/FFA Team
  - **NO on-site registrations accepted**

Prizes will be awarded

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

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Turkey and Rabbit Intent to Show forms due to the Fair Office by 11/13

Broiler Orders due to the 4-H Office by 11/12 at 5pm. Order forms can be found here:

Montgomery County Fair Dates & Info. - M...





San Antonio Photography Contest

2027 TEXAS 4-H Photography Contest



For eligibility, category descriptions, and other details, visit the website link below. This contest is open to Texas 4-H Senior members. County qualification required.

Entries Open April 1-15, 2027

Visit Our Website
https://texas4-h.tamu.edu/projects/photography/

Questions?
d-bruton@tamu.edu

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Entries accepted October 1-31

2027 San Antonio Stock Show & Rodeo Photography Contest

SENIOR	INTERMEDIATE	JUNIOR
Grades 9 – 12	Grades 6 – 8	Grades 3 – 5

PHOTO CONTEST - DIVISIONS

5 DIVISIONS • 15 CATEGORIES • ENDLESS POSSIBILITIES

LIVING THINGS (DIVISION 1)	TRAVEL (DIVISION 2)	TECHNICAL (DIVISION 3)	AGRICULTURE (DIVISION 4)	WESTERN (DIVISION 5)
People	Travel	Macro/Details & Elements of Design	Livestock	Rodeo
Wildlife Animals	Landscape	Motion & Action	Ag Tech	Ranching & Farming
Domestic Animals	Plants	Night Photography	Food No Alcohol	Western Heritage

5 DIVISIONS (BROAD THEMES) → 15 CATEGORIES (3 CATEGORIES IN EACH DIVISION) → ENDLESS POSSIBILITIES (SHOW YOUR VISION. TELL YOUR STORY.)

SCHOLARSHIP
$10,000 SCHOLARSHIP
One $10,000 scholarship opportunity at the Senior Division level to the Grand Champion.

CASH PREMIUMS (ACROSS ALL AGE DIVISIONS)

Grand Champion	$500
Reserve Grand Champion	$250
Division Champions	$100
Reserve Division Champions	$75
1st Place	$50
2nd Place	$40
3rd Place	$30

KEY DEADLINES & FEES

TEXAS SHOW PASS DIGITAL PLATFORM OPENS	CONTEST WINDOW	LATE REGISTRATION	ENTRY FEE
October 1, 2026	October 1 - 31, 2026	NOVEMBER 1 – 15, 2026 (FEES DOUBLE)	$10 PER PHOTO

PLEASE REVIEW THE OFFICIAL CONTEST RULES THOROUGHLY BEFORE SUBMITTING.

Thank you for your dedication to fostering student creativity
WE LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOUR STUDENTS' INCREDIBLE WORK AT THE 2027 RODEO!

4-H GULF COAST FOOD CHALLENGE

Texas A&M AgriLife Extension — Better Living. Better Communities.

Cook it. Create it. Represent it!

DATE:
Friday,
December 4, 2026

WHERE:
Texas A&M AgriLife-Brazoria County
21017 CR 171,
Angleton 77515

TIME:
6:00pm - 6 teams
7:00pm - 6 teams
8:00pm - 6 teams

COST:
$45 per team

Show off your cooking skills in a fun, Gulf Coast competition!

Prizes and awards will be given away!

HAVE FUN! BE CREATIVE! MAKE MEMORIES!

REGISTRATION DEADLINE: NOVEMBER 23, 2026

REGISTER HERE:
https://4-HGulfCoastFoodChallenge.eventbrite.com

If you need special accommodations, please contact the Extension office no later than 14 days before the program so we can consider your request. Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service programs are open to all people without regard to race, color, sex, religion, national origin, age, disability, genetic information, veteran status, sexual orientation, gender identity or any other classification protected by federal, state or local law.

Texas A&M AgriLife Extension

GREEN COAT TO WHITE COAT



HEALTHCARE LEADERSHIP ACADEMY
YOUR FUTURE IN HEALTHCARE STARTS HERE

Take your career exploration to the next level through the Texas 4-H Healthcare Leadership Academy, a selective leadership and career development experience for Texas high school students interested in healthcare and the future of rural health.

THE EXPERIENCE

Participants will have opportunities to:

- Explore healthcare careers and college pathways
- Participate in interactive virtual learning experiences
- Connect with healthcare professionals and mentors
- Build résumé, interview, public speaking, and professional skills
- Learn about rural health challenges and opportunities
- Complete a healthcare-focused capstone project
- Present their work through a professional poster presentation

Academy Dates: December 2026 - June 2027
Virtual Meetings: Third Thursday of each month
In-Person Experiences: Two hands-on experiences – one in March and one in June

EXPLORE
Discover healthcare careers and the education and training pathways that can take you there.

CONNECT
Learn from healthcare professionals, Texas A&M faculty and students, and other youth who share your interests.

LEAD
Build leadership, communication, professional, and college-readiness skills.

IMPACT
Investigate real healthcare challenges facing rural Texas and develop a capstone project that allows you to put your knowledge into action.

WHO SHOULD APPLY?

10th-12th grade students who are curious about healthcare, interested in developing their leadership skills, and ready to explore how they can make a difference in the health of Texas communities.
Applicants must reside in or represent a rural Texas county and be able to commit to the full 7-month Academy, including virtual learning and in-person experiences.
You don't have to know exactly what healthcare career you want to pursue. That's what we're here to help you explore!

Application Deadline: November 18, 2026

Scan the QR code or visit the following link to apply:
https://agrilife.az1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_1MG3cV6EBeTAxX8

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Eligibility Forms

Eligibility forms are REQUIRED for every event you attend that requires 4-H membership, whether a school absence is needed or not. A separate form is needed for each event, but you can make a list and submit these requests all at once for all events that take place within a single grading period. When you enter any major show or the fair, you do not need to request a form. These will automatically be sent to you. Instead of calling or emailing, you can submit your request online here: https://forms.gle/sJwMFH8fieqAyiSr5. If you are able to provide an email address for the individual who will be responsible for these on your campus and willing to send us a copy of your signature, we will get this completed digitally. Forms are processed on Mondays and Thursdays. Given enough time, we can also mail a hard copy to you or you may stop by the office to pick it up. Before taking to campus, parents must sign the form and fill in the dates if requesting an excused absence. When the school returns these to you, make sure they have checked the boxes indicating you are eligible, whether or not an excused absence will be granted, and that you have a signature at the bottom. Once you receive the physical copy back from the school, you are responsible for returning it to us BEFORE the event. Our standard timeline is to have the form on file a week before the event or competition. If you are in a time crunch, you may email the form before the event and then drop a hard copy in the mail.

There is not an acceptable version of the eligibility form online, this must be requested through our office.

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