Montgomery County 4-H Weekly Updates

October 9-16, 2026
Office hours: Mon-Fri 8am-12pm; 1pm-5pm
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Important Dates

October 2026

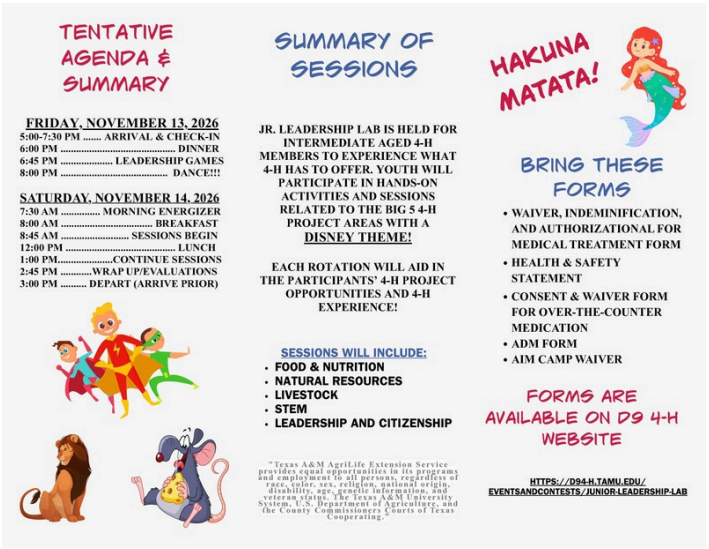
10/4-10/10 National 4-H Week
10/10 One Day 4-H
10/14 Junior Leadership Lab registration due
10/17 Life Skills Cooking with Confidence 9am-1pm, Thomas LeRoy Ed. Bldg., RSVP
10/24 Beginner Sewing 9am-12pm, Extension Office RSVP
10/26 Heifer validation 4-7pm, Fairgrounds, sign up genius
10/27 Lamb and Goat validation 4-7pm, Fairgrounds, sign up genius
10/29 Record keeping training 6:30pm, Extension Office, RSVP
10/31 San Antonio photo entries due

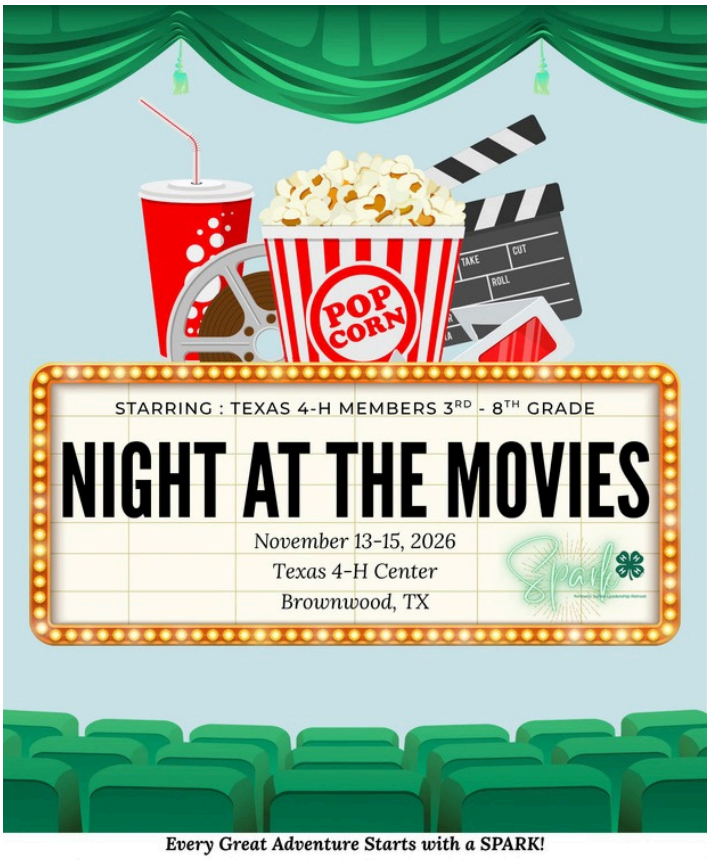
November 2026

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

REGISTRATION CLOSES OCTOBER 14TH!







Every Great Adventure Starts with a SPARK!
Grab your popcorn and get ready...the lights are dimming, the cameras are rolling, and YOU have just stepped into the world of 4-H projects!







Pecans, anyone?

It's that time of year again! This fundraiser is the major source of income for the Montgomery County 4-H program. These funds go directly back to you in the form of educational programs, registration fees, equipment, and curriculum.

*****Members need to pick up their fundraiser packet at their September club meeting from the club's pecan leader. September - October is your time to sale pecans. ALL orders will be due back to your club's pecan leader at your October monthly club meeting unless your pecan leader has set up an alternate date/time.***

****NO orders are to be turned directly in to the 4-H office. ALL orders must be given to the club's pecan leader!**

County contest for the top sellers:

1st place-$150
2nd place-$100 cash
3rd place $75 cash
4th place-$50
5th place-$25

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



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 October 22nd at 6:30pm. Follow this link:
https://teams.microsoft.com/meet/229826492482294?p=0OFZ3eFDhHyNDIqlPr
More information can also be found here:
https://texas4hfoundation.org/about-scholarships/



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Project Information

*Be sure to check out any attachments also

Spring 2027 Major Show Validation Orders

All order forms are located on the 4-H webpage:
https://agrilife.org/montgomery4h/livestock/

*Swine tag order information has not been sent yet.

	Late orders	Due	Validation Date
Heifers	$30	10/9	10/26
Lambs & Goats (market or breeding)	$30	10/9	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.

Quality Counts

Quality Counts is an online course designed for 4-H and FFA members participating in livestock projects. The primary objectives are to enable students to understand the relationship between good character and safe food practices and to apply knowledge regarding the ethical implications of livestock-raising decisions. Quality Counts is required for major livestock show entry and must be completed each grade level division (Juniors: Grades 3-5, Intermediates: Grades 6-8, Seniors: Grades 9-12). It does not have to be renewed every year.

Texas A&M AgriLife Extension

Fort Worth Stock Show & Rodeo · San Antonio Stock Show & Rodeo · San Angelo Stock Show & Rodeo · Rodeo Austin

MONTGOMERY COUNTY 4-H MAJOR SHOW ENTRY NIGHT

NOVEMBER 1, 2026 3-5PM AND NOVEMBER 2, 2026 5-7PM

*ALL LIVESTOCK AND NON-LIVESTOCK ENTRIES MUST BE DONE ON ONE OF THESE DAYS.

Be sure to fill out the Google form: https://forms.gle/oEKGiemhjDsJVdJx7 as soon as possible, but no later than 10/29 so we can have your paperwork ready.



****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/**











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













Livestock Judging Contest

TEXAS A&M AGRILIFE EXTENSION — CAPITAL FARM CREDIT

GUADALUPE COUNTY 4-H LIVESTOCK JUDGING CONTEST

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 23, 2026

THE COUNTRY CHURCH ARENA
1005 W FM 78, MARION, TEXAS 78124

SCHEDULE

8:00 a.m.	Registration - Cattle Barn
8:45 a.m.	Orientation
9:00 a.m.	Judging Starts
ASAP	Awards Presentation

PRE-REGISTRATION DEADLINE:
October 19, 2026

Charles Real-Chairman/Coordinator
Jeff Hanselka, Travis Franke

ENTRY FEE:
$40.00 per team/$10.00 per individual

For more information contact the Guadalupe County Extension office at (830) 379-1972 or j-hanselka@tamu.edu

GENERAL RULES

1. Any 4-H or FFA member that resides in the state of Texas is eligible. Contestants must be a bona fide 4-H or FFA member enrolled in an accredited Texas school and be in compliance with UIL regulations.
2. Coaches may enter as many individuals or teams (a team will consist of at least 3 or no more than 4 members) as desired. The top three total scores of a team will make up the team score.
3. The contest will be divided into Junior and Senior divisions following 4-H rules as of January 1, 2000. Fourteen and over as of September 1, 2026 are considered Seniors, and thirteen and under as of September 1, 2026 are considered Juniors.
4. No talking between contestants or anyone else will be allowed. Violation will cause the team and individual to be disqualified.
5. A minimum of eight (8) classes will be judged and there will be a minimum of three (3) questions classes. Animals within a class will be designated by numbers: 1, 2, 3, and 4. Scores will be based on placings only. No oral reasons will be required. The questions class will be used to break individual and team ties.
6. Contestants will be allowed ten (10) minutes to judge each class of livestock. Contestants will be notified one (1) minute before the time is up.
7. Results and awards will be presented ASAP after contest in the Arena. Please be present. The results as announced will be final. Awards will be presented to the Junior and Senior Divisions as individuals and as teams. Results will be available for coaches following awards presentation.

GUADALUPE COUNTY LIVESTOCK JUDGING CONTEST
ENTRY FORM

County _____ Email address _____

No. of Sr. team entries _____ @ $40.00 = _____ No. of Sr. individuals _____ @ $10.00 = _____

No. of Jr. team entries _____ @ $40.00 = _____ No. of Jr. individuals _____ @ $10.00 = _____

TOTAL_____ CHECK # _____

MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO: **GUADALUPE 4-H LIVESTOCK ACCOUNT**
MAIL ENTRIES TO: Guadalupe County Extension Office
210 East Live Oak, Seguin, Texas 78155

Consumer Decision Making Contest

2026 GUADALUPE COUNTY 4-H CDM CONTEST
FRIDAY, OCTOBER 23
THE COUNTRY CHURCH, MARION, TEXAS
1005 W. FM 78 *Marion, Texas* 78124

TEXAS A&M AGRILIFE EXTENSION

ENTRY FORM

_____ **Junior** _____ **Intermediate** _____ **Senior**

Coach: _____
Address: _____
City/State/Zip: _____
Cell phone: _____
Email Address: _____
Team members:
1. _____ Grade ____
2. _____ Grade ____
3. _____ Grade ____
4. _____ Grade ____

Please mail entry form and $40 payment to (payment must be received with entry form):
Matt Miranda • 210 E. Live Oak • Seguin, TX 78155
REGISTRATION DEADLINE: OCTOBER 16, 2026
Make checks payable to: ***Guadalupe 4-H Council***

SCHEDULE
8am – Check in
8:45 – orientation
9am. – Judging Begins
Awards follow the judging 11am

GUIDELINES

- An entry includes a team of up to four youth in grades 3-12, following the 4-H guidelines. Individuals/teams may come from schools, churches, 4-H, etc.
- There will be eight classes based on the 2025-2026 4-H Consumer Decision Making Contest classes. Each class will have Eight (8) minutes to be judged. There will be time after the completion of judging for coaches to go thru classes with teams. Teams who have won 1st place at the state roundup contest will be allowed to judge for practice and experience but will not be considered for placings.
- For team placings, teams of 4 will have their lowest individual score dropped. Teams of 3 will have all three individual scores count toward their team score. All ties among any placing team or individual will be broken via designated tiebreakers.

There will be no reasons for this contest.

WHAT TO BRING:
- Clipboard, Regular Calculator (Cannot be a scientific calculator or cell phone/smart device)
- Several sharpened pencils with good erasers, Blank paper for taking notes on classes.

Scantrons will be provided. The official scantron will be Universal A #705A-12. Students should know how to use scantrons properly before coming to the contest.
STUDY MATERIALS: All study materials for this contest are located at:
https://texas4-h.tamu.edu/wp-content/uploads/roundup_consumer_decision_making_guide_2026.pdf
For more information, contact Matt Miranda at 830-303-3889 or mjmiranda@ag.tamu.edu

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12th Annual Guadalupe County SumoBot Contest 2026

guadalupe robotics team

Save the Date

When? December 5, 2026

Where? Big Red Barn Seguin TX
390 Cordova Rd, Seguin, TX 78155

Teams: 2 to 4 members

Registration Opens: October 1st, 2026

Divisions: Juniors (3rd to 5th grade)
Intermediates (6th to 8th grade)
Seniors (9th to 12th grade)

Registration: $70 per team

Information at
guadalupe4hrobots@gmail.com

Please note: Only Lego brand manufactured parts will be allowed





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. - Mo…







San Antonio Photography Contest

Entries accepted October 1-31









Gardening and Horticulture opportunities:

- **TAMU Horticulture Exploration Day-October 10, 2026 This event is an opportunity to explore horticulture and learn about the field through Texas A&M University's Horticulture Department. https://hortsciences.tamu.edu/horticulture-exploration-day/**

Texas A&M The Gardens-Garden Exploration Days

- **Monday, 10/12/2026 Garden to Plate**

Discover how fruits and vegetables grow from seed to harvest. Campers will explore edible gardens, learn about plant care and harvesting processes, and make connections between the garden and the foods we eat every day.

- **Tuesday, 10/13/2026 Habitat Heroes**

Explore the fascinating world of wildlife-friendly gardening. Campers will investigate the needs of pollinators, birds, and beneficial insects, learn how gardens provide essential habitats, and discover ways to create healthy ecosystems that support local wildlife. https://gardens.tamu.edu/educational-programs/

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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