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Welcome Back!



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FAREWELL

It is with sadness that inform you that the last week in July will be my last week here with ya'll in Gonzales County. I have recently accepted a position in Comal County as the 4-H and Youth Development Agent. I am saddened to be leaving all of you but am excited for the new opportunities that lie ahead.

Thank you so much for the amazing three years. I have loved my time here and all the friendships I have made. I couldn't have been any more fortunate to have started my career in extension anywhere else. Just know this is not goodbye! Still feel free to reach out to me if you are in need of anything.



Thank you again, Lauren Strom

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Take Pictures-and tell us what is going on at your club meetings or other 4-H activities. Let's promote 4-H in our community and show Gonzales what 4-H is all about. Send your pictures and stories to gonzales@ag.tamu.edu.

Nitrogen Tank

Gonzales County 4-H owns a liquid nitrogen tank to store bull semen for any 4-H member to use

for their beef projects. This tank is available for check-out at the AgriLife Extension Office.

Rural Youth Loans... the Farm Service Agency has a program that provides loans to youth for purchasing income producing livestock to improve and/or begin their operation. Information on this program is available at the Gonzales FSA Office, 830-672-7511.

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State Fair of Texas or Heart of Texas Fair Exhibitors- Anyone wishing to enter the

State Fair of Texas need to have their entries completed at

the Extension Office by August 23, 2021. The Heart of Texas entries are due to the

Extension Office by *September 3, 2021*.

Major Show Market Goat, Market Lamb and Breeding Goat and Breeding Sheep Exhibitors

If you desire to show market goats, market lambs, breeding goats or breeding sheep, wether dam or wether does at any of the major livestock shows this coming year, your projects will need to be validated and tagged on <u>October 19th</u>. In order for this to occur, you must call the AgriLife Extension office by <u>August 27th</u> to order the ear tags that will be placed in your project.

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- 2. Register with your information
 - a. It is very important to choose BOTH your 4-H and FFA chapter regardless of which you think you will show through!
 - b. You will need to enter your DOB and Phone Number in the format provided.
 - c. For grade level, please enter the grade you are entering (if between May-August) or your current grade, depending on the time of year you are registering in Quality Counts.
- 3. Click Submit Registration
- This will trigger an email from <u>dottie.goebel@aq.tamu.edu</u> to keep for your records.
 a. Do not delete this email as it contains a Return Link that you will NEED to
 - Do not delete this email as it contains a Return Li come back to the course at any time.
- Staying on the website, click Proceed to Curriculum.
- 6. You will be directed to the Quality Counts curriculum website.
- 7. The course is free, so click the green Enroll Now button.
 - a. You may have to scroll down to see this if using a mobile device.
 - b. Though you do have to create another login on a separate website, this is necessary to be able to leave and come back to the curriculum as many times as needed!
- Click <u>Register under</u> "Are You a New Learner?" Even if you created an account last year and are enrolling in a new grade category, you need to create a new account. This is because we transitioned websites for improvements.
- Create username and password and complete login details. The address entered is not used or saved and is only for this site.
- 10. Accept the terms and conditions and click Register.
- 11. Click "Click Here" under Course Access Details.
- 12. Click Quality Counts
- Select Age Bracket according to your school grade as of August 31 of the current year.
- 14. Begin Course! The course will take approximately 2 hours to complete.
- 15. You may leave and come back to the course using the Return Link (Step 4a).
- 16. Once you complete the course, you will click Proceed to Test.
- 17. You must complete the exam once you start it, but you can take it as many times as needed to achieve an 80% or higher.
- 18. Once passed, your verified Quality Counts number is ready for livestock show entries!

FOR QUESTIONS RELATED TO TECHNICAL ISSUES CONTACT: LEARNONLINE@AG.TAMU.EDU FOR QUESTIONS RELATED TO CONTENT. SCORES, AND

VERIFICATION CONTACT: DOTTIE.GOEBEL@AG.TAMU.EDU



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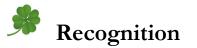


We are excited to announce that Savay Sexton was selected as District 10 President at Leadership Lab in July. With that position she is representing District 10 on State 4-H Council for the 21-22 4-H Year!

Gonzales County 4-H will be represented well!

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Augustus Sexton earned the Texas Jr. Cup trophy for the 2020-2021 Livestock Judging season. He competed in ten live contests and four virtual contests to earn the High Individual honors. Augustus traveled over 3,700 miles of Texas to compete in these contests. Congratulations on a successful year!



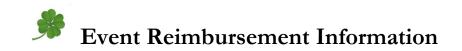
Three members of Gonzales County 4-H attended the 2021 Texas Scholarship Banquets held over 3 days in College Station in June. Braden Clampit of Sundowners 4-H received the Richard Wallrath Education Foundation Scholarship, Madison Holmes of Nixon 4-H received the Houston Livestock Show Scholarship and Ashtyn Kardosz of Cost 4-H received the Texas 4-H Foundation Scholarship. All three seniors were actively involved with projects, leadership, and community service. Texas 4-H is the largest youth development program with more than 550,000 youth each year. No matter where you live or what you like to do, Texas 4-H has something that lets you be a better you! If interested in joining a 4-H club, visit gonzales.agrilife.com or call 830-672-8531.

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Important Reminders from County Council

4-H County Council covers:

- Half camp fees to the 4-H Conference Center in Brownwood or Leadership based camps hosted by Texas 4-H.
- Half entry fees for participation in a 4-H hosted workshop or state round-up workshop(s)
- ALL entry fees for District 10 and/or State 4-H level contests hosted by the Texas 4-H Staff
- ALL entry fees for 4-H team-based contests

Contact office if this may apply to you. Members are held accountable by submitting a 4-H Payment Request Form and provide receipt of event attended to the council within 30 days of the event attended. Members will be notified once paperwork has been reviewed. Contact office for further information. Paperwork can be picked up at the office or found online at gonzales.agrilife.org.

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Event Reimbursement Information

2021 - 2022 Limited Financial Aid Information

Adult Leader Officers: President - Sascha Kardosz, VP – Sequoya Janacek, Secretary - Erin LaBuhn and Treasurer - Melissa Clampit

Gonzales County 4-H Adult Leaders are available to provide limited financial aid for members who have attended workshops, camps, or clinics that enhances his/her 4-H project. Financial aid is also available for those who have represented Gonzales County at the district, state, or national levels in other events. FIRST, members are held accountable by submitting the limited financial assistance request form and provide receipts (s) of event attended to the adult leaders within 30 days of the event attended. SECOND, the VERIFICATION FORM must be completed after speaking at any 4-H meeting within the given time frame. Late forms will not be accepted. Contact Sascha Kardosz 830-857-4658 or Melissa Clampit 830-857-4931 for more information. Paperwork can be picked up at the office or found online at gonzales.agrilife.org under the 4-H tab.

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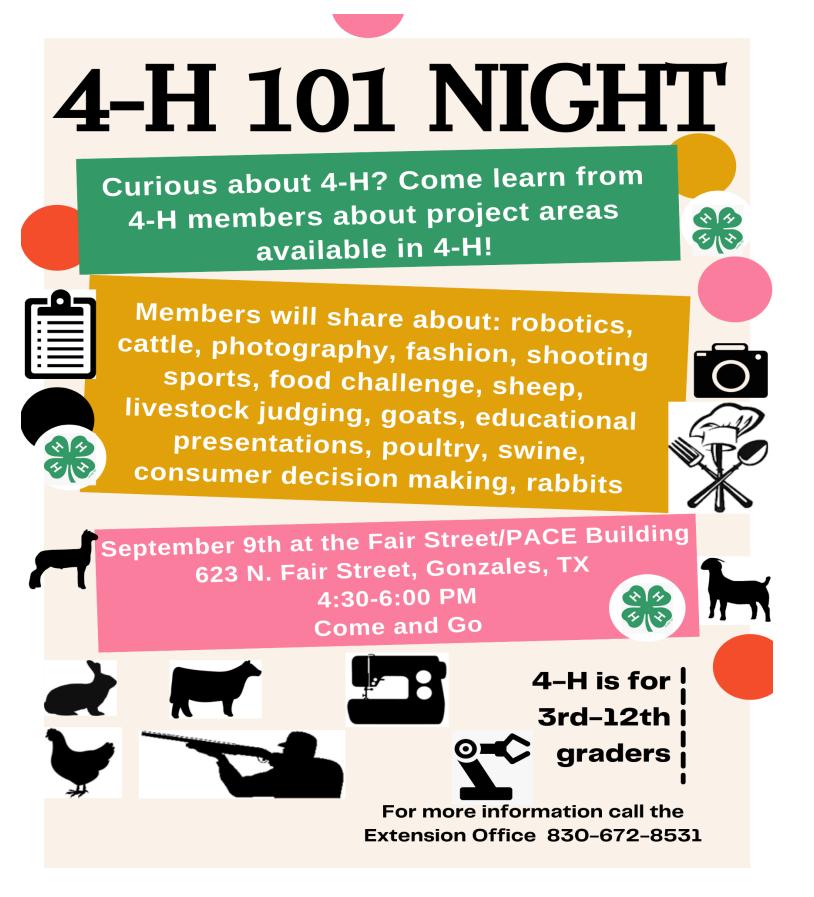


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When & Time: 2 nd Sunday 4:00 PM		When & Time: 1 st Thursday 6:00 PM		When & Time: 1 st Friday 7:00 PM		When & Time: 1 st Thursday 6:00 PM	
Phone: 830-857-4230		Phone: 830-263-1687 830-857-6023		Phone: 830-534-7000		Phone: 830-203-0470	
Location: Gonzales Odd Fellows Lodge 1405 Conway Street		Location: Waelder Waelder School Cafeteria		Location: Gonzales Elks Lodge 1222 E Sarah DeWitt Dr		Location: Gonzales JB Wells 2301 CR 197	

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ROBOTICS CLUB

Club Manager: Shantell Cheatham - 830-534-7000 Location: **Gonzales Elks Lodge** 1222 E Sarah **DeWitt Dr**

Interest nights

August 27th 5:30-7:30

Sept 10th 5:30-7:30

Upcoming meetings:

Scheduled Practices:

September 10th 7pm September 17th October 1st 7pm November 5th 7pm December 3rd

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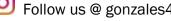
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County Council News By: President Savay Sexton

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This year I am honored to be serving as your Gonzales County 4-H Council President, District 10 4-H President,

and a State 4-H Council Member. I am looking forward to a great year and am excited to serve!

It's the start of the 4-H year which means get signed up on 4-H Connect! Highschool students also need to turn their signature forms in for the Adult Leader Opportunity scholarships.

Bucket Calf applications are now up on the Extension Website. This is our second year for this program, and we are excited to host it in conjunction with the GCYLA show. We need mentors and mentees to sign up! Mentors are 9th-12th graders, and mentees are 4-7 years old. The mentees get a calf when it is only a few days old and bottle feed it. The mentors do house visits and assist the mentee by helping them and the calf prepare for the Gonzales County Youth Livestock Show in March. Both mentees and mentors participate in activity-based meetings between October and March. The full rules and requirements can also be found on the Extension website.

As the District 10 President I am excited to share that we are having Mega Meeting this year!! It will be held on September 25th at the Comfort High School. What is Mega Meeting? It is a fun packed day for 4-Hers and a learning day for the parents. 4-Hers will participate in numerous activities and games related to 4-H projects and meet other 4-Hers from across District 10. There will be workshops for parents to learn more about 4-H opportunities.

I look forward to seeing you at events throughout the year, as it's time to start thinking about all the projects 4-H offers and how you can succeed in them. Contact the Extension office for more details. If you need a speaker for your meeting, please reach out to me as I'd be glad to share about the 4-H program and the potential opportunities it holds.



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SHOOTING SPORTS COACHES CERTIFICATION WORKSHOPS

Register on 4-H Connect

September 25-26 - Laredo

October 2 - Seguin

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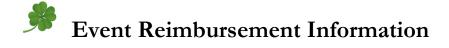
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4-H 101 NIGHT

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Members will share about: robotics, cattle, photography, fashion, shooting sports, food challenge, sheep, livestock judging, goats, educational presentations, poultry, swine, consumer decision making, rabbits

September 9th at the Fair Street/PACE Building 623 N. Fair Street, Gonzales, TX 4:30-6:00 PM Come and Go



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Interest nights

August 27th 5:30-7:30

Sept 10th 5:30-7:30

Upcoming meetings: September 10th 7pm

October 1st 7pm November 5th 7pm December 3rd

Scheduled Practices:

September 17th September 24th October 15th November 19th December 17th









SAVE THE DATE TO "DECORATE" YOUR 4-H EXPERIENCE!

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 25, 2021

> 9AM- 4PM COMFORT HIGH SCHOOL

4-H is YUMMY! Hope you can join us !

District 10 4-H Mega Meeting Schedule

Schedule subject to change							
Time	General Schedule						
9:00am – 9:45am	Arrival & Registration/T-Shirt Pick Up						
9:45am – 9:55 am	Welcome & Overview of the Day						
10:00am – 11:55am	Morning Workshops & Session Rotations See schedule below for Youth/Adult Schedule *Youth are welcome to participate in Adult Workshops. Adults are welcome to observe/photograph youth workshops but are asked to refrain from 'participating' to allow youth peer-to-peer interaction.						
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Mega Meeting Workshop Descriptions

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	LUNCH BREAK:	Noon - 1:00 P.	.M.		
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	DEPARTURE: 4:00) P.M. Safe Tra	vels!		

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County Council News By: President Savay Sexton

Howdy y'all!

It was great to kick off our 4-H year by hosting the 4-H 101 Night! I am thankful for those who helped with it and excited for everyone that came and learned about opportunities in Gonzales County 4-H. I am also glad that several Gonzales County 4-Hers attended the District 10 Mega Meeting held in Comfort in September. The District wide community service project we voted on is to fill small bags with makeup to deliver to women's shelters. Please share this at your club meetings and deliver the make-up to the Extension office for us to coordinate getting it to the shelters. National 4-H Week, October 3rd- 9th is 4-H celebrated nationally on a local level. It culminates with One Day 4-H on October 9th. To celebrate and encourage 4-H, this year we are painting windows at the Robert Lee Brothers Library on Thursday September 30th. On October 8th we are helping the Chamber of Commerce prepare for their move to their new location. Please reach out to the Extension office for times of both events. As District 10 President and a State 4-H Council member, I want to encourage as many Gonzales 4-Hers as possible to attend Junior Leadership Retreat! This retreat is for third to eighth graders from November 12th -14th in Brownwood at the Texas 4-H Center. This camp is led by State Council Members. It will be a weekend full of fun, learning, and connecting with other 4-Hers from across the state. Let's have a great group from Gonzales go and take advantage of this opportunity. Remember, County Council helps with fees for District and State 4-H events! District 10 Fall Roundup is scheduled for November 30th- December 2nd. This is a fabulous opportunity for 4-Hers of all ages to compete in contests and meet other 4-Hers from across the District. The contests offered are Public Speaking, Educational Presentations, Entomology, Food Show, Food Challenge, Horse Quiz Bowl, Livestock Quiz Bowl, and Family Consumer Health Quiz Bowl. Talk to your Extension Agent or Project Leader to find out more information including registration deadlines. Now is the time to be planning your fall contests!



County Council Meeting & Officers

Meetings will be at the County Extension Office **November, Tuesday 16th, 2021 at 6:00 P.M.** All Gonzales County 4-H club members are encouraged to come.



President: Savay Sexton Vice-President: Cooper LaBuhn Secretary: Emma Froh Treasurer: Travis Thibodeaux Reporter: Coy LaBuhn Parliamentarian: Augustus Sexton District Council Representatives: Savay Sexton, Addyson Kardosz and Augustus Sexton





Youth Registration Membership Fee \$25/per child to the completion of 4-H year. \$30/per child if registering after October 31st

Adult Volunteer Registration Fee \$10

Website to register for 4-H is <u>https://v2.4honline.com/</u>. Your ID and password will be the same as last year. Returning families, please do not create another family profile. If you forgot password, call the office and we will reset it for you. If you have any problems with the 4-H Online website or have questions, please call (830) 672-8531 or email Marcella at Marcella.Perales@ag.tamu.edu at the Extension Office for assistance.

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Texas 4-H/FFA Heifer Validation Program

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LIVESTOCK JUDGING

We have a group of members who participate in many youth livestock judging contests. At these contests, there are 4 animals in a class that are placed, consisting of cattle, swine, sheep, and goats. This program is a great way for kids to build confidence and improve their decision-making skills. They also learn about livestock production and life skills along the way. We will host livestock judging practices this fall as time. If you want your child to participate in these practices and contests, please notify the Extension Office so you can stay informed. Our kids have been very successful in the past and have learned much.



JACKPOT SHOWS

Oct. 09	Atascosa County Fair Association- Jourdanton- Lamb, Goat,
	Heifer & Steer
Oct. 16	Jourdanton FFA- Lamb & Goat
Oct. 19	Atascosa Co. Fair Association -Jourdanton-Lamb, Goat, Heifer
	& Steer
Nov. 13	South Texas Double Trouble- Jourdanton- Steer & Heifer

GONZALES COUNTY YOUTH SHOW SHEEP, GOAT & HALTER HEIFER EXHIBITORS

- Validation for the lambs and goats will occur Tuesday, October 19, 2021 from 5-6:00 pm at the JB Wells Park.
- Validation for the halter heifers will occur Thursday October 21, 2021 from 5-6:00 pm at the Pecan Grove Vet. Clinic.
- Rules by the Gonzales County Youth Show Association are available at http://gonzales.agrilife.org/ under the tab Major Texas Livestock Show & Local Shows

SHOOTING SPORTS COACHES CERTIFICATION WORKSHOPS

Register on 4-H Connect

October 2 - Seguin October 16 - Texarkana and Monahans November 13 - Stephenville and Conroe November 20 - Archer City December 4 – Victoria







September 11, 2021 - Gonzales County 4-H members started their Fall judging run at the Colorado County Fair in Columbus. The Junior Team placed 3rd overall, with members Augustus Sexton (4th), William Pregeant (26th), Colt Richter (27th) and Jaxon Beck (44th). The Senior Team placed 20th with team members Savay Sexton, Sarah Pregeant, Haven Davis, and Brookelyn Hansen.



September 18, 2021 – Guadalupe County 4-H Contest in Marion. At the Guadalupe County 4-H Contest in Marion, the Junior and Senior Gonzales County teams both placed 10th. Junior team members were Kooper Hardcastle (6th), Jaxon Beck, and Colt Richter. The Senior Team members were Sarah Pregeant, Preston Rice, and Kyleigh McKissack





September 18, 2021 – Washington County Fair-Brenham Savay and Augustus participated in the Washington County Fair Livestock Judging Contest in Brenham. Savay was first in the senior division out of 220 competitors! Augustus placed 16th in the intermediate division.

Judge Davis was so kind to join the 4-H County Council meeting and sign the National 4-H Week Proclamation.









4-H POINSETTIA SALE AND FRESH CHRISTMAS WREATHS

Poinsettias and Fresh Wreaths will be sold o<u>n Friday, December 3rd</u> at Marrou and Company in Gonzales. You may also pre-order wreaths this year if you wish. All orders are DUE NO LATER THAN 4:00 P.M. ON NOVEMBER 12th.

Poinsettia orders are not guaranteed if orders are not in by November 12th. We need all 4-H'ers to help sell poinsettias as all 4-H'ers benefit from the proceeds.

Pick up poinsettias and wreaths at **Marrou's between 10:00am and 4:00pm**. Sale also opens to the public during those hours.

At least 2 adult volunteers from each club are asked to help on

Friday, December 3rd

10:00-Noon— Sundowners, Nixon & Waelder Noon-2:00— Green Clover and Smiley 2:00-4:00—Leesville & Cost

Pick up your sale tickets from the Extension Office. Club Managers tickets are in your club box.



Club Information



Cost Club met September 20th Community Services Projects were discussed.

Success seems to be largely a matter of hanging on after others have let go.

William Feather

American - Author August 25, 1889 - January 7, 1981

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Sundowners 4-H Club

The Sundowners 4-H Club had their first meeting of the year on September 12th, at the Odd Fellows Lodge. The new officers introduced themselves to the club, and all new members we introduced as well. Officer reports were given. Members shared 4-H experiences from over the summer. Members were introduced to Mr. Dwight Sexton our local county extension agent. Mr. Sexton explained to the club what his job as a county extension agent entails. Being a county extension agent is far more than just dealing with just 4-H. Mr. Sexton turned the floor over to his daughter, Savay Sexton. Savay is the president to the Gonzales 4-H County Council, and District 10 president as well. Savay talked to the club about how they can promote 4-H, represent the club outside of meetings and other projects that members can do outside of showing animals. The service project for the month was water and sweet treats to the first responders. One day 4-H and national 4-H week was discussed. Birthdays for August and September were celebrated. The next Sundowners meeting will be on October 10th, at 4 P.M. at the Odd Fellows Lodge.



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Gonzales County 4-H Adult Leaders

MEAL PLATES TO GO

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ONE DAY 4-H Project – We will meet at 4:00 PM on Friday, October 8th at the Gonzales Chamber of Commerce. The goal is to help them prepare as much as possible to move to their new location. The address to meet at is 414 St Lawrence St, Gonzales, TX 78629. Hope to see you there!

PROMOTE 4-H - During National 4-H Week October 3rd through 9th you can promote 4-H by wearing your Club, County, District or State 4-H shirts to school and activities. This is a great way to share about 4-H to your friends and is a good conversation starter.



District Fall Roundup November 30,2021- December 2, 2021

District Contest Include: Nov. 30 – Livestock Quiz Bowl, Horse Quiz Bowl, Educational Presentations, Public Speaking Dec. 1 – Food Show, Food & Nutrition Quiz Bowl, Entomology Judging Dec. 2 – Food Challenge

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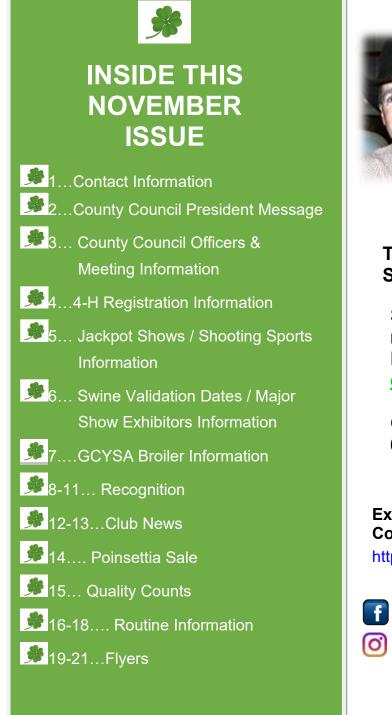
> **Upcoming meetings:** October 1st 7pm November 5th 7pm December 3rd

Scheduled Practices: October 15th November 19th December 17th









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County Council News By: President Savay Sexton

Howdy, y'all!

Thank you to all the 4-Hers that represented 4-H by riding on the 4-H float during the Come and Take It parade!

I am excited for all the Gonzales County kids attending Junior Leadership Retreat at the Texas 4-H Center in Brownwood this month! It will be a great opportunity for them to have fun, participate in engaging workshops, meet the State 4-H Council and other 4-Hers from across the state.

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Now is the time to be registering for the District 10 Fall Roundup, which is November 30th- December 2nd. It is a fabulous opportunity for 4-Hers of all ages to compete in contests and meet other 4-Hers from across District 10. The contests offered are Public Speaking, Educational Presentations, Entomology, Food Show, Food Challenge, Horse Quiz Bowl, Livestock Quiz Bowl, and Family Consumer Health Quiz Bowl. Talk to your Extension Agent or Project Leader to find out more information, including registration deadlines.

As a part of the livestock judging team, I encourage other 4-Hers to join as we travel the state, learning critical thinking skills, building relationships, and judging livestock. The teams have been successful and have enjoyed representing Gonzales County well at the eleven contests we have traveled to this fall.

With the holidays coming up, many clubs are doing community service projects to help the less fortunate in the area. If you can assist, please do so.

Have a great November and a Happy Thanksgiving!



County Council Officers

Meetings will be at the County Extension Office **November, Tuesday 16th, 2021 at 6:00 P.M.** All Gonzales County 4-H club members are encouraged to come.



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JACKPOT SHOWS

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Nov. 13	Eagle Ford Shale Showdown-Karnes City - Lamb & Goat
Nov. 20	Dove County Classic – Karnes City – Steers
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SHOOTING SPORTS COACHES CERTIFICATION WORKSHOPS

Register on 4-H Connect

November 13 - Stephenville and Conroe

November 20 - Archer City

December 4 – Victoria

Bexar County 4-H Shoot – November 20th in San Antonio

Gun Club – American Traps and Sporting Clays fun shoot – Register on Iclays.com



Gonzales County Youth Show Exhibitors

Validation for <u>Swine</u> – November **30th**, 2021, <u>5-6</u> pm at JB Wells

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MAJOR SHOW EXHIBITORS

Fort Worth, Houston, Austin and San Angelo, and San Antonio exhibitors...entry cards are available in the office.

Fort Worth entries are due Monday, November <u>8</u>th, 2021, at the Extension Office. All others need to be completed and paid by Monday, November **15**th.

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GONZALES COUNTY YOUTH SHOW BROILERS

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Have a Happy & Bless Thanksgiving!!



4-H Recognition-Livestock Judging Team Results



State Fair of Texas

5th Place Junior Team

Augustus Sexton – 2nd Place Jr. Individual

Kooper Hardcastle, Colt Richter, Jaxon Beck

10th Place Sr. Individual – Savay Sexton

Also participating Sarah Pregeant



Waller Co. Fair -

Augustus Sexton – 7th Intermediate Savay Sexton, Jaxon Beck, Sarah Pregeant

Fort Bend Co. Fair –

Augustus Sexton – 1st Jr. Savay Sexton – 6th Sr., Sarah Pregeant

Calhoun Co. Fair -

Augustus Sexton – 1st Jr., Colt Richter -18th Jr. Jaxon Beck -19th Jr., Madison Hilt, Deltin Pape Savay Sexton – 4th Sr.

Heart O' Texas Fair -

Augustus Sexton 4th Jr., Jaxon Beck, Kooper Hardcastle, Olivia Jackson Savay Sexton





Austin County Fair-

Augustus Sexton - 4th Intermediate, Colt Richter, Savay Sexton



Brazos Valley Fair

Savay Sexton, 6th Sr., Jaxon Beck 7th Jr., Augustus Sexton 18th Jr.,

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4-H Recognition



4-H Members had a wonderful time ridging on the Gonzales 4-H float in the Gonzales Come & Take It Parade! A special thank you to Mr. Bert Ehrig for providing trailer.



Club News



Sundowners 4-H Club's Meeting

The Sundowners 4-H Club met on October 10th, at the Odd Fellows Lodge. Officer reports were given. Members shared 4-H activates since the last meeting. The club welcomed several new members. This month's service project was collecting food to be donated to GCAM. The San Antonio Ambassador Committee spoke to the club about the different events that take place during the San Antonio Livestock Show and Rodeo. Shantell Cheatham with Gonzales County Robotics club spoke about what the robotics club does and how it is tied to AG. Sundowners next meeting will be held on November 14, 2021 at 4 PM, at the ODD Follows Lodge.



Club News



The first week of October members from local 4H clubs met at the Gonzales Public Library and painted windows supporting National 4H week!!

On the second Tuesday of every month at 4:30pm, Green Clover 4H club meets at the PACE building for their monthly meeting. In October, they were joined by firefighters from the local fire station. These young men educated the club members and parents on the details of what being a fireman/firewoman includes and they displayed and educated the kids on all of their fire gear used when fighting fires. Questions didn't go unanswered, and ears were listening closely. Green Clover would like to thank the Gonzales Fire Department for their sacrifices to the community and coming to educate our youth in regard to their profession.







4-H POINSETTIA SALE AND FRESH CHRISTMAS WREATHS

Poinsettias and Fresh Wreaths will be sold on **Friday, December 3**rd at Marrou and Company in Gonzales. You may also pre-order wreaths this year if you wish. **All orders are DUE NO LATER THAN 4:00 P.M. ON NOVEMBER 12th**.

Poinsettia orders are not guaranteed if orders are not in by November 12th. We need all 4-H'ers to help sell poinsettias as all 4-H'ers benefit from the proceeds.

Pick up poinsettias and wreaths at **Marrou's between 10:00am and 4:00pm**. Sale also opens to the public during those hours.

At least 2 adult volunteers from each club are asked to help on

Friday, December 3rd

10:00-Noon— Sundowners, Nixon & Waelder Noon-2:00— Green Clover and Smiley 2:00-4:00—Leesville & Cost

Pick up your sale tickets from the Extension Office. Club Managers tickets are in your club box.



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- Click <u>Register under "Are You a New Learner?</u>" Even if you created an account last year and are enrolling in a new grade category, you need to create a new account. This is because we transitioned websites for improvements.
- Create username and password and complete login details. The address entered is not used or saved and is only for this site.
- 10. Accept the terms and conditions and click Register.
- 11. Click "Click Here" under Course Access Details.
- 12. Click Quality Counts
- Select Age Bracket according to your school grade as of August 31 of the current year.
- 14. Begin Course! The course will take approximately 2 hours to complete.
- 15. You may leave and come back to the course using the Return Link (Step 4a).
- 16. Once you complete the course, you will click Proceed to Test.
- 17. You must complete the exam once you start it, but you can take it as many times as needed to achieve an 80% or higher.
- 18. Once passed, your verified Quality Counts number is ready for livestock show entries!

FOR QUESTIONS RELATED TO TECHNICAL ISSUES CONTACT: LEARNONLINE@AG.TAMU.EDU

FOR QUESTIONS RELATED TO CONTENT, SCORES, AND VERIFICATION CONTACT: DOTTIE.GOEBEL@AG.TAMU.EDU









Take Pictures-and tell us what is going on at your club meetings or other 4-H activities. Let's promote 4-H in our community and show Gonzales what 4-H is all about. Send your pictures and stories to gonzales@ag.tamu.edu.

Nitrogen Tank

Gonzales County 4-H owns a liquid nitrogen tank to store bull semen for any 4-H member to use

for their beef projects. This tank is available for check-out at the AgriLife Extension Office.

Rural Youth Loans... the Farm Service Agency has a program that provides loans to youth for purchasing income producing livestock to improve and/or begin their operation. Information on this program is available at the Gonzales FSA Office, 830-672-7511.



Event Reimbursement Information

Important Reminders from County Council

4-H County Council covers:

- Half camp fees to the 4-H Conference Center in Brownwood or Leadership based camps hosted by Texas 4-H.
- Half entry fees for participation in a 4-H hosted workshop or state round-up workshop(s)
- ALL entry fees for District 10 and/or State 4-H level contests hosted by the Texas 4-H Staff
- ALL entry fees for 4-H team-based contests

Contact office if this may apply to you. Members are held accountable by submitting a 4-H Payment Request Form and provide receipt of event attended to the council within 30 days of the event attended. Members will be notified once paperwork has been reviewed. Contact office for further information. Paperwork can be picked up at the office or found online at gonzales.agrilife.org.



Event Reimbursement Information

2021 - 2022 Limited Financial Aid Information

Adult Leader Officers: President - Sascha Kardosz, VP – Sequoya Janacek, Secretary - Erin LaBuhn and Treasurer – Suzanne Sexton

Gonzales County 4-H Adult Leaders are available to provide limited financial aid for members who have attended workshops, camps, or clinics that enhances his/her 4-H project. Financial aid is also available for those who have represented Gonzales County at the district, state, or national levels in other events. FIRST, members are held accountable by submitting the limited financial assistance request form and provide receipts (s) of event attended to the adult leaders within 30 days of the event attended. SECOND, the VERIFICATION FORM must be completed after speaking at any 4-H meeting within the given time frame. Late forms will not be accepted. Contact Sascha Kardosz 830-857-4658 or Suzanne Sexton 830-203-0714 for more information. Paperwork can be picked up at the office or found online at gonzales.agrilife.org under the 4-H tab.



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Phone: 830-857-4658	Phone: 830-203-9461					one: 0-582-2233	Phone: 830-534-6177
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Sundowners		Waelder		Robotics		Horse Project	
Contact: Sarah Miller		Contact: Dora Noyola Norma Puente		Contact: Shantell Cheatham		Contact: Amy Thibodeaux	
When & Time: 2 nd Sunday 4:00 PM		When & Time: 1 st Thursday 6:00 PM		When & Time: 1 st Friday 7:00 PM		When & Time: 1 st Thursday 6:00 PM	
Phone: 830-857-5445		Phone: 830-263-1687 830-857-6023		Phone: 830-534-7000		Phone: 830-203-0470	
Location: Gonzales Odd Fellows Lodge 1405 Conway Street		Location: Waelder Waelder School Cafeteria		Location: Gonzales Elks Lodge 1222 E Sarah DeWitt Dr		Location: Gonzales JB Wells 2301 CR 197	

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Mark Your Calendars!

Let Werner's do the cooking- Monday November 15.

Adult Leaders Scholarship Fundraiser meal plates to be picked up from

4:30-6pm at PACE building.

Werner's Chicken Fried Steak, Mashed Potatoes, green beans, roll and dessert.

\$10 per ticket. Monies will be due by <u>Tuesday, Nov 9th</u> to Extension office.

Email will go out to all club leaders when tickets are available to pick up at Extension Office for selling.

High School kids, selling tickets for this directly benefits the Scholarship fund, so your participation is expected!

Contact:

Sascha Kardosz 830-857-4931

Sequoya Janacek 979-966-9060

Erin LaBuhn 830-857-4658

Suzanne Sexton 830-203-0714

Gonzales County 4-H Adult Leaders

MEAL PLATES TO GO

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PACE Bldg., 623 N. Fair Street Monday, November 15, 2021 – 4:30-6 p.m. \$10.00 per plate Proceeds to benefits the Scholarship fund. conversation starter.



District Fall Roundup November 30,2021- December 2, 2021

District Contest Include: Nov. 30 – Livestock Quiz Bowl, Horse Quiz Bowl, Educational Presentations, Public Speaking Dec. 1 – Food Show, Food & Nutrition Quiz Bowl, Entomology Judging Dec. 2 – Food Challenge

Registration will be available on 4-H Connect October 18 -November 3. If you are interested in participating, please contact the Extension Office so we can connect you with project leaders coordinating these activities.





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Our County Community Service project is to make and donate Christmas Cards to the Meals on Wheels program in Gonzales. The cards can be made at home and delivered to the Extension office December 6th-20th. The Meals on Wheels program takes food to homebound citizens of Gonzales, and they always appreciate special touches. Council will also be making a donation to the program.

We are excited to be hosting a livestock judging contest during the GCYSA stock show and will be looking for volunteers to help the contest run efficiently and smoothly.

I hope everyone has a Merry Christmas!

God Bless,

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Gonzales County Youth Show Rabbit Validation

Tuesday, January 18th Time: 5 -7 P.M.

@ JB Wells Park.

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- •2022 GCYSA Rules PDF-Posted 10.20.2021
- County Bred Form
- Validation Form
- •2022 Commercial Heifer Rules PDF-Posted10.20.2021
- •2022 Bake Show Rules PDF-posted 10.20.2021
- •2021 Ag Mechanics Rules-Updated
- •Show Schedule 2021-Updated-Uploaded-2.242.21
- •2021-UPDATED-Commercial Heifer Recordbook Packet-ell1.25.2021
- •Substitute Exhibitor Form





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Please make note that the Extension Office will be closed December 24-27, 2021, for the Christmas Holidays.

Have a

Merry Christmas!!



Recognition



Congratulations to the Gonzales County to the Gonzales County 4-H members that participated in the TAMU Aggiefest Livestock Judging contest in College Station, which included Olivia Jackson, Kooper Hardcastle, Colt Richter, Jaxon Beck, Augustus Sexton, and Savay Sexton. The intermediate team placed 6th, Augustus was 17th And Kooper 20th. In the senior division Savay placed 8th.



Congratulations to Savay Sexton for placing second at the District 10 4-H Roundup Educational Presentation in the Beef category. She will advance to the State 4-H Roundup to compete in June of Texas A&M University.



Club News

Horse Project Club will not meet the 1st Thursday of month. Next schedule time is TBD.



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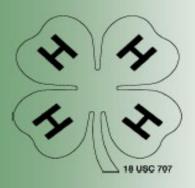
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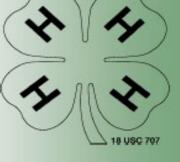
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Robotics



Kayden Cheatham, Dustin Irle, Matthew Pullin, Ahren Hattenbach

Robotics practice and meetings will be at 6pm @ Elks Lodge in Gonzales

Next meeting is Dec 3rd and next practice is Dec 17th.

Need 4-H kids of all ages. The senior and intermediate teams are both short one to compete in some contests. (For others they can join together)

All ages grade 3 through 12 welcome but really need junior high through high school age kids. Club is coming up on competition season. The game board for this season just went live so anyone coming in would be learning with everyone else.







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- 16. Once you complete the course, you will click Proceed to Test.
- 17. You must complete the exam once you start it, but you can take it as many times as needed to achieve an 80% or higher.
- 18. Once passed, your verified Quality Counts number is ready for livestock show entries!

FOR QUESTIONS RELATED TO TECHNICAL ISSUES CONTACT: LEARNONLINE@AG.TAMU.EDU

FOR QUESTIONS RELATED TO CONTENT, SCORES, AND VERIFICATION CONTACT: DOTTIE.GOEBEL@AG.TAMU.EDU









Take Pictures-and tell us what is going on at your club meetings or other 4-H activities. Let's promote 4-H in our community and show Gonzales what 4-H is all about. Send your pictures and stories to gonzales@ag.tamu.edu.

Nitrogen Tank

Gonzales County 4-H owns a liquid nitrogen tank to store bull semen for any 4-H member to use

for their beef projects. This tank is available for check-out at the AgriLife Extension Office.

Rural Youth Loans... the Farm Service Agency has a program that provides loans to youth for purchasing income producing livestock to improve and/or begin their operation. Information on this program is available at the Gonzales FSA Office, 830-672-7511.



Event Reimbursement Information

Important Reminders from County Council

4-H County Council covers:

- Half camp fees to the 4-H Conference Center in Brownwood or Leadership based camps hosted by Texas 4-H.
- Half entry fees for participation in a 4-H hosted workshop or state round-up workshop(s)
- ALL entry fees for District 10 and/or State 4-H level contests hosted by the Texas 4-H Staff
- ALL entry fees for 4-H team-based contests

Contact office if this may apply to you. Members are held accountable by submitting a 4-H Payment Request Form and provide receipt of event attended to the council within 30 days of the event attended. Members will be notified once paperwork has been reviewed. Contact office for further information. Paperwork can be picked up at the office or found online at gonzales.agrilife.org.



Event Reimbursement Information

2021 - 2022 Limited Financial Aid Information

Adult Leader Officers: President - Sascha Kardosz, VP – Sequoya Janacek, Secretary - Erin LaBuhn and Treasurer – Suzanne Sexton

Gonzales County 4-H Adult Leaders are available to provide limited financial aid for members who have attended workshops, camps, or clinics that enhances his/her 4-H project. Financial aid is also available for those who have represented Gonzales County at the district, state, or national levels in other events. FIRST, members are held accountable by submitting the limited financial assistance request form and provide receipts (s) of event attended to the adult leaders within 30 days of the event attended. SECOND, the VERIFICATION FORM must be completed after speaking at any 4-H meeting within the given time frame. Late forms will not be accepted. Contact Sascha Kardosz 830-857-4658 or Suzanne Sexton 830-203-0714 for more information. Paperwork can be picked up at the office or found online at gonzales.agrilife.org under the 4-H tab.



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When & Time: 3 rd Monday 6:30 PM	When & Time: 2 nd Tuesday 4:30 PM		When & Time: 1 st Wednesday 7:00 PM		When & Time: 1 st Wednesday 6:30 PM		When & Time: 1 st Wednesday 7:00 PM
Phone: 830-857-4658	Phone: 830-203-9461					i one: 0-582-2233	Phone: 830-534-6177
Location: Gonzales PACE Building 623 N. Fair Street	PACE Building		Lees	Leesville Baptist Church Fellowship Hall-FM1682		cation: Nixon chardson Center ethodist Church 0 N. Franklin Ave.,	Location: Smiley Unted Methodist Church 208 Morey St Smiley, Texas 78159
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Contact: Sarah Miller		Contact: Dora Noyola Norma Puente		Contact: Shantell Cheatham		Contact: Amy Thibodeaux	
When & Time: 2 nd Sunday 4:00 PM		When & Time: 1 st Thursday 6:00 PM		When & Time: 1 st Friday 7:00 PM		When & Time: 1 st Thursday 6:00 PM	
Phone: 830-857-5445		Phone: 830-263-1687 830-857-6023		Phone: 830-534-7000		Phone: 830-203-0470	
Location: Gonzales Odd Fellows Lodge 1405 Conway Street		Location: Waelder Waelder School Cafeteria		Location: Gonzales Elks Lodge 1222 E Sarah DeWitt Dr		Location: Gonzales JB Wells 2301 CR 197	

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