













2022 4- H NEWSLETTER



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County Council News
By: President Savay Sexton

Happy New Year Gonzales County!

I am looking forward to 2022, and I hope you are as well. As a stock show exhibitor, I am ready to kick off the major show season, and head across the state to show. Good luck to everyone competing at shows this season, have fun, make friends, and do your best while representing Gonzales County!

This month, I am excited to have a weekend with other State 4-H Council members, planning Texas 4-H Roundup, held in College Station in June, and Texas 4-H Congress, held in Austin at the Capitol in July. I can't wait to share our Roundup theme and more information about the events in the upcoming months.

We are glad to hear that developments have been made on the new Gonzales Chamber of Commerce building, and hopefully, they will be moving into their new location soon. As previously voted on, we will assist them with their move as a community service project, and I look forward to having many helping 4-Hers make the transition a smooth one.

We will be having a County Council meeting on January 25th at 6 PM at the Extension Office. Any Gonzales County 4-H members are welcome to attend, and parents of County Council Delegates are encouraged to attend the Adult Leaders meeting, held at the same time. Keep reading to find more information about rabbit validation and broiler pick-up this month.

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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GONZALES COUNTY YOUTH SHOW BROILERS

Jan. 19th Anticipated - Broiler Delivery Date

Location: PACE Building 623 N. Fair Street,
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Club News



The **Leesville 4-H** Christmas party this past Wednesday. They played games, had lots of food, and great company. They also had an ornament exchange and a sock drive for those in need.



Green Clover 4-H club had their November meeting on Tuesday the 9th at 4:30pm. The group had their creative juices flowing and made handcrafted Thanksgiving cards for the Gonzales Meals on Wheels program to hand out alongside their Thanksgiving meal distribution to the elderly. They also welcomed Becky Velasquez from the Legacy Ranch.

Thanks to all who partnered with the Green Clover club to fill the stockings that the Duds to Dazzle 4-H project group made for children at Legacy Ranch for Christmas.



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Club News Continued



Cost Club enjoyed Christmas caroling at Senior Country Village Square Apartments and had Toy Drive for Legacy Ranch.



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Routine



www.google.com/search?q=free+camera+clipart

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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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.

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2021 - 2022 Limited Financial Aid Information

Adult Leader Officers: President - Sascha Kardosz, VP –
Sequoia 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.



GONZALES COUNTY 4-H CLUBS



COST	Green Clover	Leesville	Nixon	Smiley
Contact: Sascha Kardosz	Contact: Kamii Ramos	Contact: Tracy Gilliam	Contact: Loyce Rice	Contact: Rebecca Mejia
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	Phone: 830-203-0630	Phone: 830-582-2233	Phone: 830-534-6177
Location: Gonzales PACE Building 623 N. Fair Street	Location: Gonzales PACE Building 623 N. Fair Street	Location: Leesville Leesville Baptist Church Fellowship Hall-FM1682	Location: Nixon Richardson Center Methodist Church 410 N. Franklin Ave.,	Location: Smiley United Methodist Church 208 Morey St Smiley, Texas 78159

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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Welcome to Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service of Gonzales County



Please join in welcoming Gayle Bludau, our new Family and Community Health Agent to Gonzales County. Mrs. Bludau grew up in 4-H and has over 10 years of experience as a County Agent. She has a strong passion for 4-H projects and youth development. She has had a lot of success coaching Food Challenge, Duds to Dazzle, Consumer Decision Making teams, and public speaking. If you have youth interested in competing in Photography, Food and Nutrition, Consumer Education, Fashion and Interior Design, Health and Personal Safety, Leadership, Share the Fun, call the AgriLife Extension office. Entries for Spring Contest are approaching. Starting April 1, 2022, Mrs. Bludau will be recruiting State Health Ambassadors. This State Level position provides youth with many opportunities to help make our community healthier, while learning how to reduce chronic diseases. Also, if you are in High School and need assistance with scholarship applications and essays, give Mrs. Bludau a call.



County Council News

By: President Savay Sexton

Howdy y'all!

At our January County 4-H Council meeting, we voted for our community service project to be gathering eyeglasses that are no longer being used to donate. Please deliver them to the Extension Office by March 1. If you or your family members wear glasses, your prescription has changed, and you have glasses you don't wear anymore, this is the perfect opportunity to give them to someone else!

I am very excited to finally share our theme for Texas 4-H Roundup, **Amplify Your Impact**. Roundup will be held June 6-9 in Bryan/College Station with most activities on the campus of Texas A&M. State 4-H Roundup has Qualifying and Invitational contests that senior age 4-Hers compete in. Another premier learning opportunity during Roundup is LEAD Academy.

State 4-H Council is excited to plan Texas 4-H Congress to be held at the Capitol on July 15-18. Congress is a mock legislative session for high school age 4-Hers from across Texas to attend. This opportunity allows 4-H members to create legislative bills, testify, debate, and vote on them. Congress is only held every other year, so it is a big deal to be part of and an extremely neat opportunity!

If you aren't already, follow Texas 4-H on Facebook or Instagram to keep updated about opportunities and announcements regarding Roundup and Congress.

We are thrilled to have Gayle Bludau as our new Family and Community Health Agent! She has already become very invested in our success and is more than willing to help any 4-H member, leader, or parent. When you have time, stop by the Extension Office to meet her.

With our county shows fast approaching, it is time to write letters to potential buyers, inviting them to watch you show and to come to the sale! Try to deliver the invites in person! In the letter, include: who you are, the club you are part of, what you are showing, how long you have been showing, invite the buyers to the show, the buyer's reception, and the sale. The goal is to show potential buyers your hard work in a way that makes them want to support you and the effort that you have put into your project. Potential buyers can be all the businesses you and your family support and do business with during the year.

Good luck to 4-Hers who are going to stock shows and exhibiting your hard work, and to the Robotics, Consumer Decision making, and Livestock Judging teams participating at contests. Do your best to represent Gonzales County well, both in and out of the show ring and on the contest floor!

Have a great month!

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- Nov.1,2021-ApplicationsAvailableOnline
- Feb 15, 2022 - Applications Due
- April 29-May 1 Scholarship Interviews
- Mid May - Scholarship Winner Notifications
- June 7-9 - Scholarship Banquet

<https://texas4hfoundation.org/types-of-scholarships/>

Friendly Reminders:

Gonzales County Stock Show Commercial Heifer Record Book

All Commercial Heifer exhibitors must complete a Commercial Heifer Record Book.

- a. The completed record book must be submitted in a 3-ring binder.
- b. Completed Record Books are to be turned into the Extension Office by 5:00 PM on February 18, 2022.
- c. All participants must meet record book deadlines. Fines will be incurred for tardy books.

Link to access rules:

<http://counties.agrilife.org/gonzales/files/2021/10/2022-Commercial-Heifer-Rules-PDF-Posted10.20.2021.pdf>

Bake Show Application and Recipes

Due to the Extension office by 5:00 pm on February 4th.

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Club News



Leesville 4-H collected cans of soup for the Gonzales County Senior Citizens Association, Inc. at our January meeting.



The **Sundowners 4-H Club** met on January 9th, at the Odd Fellows Lodge. Officer reports were given. Members shared 4-H activates since the last meeting which included shows, shooting competitions, breeding goats, and Cooper LaBuhn announced that would be representing Texas again at the National 4-H Shooting Sports Competition in Nebraska this June. This month's service project the club collected 150 hygiene items for Legacy Ranch. This month members of the local show board came and discussed the rules and changed that had been made for the upcoming show in March. Sundowners next meeting will be held in February 6 at 4 PM, local is pending at this time.



Recognition



Congratulations!

Members of the Gonzales County 4-H Livestock Judging Team placed second in the intermediate division at the Nueces County Junior Livestock Show in Robstown. Augustus Sexton placed 1st in the intermediate division, and Savay Sexton place 1st in the senior division.

Participants pictured are Liam Frederick, Brooklyn Hansen, Savay Sexton, Augustus Sexton, and Olivia Jackson.

Congratulations!

The three top prizes winners for poinsettia sales are:

First Place-\$30: Addyson Kardosz

Second Place-\$20: Savay Sexton

Third Place- \$10: Madison Rice





Recognition



Cooper LaBuhn earned his way to Nebraska again! Woohoo!

This year, Cooper will compete as one of the Texas Team members on the Smallbore Rifle Team. We will travel to Nebraska in June for the National Championships 😊



Pictures of Nixon 4-H members at the Stockdale FFA PROSPECT SHOW-in Nixon on December 4th

Weston placed 3rd in his class, Colton placed 3rd in his class, and Wyatt placed 2nd in his class and went to the Champion Drive.



Madisyne showed heifer steer and placed 2nd in class. She also received 2nd place with her dark cross pig.



Preston placed 3rd with his Duroc. He also showed a Steer - Shorthorn cross and placed 2nd in his class.



Olivia Jackson placed 7th in her class. Kailey Parks and the Tyler Krueger family also participated.



GONZALES COUNTY 4-H PHOTO CONTEST

1. ENTRIES ARE DUE FEBRUARY 11, 2022. THE ENTRY CAN BE DEVELOPED AS AN 8X10 SO WE CAN PROUDLY DISPLAY OUR WINNERS AT THE COURTHOUSE ANNEX BUILDING, OR YOU CAN SEND ME THE PHOTO AS A JPEG FILE TO GAYLE.BLUDAU@AG.TAMU.EDU BY 5 PM ON FEBRUARY 11, 2022. ENTRIES WILL BE JUDGED BY THE END OF DAY, FEB. 15, 2022

2. YOU MUST LABEL/NAME THE PHOTOGRAPH. EACH PHOTOGRAPH WILL NEED TO BE CLEARLY LABELED WITH THE AGE DIVISION, COUNTY, 4-H MEMBER'S FIRST AND LAST NAME AND THE NAME OF THE CATEGORY (SEE BELOW FOR LABEL NAME). FOR EXAMPLE: JUNIOR 4-H MEMBER JOHN SMITH FROM GONZALES COUNTY ENTERING THE ANIMALS-WILDLIFE CATEGORY WOULD UPLOAD A FILE LABELED:

JUNIOR _GONZALES_JOHN_SMITH_WILDLIFE

3. YOU MAY HAVE ONE ENTRY PER CATEGORY:

**DOMESTIC ANIMAL
LANDSCAPE & NATURE
WILDLIFE
CATCH ALL
DETAILS AND MACROS
MOTION
ELEMENTS OF DESIGN
PEOPLE
ENHANCED
PLANT/FLORAL
FOOD
THEME HOMETOWN
SHADOW SILHOUETTE**

4. EACH 4-H MEMBER CAN ENTER 3 PHOTOS IN THE DISTRICT 10 PHOTO CONTEST BY FEB 21, 2022

PLEASE CONTACT GONZALES COUNTY AGRILIFE EXTENSION, GAYLE BLUDAU, FAMILY AND COMMUNITY HEALTH AGENT/4-H AGENT AT 830-672-8531 IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS.

NOTE: DISTRICT ONLY ALLOWS 3 ENTRIES FOR CONTEST BUT FOR THE GONZALES COUNTY 4-H PHOTO CONTEST MEMBERS ARE ALLOWED TO ENTER ALL CATEGORIES.



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County Council News
By: President Savay Sexton



Howdy y'all!

Please mark your calendars to serve at the Master Gardner plant sale April 9th 8:15-10:30 in downtown Gonzales. 4-Hers will help patrons load plants into their vehicles and load wagons of plants. Contact Mrs. Sexton at 830-203-0714 to let her know what time you will be able to help. This is a great opportunity for us to be serving the community. Please wear a 4-H shirt while there helping.

I hope everyone competing at stock shows and competitions has had an enjoyable time and has been trying to represent Gonzales to the best of their ability. Congratulations to everyone that has placed at a major stock show or has done well in contests and competitions!

If you have had an animal or item sell at a local show, when you get the buyer information, try to get a hand-written letter to them quickly. Buyers appreciate handwritten thank you notes because it shows that you are appreciative of their financial support. Remember, they didn't have to give you any money, but they chose to!

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Thank you to everyone who has donated eyeglasses for our countywide community service project.

Good luck to the Gonzales County 4-Hers competing at the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo Austin.

If you plan to participate in spring 4-H contests at District, please contact the Extension office to be certain you are registered.

God Bless,

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Be sure to: follow general guidelines (pg. 12 of Family Guide - TEXT MARGINS); follow order of assembly (pg. 6 of Family Guide); Title your 4-H Story properly, “My 4-H (insert Recordbook Category here) Story and Photo Portfolio (pg. 6 of Family Guide); and Summary Page (pg. 5 of Family Guide).

All resources including Family Guide, Forms, Slide Show, and Record Book Categories can be found online at <https://texas4-h.tamu.edu/recordbooks/>. If you need of help, please contact Gayle Bludau at the office at 830-672-8531.



Scholarship & Friendly Information Reminders



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Luling Foundation application Scholarships can be downloaded

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Club News



Sundowners 4-H Club Meeting

The Sundowners 4-H Club met on February 6th, at the Odd Fellows Lodge. Officer reports were given. Members shared 4-H activities since the last meeting which included results from some of the major shows, shooting competitions, and turning in photos to the county photography contest. This month's service project the club was to help clean up JB Wells to get ready for our county show. The program for the month was HEB Store Director B.J. LaBuhn. Mr. LaBuhn talked to the club about all the different job opportunities that were available through HEB. While the club just thought about what they see in the store, checkers, baggers, and stockers. There are so many more jobs HEB offers from real estate, lawyers, and truck drivers. The list of job opportunities through HEB are endless. Sundowners next meeting will be held March 13 at 4 PM, at the Odd Fellows Lodge.



Green Clover 4-H Club Meeting

January meeting Green Clover had the honor of meeting Gonzales County family and community health agent, who is new to the county, Mrs. Gayle Bludau. She informed the group about her years of experience and the activities she will oversee here in Gonzales County.



February meeting was focused on the importance of the look and style of professionalism regarding representing the county show and other 4H meetings and computations. For recreation the kids were on teams and had to race to complete an outfit "fit" for the assignment given. They also focused on each individual animal that will be shown at the upcoming Stock show and how to be prepared with their animals!!

Green Clover meets the second Tuesday of every month at the PACE building at 4:30pm! Come join the fun!!



Recognition

Congratulations!

Bell County 4-H Livestock Judging Contest



Pictured are Olivia Jackson, Liam Frederick, Jason Beck, Colt Richter, Augustus Sexton, Kooper Hardcastle and Dwight Sexton. Jr. Team placed 2nd, Augustus Sexton placed 4th, Kooper Hardcastle placed 5th.

San Angel Stock Show Livestock Judging Contest

Savay Sexton 3rd place Senior, Augustus Sexton 7th place Senior, Olivia Jackson, 27th place Junior.

Wow! Awesome!



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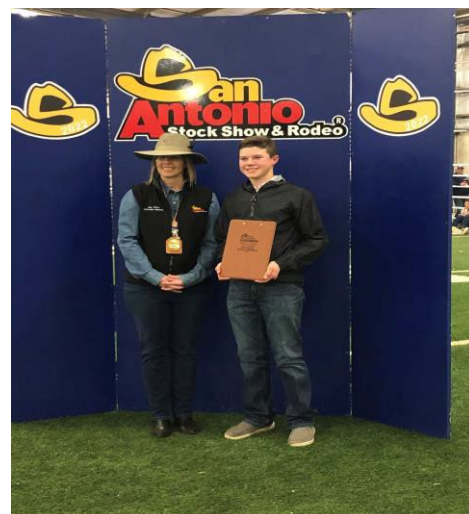
East Central FFA



Pictured are Olivia Jackson, Jaxon Beck, Augustus Sexton, Savay Sexton, and Liam Frederick.

Augustus Sexton, 1st Place Junior, Savay Sexton, 5th Place Senior, Olivia Jackson, 13th Place Junior, Jaxon Beck, 4th Place Beef

San Antonio Stock Show



Pictured are Dwight Sexton, Savay Sexton Augustus Sexton, Olivia Jackson, Jaxon Beck, Kooper Hardcastle, Colt Richter, and Liam Fredrick.

Augustus Sexton, 5th Place Junior 4-H, Savay Sexton, 11th Place 4-H Senior, Kooper Hardcastle, 35th Place Junior, Junior Team placed 12th overall.



Gonzales County Photo Contest Results



1st Place - Addison Pustka
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Catch All



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Hometown



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Gonzales County Photo Contest Results Continued



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Plant & Floral



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Elements of Design



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Theme-Hometown



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Shadow



1st Place – Motion
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1st Place - Enhanced
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Waelder Stock Show



**Congratulations!
Job Well Done!**

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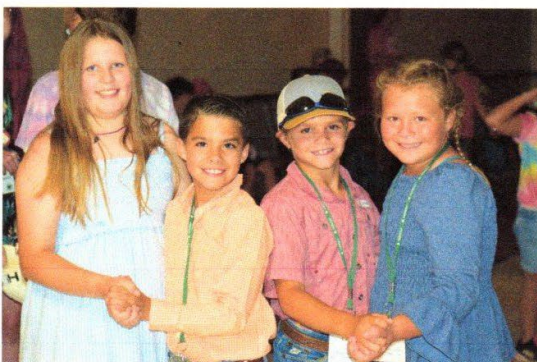


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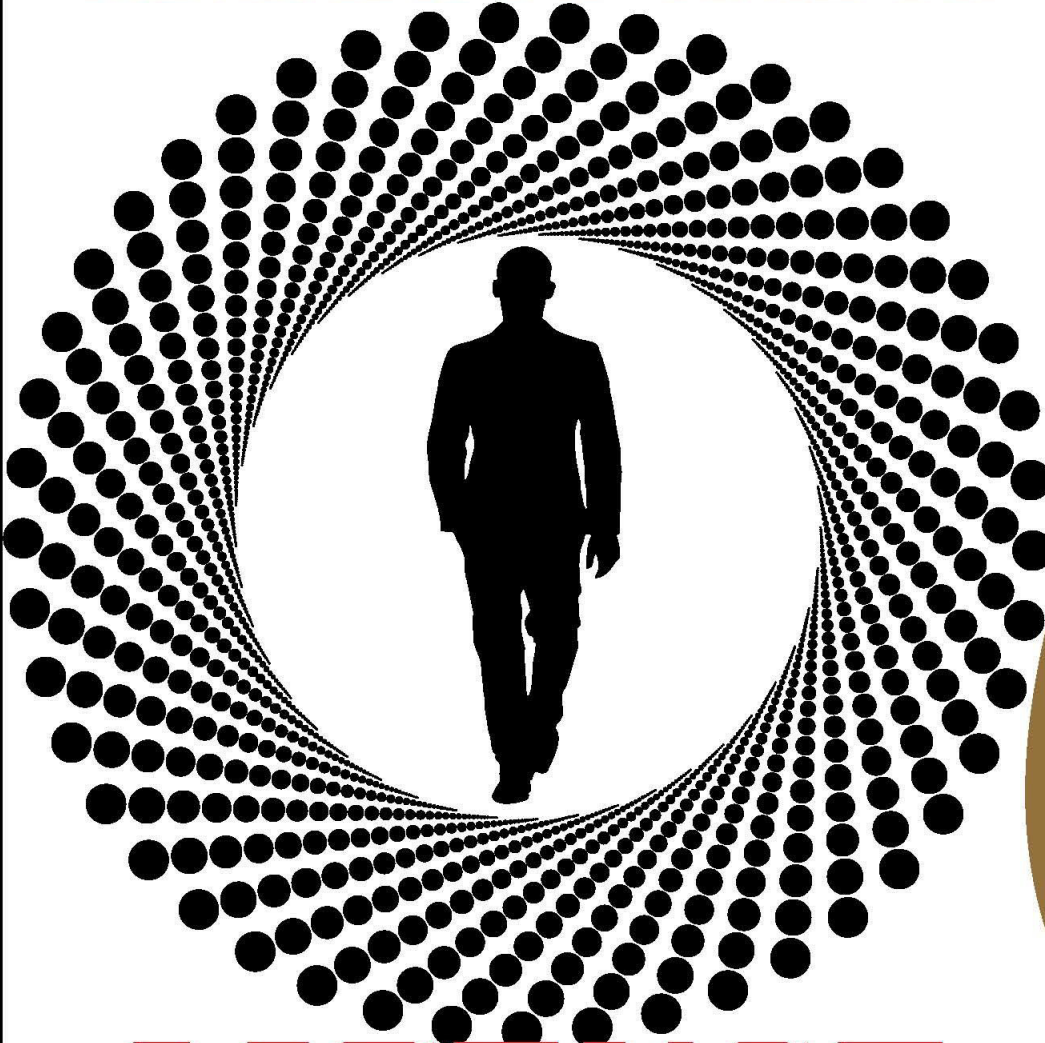
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By: President Savay Sexton

🌿 Howdy ya'll!

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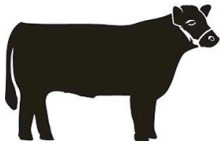
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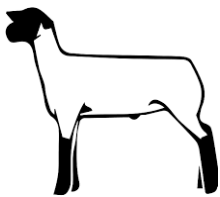


State Fair Exhibitors

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Major Show Steer and Heifer Exhibitors

Please contact the Extension Office by April 15th to order validation materials for any major Show steers or heifers that have not yet been validated. The validation will occur in June.



Texas 4-H Horse Validation

Any 4-H member wanting to participate in District or State 4-H Horse Shows will need to validate their horses through 4-H online, with lower fees if validated before April 15, and a final deadline of May 1.





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Robotics Contest in Grayson County

Wow! Intermediate and Junior Team tied for 3rd!!!!



Rodeo Austin Robotics Contest

Gonzales represented by two Junior and one Senior Team



Junior Team Members: Robert Ahren, Jayden Cheatham, Kayden Cheatham
Alex Hattenbach, Kaden Hutton, Abby, Ellie, Jack, Sam Irving and Julius Vega.



Recognition



Making Gonzales County Proud... 4-H Robotics Team Infinity - Alex Hattenbach, Sam Irving, Jack Irving, Jayden Cheatham, and Kaden Hutton won 5th place at the Robotics Jr. Division Contest at Rodeo Austin. My favorite memory of the day was when this team made the finals and grabbed each other for a GIANT Group Hug! Love Teamwork and Intelligence!

Wow! The Junior Team won 5th Place and the Senior Team Won 3rd Place!!



Gonzales 4-H Robotic Team - Nemi Elizondo, Ziana Elizondo, Jesse Holden, and Sam Oltjen took third place in the Senior Division. WOW - tough competition!!! This team was prepared and came with great strategies!

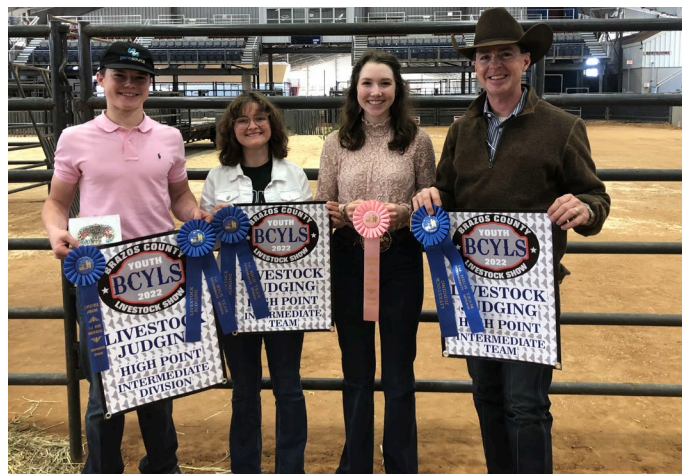


Recognition

Gonzales County Livestock Judging



Gonzales County Livestock Judging made their mark in AUSTIN. Lots of hard work brings lots of OUTSTANDING AWARDS!!! Savay Sexton placed 2nd in the senior questions and 2nd High Point Senior out of 232 contestants! WOW!! Augustus Sexton was High Point Junior out of 200 contestants and 2nd in cattle placing! So Proud! The Junior Team place 9th overall. That team consisted of Augustus Sexton, Kooper Hardcastle, Olivia Jackson and Jaxon Beck.



At the Brazos County Youth Livestock Show Contest in Bryan, the Gonzales County 4-H Intermediate Team Placed 1st, with team members Augustus Sexton, Olivia Jackson, and Myla Wagoner. Augustus placed 1st in the Intermediate division, and Olivia placed 32nd. Savay Sexton placed 4th in the Senior division with a near perfect score!



Gonzales County Stock Show





Nixon-Smiley Stock Show



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Grand Champion Market Steer Showmanship - McKaylah Filla



Grand Champion Broilers Oscar Gamez
6th Place Broilers Ana Gamez



Hailee and Greenlee Houseton 4th & 5th place Market Barrow



Reserve Fryer Rabbit Olivia Jackson



Nixon-Smiley / Austin Stock Shows



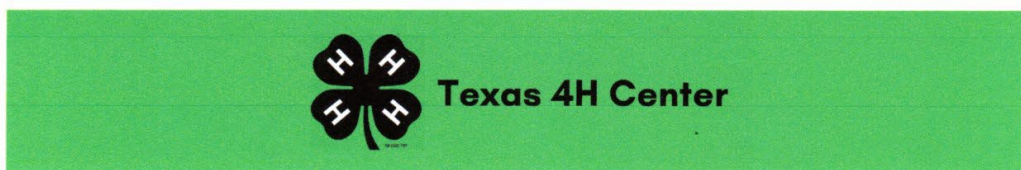
Reserve Grand Champion Craft winner for the 2022 Nixon-Smiley Stock show. Bobby Joe Mendez built a Tic-Tac-Toe table for his project.



Reserve Market Goat
Olivia Jackson

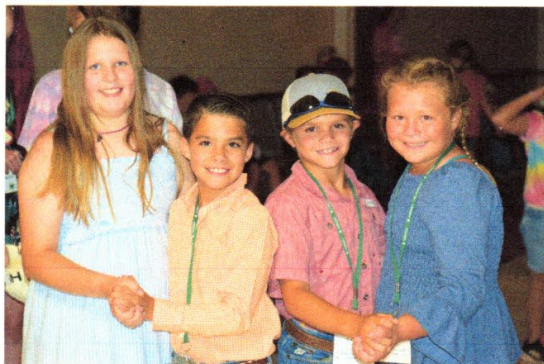


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Routine



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HEALTHY TEXAS YOUTH AMBASSADORS

Become trained and recognized as a student health and wellness leader in your community!

WHO CAN JOIN?

Membership is open to all youth entering at least 9th grade regardless of socioeconomic level, race, color, sex, national origin or disability. Ambassadorship is a 12-month commitment, beginning June 2022 to May 2023.



WHEN IS TRAINING?

During the summer, ambassadors will attend one of the "Building Healthy Youth to Build a Healthy Texas" Summits. These Summits will lay the foundation for ambassadors to implement health, wellness, nutrition, and safety programs across the state.



WHERE WILL YOU SERVE?

Once training is complete, youth ambassadors will provide 40 hours of service to their community. Hours can be earned through peer-to-peer education, school programs, community programs, and service learning opportunities.



WHAT IS IT ALL ABOUT?

This program is designed for high school age youth who have a passion for health and wellness. Youth will be trained at the local & regional level to become youth health experts who can motivate others to make changes in their lifestyle and improve overall health. More importantly, ambassadors will assist local county extension agents with program efforts, project activities, and much more!

WHY CHOOSE US?

Become a trained student assistant to Texas A&M AgriLife Extension agents, helping to provide leadership with programs.

Become knowledgeable and skilled in the healthy lifestyles subject matter.

Learn to coordinate and present educational events that will encourage better health in your community.

Give 40 hours of service to improve the health of your community.

For more information please contact your local county extension agent or visit the website below.

<https://healthytexas.tamu.edu/youth-ambassadors/>



Adult Leader

BINGO

Fundraiser

May 1st

2:00 - 4:00 pm

@ Victoria College

in Gonzales



Fun & Creative
Activities!!

Mark Your
Calendar!

FOODIE CAMP

**TUESDAY,
JUNE 14**

at PACE Building
From 9:30am - 3:00pm

Activities

Make Homemade Bread
Scavenger Hunt
Cooking Contest

**RSVP BY:
JUNE 7, 2022**

CONTACT GAYLE BLUDAU
For more info: 830-672-8531





GONZALES COUNTY 4-H CLUBS



COST	Green Clover	Leesville	Nixon	Smiley
Contact: Sascha Kardosz	Contact: Kamii Ramos	Contact: Tracy Gilliam	Contact: Loyce Rice	Contact: Rebecca Mejia
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	Phone: 830-203-0630	Phone: 830-582-2233	Phone: 830-534-6177
Location: Gonzales PACE Building 623 N. Fair Street	Location: Gonzales PACE Building 623 N. Fair Street	Location: Leesville Leesville Baptist Church Fellowship Hall-FM1682	Location: Nixon Richardson Center Methodist Church 410 N. Franklin Ave.,	Location: Smiley United Methodist Church 208 Morey St Smiley, Texas 78159

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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Individuals with disabilities who require an auxiliary aid, service, or accommodation in order to participate in this meeting are encouraged to contact the Gonzales County Extension Office at 830-672-8531

Remember the 4-H Gonzales County Council will pay for half. Call the office for the application.

Mission

PROVIDE HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH AN OPPORTUNITY TO EXPLORE CAREER AND LEADERSHIP OPPORTUNITIES IN A DIVERSE GLOBAL ECONOMY AS WELL AS LEARN ABOUT POST-SECONDARY DEGREE INSTITUTIONS ACROSS TEXAS

JUNE
20-24th
2022

If you need any type of accommodation to participate in this program or have questions about the physical access provided, please contact Shea Nebgen CEA-FCH at 830-997-3452 at the Gillespie County Extension Office by May 1, 2022

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County Council News
By: President Savay Sexton

I am so excited to announce the first ever Gonzales Agricultural Camp! On July 11th-13th twenty kids will have the opportunity to be a part of the day camp, touring ag production operations, ag related businesses, have hands on opportunities, and listen to speakers in Gonzales County. The focus will be on agriculture and how it impacts our daily lives. Kids 6th-12th grade can apply online until May 15th on the Gonzales County AgriLife Extension website.

In April, nineteen 4-Hers from Gonzales County competed in contests at the District 10 Spring Roundup in Fredericksburg. I hope the kids from Gonzales that entered in Duds to Dazzle, Fashion Show, Livestock Judging, and Share the Fun, had a wonderful experience and are looking forward to competing again!

Thank you to the 4-Hers that helped work the Master Gardner Plant Sale.

Our next community service project is the trash cleanup at JB Wells on May 15th at 5pm. Families from all across the state will be coming for Junior High Rodeo Finals and we want Gonzales to look nice. Please be prepared to walk through tall grass to pick up trash. Wear close toed shoes and bring gloves.

The next Gonzales County 4-H Council meeting is May 17th at 6 pm. I would love to see council delegates from each of the clubs and anyone else interested to see what we do on the county level. Attending is a great way to get more involved.

God bless,
Savay Sexton



County Council & Adult Leader Meetings

Meetings will be at the County Extension Office

May, Tuesday 17th, 2022 at 6:00 P.M. All Gonzales County 4-H club members are encouraged to come.

Please note: County Council Officer Election will take place.



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



4-H Registration

Youth Registration Membership Fee

\$30/per child if registering after October 31st

Adult Volunteer Registration Fee \$10

Website to register for 4-H is <https://v2.4honline.com/> . 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.

Stock Show Exhibitors



State Fair Exhibitors

If you are interested in exhibiting livestock at the State Fair of Texas, please call the Extension Office to order tags and validation materials. This is for all market and breeding cattle, sheep, goats, and swine. Each of these species have a different validation ordering deadline, so please complete this ASAP. The schedule for the State Fair Livestock Shows has been released and can be viewed at: bigtex.com/livestock

 **Club News**



In March, Green Clover 4-H club had their monthly meeting and welcomed guest Attorney Robert Bland. Bland spoke of his years in 4H and FFA and how those years prepared him for his career. Through the years he formed many relationships with kids and parents alike and learned many responsibilities in the various leadership roles inside of these organizations.



At April's monthly meeting, Green Clover welcomed guest speaker Chance Freeman. Freeman works for the state of Texas in the emergency services response program. Freeman has been called to work not only across the state of Texas, but out of state for many natural disasters including fires, hurricanes and tornadoes. His most recent response has been the Covid 19 pandemic.

Green Clover club thanks these gentlemen for coming and sharing with our youth, different aspects of their jobs and how they play a role in our community of Gonzales County.

Green Clover 4H meets the second Tuesdays of the month at 4:30 pm at the PACE building, during the school year. May 1, 2022, Gonzales County 4-H Adult Leaders are holding a 'Cinco de Mayo' Bingo fundraiser for 4H scholarships. This is a family event and will be held at the Victoria College from 2-4pm. Contact a local 4H member or leader for more information.



Club News & Recognition

Sundowners 4-H club met on April 10, 2022, at 4 P.M. at the Gonzales County Courthouse. The members held an election of officers in the County Courtroom. Members shared 4H experiences since the last meeting. The service project for the month was to donate a gift worth \$50 to the Gonzales County 4-H Adult Leaders for a prize in their bingo fundraiser.

The program was delivered by Judge Pat Davis, and a tour of the courthouse was given.

Moon Post Robotic Contest in Seguin-April 23



Best Spaceship!

Kayden Cheatham and Sam Irving



3rd Place Intermediate

Abby Irving and Ellie Irving



Congratulations!

Senior Robotics Team placed 2nd

Team Members were:

Ziana Elizondo

Nemi Elizondo

Coach Caleb Elizondo

Jesse Holden

Sam Oeltjen



Recognition



Photo: Front Row – Teresa Cunningham, Kylea East

Middle Row – Callie Gibson, Madison Hilt, and Jamesley Hilt

Back Row – County Agent Gayle Bludau, Coach Fayerene Smith, and Coach Evelyn Clark

Gonzales County Girl Power Won Third at District 4-H Contest

The Gonzales County 4-H Team “Girl Power” traveled to Fredericksburg to compete in the **District 10 Duds to Dazzle** Contest on Friday, April 22. The contest requires the team to take a dud and turn it into something fun to wear, in less than 1 hour. This year, the girls were given a large, plaid men’s shirt and they made a monogrammed apron, modeled by Madison Hilt in the photo. The girls won third place with their creation.

During the past year, they have learned many sewing skills. Their coaches have volunteered many hours to teach the girls how to use a pattern, cut out fabric and various sewing skills. On April 22, these girls also competed in the **District 10 Fashion Show**. They had to model the clothing that they made and participate in an interview. The participants were judged on knowledge of sewing skills and fibers, quality of product, personal appearance, fit of clothing, garment care, project goals and presentation skills. They won the following awards:

Madison Hilt – 2nd Place Construction Separates

Callie Gibson – 5th Place Construction Separates

Kylea East – 3rd Place Construction Ensembles

Teresa Cunningham – 2nd Place Buying Ensembles

Jamesley Hilt also participated in the Fashion Show. Community service projects are an important part of 4-H. These 4-H members have made stockings for Legacy Ranch and a quilt for Norma’s House. Gayle Bludau, 4-H County Agent said, “I am so proud of their work ethic and willingness to compete. There are 21 counties that make up District 10 and the competition is tough.”



Recognition



Photo: Callan Kaiser, Libby Molske, and Liam Thompson

Gonzales County 4-H Wins 2nd in Variety Show at District 10 Contest

These 4-H Members created a variety show for the **District 10 Share the Fun Contest** in Fredericksburg, on April 21, 2022. The name of their act was the Wild Wacky West Show, a slap stick comedy that showcased their talents, which included singing, acting, gymnastics, and roping. The group was judged on talent, memorization, acting ability, creativity, delivery, voice projection, showmanship, stage presence, expression, poise, props, costumes, and audience appeal.

Coach Evelyn Clark held weekly practices to get them ready for the drama contest. 4-H County Agent Gayle Bludau said, "It took many hours of practice to produce a 6- minute skit. These 4-H members had a lot of guts to perform in front of a crowd. I am ready to start working on next year's skit!"



Recognition

District 10 4-H Livestock Judging Contest



Congratulations to the Gonzales County 4-H members who participated in the District 10 4-H Roundup Livestock Judging Contest in Fredericksburg on April 20th.

In the Senior division, Savay Sexton placed 8th overall.

In the Intermediate division, the Gonzales team placed 1st overall. Individually, Augustus Sexton was 1st, Olivia Jackson was 10th, Kooper Hardcastle placed 17th, Brookelyn Hansen was 27th, and Jaxon Beck was 30th.

The Junior team from Gonzales County placed 3rd in their age division. The individual placings were: Cash Rathmann 5th; Colt Richter, 6th; and Liam Thompson, 15th.



Recognition & Gonzales County Awards



Leon County Youth Show Livestock Judging Contest

The Gonzales County 4-H Junior Teams placed 6th and 27th respectively.

Individually, Augustus Sexton placed 1st in in the Junior division. Others competing from Gonzales County included Cash Rathmann, Liam Thompson, Jaxon Beck, Brookelyn Hansen, Olivia Jackson, and Savay Sexton.

Gonzales County Award Information

Listed below are all the awards that are available for members through the Gonzales County 4-H. Applications may be picked up at the office and are due back by June 15, 2022.

GOLD STAR:

This is the highest award a member can obtain. The winner will be selected from the following items:

- A completed record book submitted by June 15th
- An application form due by June 15th
- An interview



Gonzales County Award Information - Continued

To be considered you must apply.

Gold Star-The member must be at least 15 at the time of application and must have completed at least 3 years in 4-H, including the current year. To be considered you must apply.

JR. MISS AND MR:

This is the highest county awards for 12 & 13 year old. The winner will be selected from the following items:

- A completed record book submitted June 15th
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I Dare You Award:

William H. Danforth's book, I Dare You, was first published in 1931. It is still considered one of the most influential books in the area of personal motivation. The book is published and distributed by the American Youth Foundation through its I Dare You committee. The I Dare You Leadership Award is not a contest or competition. High school principals and county agents are asked to select (or have a staff or committee select) nominees. The award recognizes excellence in character, well-balanced personal development, and potential for leadership. (Ages 14-18)

FRIEND OF 4-H

(Nominations due to Extension Office by May 16th)

This award is for an individual, business or organization that has shown exceptional support to the county/club 4-H program.

Each club will be able to recognize one "friend". The 4-H Council will then vote on the person or business nominated by the 4-H clubs. The person or business can only receive an award once every three years.

Club Member of the Year (outgoing, officer, leader, etc.)

This year instead of just ONE member being recognized regardless of age, now it can be one from the junior level, intermediate level and senior level. Some clubs require record books.

Each club will determine who will get the awards. The winners will be kept a secret until the 4-H Banquet. Managers will handle this process.

OUTSTANDING LEADER:

To recognize one leader from each club for dedication, effort and support to their 4-H club.

Each club will select only one leader as outstanding leader. The leaders will be announced at the 4-H Banquet.

2022 NATIONAL 4-H CONGRESS INFORMATION AND SELECTION PROCESS

National 4-H Congress will be held Friday, November 25th through Tuesday, November 29th at the Hyatt Regency in Atlanta, Georgia. National 4-H Congress is the flagship event of the National 4-H program. Each year a National Design Team of Extension educators, 4-H youth, and 4-H adult volunteers analyze current youth issues and determine the most effective ways to address them. The program combines a variety of fun and exciting educational, recreational, and networking opportunities. The program combines sessions, seminars, discussion groups, and a service-learning experience. The nation's most outstanding community leaders, speakers, and educators present the most current and timely information available.

OBJECTIVES:

- To improve the ability of teen 4-H youth to express themselves in written and verbal forms of communication that are necessary and important "life skills" for today and in the future.
- To increase the awareness of the importance of Leadership, Citizenship, and Community Service in 4-H Youth Development.

WHO SHOULD APPLY:

- Youth with significant leadership accomplishments and potential.
- Youth who have demonstrated the ability to perform academically at or above grade level; passing all course work and eligible to participate in extra-curricular activities.
- Youth who possess the maturity to interact with other youth from different regions, cultures, experiences, and beliefs.
- Youth in grades 9-12 at time of event, November 25-29, 2022.
- Youth must still be in high school during the time of the trip.
- Any youth participating in a youth development program which Texas A&M AgriLife Extension or Prairie View Cooperative Extension Program is a partner; (including 4-H clubs, short-term groups, school curriculum enrichment and ENP-Y programs).

APPLICATION PROCESS:

Applications will open on **May 1st** and must be submitted online and certified through 4HOnline by **May 20th**. There is not a fee for this application to be completed online.

The online application will contain the following:

- Summary of Major Leadership Roles, Citizenship/Community Service Activities.
- Personal biography of 4-H member's 4-H career and other extracurricular activities.
- Approval of application by County Extension Agent

ANNOUNCEMENT PROCESS:

The final delegation will be announced **Thursday, June 9, 2022 (the week of Texas 4-H Roundup)**.

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HEALTHY TEXAS Y · O · U · T · H AMBASSADORS

Become trained and recognized as a student health and wellness leader in your community!

WHO CAN JOIN?

Membership is open to all youth entering at least 9th grade regardless of socioeconomic level, race, color, sex, national origin or disability. Ambassadorship is a 12-month commitment, beginning June 2022 to May 2023.



WHEN IS TRAINING?

During the summer, ambassadors will attend one of the "Building Healthy Youth to Build a Healthy Texas" Summits. These Summits will lay the foundation for ambassadors to implement health, wellness, nutrition, and safety programs across the state.



WHERE WILL YOU SERVE?

Once training is complete, youth ambassadors will provide 40 hours of service to their community. Hours can be earned through peer-to-peer education, school programs, community programs, and service learning opportunities.



WHAT IS IT ALL ABOUT?

This program is designed for high school age youth who have a passion for health and wellness. Youth will be trained at the local & regional level to become youth health experts who can motivate others to make changes in their lifestyle and improve overall health. More importantly, ambassadors will assist local county extension agents with program efforts, project activities, and much more!

WHY CHOOSE US?

Become a trained student assistant to Texas A&M AgriLife Extension agents, helping to provide leadership with programs.

Become knowledgeable and skilled in the healthy lifestyles subject matter.

Learn to coordinate and present educational events that will encourage better health in your community.

Give 40 hours of service to improve the health of your community.

For more information please contact your local county extension agent or visit the website below.

<https://healthytexas.tamu.edu/youth-ambassadors/>

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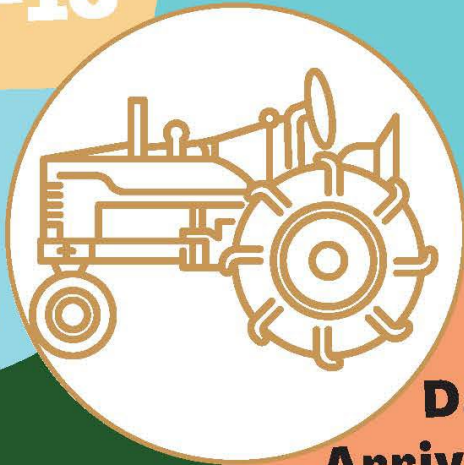


Informational Tours
and Activities in
Gonzales County for
Kids 6th-12th Grade

Gonzales County

AGRICULTURE CAMP

JULY 11-13



**Daily
Arrival -8 am
Pickup-5pm**

**623 N. Fair Street,
Gonzales, Texas**



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TOURS

**Graham Land & Cattle
Feedyard
Fehner & Son Feed Mill
Lester Ranch
High Fence Deer
Heartbrand Ranch
HEB
King Ranch Turfgrass
Poultry
And a Lot More...**

APPLY ONLINE BY MAY 15

gonzales.agrilife.org



**20 APPLICANTS
WILL BE SELECTED**

**For more info:
savay.sterling@gmail.com**

\$100 to be paid after acceptance on May 20th



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Remember the 4-H Gonzales County Council will pay for half. Call the office for the application.

Mission

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JUNE
20-24th
2022

If you need any type of accommodation to participate in this program or have questions about the physical access provided, please contact Shea Nebgen CEA-FCH at 830-997-3452 at the Gillespie County Extension Office by May 1, 2022

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CAREER OPPORTUNITIES



REFLECTING EXCELLENCE

Contact us

- *Angela Fiedler and *Jennifer Smith
Kerr County AgriLife Agents
830-257-6568
- *Shea Nebgen
Gillespie County AgriLife Agent
830-997-3452
- *Jessica Faubion and *Kara Spangler
Bandera County AgriLife Agents
830-796-7755
- *Hilary Putrite
Kendall County AgriLife Agent
830-331-8242

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2022 4- H NEWSLETTER

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Enjoy the Summer!



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Extension Education in Gonzales County

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County Council & Adult Leader Meetings

Meetings will be at the County Extension Office

September 20th, 2022, at 6:00 P.M. All Gonzales

County 4-H club members are encouraged to come.



Congratulations to the 2022-2023 County Council Officers!

President: Savay Sexton

Vice-President: Augustus Sexton

Secretary: Jamesley Hilt

Treasurer: Audrey Thibodeaux

Reporter: Coy LaBuhn

Parliamentarian: Cooper LaBuhn

District Council Representatives: Savay
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Ellie Erwin

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4-H Registration

Youth Registration Membership Fee

\$30/per child if registering after October 31st

Adult Volunteer Registration Fee \$10

Website to register for 4-H is <https://v2.4honline.com/> . 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.

Stock Show Exhibitors



State Fair Exhibitors

If you are interested in exhibiting livestock at the State Fair of Texas, please call the Extension Office to order tags and validation materials. This is for all market and breeding cattle, sheep, goats, and swine. Each of these species have a different validation ordering deadline, so please complete this ASAP. The schedule for the State Fair Livestock Shows has been released and can be viewed at: bigtex.com/livestock

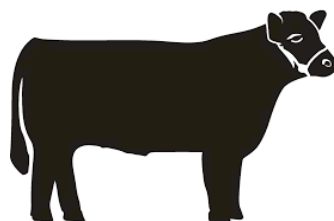
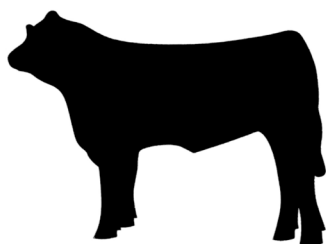


Major Show Turkey Orders & Validations



Major Show Turkeys

If you are interested in showing turkeys at the major livestock shows next year, please contact the Extension Office to place your order by **August 01, 2022**.



Show Steer and Heifer Validation

The tagging and validation of the major show and Gonzales steers will occur **June 21** at **Mitchell Hardcastle's** from **8 am to 9 am** and **Guadalupe Valley Vet Clinic** from **5-6 PM**. Anyone wishing to exhibit steers at next year's major livestock shows (Fort Worth, San Antonio, Houston, and Austin) need to be validated. This is also only steer validation for the Gonzales County Youth Show 2023.

Halter Heifer Validation

Major show and Gonzales Halter heifer validation will also occur on **June 21st**. All heifers to be shown at the fall majors (State Fair and Heart O' Texas Fair) will need to be validated on **June 21st**, if they were not previously validated. There will also be another Halter heifer validation in October for the spring major stock shows and the Gonzales County Youth Show. Previously validated heifers needed to be revalidated for the Gonzales County Youth Show.

2022 4-H RECORDBOOK INFORMATION - READ ALL ABOUT IT!

Members are encouraged to keep project records and have these records reviewed annually by submitting a record book. The primary purposes of completing a record book are for a young person to develop the skills necessary to set goals, work toward achieving those goals, reflect on his/her experiences, and set new and higher goals for themselves. A secondary benefit is to prepare young people for the process of completing quality academic scholarship applications.

Gayle Bludau will review senior level category books to ensure all components have been included. If a record book is incomplete, the member will be notified to correct the book. Senior level books must have all corrections completed by a set deadline to remain eligible for those applicable seeking a scholarship.

Record books are due in the office by **June 15, 2022**.

HELPFUL TIPS:

- 1) Record book information found online at <https://texas4-h.tamu.edu/recordbooks>.
- 2) On the site you will see several the following:

General Information

- [Family Guide to Record books](#)
- Record Books PowerPoint – [PowerPoint](#)
- [Record book Categories](#)
- Record book Forms – [Word](#)
- [ZSuites Online Record Book FAQs](#)

Training Videos

- [4-H Story Sample Ideas](#)
- [Video Training Sessions hosted by Michelle Mihalek](#)
- [ZSuites Online Record Book Training Sessions](#)

- 3) Under RECORD BOOK FORMS, open and save the forms to your computer. 4-H member categories as of Sept. 1 are: junior (3rd -5th grade), intermediate (6th-8th grade), and senior (9th-12th grade). Each age division has different requirements. Requirements included on each page of the forms.
- 4) Family Guide and Power Point are extremely helpful!
- 5) Please note that not all projects are record book categories.
 - Check the Family Guide (page 13) before you start!
- 6) The green 4-H record book binder cover can be picked up at the office while supplies last.

Be sure the following guidelines of the Family Guide are correct BEFORE turning in your book:

- 1) text margins (page 12)
- 2) how to assemble forms and story withing the green binder (page 6)
- 3) correct 4-H story title (page 6)
- 4) Summary Page (page 5)

If you need help, please contact Gayle Bludau at 830-672-8531.



Gonzales County Award Information

Listed below are all the awards that are available for members through the Gonzales County 4-H. Applications may be picked up at the office and are due back by June 15, 2022.

GOLD STAR:

This is the highest award a member can obtain. The winner will be selected from the following items:

- A completed record book submitted by June 15th
- An application form due by June 15th
- An interview

To be considered you must apply.

Gold Star-The member must be at least 15 at the time of application and must have completed at least 3 years in 4-H, including the current year. To be considered you must apply.

JR. MISS AND MR:

This is the highest county awards for 12 & 13 year old. The winner will be selected from the following items:

- A completed record book submitted June 15th
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- An interview

I Dare You Award:

William H. Danforth's book, I Dare You, was first published in 1931. It is still considered one of the most influential books in the area of personal motivation. The book is published and distributed by the American Youth Foundation through its I Dare You committee. The I Dare You Leadership Award is not a contest or competition. High school principals and county agents are asked to select (or have a staff or committee select) nominees. The award recognizes excellence in character, well-balanced personal development, and potential for leadership. (Ages 14-18)

Club Member of the Year (outgoing, officer, leader, etc.)

This year instead of just ONE member being recognized regardless of age, now it can be one from the junior level, intermediate level and senior level.

Each club will determine who will get the awards. The winners will be kept a secret until the 4-H Banquet. Managers will handle this process.

OUTSTANDING LEADER:

To recognize one leader from each club for dedication, effort and support to their 4-H club.

Each club will select only one leader as outstanding leader. The leaders will be announced at the 4-H Banquet.



County Council Trash Pickup



Thank you!



to all who helped!



Congratulations Senior Class of 2022!



Kalli Baker

Dustin Irle

Kinley Cernosek

Wesley Manuel

Kate Ehrig

Matthew Pullin

Xitlaly Hernandez

Inez Robinson

Jacob Holden

Travis Thibodeaux

Greenlee Houston

Landon Watson

This year we are spotlighting our 4-H graduating Seniors at the banquet. Each senior is encouraged to setup a memory table. Call the office to reserve a table!



Routine



www.google.com/search?q=free+camera+clipart

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@aq.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.

SAVE THE DATES

4-H Adult Leader Scholarship Applications

Due June 15, 2022

Recordbooks Due June 15, 2022

Gonzales Award Applications Due June 15, 2022

Applications found @ <https://gonzales.agrilife.org/4h/4-h-awards-and-scholarships/>



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
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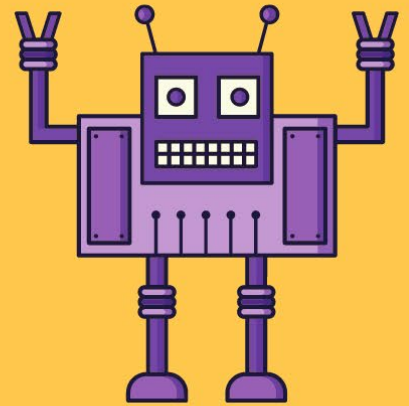
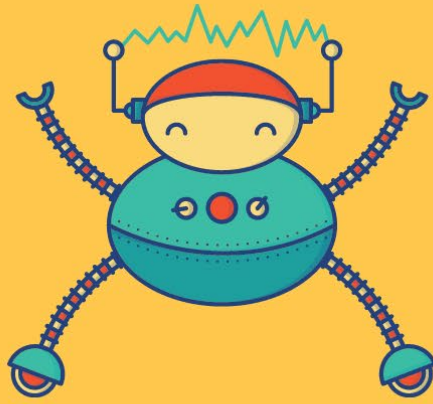
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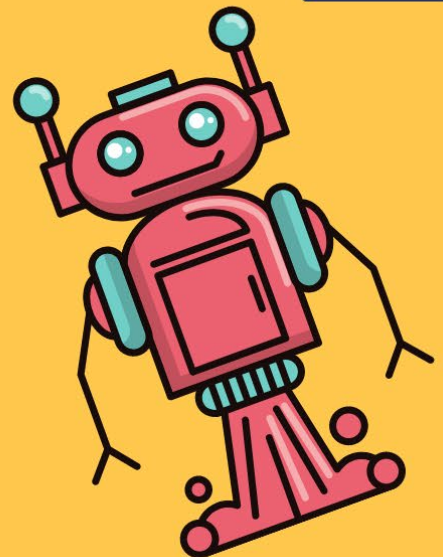
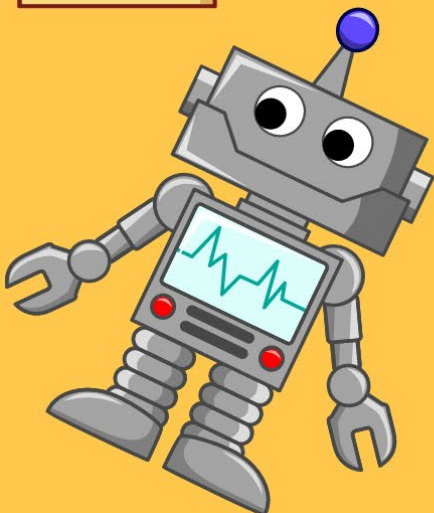
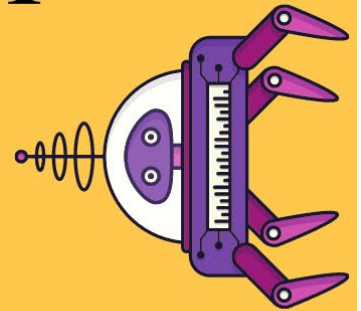
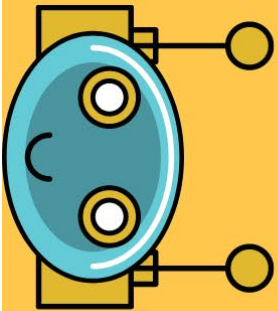
SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 24, 2022

LOCATION: GONZALES, TX

CONTACT:

GAYLE BLUDAU, CEA-FCH

@ 830.672.8531



Rabbit Workshop

September 8, 2022



*Come
Learn!*

*Great
Opportunity!*

**PACE Building - 623 N. Fair Street -
Gonzales @ 5:00 PM**

Food Challenge Kick-off

New 4-H Year

Monday, August 29 at 6:30 at the Pace Building



Teams are forming for:

Sept. 10, Saturday Youth Grill Off at the Luling Foundation

Oct. 4, Tuesday State Fair Food Challenge Contest in Dallas

Oct. 22, Saturday Gonzales County Food Challenge County Contest - Pace Building

Dec. 1, Thursday D10 Food Challenge Contest at Fall Roundup

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