

**2023-2024  
Gonzales County  
4-H Newsletter**



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4-H Members,

Now is the time to work on you record books. Log every goal, learning experience, success, and participation. If you have never completed a record book, please call the office and let’s get your book started. I would like for some members to compete in the D10 Food Show. Please come to our informational meeting and practice on October 11, 2023 at 4 pm at the Pace Building. Bring your favorite healthy recipes.  
Gayle

**Encourage your friends to join 4-H.**

**Watch us Grow!**

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- **Validation**
- **Livestock Judging Results**
- **Poinsettia & Wreath Sale**
- **Come & Bake It Contest**
- **D10 Officers**



Happy Fall 4-H Families!!! I hope every has registered for the new 4-H year! Here are some exciting announcements and reminders:

1. The meeting is to be determined and when details are known email communications will go out. We are going to have a teambuilding exercise to see who can build the best Gingerbread House. After the meeting, we are making ice cream floats. Everyone is invited.
2. Invite a friend to your next 4-H meeting. Tell them that 4-H has an opportunity for all youth. I love watching our program grow.
3. 4-H will have a float in the "Come and Take It Parade". RSVP to the Extension Office at 830-672-8531 by Monday, October 2<sup>nd</sup>. We encourage youth and parents to ride! I heard Clovie will be there!
4. Don't forget to drop donations at the extension office for the Gonzales Dog Adoption and Golden Crescent Food Bank. These are great community service projects to put in your record book.
5. Read the newsletter and visit the Texas 4-H website for more opportunities.

Addyson Kardosz  
County Council President

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## **2023-20234**

### **Gonzales County 4-H Council Officers**

President – Addyson Kardosz  
Vice President – Audrey Thibodeaux  
Secretary – Ellie Irving  
Treasurer – Jaxon Beck  
Reporter – Kayden Cheatham  
Parliamentarian – Jayden Cheatham  
District Council Delegates – Addyson Kardosz,  
Augustus Sexton and Ellie Irving

#### **PLEASE MAKE NOTE**

The next County Council & Adult Leader meetings have not been scheduled. Email communication will go out once meeting details have been decided on.



## Quality Counts FAQ - Students/Parents

### Registration/Access

- How do I access the new Quality Counts system?
  - The new Quality Counts program can be found at: <https://agrilifelearn.tamu.edu/s/product/quality-counts/01t4x000002ciQSAAY>

**Helpful Hint:** Follow the Enrollment Instructions!

- Can I use the same email address as my sibling to take Quality Counts?
  - No, each individual exhibitor must have their own email address to use for registration.
- I took Quality Counts previously (last year, for example). Do I have to take it again?
  - If you are planning to show at Spring major livestock shows (or other county/local shows that indicate), Quality Counts verification is required.

**Helpful Hint:** Exhibitors must be verified once as a junior (grades 3-5), once as an intermediate (grades 6-8) and once as a senior (grades 9-12).

- I will probably only show through 4-H (or FFA), but I am also a member of the other organization, which should I select?
  - Select both 4-H and FFA, as applicable. It is best to have both selected just in case! Keep in mind, 4-H affiliation is by county, not individual clubs.

### Quality Counts Verification

- Which shows require Quality Counts verification?
  - Verification on the Quality Counts system is required for all major livestock show entries. Additionally, county and local shows may require Quality Counts numbers. Please refer to each show's rules to determine if Quality Counts verification is required for show or contest participation.
- I did not get a certificate to print when I finished Quality Counts. How do I prove I am verified?
  - Quality Counts no longer provides a certificate to print. You received an email confirmation from [texasyouthlivestock@ag.tamu.edu](mailto:texasyouthlivestock@ag.tamu.edu) upon your completion. This can be kept for your records to confirm verification.
- I did not receive the confirmation email. What do I do?
  - The emails are automatic and cannot be resent. Please check your spam folders. You may contact your County Extension Agent or Ag Science Teacher for the number if you did not receive the email

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**4-H Members participating in any stock show must complete Quality Counts.  
Please read stock show rules for deadlines to have this completed.**



### **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.

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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

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### **Jackpot Shows**

Lone Star Classic - Gonzales  
- October 7 - Steers, Lambs, Goats  
- October 8 - Heifers

Last Pins Fall Classic– Bastrop  
- October 21 - Hogs, Lambs

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## **Gonzales County Youth Show Exhibitors**

Validation for the lambs and goats will occur **Tuesday, October 17, 2023**, from **5-6:00 pm** at the JB Wells Park.

Validation for the halter heifers will occur **Thursday October 19, 2023**, from **5-6:00 pm** at the Pecan Grove Vet. Clinic.

**All exhibitors must be a member of 4-H or FFA by November 1, 2023**

Rules by the Gonzales County Youth Show Association are available at

<http://gonzales.agrilife.org/>.

Look under the tab Major Texas Livestock Shows & Local Shows.



# VALIDATION

## Major Show 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 October 17th. In order for this to occur, you must call the AgriLife Extension office to order the ear tags that will be placed in your project. This date will also serve as the validation for the Gonzales County Youth Show.

**Tuesday, October 17, 2023**  
**5-6 pm J. B. Well Park**

**Extension Office 830.672.8531**

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# VALIDATION

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## Major Show Exhibitors

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**Thursday, October 19, 2023 -5-6 pm**

**Pecan Grove Vet Clinic**

### Halter Heifers



Again, this fall, there will be a major show heifer validation for any 4-H or FFA member wanting to exhibit heifers at the major livestock shows (Ft. Worth, San Antonio, Houston, Austin, Waco & Dallas. The animal ownership deadline and registration papers will need to be transferred to the exhibitor before this validation. The heifers must be tagged, tattooed, brands recorded, and hair samples will be collected for a DNA assay. There will be a \$25 charge per heifer validated. The validation will occur on October 19th, at the Pecan Grove Vet. Clinic from 5-6:00 pm. Previously major show validated heifers do not need to be re-validated unless there is a change of ownership or breed. If you have heifers to validate, please call the Extension Office to order ear tags. This will also serve as a validation for the Gonzales County Youth Show. Show heifer show.



### Swine

**Tuesday, November 28, 2023**

**5-6 pm**

**J. B. Well Park**



# Livestock Judging

If your child is interested in being part of the team come to practice.

## Practice Dates:

October 2, 2023

October 16, 2023

4:30 pm @ the Extension office

Contact: Dwight Sexton  
830.672.8531



We have a group of members who participate in many youth livestock judging contests. At these contests, there are four animals in a class that are placed, consisting of cattle, swine, sheep, and goats. This program is a wonderful 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 permits and compete at contests across the state. Columbus. 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.

At the **Guadalupe County 4-H Livestock Judging Contest in Seguin** on September 16, Augustus Sexton placed 8<sup>th</sup> overall in the senior division, and Libby Molnoskey placed 27th in the junior division.



# LIVESTOCK JUDGING RESULTS!



Congratulations to our Gonzales 4-H members who have excelled at Livestock Judging contest around the State.



## Colorado County Fair!

Gonzales County 4-H 5th place Junior Team-Jaxon Beck, Dyllon Richardson, Libby Molnoskey, and Kooper Hardcastle.

Libby place 20th in the Junior Division.  
Augustus Sexton placed 6th in the Senior Division.

## Washington County Fair in Brenham Livestock Judging Contest

Augustus Sexton-1st place senior and highest score of 550 contestants.

Jaxon Beck-35th place Intermediate



## Granite Hills Livestock Judging Contest in Mason

Libby Molnoskey-1st place Junior, 1st in cattle division

Jaxon Beck-2nd place junior, 2nd in cattle division, 1 place in Best of the Best Oral Reasons Contest





4-H POINSETTIA SALE AND FRESH  
CHRISTMAS WREATHS  
Pick up tickets from the  
Extension Office.

All orders are DUE NO  
LATER THAN  
4:00 P.M. ON NOVEMBER 9th.

Sale will be on Friday December 01, 2023  
10:00 a.m.

Marrou's 405 St. James, Gonzales. TX



# Food & Nutrition



Oct. 11, Wednesday Food Show Practice 4-5:30 at the CEA Office

(Bring your recipe with you!)

Oct. 11, Wednesday Entries Due for the Gonzales County Contest

Oct. 15, Sunday Food Challenge Contest at the Guadalupe Fair

Oct. 21, Saturday County Food Show/Food Challenge Contest – 9 a.m.

Pace Building, Gonzales, Texas

(This is a qualifying contest for the District Contest! The top 2 teams in each age division will advance.)

Nov. 7, Tuesday 4-H Food & Nutrition Training 4-6 p.m. at the Pace Bldg.

Nov. 29, Wednesday D10 Food Show Contest at Fall Roundup in Kerrville

Nov. 30, Thursday D10 Food Challenge Contest at Fall Roundup in Kerrville

GOLDEN CRESCENT CHILDREN'S PROJECT

# FOOD DRIVE

The mission of the Golden Crescent Children's Project is to be a collaborative resource that addresses the child's needs while supporting their family.



- Ravioli (with pull tab)
  - Poparts
  - Fruit Cups
- Gold Fish (individual packs)
- Chips - Assorted Snack Size
- Ramen Noodles (in a cup)
  - Granola Bars
  - Cheese Crackers
  - Mac & Cheese (in a cup)
- Cereal (individual packs)
  - Small Waters
  - Small Sport Drinks



September 18th-October 15th



# ERATH 4-H ROBOTICS

## SHOWDOWN

### NOVEMBER 17, 2023

222 E College St. Stephenville, TX 76401

### Awards for Top

### 3 Teams in

### Each Division

### Registration: 3:00 pm

### Starts: 4:00 pm

Teams will compete in a semi-blind challenge on a 4 X 8 game mat

Texas 4-H Rules will be used

Challenges will be released to teams at least 2 weeks prior to the event

Teams must compete in one of the following grade divisions:

Jr Division - 3rd to 5th grade

Inter-Division - 6th to 8th grade

Sr Division - 9th to 12th grade

At least ONE team member must be registered in Texas 4-H or FFA Open to ALL Counties in Texas

Teams must be registered by FRIDAY, November 3rd

Entry is \$75 per team

### REGISTRATION AT

<https://erath.agnlife.org/erath>

-county-robotics-showdown/



NOVEMBER 10-12, 2023  
TEXAS 4-H CENTER

# RED CARPET RODDEO



Join us in November for SPARK (formerly Junior Leadership Retreat) which is the premiere youth teaching youth statewide leadership retreat for junior and intermediate level 4-H members led by our Texas 4-H Councils!

### MORE DETAILS COMING SOON!!!







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**GONZALES COUNTY  
"COME & BAKE IT"  
PECAN BAKE SHOW & SALE  
GONZALES, TEXAS  
NOVEMBER 17, 2023**



The inaugural Come & Bake It Pecan Bake Show and Sale will be held on Friday, November 17<sup>th</sup> in tax office lobby at the Randel Rather Building located at 427 St George Street, Gonzales Texas.

There will be two divisions, Youth Division and Adult Division in the baked foods portion of the show. Youth and adults may enter food products prepared with at **least 1 cup of pecans** and **at least one ADAMS extract or spice**. Winners will be announced in the youth division and in the adult division. Entry rules apply for all youth and adult entries.

Food for the contest may be brought to the county building between 8:00 am and 9:00 am. Judging will begin at 9:00 am and finish by 11:30 am. Photos and awards will be presented at 12:30 pm.

All food items will be available for sales and may be picked-up after judging is completed.

Grand champion and reserve champion entries in each class will be recognized with ribbons, prizes and cash awards. Prizes will also be given to the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> winner in each category.

**Basic Rules Include:**

- 1) All entries must be made by exhibitors.
- 2) Any Gonzales County resident (youth or adult) may enter only **one** dish in **each** class. The entry classes are:
  - CAKES
  - PIES
  - CANDY (min. 24 pieces)
  - COOKIES (min. 2 dozen)  
(each cookie packaged separately)
  - YEAST BREADS
  - QUICK BREADS
  - MISCELLANEOUS (snacks, appetizers, etc.)  
(min. 12 sample size portions plus equal amount to sell)
- 3) All entries must contain at least 1 cup of pecans and 1 ADAMS FLAVOR (extract or spice). Recipe must list the specific ADAMS flavor.
- 4) All entries should be wrapped in transparent plastic and placed on disposable plates or containers. Cakes and pies should remain whole.
- 5) An entry must consist of a complete recipe. Name, address and phone number should be on the recipe submitted with entry form. Each item entered must have a recipe on its own page, one recipe per page.
- 6) All recipes must be submitted no later than **November 3, 2023**.
- 7) An entry form is available at the County Extension Office, Gonzales City Hall, or [gonzalesmainstreet.org](http://gonzalesmainstreet.org).
- 8) 70% of sale proceeds from each food item will go to the exhibitor. The remaining 30% of sale proceeds will go to the Gonzales Main Street 501(c)3.
- 9) Dishes requiring refrigeration will **not** be accepted. (NO CREAM CHEESE ICING)

The inaugural COME AND BAKE IT Pecan Bake Show and Sale will be sponsored by Gonzales Main Street, Texas A&M AgriLife Extension, Peach Creek Antiques, Come and Crepe It, Adams Extract, and ARA Pecans. The Pecan Bake Show is under the supervision of Texas A&M AgriLife Extension. All baked items will be sold with proceeds benefiting the Gonzales Main Street Program.

Call the Extension Office for entry form.



## **2023-2024 Gonzales County 4-H Council**

### **Reimbursement Information**

Gonzales County 4-H Council voted on a budget for this 2023-2024 4-H year. Reimbursements will be given based on the budgeted allowed amounts voted on.

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 60 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](http://gonzales.agrilife.org).

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### **2023 - 2024 Limited Financial Aid Information**

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. Members are held accountable by submitting the limited financial assistance request form and provide receipts (s) of event attended to the adult leaders within 60 days of the event attended. Late forms will not be accepted. Paperwork can be picked up at the office or found online at [gonzales.agrilife.org](http://gonzales.agrilife.org) under the 4-H tab.

**Note:** Approved 4-H parents & 4-H volunteers are invited to join the Adult Leaders administrative club. Club meets every other 3rd Tuesday same time as the Gonzales County 4-H Council at the Extension office. Meetings start at 6 pm unless otherwise communicated. Information of upcoming meetings are in the 4-H newsletters.

# Bucket Calf Program



## Meeting Dates



**All meetings to be held at the Gonzales High School Ag Building on Seydler St.**

- **Planning Meeting for Mentors Only:  
October 10, 2024**
- **Monday, October 16, 2023 at 5:30 pm**
- **Thursday, November 16, 2023 at 5:30 pm**
- **Tuesday, January 15, 2024 at 5:30 pm**
- **Practice Show: February 25, 2024 at 3:00 pm  
at JB Wells Arena**

Click on link to access 2023-2024 Bucket Calf Meeting Schedule -

<https://gonzales.agrilife.org/files/2023/08/2023-2024-Meeting-Schedule-Copy.pdf>

Click on link to access 2023-2024 Bucket Calf Mentee Rules and Requirements -

<https://gonzales.agrilife.org/files/2023/08/2023-2024-Mentee-Rules-and-Requirements-Copy.pdf>

Click on link to access 2023-2024 Bucket Calf Mentor Rules and Requirements -

<https://gonzales.agrilife.org/files/2023/08/2023-2024-Mentor-Rules-and-Requirements-Copy.pdf>

Click on link to access 2023-2024 Bucket Calf Record Log -



# 2023-2024 DISTRICT 10 OFFICER TEAM



Wesley Bocanegra  
Vice President



Brylie Roeder  
President



Emma Belzung  
2nd Vice President



**Congratulations Augustus!**

Augustus Sexton  
3rd Vice President



Rylee Wunderlich  
Secretary



Luke Bauer  
Parliamentarian



Jalyn Lamb  
Information Officer



**2023-2024**

**DISTRICT 10 4-H  
FALL ROUNDUP**



**NOVEMBER 28 - 30, 2023**

**LOCATION: KERRVILLE, TX**

**REGISTRATION OPENS: OCT. 6, 2023  
REGISTRATION DEADLINE: OCT. 31, 2023**

**NOVEMBER 28TH, 2023**

**EDUCATIONAL PRESENTATION & PUBLIC SPEAKING  
LIVESTOCK & HORSE QUIZ BOWL**

**NOVEMBER 29TH, 2023**

**FOOD SHOW  
FCH QUIZ BOWL  
ENTOMOLOGY JUDGING**

**NOVEMBER 30TH, 2023**

**FOOD CHALLENGE**



# 2023 OCTOBER 4-H EVENTS

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
1 National 4-H Week <b>Tractor Supply Paper Clover sale!</b>	2 National 4-H Week <b>State Fair-Food Challenge!</b> Tractor Supply Paper Clover sale!	3 National 4-H Week <b>National Night Out!</b> Tractor Supply Paper Clover sale!	4 National 4-H Week Tractor Supply Paper Clover sale!	5 National 4-H Week <b>State Fair-Agrobotics!</b> Tractor Supply Paper Clover sale!	6 National 4-H Week <b>Office Closed - Come &amp; Take It festivities.</b> Tractor Supply Paper Clover sale!	7 National 4-H Week <b>Come &amp; Take It Parade!</b> <b>One Day 4-H!</b> Tractor Supply Paper Clover sale!
8	9 <b>Office closed in observance of Columbus Day.</b> State Fair of Texas - Livestock Judging Contest	10	11 <b>Entries due for Gonzales Co. Contest Food Show Practice 4-5:30 pm @ Extension</b>	12 Consumer Decision Making Practice 4-6 pm @ PACE Bldg.!	13	14 <b>Consumer Decision Making Contest in Guadalupe Co.!</b>
15 <b>Food Challenge Contest in Guadalupe Fair</b>	16 <b>Livestock Judging Practice 4:30 pm @ Extension Office</b>	17 <b>GCYSA &amp; Majors Lamb &amp; Goat Validation 5-6 pm JB Wells Park</b>	18	19 <b>GCYSA &amp; Majors Halter Heifer Validation 5-6 pm @ Pecan Grove Vet. Clinic</b>	20	21 <b>County Food Show/Food Challenge Competition!</b>
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30 <b>ED Presentation 10 am @ PACE building</b>	31 <b>Registration Fall Roundup Deadline</b>				

Note: Fall Roundup registration opens Oct. 6  
Register Deadline Oct. 31 & Late Registration Wed.-Fri. November 1-3.

## NATIONAL 4-H WEEK OCT. 1-7!

KEEP ON SHINING

FOR

4-H !!





2023

# NOVEMBER

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			1	2	3	4
			Fall Roundup Late Registration	Fall Roundup Late Registration	Fall Roundup Late Registration	
5	6 Ft Worth & Sand Hills Stock Show Entries Due	7 4-H Food & Nutrition Training 4-6 @ PACE Building	8	9 Poinsettia Pre-Orders Due	10 Office closed in observance of Veterans Day.	11
12	13	14	15 Major Show Entries Due: San Angelo, San Antonio, Houston & Austin	16	17 Erath 4H Robotics Showdown Stephenville Come & Bake It 8 AM	18
19	20	21 Co. Council & Adult Leaders Meetings 6pm @ Extension Office!	22	23 Office closed Thanksgiving Holiday	24 Office closed Thanksgiving Holiday	25
26	27	28 GCYSA & Majors Swine Validation 5-6 pm JB Wells Park	29 D10 Food Show Contest-Fall Roundup - Kerrville	30 D10 Food Challenge Contest-Fall Roundup - Kerrville		

### Coming up in December:

- 12/3 Validation-Commercial Heifers-Guadalupe Valley Vet Clinic - 1 to 2 pm - GCYS
- 12/10 Validation -Commercial Heifers-Guadalupe Valley Vet Clinic - 1 to 2 pm-GCYS
- 12/8 Deadline for ordering Broilers for the GCYS.

**Happy & Safe Thanksgiving!**  
**Enjoy Your Love Ones!**