

2023-2024 Gonzales County 4-H Newsletter



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4-H Members,

I am really looking forward to the county-wide events on December 14 and 15. On December 14th, we are going to meet to update or start your 4-H record book. We will also have some Christmas fun that Friday afternoon. On Saturday, you will want to be involved in our Christmas Military Tribute on Hero’s square. It will be a beautiful ceremony 9-10 am to honor our veterans during Christmas from

We moved! Come see our new offices at the Pace Building! Good Luck to the participants from Gonzales who will be participating in Kerrville at the D10 Contests.

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Please Note: The Extension Office has moved to 623 Fair Street, Gonzales also known as the PACE or Master Gardener Building.



Fall is here and our 4-H program is going strong! Here are some exciting announcements:

1. The 4-H Council meeting will be at the Pace building on Nov 16, Thursday, following the Adult Leaders Fundraiser, baked potato meal. We are going to have a teambuilding exercise to see who can build the BEST Gingerbread House. After the meeting, we are going to have ice cream floats.
2. Thank you to the Molnoskey and Cheatham family for making the Come and Take It Parade float a giant hit.
3. Congratulations to the Food and Nutrition group for donating 44 can goods to needy children in our community.
4. We are still collecting donations for the Gonzales Dog Adoption. Please drop your donations off at the Pace Building.
5. Good Luck with our 4-H Fundraiser, Poinsettia sales.
6. Pay attention to entry dates if you plan to go to Majors.
7. Did you enter the Gonzales Come and Bake It? What a great opportunity to showcase your food safety skills!
8. Make sure to Like our Facebook page – Gonzales County 4-H – Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service

I hope everyone enjoys this cooler weather and is keeping your animals warm and safe. Please email photos of your 4-H activities to Marcella for the monthly newsletter. If you have ideas to help promote 4-H, please contact me at 830-857-3541 or email addysonkardosz4@gmail.com.

Addyson Kardosz
County Council President

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
November 16 - 6:30 pm @ PACE Bldg.
is the next County Council & Adult Leader
meetings have not been scheduled.
Email communication will go out once
meeting details have been decided on.



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.

Jackpot Shows

Dove Country Classic Steer Show
November 18, Karnes City

Eagle Ford Shale Show down, Goat & Lamb
November 11, Karnes City

Double Trouble Prospect Show, Steer & Heifer
November 04, Jourdanton



Quality Counts

Quality Counts is required for major livestock show entry and must be completed each grade level division (junior – grades 3-5, intermediate – grades 6-8, senior – grades 9-12). It does not have to be renewed every year.

Also, please direct all technical/login related questions to: learnonline@ag.tamu.edu.

Student and parent information can be access by this link below:
<https://agrilifelearn.tamu.edu/s/product/quality-counts/01t4x000008HBZdAAO>

Gonzales Youth Show Association Stock Show Rules

To access GCYSA Rules click link below:
<https://gonzales.agrilife.org/files/2023/06/2024-Show-Rules-Copy.pdf>

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 6th, 2023 at the Extension Office. All others need to be completed and paid by Wednesday, November 15th.

VALIDATION

Commercial Heifers

Gonzales County Youth Show Exhibitors



December 3, 2023 and December 10, 2023
1-2 pm
@Guadalupe Valley Vet Clinic



Major Show Exhibitors

Tuesday, November 28, 2023
5-6 pm
J. B. Well Park

Swine

Extension Office 830.672.8531

GONZALES COUNTY YOUTH SHOW BROILERS



**Friday, December 8th Order
deadline. Call the Extension
Office 830.672.8531
Broiler Delivery Date TBD.**

LIVESTOCK JUDGING RESULTS

Waller County Livestock Judging Contest

Jaxon Beck, 6th Place Intermediate

Fort Bend County Fair Livestock Judging Contest

Augustus Sexton, 8th Place Senior

Heart O Texas Fair Livestock Judging Contest

Augustus Sexton, 9th Place Senior

LIVESTOCK JUDGING RESULTS



Austin County Fair Livestock Judging Contest

Jaxon Beck - 9th Place Intermediate

Austin County Fair Livestock Judging Contest

Jaxon Beck - 6th Place Intermediate
Augustus Sexton - 1st Place Senior
Libby Molnosky - Participant



Texas A&M Aggiefest Livestock Judging Contest

Kooper Hardcastle - 5th Place Intermediate Cattle
Augustus Sexton - 8th Place Senior





Club News

Tuesday, November 16

Adult Leaders Scholarship Fundraiser meal plates to be picked up from
4:30-6:30 pm at PACE building.

Loaded Baked Potatoes with Chopped Brisket and dessert.

\$12 per ticket. Monies will be due by 2 pm, Thursday, Nov 9th to

Extension office.

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! 4-H members will need to help prepare plates and serve.

Contact:

Shantell Cheatham 930.534.7000

Gonzales County 4-H Adult Leaders

MEAL PLATES TO GO

Loaded Baked Potato with chopped Brisket
and dessert.

PACE Bldg., 623 N. Fair Street

Thursday, November 16, 2023 – 4:30 to 6:30pm

\$12 per Ticket

Proceeds to benefit Gonzales County 4-H Scholarships



Green Clover 4-H Club

Green Clover 4-H Club met on October 10, 2023 for their monthly meeting. During this meeting the members participated in teacher appreciation day where they decorated cookies. They also picked up tickets for the annual poinsettia sale. The poinsettia pick up will be held at Marrou's on December 1, 2023 between 10:00 a.m. to 3:00p.m. Go sale tickets! The highlight of the meeting was our guest speaker Brenley Massie and her dog Tokyo. Brenley taught us about the different associations she shows in and all the places she has been able to visit. She also showed us how she grooms Tokyo, how she shows him, as well as how the judges judge a dog. If you are interested in showing a dog in 4-H contact the extension office at (830)-672-8531.





Fashion Show & Duds to Dazzle



Practice dates & times
with more to come in the future.

Place: Grace Christian Academy



Date: Thursday, November 9, 2023
Time: 3:30-5:30 pm

Date: Tuesday, November 28, 2023
Time: 3:30-5:30 pm



Date: December 19, 2023
Time: 12:30 pm

Project Leaders:

Mrs. Fayerene Smith
Phone: 210.827.3824

Mrs. Evelyn Clark





**4-H POINSETTIA SALE AND FRESH
CHRISTMAS WREATHS**

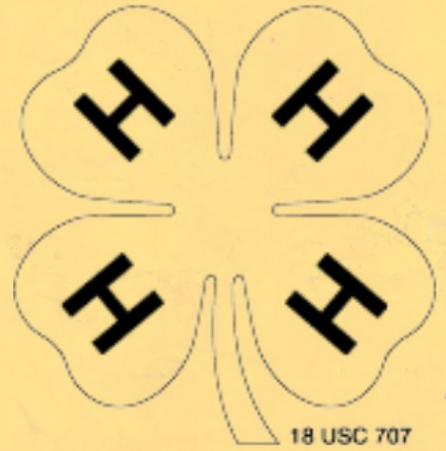
**Pick up tickets from the
Extension Office.**

**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



Shooting Sports

November 11, 2023

1-3 pm

- Meet & Greet
- Hot Dogs/Chips/Drinks
- Shooting-Everything provided

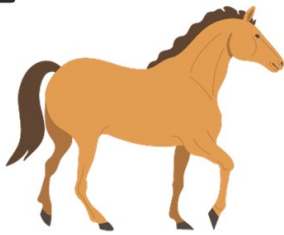
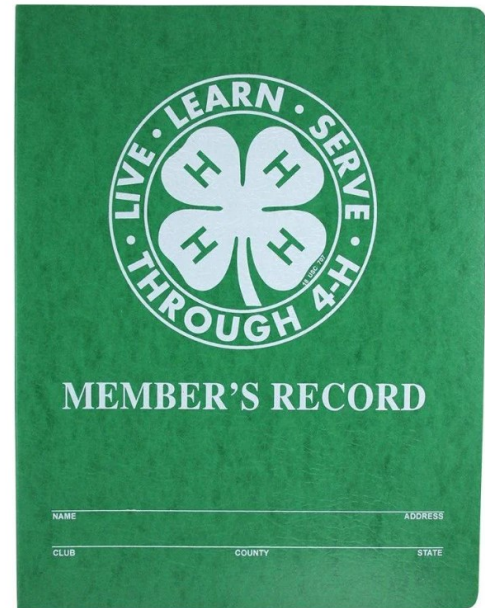
Contact:

Tony Roehr @
512.828.2714 for
directions to the
location of event.



4-H Christmas Social

DEC 15, 2023 AT
THE PACE
BUILDING



3:30 pm - 5:30 pm

3:30 - 4:30

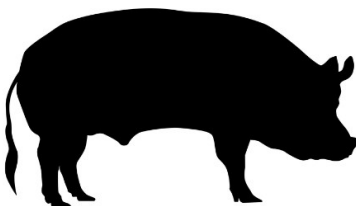
Work on starting/updating record book
Bring your laptop and last year's book

4:30 - 5:00

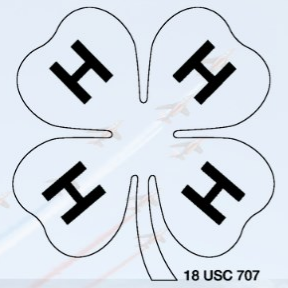
Practice song for Military Tribute Dec 16

5:00 - 5:30

Decorate Cookies/Paint Ornaments/have fun



Christmas Military Tribute



TEXAS HERO SQUARE

St. Joseph Street and St. Louis Street, Gonzales, TX 78629

December 16, 2023

(If Rained out date alternate date will be December 19th)

Program will start at 9 am
Bring your lawn chairs.

*Anyone needing special assistance,
please contact our office
830.672.8531.*

*4-H is honoring those who gave it all
for our nation. They sacrificed family, friends and
ultimately their lives for freedom in the United
State. We pay tribute to their lives. They are not
forgotten but celebrated with thanksgiving hearts.*



9th Annual Guadalupe County SumoBot Contest 2023



When? December 2, 2023 (Doors open at 9am)

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

Teams: 2 to 4 members

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

Registration: \$60 per team
Registration ends November 18, 2023

Information at guadalupe4hrobots@gmail.com

Concessions will be available!

Register at:

<https://forms.gle/cbXovG1mZ2tDoMoH9>

Contest Rules at:

https://drive.google.com/file/d/1jDHTNjixWRhQBctb7gMrrN_MeNT4nZsS/view?usp=sharing

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

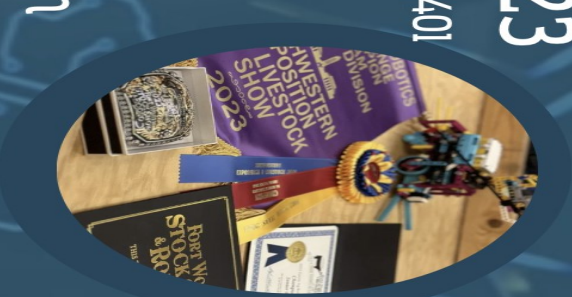
Teams must be registered by FRIDAY, November 3rd

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!!!**





ARA PECAN CORP.

**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 17th 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 1st and 2nd 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.
- 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.

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 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 -

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

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

NOVEMBER

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
			1 Fall Roundup Late Registration	2 Fall Roundup Late Registration	3 Fall Roundup Late Registration	4
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 Adult Leaders Potato Meal 4:30-6:30 pm Co. Council & Adult Leaders Meeting 6:30 pm	17 Erath 4H Robotics Showdown Stephenville Come & Bake It 8 AM	18
19	20	21	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 D10 Educational Presentation	29 D10 Food Show Contest-Fall Roundup - Kerrville	30 D10 Food Challenge Contest-Fall Roundup - Kerrville		

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

