

2023-2024 Gonzales County 4-H Newsletter



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Merry Christmas Gonzales County 4-H Families!

I love this quote from Ben Carson, “Happiness does not result from what we get, but what we give!”

The Gonzales County Council voted to adopt 3 families for Christmas. We are collecting for a high school girl, middle school boy, and an elementary girl.

Please donate food, toiletries, school supplies, and toys. We are collecting the items at the office and will deliver the donations on December 19.

Also, I am encouraging 4-H members to make a Christmas Card for Liam Thompson. Each card would surely bring a smile to his face!

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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.



Addyson Kardosz
County Council President

Hope y'all had a blessed Thanksgiving. Thank you for a successful poinsettia. Thank you to everyone who sold plants and helped last Friday.

Please plan to attend the Christmas Military Tribute on December 16, Saturday at 9 am. Please call the office if you would like to be in the children's choir at the Military Tribute. Cost 4-H has purchased a flag to be placed on every veteran's grave in Gonzales County.

Gonzales County was well represented at the D10 Fall Roundup. Congratulations to everyone who participated at the D10 contests in Kerrville! Have a Merry Christmas!

Addyson Kardosz
County Council President

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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
January 16 - 6:00 pm @ PACE Bldg.
is the next County Council & Adult
Leader meetings .



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.

Gonzales County Youth Show Quality Counts Educational Class

January 3, 2024 - Time: 6:00 PM
Location: GISD Ag Building

Exhibitors at the GCYS can attend this class to meet the show's requirements for completing the Quality Counts Training,



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.

AG NEWS

Commercial Heifers

Gonzales County Youth Show Exhibitors



December 3, 2023 and December 10, 2023

1-2 pm

@Guadalupe Valley Vet Clinic



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

Extension Office 830.672.8531



RABBIT VALIDATION

Tuesday, January 16, 2024

Time: 5:00 - 7:00 PM

Location: JB Wells



Club News

COST



During the Cost November meeting members made boxes for soldiers overseas. They found a troop that had a member from Gonzales & sent them goodies for the holidays.

GREEN CLOVER



At the recent Green Clover meeting, Mike Manning from Purina Mills spoke about the importance of animal nutrition. He informed the club about supplementation for your show project and the history behind Purina. For more information regarding feeding regimens and supplements for your show animal, refer to www.purinamills.com.

The club also participated in a jacket and blanket drive for The Foster Tree children of Gonzales. The Foster Tree children of Gonzales is a local organization that provides support and guidance for children and foster families. If you would like to donate a jacket or blanket to keep a child warm this winter, contact (830)-339-2319.



Texas 4-H Opportunity Scholarship Virtual Informational Session

THURSDAY DEC. 7 @6:30 PM

CLICK HERE

TO JOIN: [HTTPS://TEAMS.MICROSOFT.COM/L/MEETUPLINK](https://teams.microsoft.com/l/meetuplink)



1

STAY HOME



2

**USE A DEVICE
TO CONNECT
ONLINE**



3

**GRAB A
SNACK AND
GET COMFY!**



4

**CLICK OR TYPE
IN THE
HYPERLINK
ABOVE TO JOIN**



5

**JOIN IN ON THE
CONVERSATION!
TRAINING IS
LIVE.**

TEXAS A&M
AGRI LIFE
EXTENSION



On Tuesday, November 28, 2023, 4-H members from Gonzales County 4-H took top honors at the District 10 Educational Presentation Contest in Kerrville, Texas. Ellie Irving won 1st place in the Senior Beef Category with her presentation about the techniques and economics of dehorning cattle, and Abby Irving won 2nd place in Senior Health Category with her presentation about the evolution of pasteurization of milk. Both Ellie and Abby will advance to the State 4-H Roundup Contest in College Station in June 2024. Jack Irving won 3rd place in the Intermediate Health Category with his presentation about service dogs. Sam Irving won 3rd place in the Intermediate Safety Category with his presentation about poisonous snakes.

A 4-H educational presentation is a demonstration of knowledge and skill in a project area. Youth learn to create and develop the skills needed to present their topic before an audience. The 4-H members designed a Power Point Presentation and used props to educate the audience. If you are interested in doing an educational presentation, please contact Gonzales County 4-H at the Texas A&M AgriLife 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, December 19, 2023

Time: 3:30-5:30 pm

Date: Thursday, January 16, 2024

Time: 3:30-5:30 pm

Date: Thursday, February 20, 2024

Time: 3:30-5:30 pm

Project Leaders:

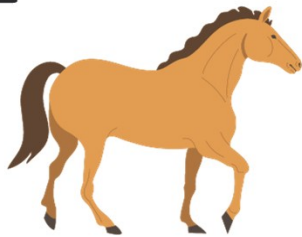
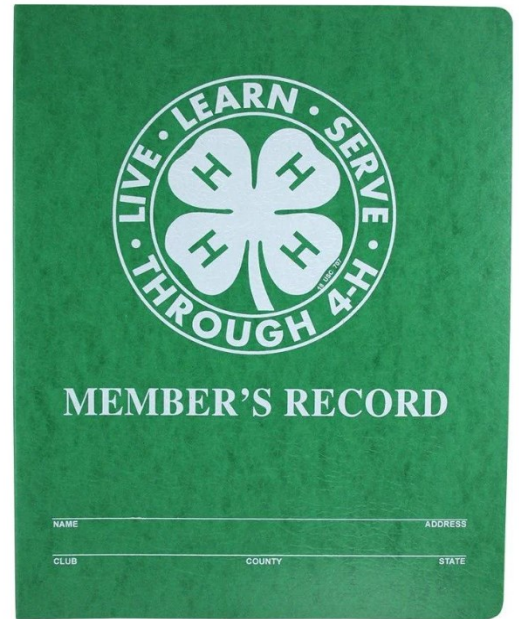
Mrs. Fayerene Smith
Phone: 210.827.3824

Mrs. Evelyn Clark



4-H Christmas Social

DEC. 15, 2023
AT THE PACE
BUILDING



3:30 pm - 5:30 pm

3:30 - 4:30

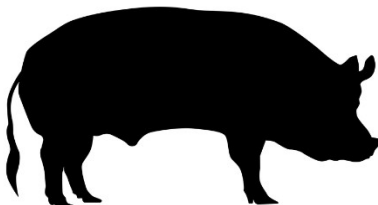
Work on starting/updating record book.
Bring your laptop and last year's book.

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.



Winter Wonderland

4-H Photo Workshop

13 January, 2024

**Professional Photographer
Madison Lindner**

9 am to 11 am
Pace Building, Gonzales

RSVP to Gayle Bludau at 830-672-8531



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.

Shooting Sports



There will be a shooting sports club meeting on December 30 at 1 pm at the police range. Details of the meeting will be sent to each participant. Please let us know if you plan to attend.

Consumer Decision Making (CDM)

CDM practice will be held December 19 from 3:30 – 5 pm at the Pace Building. Please RSVP so I can print the new study guide for you!

A BIG THANK YOU!

The Gonzales County 4-H Adult Leaders would like to thank everyone who sold tickets and those who helped prep and serve the Baked potato meal plates for their Fall Fundraiser! The monies earned go toward the High School Scholarships as well as parent scholarships for travel with 4-Hers to contests out of



Come Join the Fun!

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 Spring as time permits. Contests begin again in January. If you want your child to participate in these practices and contests, please notify the Extension Office so you can stay informed. Our children have been very successful in the past and have learned much.



Contact: Dwight Sexton

623 NORTH FAIR
STREET, GONZALES

830.672.6531

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 -

