

2023-2024 Gonzales County 4-H Newsletter



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Happy New Year! Now is a wonderful time for goal setting! Make sure you are updating your record books. If you need help starting a record book, please call the office and I will set a time to meet with you.

Thank you to everyone selling raffle tickets for Liam Thompson’s Benefit. All tickets are due to the Extension Office by Noon on January 16. The Extension office will be closed January 15 for Martin Luther King Jr. Day. We will have a DRAWING on FACEBOOK LIVE at 7 pm on January 16, 2024 after the Council Meeting.

Seniors, you should be working on scholarship applications. You cannot win if you do not apply. Historically, 4-H members have been successful at winning scholarships, because we do numerous service projects. Also, I cannot stress enough the importance of academics. Some academic rankings start with eighth grade classes. Make academics a priority and you will see the difference in your success.

I wanted to personally thank all the families who helped with the Christmas Military Tribute. Hannah Graczkowski’s dream came true December 16, 2023. I want to personally thank Hannah, who was truly the driving force behind this beautiful, patriotic, and educational event. I was so pleased with the collaborative effort with our community partners and the attendance of veterans.

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We are so excited to see what our 4-H members are going to accomplish this coming year!

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



Hi!

I hope everyone had a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year! Don't forget to turn in raffle tickets for Liam Thompson by noon on Jan 16. All 4-H members are invited to attend the 4-H County Council meeting on January 16 at 6 pm! We would love to see you there and bring a friend. We will have snacks at the Council Meeting while we watch the Live Drawing for the raffle prizes. If you have some new ideas of how we can make the best better, please bring them to the council meeting or contact me at 1-830-857-3541 or email addysonkardosz4@gmail.com!

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 23, 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. Exhibitors must meet the Quality Counts requirements by February 2, 2024.



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.

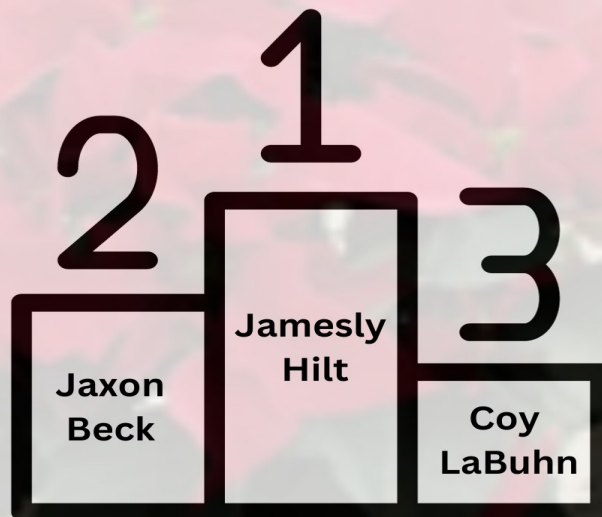
Student and parent information can be access by this link below:
<https://agrillifelearn.tamu.edu/s/product/quality-counts/01t4x000008HBZdAAO>

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>

Other GYSA information can also be found on the link below:
<https://gonzales.agrilife.org/links/major-texas-livestock-shows/>

Congratulations!



Top three sellers of the poinsettia fundraiser.

Club News

Green Clover

At the recent Green Clover 4-H Club we had a guest speaker Dr. John Withers from Pecan Grove Vet Clinic in Gonzales TX, he spoke about how long it takes to become a vet, all his adventures being a vet, and that you have to continue education every year. One of my favorite stories he told was the adventure of trimming a prairie dog's nails.

As a reminder, rabbit validation is scheduled for January 16,2024 at JB Wells.



Gonzales County 4-H Photography Contest

Entries Due February 6, 2024

Rules: <https://gonzales.agrilife.org/4h/>

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District 10 4-H Photography Contest

Registration Period:

February 1-20, 2024

Late Registration (+\$25 Late Fee)

February, 21-23, 2024

REGISTRATION TAKES PLACE ON

4HONLINE:

V2.4HONLINE.COM

“LIMIT OF 3 PHOTOS PER PARTICIPANT”





Fashion Show & Duds to Dazzle



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



Place: PACE 623 N. Fair Street

Date: Tuesday, January 16, 2024

Time: 3:30-5:30 pm



Date: Tuesday, February 27, 2024

Time: 3:30-5:30 pm

Project Leaders:

Mrs. Fayerene Smith
Phone: 210.827.3824

Mrs. Evelyn Clark





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



RABBIT VALIDATION

Tuesday, January 16, 2024

Time: 5:00 - 7:00 PM

Location: JB Wells





Gonzales County Youth Show Association

Quality Counts
Educational Class

January 23, 2024

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Location: GISD Ag Building

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Shooting Sports



There will be short meeting on Saturday, January 6, 2024, at 1:00 pm at the shooting range, it will be for official sign ups, rules, practices, upcoming events, and competitions, at least 1 parent for each participant must attend the meeting.

Contact Tony at 512-828-2714 if anyone has any questions.

Food Challenge Practice

Food Challenge Practice for San Antonio will be Jan 2 at 2 pm

Consumer Decision Making (CDM) Practice

CDM practice will be held Jan. 23, 2024 Tuesday from 4-6 pm at the PACE Building. Please RSVP so I can print the new study guide for you!

What are your goals to succeed this new coming year?



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

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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 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.

SPRING & SUMMER DATES—D10

District 10 SPRING Roundup – Fredericksburg, TX	
REGISTRATION OPENS: Friday, March 1, 2024	
REGISTRATION DEADLINE: Tues., Mar. 19, 2024	
LATE REGISTRATION: Wed.–Fri, Mar. 20-22, 2024	
Spring Roundup CONTEST DATES	
April 9, 2024	Leaders 4 Life (Location TBD)
April 10, 2024	Meat Judging (San Angelo, TX)
April 15, 2024	Livestock Judging
April 16, 2024	Consumer Decision Making Range/Pasture ID & Range Evaluation Wool & Mohair Judging
April 17, 2024	Share the Fun Soil Judging
April 18, 2024	Duds 2 Dazzle Fashion Show & Natural Fibers
April 20, 2024	Smallbore Rifle (Floresville, TX)
April 26, 2024	4-H Storyboard <i>Results Released</i>
District 10 Horse Show – Dripping Springs, TX	
REGISTRATION OPENS: Wednesday, May 1, 2024	
REGISTRATION DEADLINE: Tues. May 14, 2024	
LATE REGISTRATION: W-F, May 15-17, 2024	
EVENT DATE: June 13, 2024	
District 10 Leadership Lab – Brownwood, TX	
REGISTRATION OPENS: Wednesday, May 1, 2024	
EARLY REGISTRATION DEADLINE: May 28, 2024	
LATE FEE REGISTRATION: May 29-31, 2024	
EVENT DATE: June 26-28, 2024	
District 10 Record Book Judging – Fredericksburg	
REGISTRATION OPENS: Saturday, June 1, 2024	
REGISTRATION DEADLINE: Tues., June 25, 2024	
LATE REGISTRATION: Wed.–Fri. June 26-28, 2024	
EVENT DATE: July 11, 2024	

FUNDRAISER TICKETS

NOW AVAILABLE FOR PICKUP

for 4-Her Liam Thompson to assist with medical bills & travel.

Raffle Items:

1. Special Gift from the AJ Foyt Family
2. Meatheads Quarter Calf donated by 4-H Robotics
3. \$500 Gift Card Fehner Gun & Feed Store donated by 4-H Shooting Sports
4. \$280 J Bar B Foods Sausage/Cooler Combo
5. McFadin Livestock and Trucking – 270 piece Husky Tool Set
6. McFadin Livestock and Trucking – DeWalt Impact driver & accessories
7. Granzins Basket and Gift Certificate donated by Molnoskey Family
8. First Shot Liquor Gift Basket
9. \$100 Thrive Spa Gift Card donated by Kardosz Family
10. \$100 Gift Certificate to Running M Bar and Grill
11. John Hart Shag Bag donated by Green Clover 4-H Club
12. Cow Hide Backpack donated by Jaxon Beck
13. Consuela Wallet donated by Sheer Design
14. Olay Southwestern Bag donated by Brenley Massie
15. \$50 China Basket Gift Certificate
16. \$30 Tractor Supply Gift Card donated by Green Clover 4-H Club
17. Meal Prepared by “The Farmer’s Daughter”
18. Hearty Gourmet Basket - Breakfast and Supper Fixings
19. Dozen Decorated Cookies by Suzanne Sexton Designs
20. Craft/Scrapbook Basket donated by Kaiser Family
21. Health & Wellness Basket with Gift Card donated by Kaiser & Bludau Family
22. Trucking Twin Quilt donated by Kaiser Family
23. Man Gift Package donated by Kaiser Family
24. Butterfly Garden Twin Quilt donated by Kaiser Family

Only 1500 Tickets at \$10 each will be sold.

Tickets and money due January 16th by noon.

Facebook Live Drawing at 7 pm on January 16, 2024

Items available for pickup starting on January 17, 2024

Thanks to everyone who donated an item!



2024 JANUARY 4-H EVENTS

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
	1	2 Food Challenge Practice for San Antonio at 2-4 pm	3	4 Sandhills Stock Show	5 Sandhills Stock Show	6 Nixon Prospect Show Sandhills Stock Show
7	8	9	10	11	12	13 Winter Wonderland Photo Workshop 9-11 AM @ PACE
14	15	16 Duds to Dazzle/Fashion Show Practice 3:30-5pm PACE County Council Meeting 6 pm @ PACE Rabbit Validation 5-7 pm Facebook Live Raffle Drawing Ft Worth Stock Show-Heifers	17 Broiler Pick up	18/	19 Ft Worth Stock Show-Heifers	20
21	22	23 CDM Practice 4 - 6 pm	24	25	26 Ft Worth Stock Show Robotics Contest	27 CDM Gatesville Contest
28 Ft Worth Stock Show-Heifers	29	30				
Ft Worth Stock Show-Steers		Ft Worth Stock Show-Steers				

Happy New Year!