

2023-2024 Gonzales County 4-H Newsletter



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There are a lot of exciting opportunities in 4-H. I encourage you to print the February calendar of activities from the newsletter and place it on your refrigerator so you do not miss activities.

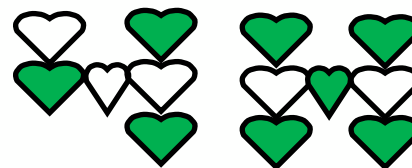
The Gonzales Chamber of Commerce has invited 4-H to help them at their Chamber Gala on February 22. The first 20 members to contact me will get this opportunity. I am excited for citizens and business owners to see 4-H members serving and giving back to their community. It will also look great in your record book.

If you are a senior in High school, please pay attention to scholarship opportunities and deadlines. If you need me to edit your essays, contact the office.

Eighth graders and high school students, if you are interested in being a State Ambassador for the 2024-2025 4-H year, please contact the office as soon as possible. Those applications will be due soon.

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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.



Hi!

Good Luck to the Livestock Show Exhibitors! I know you have worked hard on your projects.

Here are some Fun Facts about 4-H!

By participating in 4-H, students are 4 times more likely to actively contribute to their community and 3 times more likely to be physically active. Encourage your friends to join Gonzales County 4-H!

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
March 19- 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.



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>

Other GYSA information can also be found on the link below:

<https://gonzales.agrilife.org/links/major-texas-livestock-shows/>

GCYSA Commercial Heifer Recordbooks are due to

Extension Office

by 5:00 pm

February 16 , 2024

Club News

Cost



Food for Caring-Food was donated to the Souper Bowl of Caring. This Food will be used for locally. It is important to serve your community.



Green Clover



At the recent Green Clover 4H Club meeting, we had guest speakers, Alan Linebrink and Robert Rodriguez from the Gonzales County Rescue. These men taught us about the history and how the Gonzales County Rescue was started. They also showed us the rescue truck and some of the tools they use such as the jaws of life. To show our appreciation, the Green Clover members made trail mix bags for the First Responders.

WÆLDER LIVESTOCK SHOW

L.W. Fryer Showbarn | Wælder, TX

February 16, 2024



Judging: 10:00 am

Buyer's Social: 4:30 pm

Raffle: 5:45 pm

Premium Sale: 6:15 pm



*Thank you for your continued support towards
the Wælder 4H and Wælder Showboard!*

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

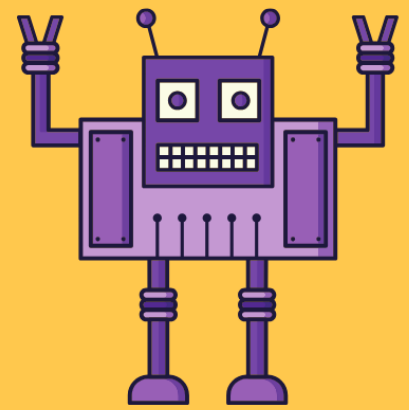
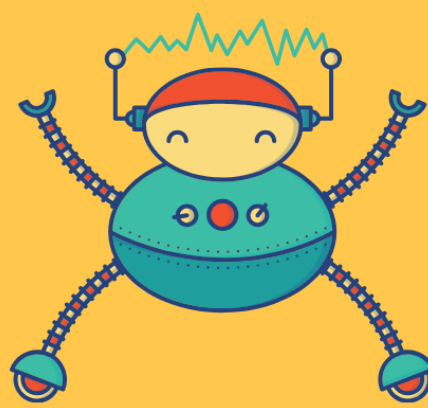
REGISTRATION TAKES PLACE ON

4HONLINE:

V2.4HONLINE.COM

“LIMIT OF 3 PHOTOS PER PARTICIPANT”





GONZALES COUNTY ROBOTICS CONTEST AGROBOTICS 2024

FRIDAY, MARCH 01, 2024

LOCATION: JB WELLS, GONZALES, TX

START TIME: 10 AM

REGISTER: [HTTP://TINYURL.COM/4W9NUUUX](http://tinyurl.com/4w9nuuux)

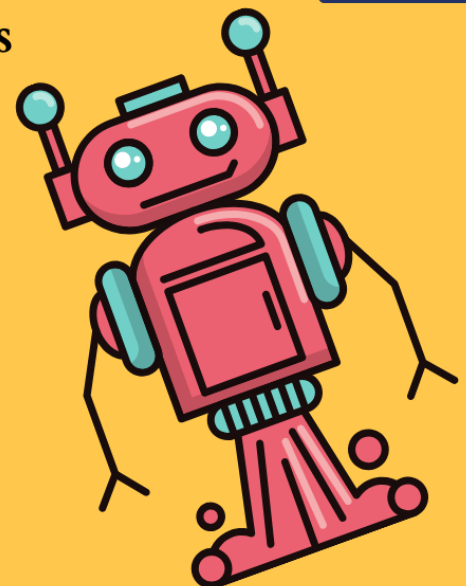
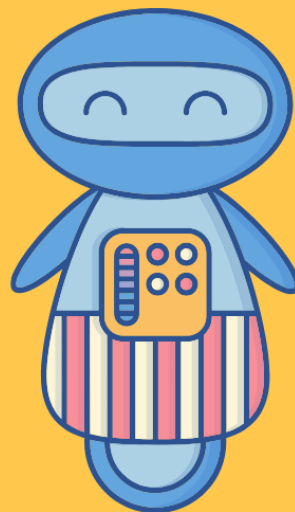
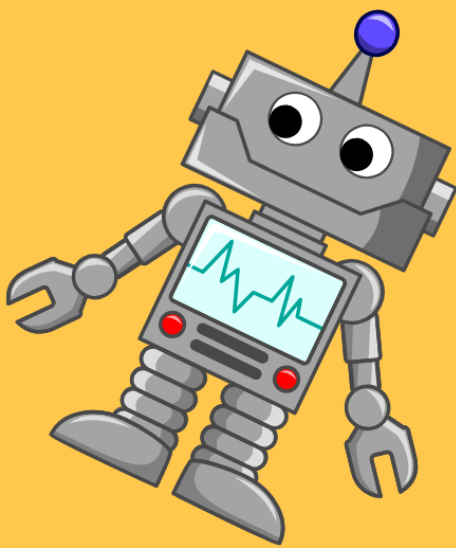
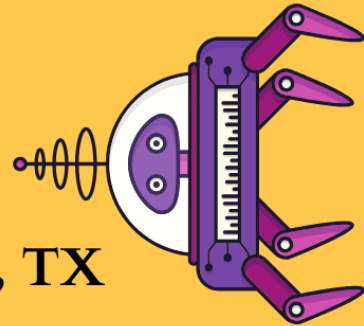
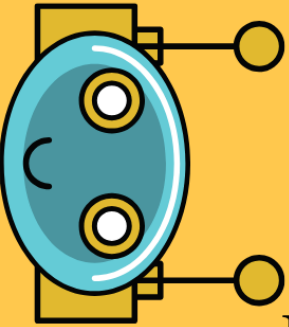
DEADLINE: FEB 24, 2024

TEAMS:

Junior, Intermediate, & Senior Level

2-4 members

Awards - Buckles & Banners
for Grand Champion Teams



Food Challenge

Practice February 1, 2024

For the San Antonio Contest

PACE Building

From: 4:00 pm

To: 5:30 pm



Gonzales County Spring Roundup

Duds to Dazzle Contest & Share the Fun Contest

Tuesday, March 5
4:30 - 6:30 p.m.

AgriLife Extension Office
Pace Building

Duds to Dazzle



Time: 4:30 pm

Talent Show

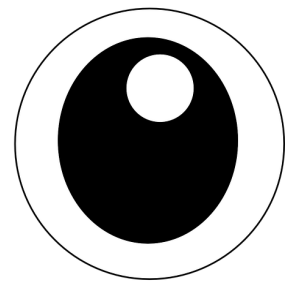
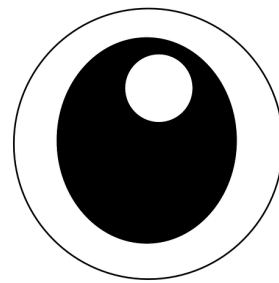


Time: 6:00 pm

Fashion Show



Time: 5:30 pm



Looking for your practice
time information?

You are in the right place!

Are you ready?
Can't wait to see you shine!!

Buccaneer Commission

Invitational 4-H/FFA Contests

The Buccaneer Commission in Corpus Christi, Texas, will host invitational contest event for 4-H & FFA Members.

Food Challenge (May 11, 2024):

The event will be hosted on Buc Days Festival grounds in the American Bank Center Exhibit Hall where \$7,500 will be awarded in prize money. [Info HERE](#). Limited to first 75 teams

Looking for another contest?
Look no more!

Food Challenge Practice

Food Challenge (for San Antonio) Practice will be Feb 6 from 5-7 pm at the Pace Building .

Food Challenge Practice

We need to complete entries for Buccaneer Food Challenge contest On May 11, 2024.

Practice will be February 26 for Houston and Corpus Christi contest the practice will be from 4-6 pm at Pace.

Consumer Decision Making (CDM) Practice

CDM Practices for San Angelo Contest and San Antonio Contest

Feb 5 from 4-5 pm Meet at Walmart

Feb 12 from 4-5:30 pm at the Pace Building

Robotics Meeting

February 19, 2024

6 pm at the First Baptist Church



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





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.

Help Texas 4-H Fight Hunger!

Join Texas 4-H as we support Souper Bowl of Caring!

4-H groups are asked to collect food and/or monetary donations for local food pantries or hunger relief organizations during January 1 - February 11, 2024. 4-H groups will organize efforts that best fit their community needs and local hunger relief agencies or food pantries. No donations will be sent outside the county...all efforts are LOCAL so you are helping the people of your county who are in need. Be creative! Think of unique ways to fill the shelves of your local food pantries!

To participate, download the official TACKLE HUNGER CHALLENGE PLAYBOOK at <https://tacklehunger.org/our-programs/souper-bowl-of-caring>

Here's how to play!

- Select your food charity
- Choose a creative way to collect donations
- Register your campaign with Tackle Hunger so you get credit for helping others
- Utilize Souper Bowl of Caring resources such as posters, PSAs, etc.
- Report your success on the website where you registered

For more information, contact: Dr. Julie Gardner
julie.gardner@ag.tamu.edu

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tacklehunger.org

2024 SUMMER CAMP DATES

Horizons Camp- June 30-July 4

Prime Time I- July 7-July 10

Aperture Camp- July 7-July 10

County Camp I- July 14-July 18

Prime Time II- July 21-July 24

County Camp II- August 4-August 8



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	

Nixon 4-H Prospect Show Results



American Steer
767-980
Grand-Brooklyn Huder
Reserve Grand-Olivia Braune

1037-1063
Grand-Kate Harmon
Reserve Grand-Layton Arredondo



British Steer
1099-1175
Grand-Taylor Gayle
Reserve Grand-Cole Taylor



1236-1266
Grand-Kortney Fey
Reserve Grand-Kierstyn Fey

Nixon 4-H Prospect Show Results

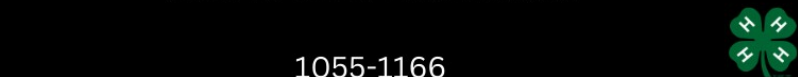


American Heifer
6-9mos
Grand-Jana Justiss
Reserve Grand-Cody Escalante



1400
Grand-Camden Evans

10-18mos
Grand-Elizabeth Janak
Reserve Grand-Jana Justiss



Exotic Steer
915-1037
Grand-Tristan Gayle
Reserve Grand-Laramie Mills

Exotic Heifer
10-18 mos
Grand-Marina George
Reserve Grand-Engenio George



1055-1166
Grand-Adyson Perez
Reserve Grand-Kendall Nielson

Overall Heifer
Grand Champion-Jana Justiss
Reserve Grand-Elizabeth Janak

1202-1318
Grand-Kierstyn Fey
Reserve Grand-Tristen Korzekwa

Overall Steer
Grand-Kortney Fey
Reserve Grand-Brooklyn Hudek

Showmanship Heifer
Junior-Cody Escalante
Senior-Jana Justiss
Old Timer-1st Liz Hernandez
2nd-Albert Orbles

Showmanship
Junior-Cole Taylor
Senior-Kierstyn Fey



FUNDRAISER RESULTS

Liam Thompson Benefit to assist with medical bills & travel.

Winner List:

1. 0418-Juli Clay
2. 0136-Hannah Graczkowski
3. 0143-Fayerene Smith
4. 0631-Fayerene Smith
5. 0366-Juli Clay
6. 1137-Aaron McLaurin
7. 1095-Leah Camarillo
8. 0467-Pam Jackson
9. 0822-Kayden Cheatham
10. 0809-Pamela Kardosz
11. 0883-Christna Hattenbach
12. 0447-John Sample
13. 0105-Allison Marrow
14. 0538-Dana Williams
15. 0300-JoAnnn Mercer
16. 0601-Carla Faltisek
17. 0850-Travis Thibodeaux
18. 0605-David Shelton
19. 1150-John M.
20. 1086-Collin Carrell
21. 0224-Diana Picha
22. 0978-Sarah Farrar
23. 0665-Rachel Simper
24. 0085-Jennifer Miller

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

You may pick up your item from the Extension Office, also known as the PACE building, located at 623 N. Fair Street during office hours. Office closed from 12-1 pm for lunch.

Please call the office to let us know you are on your way 830.672.8531.

Thanks everyone for all your prayers for Liam, during his accident and his recovery in the hospital. Your prayers meant so much to our family, and I know that God heard them because I was seeing Him work two weeks before the accident and continuing to work everyday since the accident to heal Liam. Your concerns, prayers and generosity will never be forgotten. Each card that Liam received put a smile on his face. May God bless all of you and your loved ones.

Sincerely

Terry, Janeen & Liam



2024 FEBRUARY 4-H EVENTS

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
				1 Food Challenge Practice for the San Antonio Contest 4-5:30 pm	2 GCYS Bake Show entries Due	3
				Ft Worth Stock Show-Steers		Ft Worth Stock Show-Steers
4	5 CDM 4-5 pm at Walmart	6 County Photo Contest Entries Due Duds two Dazzle 3:30-5 pm Food Challenge 5-7 pm-PACE San Angelo Stock Show	7	8 Food Challenge San Antonio Contest	9	10
11	12 CDM 4-5:30 pm-PACE	13	14 	15 San Antonio Ag Robotics San Angelo CDM 4-H Opportunity Scholarship Due	16 Waelder Stock Show	17 San Antonio CDM
18	19 Holiday Presidents' Day Office is Closed	20	21	22	23	24 Grayson County Ag Robotics
San Antonio Stock Show-MKT Steers		San Antonio Stock Show		San Antonio Stock Show		
25	26 Food Challenge 4-6 pm-PACE	27 Duds to Dazzle/Fashion Show Practice 3:30-5 pm PACE	28	29		
San Antonio Stock Show		Gonzales Stock Show				

Be a 4-H Valentine!