

2023-2024 Gonzales County



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Is your 2024 4-H record book updated? Make sure you are recording your successes and learning experiences in your record book. Judges prefer action photos in your book over posed still shots. Record your community service projects too. Lastly, your story needs to highlight current goals.

Seniors, there are many scholarship opportunities. Applications are on our Website gonzales.agriLife.org. Call County Agent, Gayle Bludau, at the office at 830-672-8531 if you need help with essays or have questions.

4-H promotes teamwork. Working in a team enables children to communicate effectively, listen attentively, and learn to express themselves constructively. 4-H teams are signing up now for a 4-H Food Challenge Contest to be held in Corpus Christi on May 11. Please contact the office soon if you are interested. Currently, we have 4 teams signed up and a few junior teams need members.

Good Luck to the two junior Duds to Dazzles teams who will be competing at the District 10 Duds to Dazzle Contest in Fredericksburg in April.

Congratulations to 4-H Teams who competed last month. The Consumer Decision Making Teams did well at San Angelo placing 4th in the Senior Division and 6th in the Intermediate Division.

Congratulations to the Gonzales County 4-H Livestock Judging Team. The Junior Team of Jaxon Beck, Kooper Hardcastle, and Libby Molnoskey, paced 14th. Augustus Sexton placed 14th in the Senior Division

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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.



I am so proud to be from Gonzales, Texas. Last Friday, March 1, we asked to FILL THE TRUCK for the Panhandle Fire Victims and our community answered. Thank you to everyone who donated to the Panhandle Fire Victims. The first 18-Wheeler truck left for the Panhandle Sunday , March 3, loaded with the following:

- \$3900 Cash donations
- 14 Pallets Cubes
- 4 Pallets of Creep
- 2 pallets T-posts
- 1 Pallet - Wire
- 4 Pallets - Horse Feed
- 7 bags - Salt meal
- 15 bags - sheep/goat feed
- 2 Pallets - Water
- vet supplies, cloths, fencing supply, milk replacement, dog food, wound care, vet wrap, and cattle bottles.

Donations are still being taken and there are plans to fill a second truck. We say the moto every meeting that reminds 4-H members to use their hands for larger service. Way to go Gonzales.

I am so proud to be the Gonzales County 4-H Council Chairman. This project has been the highlight of my 4-H career.

Sincerely,
Addy Kardosz



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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
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.

Gonzales Count 4-H Livestock Judging Team



Gonzales County 4-H Livestock Judging

Ag agent Dwight Sexton with Junior team members: Libby Molnoskey, Jaxon Beck, Kooper Hardcastle, and one Senior member Augustus Sexton.

MAJOR, STATE FAIR, DISTRICT, LIVESTOCK

&

HORSE EXHIBITORS



If you plan to show steers or and heifers at any of the major live-stock shows, you will need to call the Extension Office to order tags for the June validation.

These tags will need to be ordered by April 03, 2024



Validation tags for lambs, goats, and State Fair barrows ordered by April 05, 2024. Call the Extension Office to place your order.



If you wish to participate in the District or State 4-H Horse Shows, you must validate your horse (s) on 4-H Online from March 1-May 1.

Contact the Extension Office
830.672.8531



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. 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

Waelder Stock Show Results

We had the opportunity to support the exhibitors and their projects at the Waelder 4-H Livestock Show last night. This is one of the best guided shows with the most appreciative students around. If you have never had the chance to experience this show, put it on your calendar for next year. Congratulations to all involved with this show! Great job!



2023 Texas 4-H Calf Roping and Break-A-Way School

June 16-20, 2024

Stephenville, TX

Contact the Extension Office for further information.

Office phone #: 830.672.8531



Great Time at the Chamber Gala tonight! Beautiful event and the food was incredible. 4-H members helped serve the meal for more than 400 guests. We had so much fun working this event! These members were happy and excited to serve their community. Love this 4-H Family!!! We brought the energy!

2024 Gonzales County Photo Results

	First	Second	Third
Junior			
Animal - Domestic	Raelynn Graczkowski	Madison Hilt	
Animal - Wildlife			
Catch All	Madison Hilt		
Details and Macros	Raelynn Graczkowski		
Elements of Design	Ellie Kuehn		
Enhanced	Raelynn Graczkowski		
Food			
Landscape and Nature	Ellie Kuehn		
Leading Lines	Madison Hilt	Ellie Kuehn	
Long Exposure			
Motion	Raelynn Graczkowski	Ellie Kuehn	
People			
Plants/Floral	Raelynn Graczkowski		
Shadow Silhouette	Ellie Kuehn		
Theme – Abandoned	Ellie Kuehn	Raelynn Graczkowski	
Intermediate			
Animal - Domestic	Bryson Kuehn	Adyson Janacek	Kayden Cheatham
Animal - Wildlife			
Catch All	Sam Irving	Jack Irving	
Details and Macros	Adyson Janacek		
Elements of Design			
Enhanced			
Food			
Landscape and Nature	Adyson Janacek	Bryson Kuehn	Sam Irving
Leading Lines	Adyson Janacek		
Long Exposure			
Motion	Kayden Cheatham	Jack Irving	
People	Adyson Janacek	Kayden Cheatham	
Plants/Floral			
Shadow Silhouette			
Theme – Abandoned	Adyson Janacek	Sam Irving	Jack Irving
Senior			
Animal - Domestic	Ellie Irving		
Animal - Wildlife	Addison Pustka		
Details and Macros	Ellie Irving		
Elements of Design	Addison Pustka		
Landscape and Nature	Addison Pustka	Abby Irving	Ellie Irving
Leading Lines	Addison Pustka		
Motion	Abby Irving		
People	Abby Irving		
Plants/Floral	Ellie Irving		
Shadow Silhouette	Addison Pustka		
Theme – Abandoned	Abby Irving	Addison Pustka	Ellie Irving

Club News

Cost



Cost 4-H went to the nursing homes and celebrated Valentine's Day by giving cards & flowers.



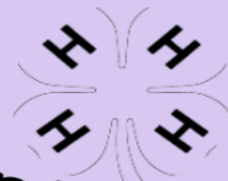
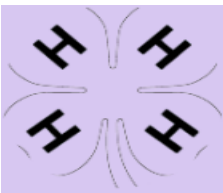
Green Clover

At the recent Green Clover 4H Club, the guest speaker was Mr. JD Shelton. He told us that his first time to auctioneer was at the Gonzales Stock Show when he was about 13 years old. Now, he sales many things such as livestock, antiques and classic cars. Currently, Mr. Shelton runs the sale barn along with his family. He taught us about the preparations for sale day, such as sorting yearlings into pens, testing bulls fixing boards for pens and checking water troughs. You can catch him in action every Saturday at 10:00 am at the Gonzales Livestock Market.



Please Note:

Green Clover 4-H Club March meeting will be Tuesday March 19th at 4:30 pm.



Gonzales County Spring Contest

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

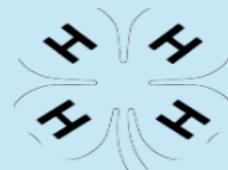
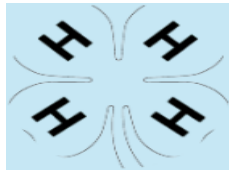


Time: 6:00 pm

Fashion Show



Time: 5:30 pm



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



Nixon Smiley Livestock Show

Friday, March 8, 2024

2:00-2:30 Check-in for Commercial Heifers. Optional unloading of all cattle.

2:00-2:30 Weigh-in for Market Rabbits and Fryer Rabbits at the rabbit pens.

2:30-3:00 Check-in for Broilers, Roasters, and Turkeys near the poultry pens.

3:00-3:30 Weigh-in for all hogs.

3:30-4:00 Weigh-in for all lambs.

4:00-4:30 Weigh-in for all goats.

4:30-5:00 Weigh-in for all steers and breeder heifers.

5:00-5:30 Check-in for Cakes, Crafts, and Ag Mechanics near the exhibit area.

6:00 Judging for Cakes and Crafts begins.

7:00 Judging for Broilers, Roasters, Turkeys, Market Rabbits, and Fryer Rabbits begins in called order in the back arena. Judging for Ag Mechanics begins in the barn.

Saturday, March 9, 2024

9:00a.m. Judging for Market Hogs, Breeder Hogs, Market Lambs, Breeder Lambs, Market Goats, Breeder Goats, Market Steers, Local Bred Steers, Breeder Heifers, and Commercial Heifers. Followed by Bucket Calf & Clovers.

4:00 p.m. Buyers' Buffet and Registration begins. Exhibitors need to be present at this time.

5:00 p.m. Auction begins.

Sunday, March 10, 2024 9:00 a.m. MANDATORY clean up for all exhibitor



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.

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	

2024 MARCH 4-H EVENTS

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					1 Office Closed Texas Independence Day Gonzales County Youth Show Association Stock Show	2 Gonzales County Youth Show Association Stock Show
3	4	5 Gonzales Spring Contest 4:30-6:30 pm	6	7	8 Nixon-Smiley Stock Show	9 Nixon-Smiley Stock Show
10 Daylight Saving Time Spring 1 Hour Forward Nixon-Smiley Stock Show Clean Up	11	12 Houston Food Challenge	13	14	15	16
17	18	19 Green Clover 4:30 pm County Council 6:00 pm Adult Leader 6:00 pm	20 Rodeo Austin Robotics Contest	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28 Duds to Dazzle Practice 3:30-5:30 pm	29	30
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