

2024-2025 Gonzales County 4-H November Newsletter



In the past, Gonzales 4-H County Council has paid a portion for 4-H contest fees, camps fees, workshops fees, and entry fees for team events. The reimbursement policy specifically said that if funds were available.

Due to growth of our program, funds have dwindled. As of October 15, 2024, members will be required to pay for their own contest (team and Individual), camp, and workshop fees. County Council discussed this issue in September and will vote on a new reimbursement policy November 19, 2024. In the meantime, please consider selling poinsettias for our 4-H County Council Fundraiser.

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2024-2025

Gonzales County 4-H

Council Officers

President – Audrey Thibodeaux

Vice - President – Jaxon Beck

Secretary – Ellie Irving

Treasurer - Tristen Buchans

Reporter - Addyson Kardosz

Parliamentarian–Augustus Sexton

Council Delegates:

Audrey Thibodeaux

Augustus Sexton

Abby Irving



Happy fall yall!

Reminder to everyone: please don't forget to sell wreath and poinsettia tickets.

The flowers are beautiful and create smiles in our community! You can stop by the extension office to pick up the tickets. Fundraising is very important for 4-H because we love to help the community grow in several different ways. Fundraising can bring good people together and can lead to positive change!

*Thankful and Blessed!
Audrey Thibodeaux
County Council President*

Texas 4-H & FFA

Swine Validation



All hogs that will be shown in the major shows must be validated to be eligible to participate. Validation will be held on November 21st. These major Show tags must be pre-ordered from the Extension Office. If you do not order your tags, then you cannot show your animals later. The cost of the tags is \$20.00/tag.



Swine Validation

November 21

5-6 pm @ JB Wells Show Barn

Commercial Heifers

Sunday, December 1, 2024

1:00 pm to 2:00 pm @ Guadalupe Valley Vet Clinic

Sunday, December 8, 2024 1:00 pm to 2:00 pm

Guadalupe Valley Vet Clinic



GONZALES COUNTY YOUTH SHOW BROILERS

Friday, December 6th Order deadline.

Call the Extension Office 830.672.8531.

Broiler Delivery Date TBD

Jackpot Shows

November 9	Eagle Ford Shale	Goat & Lamb Prospect Show	Karnes City
November 9	Cotton Country Classic	Swine, Steer & Heifer	Robstown
November 10	Cotton Country Classic	Sheep & Goat	Robstown
November 16	Dove County Classic	Steers & Karnes City	Karnes City
November 23 & 24	LaVernia AGS	Steer, Heifer, Lamb & Goat	LaVernia
December 21	Bee Jolly Showdown	Steer & Heifer	Beeville
January 4 & 5	Nixon 4- H	Steer, Heifer, Goat, Lamb & Hog	Nixon

Major Livestock Entries

Major livestock show entry forms are available at the Extension Office for exhibitors to fill out.

Fort Worth and Odessa have the first deadlines of November 8th. All others will be due November 15, 2024 to the Extension Office.

Livestock Judging



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 Fall as time permits. If you want your child to participate in these practices and contests, please notify the Extension Office 830.672.8531 so you can stay informed.

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.

Website: <https://agrilifelearn.tamu.edu/s/login/>.

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



In order to be eligible for the GCYS, the exhibitor must obtain a **Quality Counts** Certification number by January 31, 2025.

Website: <https://agrilifelearn.tamu.edu/s/login/>.

This certification is obtained THREE SEPARATE TIMES; once as a Junior Showman, once as an Intermediate Showman and once as a Senior Showman.

OR

Exhibitors must attend an educational class organized and provided by the GCYSA on a TBD date and time. If not complete by the due date, exhibitor will pay \$100 and must complete Quality Counts within 7 business days.

Food & Nutrition



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|--------------------------|--|
| Nov. 1, Friday | Entries Due for Majors (San Antonio & Houston)
(New teams welcome to sign up for Majors in the Spring) |
| Nov. 12, Tuesday | Entries Due for the Gonzales Pecan Bake Show |
| Nov. 14, Thursday | Food Challenge Practice at Pace 3:30 – 6:30
Call in advance and let me know which hour time slot you want to reserve – only 2 teams per hour! |
| Nov. 25, Monday | Pecan Bake Show in Gonzales |
| Dec. 2, Monday | Bake for GISD – Teacher Appreciation Meal |
| Dec. 4, Wednesday | D10 Food Challenge Contest at Fall Roundup in Kerrville |
| Dec. 5, Thursday | D10 Food Show Contest at Fall Roundup in Kerrville |
| Feb. 6, Thursday | San Antonio Food Challenge – Team Contest |
| Mar. 18, Tuesday | Houston Livestock Show Food Challenge – Team Contest |

Gonzales County 4-H Shooting Sports



On Sunday September 29, 2024, 4-H Leader Mr. Tony Roehr hosted the 4-H Shooting Sports meeting and practice at the Gonzales County Police Shooting range in Gonzales. Club rules and shirt designs were discussed. Officer elections were held.

President: Evan Roehr

Vice president: Liam Thompson

Secretary: Liam Thompson

Treasurer: Brody Danz

Parliamentarian: Jayden Cheatham

Reporter: Kayden Cheatham

Council delegate 1: Liam Thompson

Council Delegate 2: Jayden Cheatham

Green Clover



The Green Clover 4-H Club met for our monthly meeting on Tuesday, October 8th. We discussed old and new business, celebrated October birthdays, and played a fun cup game.

We also welcomed guest speaker Kari Breitschopf, director of the Gonzales County Senior Citizens Association. Ms. Breitschopf spoke to us about their Meals on Wheels program which delivers meals to homebound individuals in need.

For our community service project we made 47 layered dry soup mix packets for them with a can of tomatoes to include when cooking soup.

Pictured are our group members putting on gloves, measuring ingredients, and counting bags of soup, as well as Ms. Breitschopf accepting the donation.

The Green Clover 4-H Club meets every second Tuesday of the month at 4:30 pm at the Memorial Heights Baptist Fellowship Hall. We hope to see you next month!



COST

Canned goods collected by Cost 4-H.

Cost Club meets every 3rd Monday of each month.

4-H Volunteers Rock!

Thank you
Mandie for providing the
truck and trailer for the
Come & Take It!



Poinsettia & Christmas Wreath Fundraiser



Tickets are still available at the
Extension Office. All orders a.re due
by 4 pm on Friday, November 8th.

Preorder Pickup & Sale
Friday, December 6, 2024

Time: 10 AM - 3 PM

Place: Marrou's 405 St. James
Gonzales, TX 78629



Gonzales County Food Challenge Teams

The teams did well at the Guadalupe County Fair.

Sizzling Sisters - 1st Place Junior Team,

Come and Cook It - 1st Place Intermediate Team,

The Food Dudes - 2nd Place Intermediate Team.

These teams have worked hard and continue to improve every year.

Special thanks to Stacy Fogle, Mandy Molnoskey, and Diana Foegelle for coaching these winning teams.

Gonzales County 4-H is so proud of you! You look like winners!



RIBBONS, PRIZES & CASH AWARDS

*Child Division,
Youth Division &
Adult Division*

**25 November 2024
8am - 5pm**

Chamber of Commerce Building
304 St. Louis Street
Gonzales, Texas

Sponsored by:



ARA PECAN CORP.



Peach Creek Antiques
627 St. Paul St.
Gonzales, TX 79629



New Paper Clover Dates: November 29th – December 15th

To embrace the holiday spirit, the Paper Clover campaign will move from October to November and December this year, officially launching on Black Friday! Running from November 29th to December 15th, we are thrilled that TSC is hosting this event during the season of giving.



Texas 4-H Natural Resources Photography Contest



Purpose:

to encourage observation within specific Natural Resources project areas and allow youth to demonstrate skills learned in the area of photography.

Categories:

Aquatic Science / Entomology
Shooting Sports / Forestry
Sportfishing / Range Science
Hunting / Outdoor Education
Wildlife & Fisheries
Water Conservation & Edu.

REGISTRATION

\$ 10/photo

Open to:

Any enrolled 4-H Member (Jr./Int./Sr.)

****NOT A QUALIFYING CONTEST****

Rules to be posted on Texas 4-H
Natural Resources webpages

****Do not have to be active in a Natural
Resources project area****

Registration through 4HOnline:

Entries Open: December 1, 2024

Entries Close: December 15, 2024

****IMPORTANT****

Participants will upload photos in a separate system called Submittable. Instructions and a direct link will be provided during the 4HOnline registration process.

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**DISTRICT 10 4-H
FALL ROUNDUP**



DECEMBER 4-6, 2024

LOCATION: KERRVILLE, TX

**REGISTRATION OPENS: OCT. 1, 2024
REGISTRATION DEADLINE: OCT. 29, 2024
LATE REGISTRATION: OCT. 30-NOV.1ST**

**DECEMBER 4, 2024 (WEDNESDAY)
FOOD CHALLENGE**

**DECEMBER 5, 2024 (THURSDAY)
FOOD SHOW
FCH QUIZ BOWL
ENTOMOLOGY JUDGING**

**DECEMBER 6, 2024 (FRIDAY)
EDUCATIONAL PRESENTATION & PUBLIC SPEAKING
LIVESTOCK & HORSE QUIZ BOWL**

Christmas



Record Book Workshop!

12/19/2024
DECEMBER

4-6:15 PM

4 pm - Decorate Cupcakes

4:30-6pm - Workshop -

Hands-On bring your
computer.

6pm-Ugly Sweater Contst



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CHRISTMAS Clover Ball

GONZALES COUNTY 4H ADULT LEADER
SCHOLARSHIP FUNDRAISER

ENTRY PRICE

DRINKS

\$10

FOOD

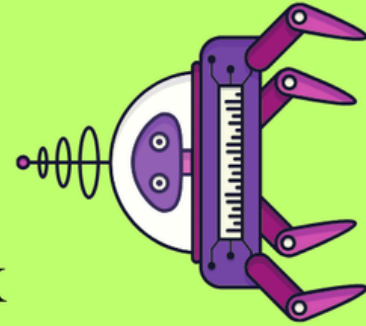
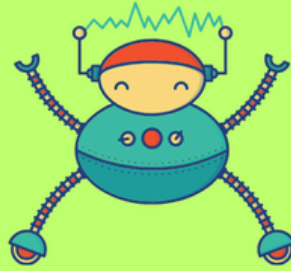
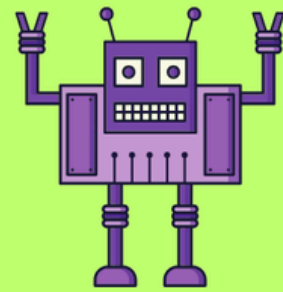
CASH ONLY

MUSIC BY DJ STIX 7PM-10PM

Victoria College Gonzales



GONZALES COUNTY AG ROBOTICS CONTEST SATURDAY, JANUARY 11, 2025



LOCATION:
VICTORIA COLLEGE, GONZALES, TX
REGISTRATION:

12 PM

CONTEST BEGINS AT:

1 PM

REGISTER:

[HTTPS://TINYURL.COM/YR2VYNAE](https://tinyurl.com/YR2VYNAE)

DEADLINE:

DECEMBER 20, 2024

TEAMS:

Junior, Intermediate, & Senior Level

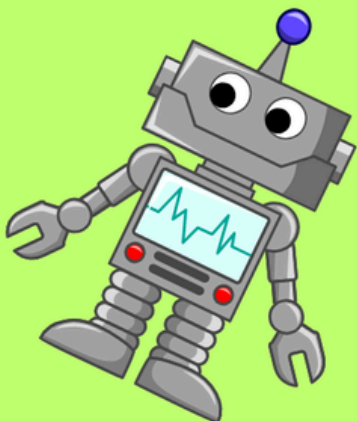
2-4 members

AWARDS:

Buckles & Banners
for Grand Champion Teams

CONTACT:

Monica Irving @ 979.571.7731



QR Code can be used
to register as well as URL.

NIXON



Prospect Show January 4-5, 2025

Nixon Livestock Show Barn

1001 East Central Ave, Nixon, TX

Saturday, Jan. 4 Steers & Heifers

Check In/Weight Cards - 7:00 - 9:00 AM

Heifer Showmanship - 9:30 Ring B

Heifer Show will follow in Ring A

Steers will follow!

Grand & Reserve Overall for Steers & Heifers

Sunday, January 5th

Breeder Goats

Breeder Lamb

Gilts

Wether Goats

Market Lamb

Barrows

Check In/Weight Cards - 7:00 - 9:00 AM

Breeder Goats Showmanship - 9:30 Ring B

Beginning with Breeder Goats, all animals will follow in Ring A

Grand Drive for ALL

PRIZES Given in Ring B

- Buckles, Banners, Rosettes

Judges: Shawn Peters & David Fleming

Jackpot Showmanship (Pee-wee, 3rd-6th Grade, 7th-12th Grade, Adults)

For more information contact Loyce Rice @ 830-534-6528 or therices@gvec.net

*\$60 Entry Fee
for 2 Rings
Cash or check at check in*

*3 Layer Cake Contest
\$20 Entry Fee
Judge: Gayle Bladlau
Saturday, Turn in- 9:00am*

*Concessions
Available!*

*Blow & Go Show,
Show off Trailer*



**Extension Office
closed
November 11th
in observance of Veterans Day.**



*Happy
Thanks
giving*



**Extension Office
closed**

**November 28 & 29th
for the holidays.**



LET'S BE THANKFUL TOGETHER!

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NOVEMBER

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
					1 Food & Nutrition Entries Due for San Antonio/Houston	2
3	4	5 D10 Scholarship Training 6:30 pm online	6	7	8 Poinsettia Tickets Due by 4 pm	9 Spark Camp
10	11 Office Closed -Holiday- Veterans Day	12 Entries Due for Gonzales Pecan Bake Show	13	14 Food Challenge Practice 3:30-5:30 pm	15 Major Stock Show Entries Due Erath Robotics Contest	16
17	18	19 4-H County Council & Adult Leader Meetings @ 6 pm	20	21 Swine Validation 5-6 pm @ JB Wells Show Barn	22	23 Shooting Sports Fundraiser TSC
24	25 Pecan Bake Show	26	27	28 <i>Happy Thanksgiving</i> Office Closed Holiday	29 Office Closed Holiday	30

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