

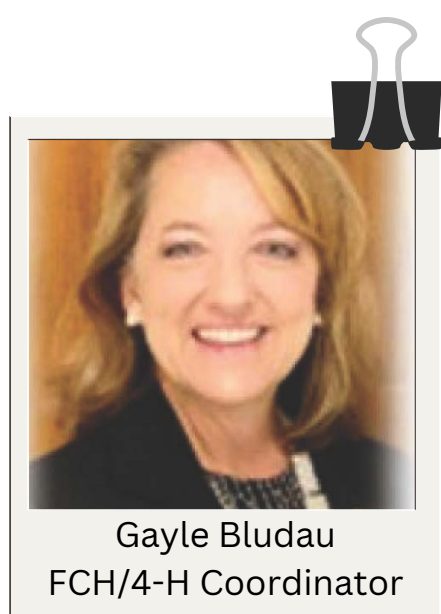


GONZALES 4-H NEWSLETTER

2025 - October



Dwight Sexton
AG/NR Agent



Gayle Bludau
FCH/4-H Coordinator

Our 4-H members are hard at work this fall, gearing up for events like the State Fair of Texas. Best of luck as you showcase the skills and dedication you've been building all year.

We also held the first-ever "Come and Take It" Sewing Contest, Gowns to Glory, with six strong entries. I'm proud of everyone who stepped up to compete, and I look forward to seeing even more entries next year.

I encourage everyone to join us at the next County Council meeting. Your support and involvement keep 4-H moving forward, and together we'll continue to make our program stronger.

Thank you for all you do, and good luck this season.

Signing off,

Jaxon Beck

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2025-2026 Gonzales County 4-H Council Officers

President – Jaxon Beck

Vice - President – Elisabeth Irving

Secretary – Augustus Sexton

Treasurer - Ahren Hattenbach

Reporter - Abigail Irving

Parliamentarian–Audrey Thibodeaux

District Delegates:

Elisabeth Irving

Evan Roehr

Jaxon Beck

2025-2026 TEXAS 4-H ANNUAL ENROLLMENT FEES

Clover Kid Participation Fee

\$10.00

August 15 to
completion of the
Texas 4-H year

Youth Club Member Participation Fee

\$25.00

August 15-October 31

\$30.00

November 1 to
completion of the
Texas 4-H year

Volunteer Application Fee

\$10.00

August 15 to
completion of the
Texas 4-H year



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QUALITY COUNTS

This course is designed for **4-H members participating in livestock projects**. The primary objectives are to enable students to understand the relationship between good character and safe food practices and to apply knowledge regarding the ethical implications of livestock-raising decisions.

The First time course is taken - **Junior:** 3, 4, & 5 Grades

The second time course is taken - **Intermediate:** 6, 7, & 8 Grades

The third and last time course is takes - **Senior:** 9, 10, 11, & 12 Grades

<https://agrilifelearn.tamu.edu/s/product/quality-counts/01t4x000008HBZdAAO>



LIVESTOCK JUDGING PRACTICE SCHEDULE



October Date:

9th @ PACE - Reasons Practice at 4:30 P.M.

20th @ PACE - Judging at 4:30 P.M.

Communication will go out if information changes.

Contact:

Dwight Sexton

830.672.8531



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 7th. All others will be due November 14, 2025.

Congratulations to our 4-H Livestock Judging Team!



Congratulations to the Gonzales Co. 4-H members who have participated in recent contest. At the Washington County Fair Contest in Brenham, Kaston Tipp placed 2nd in the Junior Division, and Augustus Sexton placed 2nd in the Senior Division. Also participating were Ellie and Jack Irving.

At the Colorado County Fair Contest in Columbus, Augustus Sexton placed 1st in the Senior Division. Also participating were Jaxon Beck and Fleatcher White.

Major Market Goat & Lamb Breeding Goat & Sheep



If you desire to show market goats, market lambs, breeding goats or breeding sheep, wether dams or wether does at any of the major livestock shows this coming year, your projects will need to be validated and tagged on **October 14th**. In order for this to occur, you must call the Extension office to order the ear tags that will be placed on your project.



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 20th from 5-6pm @JB Wells. In order for this to occur, you must call the Extension office to order the ear tags that will be placed on your project.

Gonzales County Youth Show Sheep, Goat, and Halter Heifer Exhibitors



Validation for the lambs and goats will occur Tuesday, October 14, 2025
5:00 to 6:00 pm at the JB Wells Park.

Validation for the halter heifers will occur Thursday, October 16, 2025
5:00-6:00 pm at the Pecan Grove Vet. Clinic.

Rules for the Gonzales County Youth Show Association are available at
<https://agrilifeextension.tamu.edu/counties/gonzales-county>
Scroll down to Stock Show Information to access rules.



Winner's Page



Senior Team from Gonzales County

Members:

Lena Salazar

Ahren Hattenbach

Evan Roehr



Teamwork Winners – Ellie Irving,
Kayden Cheatham, and Abby Irving



Showmanship Winners - Sam Iving,
Jack Iving, and Christopher Burgess

Food & Nutrition



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| Oct. 4, 2025 | Heart of Texas Food Challenge Contest in Waco |
| Oct. 12, 2025 | Guadalupe County Fair Food Challenge Contest in Seguin |
| Oct. 13, 2025 | Deadline to enter County Food Challenge/Food Show in Gonzales |
| Oct. 18, 2025 | Gonzales County Food Challenge Contest at the Pace Building |
| Nov. 1, 2025 | Submit Entries Due for Majors (San Antonio & Houston)
(New teams are welcome to sign up for Majors in the Spring) |
| Nov. 14, 2025 | Entries Due for the Gonzales Pecan Bake Show |
| Nov. 24, 2025 | Pecan Bake Show at the Gonzales Chamber of Commerce |
| Dec. 3, 2025 | D10 Food Challenge Contest at Fall Roundup in Kerrville |
| Dec. 4, 2025 | D10 Food Show Contest at Fall Roundup in Kerrville |
| Feb. 12, 2026 | San Antonio Food Challenge – Team Contest |
| Mar. 18, 2026 | Houston Livestock Show Food Challenge – Team Contest |

Call Gayle Bludau if you are interested in this project – 830-672-8531!

Poinsettia & Christmas Wreath Fundraiser

Tickets are now available at the
Extension Office. All orders are due by 4 pm on Friday,
November 7th.

Preorder Pickup & Sale
Friday, December 5, 2025
Time: 10 AM - 3 PM
Place: Marrou's 405 St. James
Gonzales, TX 78629



Consumer Decision Making Practice Kick Off!

October 7, 2024 & October 14, 2025

@ PACE

4:30 - 6:00 PM



**GUADALUPE
COUNTY 4-H
LIVESTOCK JUDGING
&
CONSUMER
DECISION MAKING
CONTESTS**

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 24

SAVE THE DATE!

The Country Church, Marion, TX

Entry forms will be emailed to county
extension offices.

All counties are welcome!

FOR MORE INFO, CONTACT
THE GUAD CO. EXT. OFFICE

☎ 830-303-3889

Email :
mjmiranda@ag.tamu.edu

**Join
A
TEAM!!**

Interested?
Call the
Extension
office
830.672.8531

If you plan to do an Educational Presentation this year, you
must enter by calling or emailing the office with your
Name

Title of Presentation

Grade

Deadline to enter the Gonzales County Contest is Monday,
October 20.

The County Contest will be held at the Luling Foundation
Farm October 27.

Time slots will be assigned from 3 pm – 4:30 pm. ⁹

Gonzales County 4-H Adult Leaders Fundraiser Meal

Tickets will be available Oct. 6 for clubs to pick up at the Extension office to sell. The meals will be picked up from the Extension office on November 18 from 4:30-6:00 pm.

The meal will be roost beef, green beans, corn casserole, sliced potatoes, roll, and apple cobbler for \$15. For more information on this, contact Suzanne Sexton at 830.203.0714.

County 4-H Council & Adult Leader Meetings

November 18, 2025, @ 6:00 pm - Place the Gonzales County Extension Office (623 N. Fair Street). All Gonzales County 4-H club members are encouraged to attend.

4-H Adult parents/volunteers who enroll & are approved to be members are welcome to join the Adult Leader group.

FOOD DRIVE

Please help us collect canned food!

Goal - 100 Cans in October

ONE DAY 4-H



for the Gonzales Community Health Center

DROP-OFF LOCATION:

623 N. Fair Street in Gonzales

Monday to Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.



4-H Paper Clover at Tractor Supply



Coat & Blanket DRIVE

HOSTED BY COST 4H BENEFITTING GISD



COLLECTING INFORMATION:

NOW
UNTIL
NOV 17TH

GONZALES COUNTY FARM BUREAU
1731 SEYDLER STREET
GONZALES, TEXAS 78629

BETWEEN
THE HOURS OF
8-4:30

WE WILL TAKE GENTLY USED OR NEW COATS IN ALL SIZES
BUT WE ARE AIMING TOWARDS ADULT SIZES.

More Information:

Sascha Kardosz 830-857-4658 or Britney Caka 830-857-6296

Food Show & Food Challenge County Contest



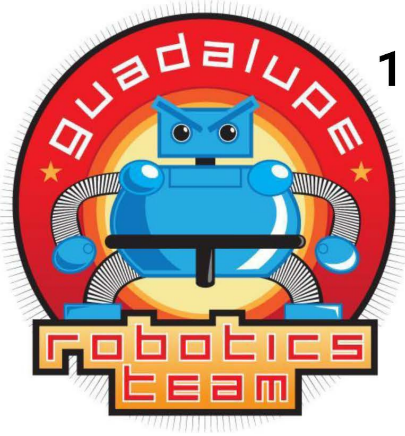
***Start at 9 am
Saturday, October 18, 2025***

FOOD SHOW!



FOOD CHALLENGE!





11th Annual Guadalupe County SumoBot Contest 2025



Save the Date

When? December 6, 2025

Where? Big Red Barn Seguin TX
390 Cordova Rd, Seguin, TX 78155

Teams: 2 to 4 members

Registration Opens: October 1st, 2025

Divisions: Juniors (3rd to 5th grade)
Intermediates (6th to 8th grade)
Seniors (9th to 12th grade)

Registration: \$60 per team

Information at
guadalupe4hrobots@gmail.com



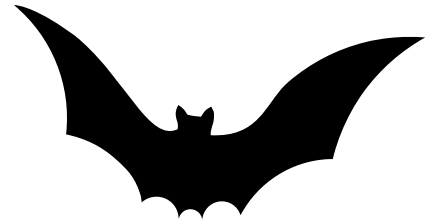
Down Town Spooktacular



Asking all clubs to donate
two large bags of candy.



Please deliver to the Extension Office
by
October 28th, 2025.



If you would like to hand out candy on
October 31, 2025 downtown Gonzales
call the Extension Office.

Looking for three 4-Hers for the
following shifts:

5-6 pm

6-7 pm

7-8 pm





TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY
Animal Science

2025 Aggiefest

Livestock Judging Contest

Open to all 4-H
and FFA Members!

Sponsored by the Texas A&M
Livestock Judging Team

October 25, 2025

Louis Pearce Pavilion College Station, TX

➤ **7:30 am - Registration** **9:00 am - Contest Begins** **1:30 pm - Contest Awards** ◀

Make sure to attend the Brazos Valley Fair Contest on 10/17/25

Three Age Groups - Ages as of 9/1/25

Junior: Ages 8-11

Intermediate: Ages 12-14

Senior: Ages 15 & Up

Team Competitions

4 members/team (Judge 4, count 3)

Contest:

Scantrons will be provided

3 Cattle Classes (1 performance)

2 Swine Classes

3 Sheep and Goat Classes

15 Questions (5 questions on 1 class of each species)

Entries

Participants can enter at <http://judgingcard.com>

Pre-entries: \$20/individual due by October 17, 2025

Late entries: \$25/individual until October 23, 2025

On-site registration available

Awards:

High individuals in each age division will win belt buckles!

Awards will be presented to the top 10 individuals and top 2 teams in each age division.

For more information contact:

Chad Coburn

chad.coburn@ag.tamu.edu or

979-314-8540 (office)

979-314-8538 (cell)

BE PART OF THE *Tradition!*



Green Clover Club

The Green Clover 4-H club held their first club meeting on September 9, 2025 at 4:30pm at the fellowship hall of Memorial Heights Baptist Church. Augustus Sexton showed a video of his speech from the Texas 4-H Roundup at Texas A&M University about goal setting to encourage members to set their own goals. The members then spent time putting a folder together which includes a place for them to set a school/work goal, a personal goal and a 4-H goal for the year. They had a contest to see who could stack the most starbursts and then discussed upcoming events which includes riding the Come and Take It float.



2025-2026 District 10 4-H Calendar

FALL & WINTER DATES

District 10 FALL Roundup – Kerrville, TX	
REGISTRATION OPENS: Weds., Oct. 1, 2025	
REGISTRATION DEADLINE: Tues., Oct. 28, 2025	
LATE REGISTRATION: W–F, Oct. 29 - 31, 2025	
Fall Roundup CONTEST DATES	
Dec. 3, 2025	• Food Challenge
Dec. 4, 2025	• Food Show • FCH Quiz Bowl • Entomology Judging
Dec. 5, 2025	• Ed. Presentation & Public Speaking • Livestock & Horse Quiz Bowl
District 10 4-H Horse Judging at HLSR	
**All 4-H members must submit an HLSR Stock Show entry form/fees to their County Office to compete in the District 10 4-H Horse Judging contest that is being held conjunction with the Houston Stock Show.	
DISTRICT REGISTRATION OPENS: Jan. 20, 2026	
DISTRICT REGISTRATION DEADLINE: Feb. 17, 2026	
DISTRICT LATE REGISTRATION: Feb. 18-20, 2026	
Mar. 9, 2026	• Horse Judging @ HLSR
District 10 4-H Virtual Photography Contest	
REGISTRATION OPENS: Tues., Jan. 20, 2026	
REGISTRATION DEADLINE: Tue. Feb. 17, 2026	
LATE REGISTRATION: Wed.–Fri. Feb 18-20, 2026	
Feb. 17, 2026	4HOnline Registration CLOSES
Mar. 31, 2026	Photography Results Released

SPRING & SUMMER DATES

District 10 SPRING Roundup – Fredericksburg, TX	
REGISTRATION OPENS: Mon., Mar. 2, 2026	
REGISTRATION DEADLINE: Tues., Mar. 24, 2026	
LATE REGISTRATION: Wed.–Fri, Mar. 25-27, 2026	
Spring Roundup CONTEST DATES	
April 14, 2026	• Leaders 4 Life (TBD)
April 15, 2026	• Meat Judging (San Angelo, TX)
April 20, 2026	• Livestock Judging
April 21, 2026	• Range/Pasture ID & Range Evaluation (AM) • Soil Judging (AM) • Wool & Mohair Judging (PM)
April 22, 2026	• Livestock Skillathon • 4-H Storyboard & Textiles
April 23, 2026	• Duds 2 Dazzle (Team/Solo) • Fashion Show Contests
April 24, 2026	• Talent Showcase • Consumer Decision Making
April 25, 2026	• Smallbore Rifle (Floresville, TX)
District 10 Leadership Lab – Brownwood, TX	
REGISTRATION OPENS: Friday, May 1, 2026	
EARLY REGISTRATION DEADLINE: May 26, 2026	
LATE FEE REGISTRATION: May 27-29, 2026	
EVENT DATE: June 24-26, 2026	
District 10 Record Book Judging – Fredericksburg	
REGISTRATION OPENS: Monday, June 1, 2026	
REGISTRATION DEADLINE: Tues., June 23, 2026	
LATE REGISTRATION: Wed.–Fri. June 24-26, 2026	
EVENT DATE: Thursday, July 9, 2026	

2025-2026 Texas 4-H Enrollment Guides & Instructions

Information: Please utilize the PDF resources below to help new and returning families navigate the 4HOnline system and re-enroll as soon as possible. Remember to access 4HOnline here: <https://v2.4honline.com/#/user/sign-in>

- **Youth Enrollment Fee (\$25):** Youth may participate in the 4-H year from September 1st of grade three through August 31st following completion of grade twelve, with these age restrictions:
 - Minimum Age – 8 (as of September 1, 2025, in addition to being in the 3rd grade)
 - Maximum Age – 18 (as of September 1, 2025)
- **Clover Enrollment Fee (\$10):** Youth who are minimum of five years old AND eligible to enroll in Kindergarten on September 1 of the current year and have no started the 3rd grade on September 1.
- **Adult Enrollment Fee (\$10):** Adults who have surpassed their 18th birthday and are no longer enrolled in school by September 1.

DOWNLOAD – Welcome to 4-H Handout & 4HOnline

DOWNLOAD – Family Enrollment Guides

Youth – **NEW** | **RENEW** | **Processing**

Volunteer – **NEW** | **RENEW** | **Processing**

DOWNLOAD – Family Profiles

DOWNLOAD – Family Account Editing

DOWNLOAD – Family Account Duplicate Error

DOWNLOAD – Family Credit Card Deleting

DOWNLOAD – Family Password Reset