



# FOUR LEAF BRIEF



## January 2024

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<b>Jan. 1</b>	New Year's Day - Extension Office Closed	<b>Jan. 20-21</b>	Dg Archery Contest, Bryan, TX
<b>Jan. 2</b>	Dg Winter Council Meeting, 10 a.m. via <a href="#">TEAMS</a>	<b>Jan. 23</b>	County Council Meeting, 7 p.m. @ Extension Office
<b>Jan. 3</b>	Dg Archery Entries Due via <a href="#">4-H Online</a>	<b>Jan. 25</b>	County Roundup Entry Deadline, <a href="#">Online</a>
<b>Jan. 4</b>	GCFR Recommended Breeding Date for Rabbits	<b>Jan. 25</b>	HLSR Judging Contests Entry Deadline
<b>Jan. 9</b>	Dg 4-H Scholarship Q&A, 6:30 p.m. via <a href="#">TEAMS</a>	<b>Jan. 27</b>	GCFR Steer, Heifer, Lamb & Goat Clinics @ Fairgrounds
<b>Jan. 10</b>	4-H Sewing Workshop, 6 p.m. @ Extension Office	<b>Feb. 3</b>	County Roundup @ Extension Office
<b>Jan. 10</b>	State Dog Validation Due via <a href="#">4-H Online</a>	<b>Feb. 10</b>	GCFR Steer, Heifer, Lamb & Goat Clinics @ Fairgrounds
<b>Jan. 11</b>	GCFR Broiler Orders Due by 5 p.m. @ Fair Office	<b>Feb. 15</b>	4-H Dog Show T-Shirt Contest Entries Due, <a href="#">Online</a>
<b>Jan. 12</b>	District 9 4-H Invitational Quiz Bowl, Huntsville, TX	<b>Feb. 15</b>	4-H Foundation Scholarship Due, <a href="#">Online</a>
<b>Jan. 13</b>	GCFR Steer, Heifer, Lamb & Goat Clinics @ Fairgrounds	<b>Feb. 16</b>	4-H Parents Night Out, 6 - 9 p.m. @ Extension Office
<b>Jan. 14</b>	GCFR Swine Tag-In, 11 a.m. - 2 p.m. @ Fairgrounds	<b>Feb. 16</b>	GCFR Las Vegas Night @ Ed Pickett Hall, Fairgrounds
<b>Jan. 15</b>	Martin Luther King Jr. Day - Extension Office Closed	<b>Feb. 28</b>	GCFR Scramble Applications Due by 6 p.m. @ Fair Office
<b>Jan. 19</b>	Tri-County Food Challenge Contest @ Extension Office	<b>Feb. 29</b>	Science Night @ Exploration Green
<b>Jan. 19</b>	4-H Foundation Scholarship Draft Due by 5 p.m. @ Extension Office		

# County Updates



**TEXAS A&M AGRILIFE EXTENSION**

## TRI-COUNTY FOOD CHALLENGE

BRAZORIA, FORT BEND, & GALVESTON

**FRIDAY, JANUARY 19**

**GALVESTON COUNTY EXTENSION OFFICE**

**6:30PM OR 7:15 PM**

**\$20/TEAM**

**REGISTER HERE**



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REGISTER [HERE](#) BY JANUARY 12



**TEXAS A&M AGRILIFE EXTENSION**

Negative coggins is required

30 minute lunch break at noon

### Indians 4-H Club invites you to join our free clinic on January 21st from 10am-2:30pm

We will be having Tiffany Zeitouni come give her expertise on what riders need to work on from previous shows for the following disciplines

- halter
- showmanship
- performance in both english and western riding

Galveston County Fairgrounds  
10 Jack Brooks Rd Hitchcock TX

[indians4hgalco@gmail.com](mailto:indians4hgalco@gmail.com)

## COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING

**When:** January 23, 2024, 7 p.m.

**Where:** Extension Office, 4102-B Main St.,  
La Marque, 77568

Join us for the next Galveston County 4-H Council meeting. The Council is open to all Galveston County 4-H'ers and parents. **We will be learning about the 4-H Natural Resources project area!**

[RSVP HERE FOR DINNER!](#)

Future County Council meetings:

- ✓ March 26, 2024
- ✓ May 28, 2024



## HLSR JUDGING CONTEST ENTRIES DUE

**When:** January 25, 2024 by 5 p.m.

**Where:** Extension office 4102-B Main St.,  
La Marque, 77568

If you plan on entering any Houston Livestock Show & Rodeo judging contests, you must submit payment by January 25. Entries must go through the Extension Office.

- ✓ Ag Product ID
- ✓ Ag Robotics
- ✓ Food Challenge
- ✓ Horse Judging
- ✓ Livestock Judging
- ✓ Veterinary Science
- ✓ Wildlife
- ✓ And more!

# County Updates

## GALVESTON COUNTY 4-H ROUNDUP

**Entries Due:** January 25, 2024, [Online](#)

**When:** February 3, 2024. *Schedule will be sent to registrants the week of Roundup*

**Where:** Galveston County Extension Office

**\*NEW for 2024\*** Clover Kids can now participate in any contest EXCEPT Food Challenge!

**MORE INFORMATION** [HERE](#)

**County Roundup will include the following contests:**

### Ag Product Identification

This contest provides youth the ability to further their knowledge and skills when evaluating agricultural products grown in Texas. For the Agriculture Product Identification contest, 20 Texas agricultural products are selected and exhibited at separate stations. Click [here](#) for Ag ID information video.

### Consumer Decision Making

Use skills of consumer observation and comparison to make a fact-based purchases, then defend purchase decisions to a panel of judges. Learn how to compare prices, test for quality, make purchases based on facts, improve money management skills, and much more! Click [here](#) for CDM information video.

### Digital Fashion Story Board

Display original designs and "tell the story" of the design using original illustrations, flats, fabric swatches, and more.

The 2024 Theme is **Dream**.

Categories include: Wearable, Accessory, Jewelry, Pet Clothing Home Décor, Home Furnishing. Click [here](#) for more information on Fashion Story Board.

### Educational Presentation & Public Speaking

Showcase your speaking skills! [Educational presentations](#) allow you to give a speech about a topic, using props and visual aids. [Public speaking](#) is an opportunity to share your thoughts and ideas about various topics in a persuasive speech. Both contests give you a limited time to present your topic, then answer judges' questions.

### Food Challenge

Teams will receive one key ingredient for an assigned dish category and then must create a dish using that ingredient plus "purchased" items from the contest "grocery store." Teams will then present their dish to judges, explaining nutrition, cost, and preparation of their dish. Click [here](#) for Rules & Guidelines.

### Food Show

Choose a recipe from the contest categories, then prepare it and present to a panel of judges! During your interview with the judges, you will show how you prepared it, the nutrients and ingredients, personal dietary needs, healthy substitutions, and a cost analysis. Click [here](#) for more information.

### Talent Showcase

With up to nine 4-H members, or individually, you can "share-the-fun" in one of seven categories, including vocal, musical/instrumental, poetry/prose, and more! Click [here](#) for more info.

### Science Fair

This contest gives 4-H'ers the opportunity to showcase their 4-H project work through the application of scientific research, engineering, technology and/or experimentation. Participants will:

1. construct a poster
2. deliver a short oral presentation, and
3. respond to judges' interview questions.

Click [here](#) for rules and guidelines.



# County Updates



**4-H PARENTS NIGHT OUT**

**FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 16**

**06:00PM-9:00PM**

**GALVESTON COUNTY EXTENSION OFFICE**

**\$5 @ THE DOOR**

**DINNER**

**GAMES**

**LINE DANCING**

**4-H ACTIVITIES**

**REGISTER HERE!**

**LEAVE THE KIDS WITH US FOR A FUN-FILLED EVENING WHILE PARENTS ENJOY A WELL-DESERVED BREAK!**

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REGISTER [HERE](#)

## JOIN A FOOD CHALLENGE TEAM!

During Food Challenge, teams of 3-4 students receive a list of ingredients and have 40 minutes to create a dish. The teams then present their dish to judges and are scored on preparation, serving size, food safety concerns, and nutritional value.

Contest information and resources can be found at <https://texas4-h.tamu.edu/projects/food-nutrition/>

Food Challenge Teams can compete at:

**Tri-County Food Challenge** on January 19 at the Extension Office

**County Roundup** on February 3 at the Extension Office

**District 9 Roundup** (aka Big Time in D9) on April 27

If you are interested in joining a team or if you are an adult who would like to volunteer, please contact Leah Stiles: [leah.stiles@ag.tamu.edu](mailto:leah.stiles@ag.tamu.edu)



**Galveston County 4-H Sewing Camp**

Come learn about sewing basics and leave with a pair of pajama pants!

**March 11-15, 2024**

**9:00am - 3:00pm**

**Galveston County Extension Office**

**Ages 8-18 & open to non 4-H'ers**

**Register here!**

**\$40 per camper**

**REGISTER HERE**

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## 2024 4-H FOOD SHOW THEME

This year's 4-H Food Show theme is: **Cooking Through the Decades.**

Take a trip back in time and explore different dishes that were popular in years past!

The goal of the Texas 4-H Food Show is to provide an opportunity for 4-H contestants to highlight their culinary skills while also improving their presentation and interview skills. There are opportunities to compete at the county, district, and state level!

[Food Show Rules & Guidelines.](#)





# County Updates



## Does your club have what it takes to be the next Game of Clovers Champion Club?

Game of Clovers is a yearlong tournament between 4-H clubs in Galveston County!

### Earn Points for your club!

- **Enrollment**—make sure you are enrolled on 4-H Online! Then encourage new friends to join and enroll.
- **Participation**—attend County Council meetings, County events, and County contests.

Check out the [Game of Clovers Page](#) to find more information and a complete set of rules.

### Current Top Leaderboard Totals

1. Lone Star 4-H
2. Dickinson 4-H
3. Trailblazers 4-H



Read texts instead of emails?

Join Galveston County 4-H  
Remind!



## COUNTY HORSE SHOW

For 2023-2024, horse show participants are invited to join Brazoria County 4-H horse shows on **February 3, April 6, and May 11.**

You must register [here](#) AND let the Galveston County Extension Office know you are competing at least 3 weeks before each show.

## Galveston County Fair & Rodeo April 12 - 20, 2024



VISIT GALVESTON COUNTY FAIR & RODEO WEBSITE FOR COMPLETE INFORMATION  
INCLUDING RULES & SCHEDULES [HTTP://WWW.GALVESTONCOUNTYFAIR.COM](http://www.galvestoncountyfair.com)

- ✓ **Recommended breeding date for Market Rabbits:**  
January 4, 2024
- ✓ **Market Broiler Order/Money Due:**  
January 11, 2024 by 5 p.m. to Fair Office
- ✓ **Steer/Heifer and Lamb/Goat Clinics:**  
January 13, 2024 @ Fairgrounds
- ✓ **Market Swine Validation:**  
January 14, 2024 @ Fairgrounds
- ✓ **Steer/Heifer and Lamb/Goat Clinics:**  
January 27, 2024 @ Fairgrounds
- ✓ **Steer/Heifer and Lamb/Goat Clinics:**  
February 10, 2024 @ Fairgrounds
- ✓ **Showmanship Clinics Lamb/Goat & Steer/Heifer**  
February 24, 2024
- ✓ **Scramble Online Applications:**  
February 1 - 28, 2024, [GCFR website](#)

# District Updates



Join us  
**D-9 Virtual  
Winter Council  
Meeting**  
January 2nd @ 10 am  
Learn about upcoming 4-H events for the  
New Year



<https://tinyurl.com/5n8bwhbs>

CLICK [HERE](https://tinyurl.com/5n8bwhbs) TO JOIN MEETING



**TEXAS A&M  
AGRI LIFE**

**Scholarship Follow Up Q&A**  
**Tuesday, January 9, 2024**  
**6:30 p.m. via TEAMS**  
Opportunity to ask additional questions  
Type in the link below or scan code  
<https://tinyurl.com/5y75sw3j>





**TEXAS A&M  
AGRI LIFE  
EXTENSION**

*Registration Opens*  
December 13-January 3, 2024

**D9 4-H ARCHERY CONTEST**

**SAVE THE DATE**

**JANUARY 20-21, 2024**  
BRYAN, TEXAS





[HTTPS://D94-H.TAMU.EDU/EVENTSANDCONTESTS/SHOOTING-SPORTS/](https://d94-h.tamu.edu/eventsandcontests/shooting-sports/)



*Happy  
New Year!*

Extension Office CLOSED, January 1, 2024



# State Updates

## DOG VALIDATION

**Deadline:** January 10, 2024

**Where:** [4-H Online](#)

Texas 4-H Dog Show will be held July 11-13, 2024. To be eligible, dogs must be validated through 4-H Online by January 10, 2024.

There is no fee for validation, just fill out the information and upload two pictures. Any mixed breed or purebred dog over six months old by July 12, 2023 is eligible. Here is a [YouTube tutorial](#) on how to validate your dog.



## 2024 TEXAS DOG SHOW T-SHIRT DESIGN CONTEST

**Deadline:** February 15, 2024, 11:59 p.m., upload to <https://forms.gle/SR7GV461UdBibrox8>

**Where:** [Google Forms](#)

**Eligible:** 4-H'ers Members enrolled in 4-H Online, includes Clover Kids

Be creative with your designs. **Do not use any copyrighted images!** Entries uploads must be in JPEG or PNG format.

For more information on Rules & Guidelines, visit the [Texas 4-H Dog Show Page](#).

## TEXAS 4-H FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIP

Draft due to Leah by **January 19, 2024, 5 p.m.** email or paper.

Completed application due [online](#) by **February 15, 2024,**

**Graduating Seniors:** 4-H Opportunity Scholarship applications and guidelines are [available here](#).

\*Collegiate Scholarships will not be given out in 2024.\*

Completion of the [FAFSA](#) is required for all scholarship applications and will be available in December. See deadlines on their [website](#).

Make sure you are enrolled in 4-H Online and have selected 12th grade to make sure you receive emails about all scholarship information.



# 2024



## CENTRAL TEXAS 4-H INVITATIONAL CDM CONTEST

SATURDAY, JANUARY 27, 2024

THE BOYS AND GIRLS CLUB OF GATESVILLE

2533 E MAIN ST. GATESVILLE, TX 76528

8:30 AM REGISTRATION

9:00 AM CONTEST ORIENTATION

**AGE DIVISIONS:**

- JUNIOR: 3-5 GRADE
- INTERMEDIATE: 6-8 GRADE
- SENIOR: 9-12 GRADE

**ORAL REASONS:**

- JR: NO
- INT: 1 SET
- SR: 2 SETS

**REGISTRATION DEADLINE: JAN 16TH**

**TEAM: \$40**

**INDIVIDUAL: \$10**

**LATE REGISTRATION WILL BE AVAILABLE**

**UNTIL THE MORNING OF THE CONTEST FOR \$60 PER TEAM AND \$20 PER INDIVIDUAL.**

**SCANTRONS WILL BE PROVIDED**

**AWARDS IN EACH DIVISION:**

- TOP FIVE INDIVIDUALS
- TOP 3 TEAMS
- Scholarships for High Point Senior Individuals

**REGISTER HERE:**



**MAIL REGISTRATION PAYMENT TO: MILAM COUNTY 4-H**

806 N CROCKETT AVENUE, CAMERON, TX 76520

PLEASE MAKE ALL CHECKS PAYABLE TO MILAM COUNTY 4-H

REGISTRATION AVAILABLE HERE:

[HTTPS://MILAM.AGRILIFE.ORG/LINKS/CENTRAL-TEXAS-CONSUMER-INVITATIONAL-CONTEST/](https://milam.agrilife.org/links/central-texas-consumer-invitational-contest/)

FOR MORE INFORMATION, CONTACT:

CORVELL COUNTY EXTENSION OFFICE AT (254) 865-2414

MILAM COUNTY EXTENSION OFFICE AT (254) 605-0226



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## Spot Light

Hello Galveston County 4-Hers!

I hope you are ready for the New Year!

I wanted you to know that I am retiring! After many years working for the Galveston County Extension Service (31 years to be exact), I am ready to become an Extension volunteer!

I have thoroughly enjoyed seeing you at Science Nights (as Ms. Frizzle), on the beach or dissecting squid!

I have been very fortunate to have wonderful people in my work life including you, 4-Hers, your parents and the amazing 4-H Team – Leah Stiles and Darla Cox!

Hopefully, I will see you at Science Night in the near future! You are terrific 4-Hers who are making a difference in the lives of many people!

Keep having fun learning and sharing your 4-H knowledge and skills!

See you soon!

*Julie Massey*  
*Distinguished Agent – Coastal & Marine Resources*  
*Galveston County*





# Spot Light

## Science Night - Forensic Science





# Spot Light





# Galveston County 4-H Clubs

## DICKINSON 4-H

Meeting Location: **Dickinson**

Meeting Time & Day:

7:00 p.m., 3rd Monday monthly

Projects: Consumer Education, Fashion & Interior Design, Food & Nutrition, Photography, Poultry, Public Speaking

## INDIANS 4-H

Meeting Location: **Hitchcock**

Meeting Time & Day:

7:00 p.m., 3rd Tuesday monthly

Projects: Horse

## GREATER GALVESTON SHOOTING SPORTS 4-H

Meeting Location: **Santa Fe**

Meeting Time & Day:

4:00 p.m., 2nd Sunday monthly

Projects: Shotgun

## HELPING HAND 4-H

Meeting Location: **Alvin**

Meeting Time & Day:

6:00 p.m., 3rd Tuesday monthly

Projects: Swine

## LONE STAR 4-H

Meeting Location: **Hitchcock**

Meeting Time & Day:

7:00 p.m., 2nd Thursday monthly

Projects: Beef Cattle, Fashion & Interior Design, Food & Nutrition, Goats, Leadership, Photography, Poultry, Public Speaking, Rabbits, Sheep, Swine

## LONESOME DOVE 4-H

Meeting Location: **Hitchcock**

Meeting Time & Day:

6:30 p.m., 3rd Monday monthly

Projects: Beef Cattle, Goats, Poultry, Rabbits, Sheep, Swine

## RANCH HANDS 4-H

Meeting Location: **League City**

Meeting Time & Day:

7:00 p.m., 3rd Monday monthly

Projects: Beef Cattle, Food & Nutrition, Goats, Photography, Rabbits, Sheep, Sportsfishing, Swine

## SANTA FE COLTS 4-H

Meeting Location: **Hitchcock**

Meeting Time & Day:

7:00 p.m., 3rd Thursday monthly

Projects: Beef Cattle, Goats, Poultry, Rabbits, Sheep, Swine

## TAILWAGGERS 4-H

Meeting Location: **Santa Fe**

Meeting Time & Day:

7:00 p.m., every Monday

Projects: Dog Care & Training

## TRAILBLAZERS 4-H

Meeting Location: **Hitchcock**

Meeting Time & Day:

7 p.m., 3rd Wednesday monthly

Projects: Beef cattle, Goats, Leadership, Poultry, Rabbits, Sheep, Swine

## VETERINARY SCIENCE 4-H

Meeting Location: **League City**

Meeting Time & Day:

6:30 p.m., 4th Thursday monthly

Projects: Vet Science

## WILDCATS 4-H CLUB

Meeting Location: **League City**

Meeting Time & Day:

7:00 p.m., 2nd Monday monthly

Projects: Beef Cattle, Goats, Poultry, Rabbits, Sheep, Swine

## HORSE JUDGING

Meeting Location: **Friendswood**

Meeting Time & Day:

6:30 p.m., 1st and 3rd Wednesday monthly



## ROBOTICS

Meeting Location: **League City**

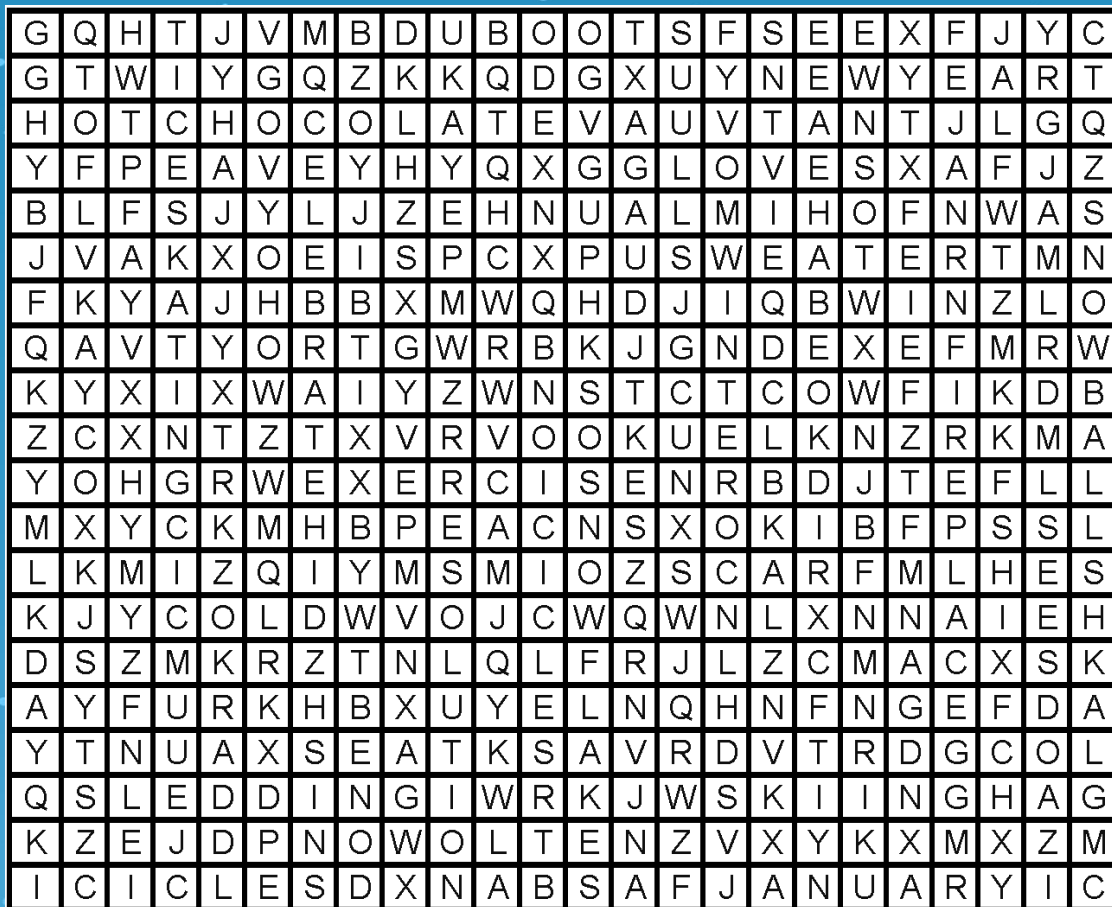
Meeting Time & Day:

6:30 p.m., Biweekly

# Puzzle

## January

### WORD SEARCH



BOOTS  
CELEBRATE  
COLD  
EXERCISE  
FIREPLACE

GLOVES  
HOT CHOCOLATE  
ICE SKATING  
ICICLES  
JANUARY

MLK DAY  
NEW YEAR  
RESOLUTION  
SCARF  
SKIING

SLEDDING  
SNOWBALLS  
SNOWFLAKES  
SWEATER  
WINTER

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## Other Websites:

District 9 4-H: <http://d94-h.tamu.edu/>

Texas 4-H: <http://texas4-h.tamu.edu/>

4-H Online: <https://v2.4honline.com>

Galveston County Fair & Rodeo: <http://www.galvestoncountyfair.com/>