

# 4-H FUTURES & FEATURES

September 2022

# Happy 4-H New Year!



## 4-H Council

- Chairman:
- 1st V-Chairman: .
- 2nd V-Chairman:
- Secretary:
- Reporter:
- Delegates at Large: &

## CLUBS

### North Fork Delegates

- President -
- Council Delegate -

### Top of Texas Archery Delegates

- President -
- Council Delegate -

### North Fork Club Managers

Joan Gray-Soria

### Top of Texas Archery Managers

Chad Epperson &  
Angie Bowman-Epperson

### Clover Kids Club Manager

Joan Gray-Soria

## PARENT - LEADERS

- Chairman: .....Heather Scott
- Vice-Chairman: .....Sy Brown
- Secretary: .....Krista Clark
- Treasurer: .....Karen Schantin
- Co-Treasurer: .....Brenda Green

# GUESS WHAT TIME IT IS?

It is time to represent Gray County 4-H while earning participation points and set a goal to earn an incentive prize by selling at least \$750 worth of *fresh Durham's pecans, nuts, snack mixes and gift baskets.*

The money raised is used for 4-H project resources, supplies, contest entries, awards and the banquet at the end of the year. *We need everyone in Gray County 4-H to participate in this county wide event.*

**Watch for your packets to arrive in the mail by October 1st.**



*Thank you for taking a few minutes to read this newsletter. Let us know if you have any questions!*

4-H Enrollment for the 2022 - 2023 4-H year opens on August 16th for current 4-H members. If your child is going into 3rd grade this year wait until September 1st to enroll or they will be considered a Clover Kid, not a 4-H Member. The cost is \$25 until November 1st then it increases to \$30.

**PLEASE NOTE:** *This is the database that the Extension Office pulls information from for communication purposes and announcements. Please make sure your family profile, email, and projects are correct.*



## TEXAS 4H ONLINE FAMILY ENROLLMENT TIPS

<http://texas.4honline.com>

### NEW FAMILY

1	2	3	4	
			YOUTH	Adult
Select to set up a profile. Setup only one family profile per household.	Start adding a member. Enter one enrollment profile at a time. The Next button will take you through each screen.	Review Fees. Youth Fees vary with date enrolled. Adult Fees pay \$10.00.	Review enrollment and fees. Click Back to make corrections. Click Submit.	Review enrollment and fees. Click Back to make corrections. Click Submit.
Enter an e-mail address that is checked often. This will be how you get communication.	Youth selects at least one club and one project. Adult selects volunteer type, clubs and projects.	Add and select a credit card to pay for the fees.	Status changes to pending. Local county office reviews and approves.	Adult completes Screening and Required trainings.
Create a password. Requirements are displayed on the screen if not validated.	Enter information in all the fields on the Questions screen. Youth Birthdate and school grade determines eligibility.	Or select payment collected by county office. A confirmation screen will popup.	Payment is locked-in. Credit card is charged or county mails payment.	Status changes to pending. Local county office approves. Payment is locked-in. Credit card is charged or county mails payment.
Complete all family information.	Complete the Health and Consents Screens. Click Next through each screen.	Select payment and agree to Payment and Refund terms.	Status changes to approved after payment is received.	Status changes to approved after payment is received, screening approved and trainings completed.

Contact the local county office before starting a profile, to make sure you are selecting a club which fits your family needs. Find your local county office online at: <http://counties.agrilife.org>

### RETURNING FAMILY

1	2	3	4	
			YOUTH	Adult
Login with the family email address and password. Requirements are displayed on the screen if not validated.	Click Enroll Now next to the member's name.	Review Fees. Youth Fees vary on date enrolled. Adult Fees are \$10.00.	Review Enrollment and fees. Click Back to make corrections. Click Submit.	Review Enrollment and fees. Click Back to make corrections. Click Submit.
Contact the local county Extension Office for password assistance or click Reset Password link.	You can only enroll one member at a time.	Add and select a credit card to pay for the fees.	Status changes to pending. Local county office reviews and approves.	Adult completes screening and required trainings. (if applicable)
<b>Do Not Create a NEW Family Profile.</b>	Click Next through each screen. You must enter school, grade, clubs and projects.	Or select payment collected by county office. A confirmation screen will popup.	Payment is locked-in. Credit card is charged or county mails payment.	Status changes to pending. Local county office approves. Payment is locked-in. Credit card is charged or county mails payment.
Review and update family information.	Complete the Health and Consents Screens.	Select payment	Status changes to approved after payment is received.	Status changes to approved after payment is received, screening approved and trainings completed.

If the family has moved to a NEW county in Texas, contact local county office to have the FAMILY PROFILE moved to the new county. **Do not create a new profile.**

The system will send automatic notifications to the family email address in the system!



## Fair Entry Options

**There are options for adults and youth to participate in the Tri-State Fair.**

- ◇ Culinary                                   Joan has entry forms for items that you would like to display and be judged in the Rex Baxter Building at the Tri-State Fair.
- ◇ Textiles
- ◇ Artwork                                    If you are interested in participating, please let us know before September 9th.
- ◇ Photography                             Bring your entries to the Extension Office for Joan to take to the fair before September 13th.
- ◇ 4-H Record Books

## Good Luck!

Gray County 4-H will have members participating in livestock shows and livestock judging contests.

Anleigh Bowers: Showing 1 Heifer and 2 Steers and Livestock Judging

Maddox Bowers: Showing 1 Heifer and 2 Steers and Livestock Judging

Ember, Ivey, and Pyper Cowan: Showing 2 Steers each

Katie Davis: Showing 1 Heifer and 2 Steers

Kenedie Davis: Showing 2 Steers and Livestock Judging

Hope Scribner: Showing 1 Heifer, 2 Steers, and 2 Goats

Hudson Scribner: Showing 2 Heifers, 2 Steers and Catch-A-Calf Scholarship participant

Kimber Becco, Collin Campbell, Gavin Greer, Addy, Easton & Hallie Willis are all in the Livestock Judging contests as well.

**Good luck and have Fun!**

### **\*\*Excused absences from school\*\***

Please inform the Gray County Extension Office via e-mail to [Brenda.Green@ag.tamu.edu](mailto:Brenda.Green@ag.tamu.edu), or phone at 669-8033, of any 4-H activities that you plan to attend outside of school hours so we can verify eligibility and request your child's absence to be excused.

# Reminders going into the 2022 - 2023 4-H year

- ◆ **HELP WANTED!** Adult Volunteers are always needed, wanted and appreciated for leading projects, volunteering time with 4-H promotional events and general involvement with our 4-H youth program. **If you or someone you know is willing to be an Adult Leader or Volunteer, please contact us with your ideas and questions. Thank you for your consideration!**
- ◆ DID YOU KNOW There is much more that goes into being a 4-H member than just attending project meetings? Community involvement, fund raising and 4-H promotional opportunities are also part of the “4-H Pie”. If you are only going to project meetings, you are missing out on other opportunities to learn life-applicable lessons you can carry into adulthood. Not only that, but 4-H Participation in Gray County also earns you points, awards and other recognition at the annual banquet and as you continue to grow in 4-H you will have great potential to earn college scholarships. We are so glad you are a Gray County 4-H family and we hope to see you at more 4-H activities this next year.
- ◆ **IMPORTANT:** All Gray County 4-H families need to join the “Gray County Blast” Remind group for announcements and information regarding 4-H promotional events, fund raisers, volunteer and community service opportunities, and important deadlines. Please Text @42bb8e to 81010.
- ◆ We will continue to communicate County 4-H information, club meetings and project meetings through the “Remind App”. To join the groups enter the corresponding text message code and send it to **81010**.

## Clubs

**Clover Kids (K -2)** @jgraysori

**North Fork** @jgraysoria

**Top of Texas Archery** @topfte

## Projects

**Archery:** @topofte    **Beef:** @cattleproj    **Fashion & Interior Design:** @4-Hclot

**Foods & Nutrition:** @4hfoodsp    **Horse:** @9b8bf2    **Livestock Judging:** @2e7328k

**Meat Science:** @4hmeatj    **Photography:** @bfdhac    **Public Speaking:** @4hpubli

**Robotics:** @h7bghg    **Sheep/Goats:** @4hsheepa    **Swine:** @swinepr    **Shotgun:** @2798g2a

- ◆ Another great way to be informed is to like and follow our Facebook page. If you don't already, we want to invite you take a look at all of the activities we have to offer and that are going on.  
<https://www.facebook.com/graycounty4h>
- ◆ Additional information can also be found at: <https://gray.agrilife.org/4-h/>

# 4-H Youth Council

- **4-H Council will meet on Sunday, September 11th, beginning at 2:00 in the Annex.**
- Election of 4-H Officers will take place, and all members are invited to participate.
- Anyone interested in running for a Council Office position should fill out the below application and attend the Council Meeting.
- **Elected officers will meet with the Gray County Commissioners Court on Friday, September 30th at 9:00 am in the Gray County Courthouse.**

## 2022-23 Gray County 4-H Council Officer Application

**Please have this form turned in by September 11 to the Extension Office.**

**\*Applicant must be present at time of election.**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Years in 4-H: \_\_\_\_\_

Grade: \_\_\_\_\_

Check office(s) you will serve if elected: (The Chairman and 1<sup>st</sup> Vice-Chairman shall be at least 14 years of age on August 31st of the current 4-H year.)

\_\_\_\_\_ Chairman

\_\_\_\_\_ 1<sup>st</sup> Vice Chairman

\_\_\_\_\_ 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Chairman

\_\_\_\_\_ Secretary

\_\_\_\_\_ Reporter

\_\_\_\_\_ Delegate-at-Large

\_\_\_\_\_ Delegate-at-Large

Activities in 4-H:

On a separate page complete the following:

4-H Leadership: (list leadership activities and offices you have held)

4-H Community Service: (list all 4-H community service projects you have lead or participated)

4-H Activities: (list activities and camps which you have lead or participated)

### PARENT PERMISSION FORM

Intent to run for office in Gray County 4-H Council  
(Requirements to hold an office)

1. Must be a 4-H member enrolled through 4-H Connect.
2. Must be carrying at least one 4-H project in current year.
3. Must be responsible and able to carry out duties of office you are seeking.
4. Must have parent permission form signed and returned to County Extension Office.
5. Must have a one minute speech prepared—"Why 4-H is Important to Me".

\_\_\_\_\_  
Parent

I understand that if my child is elected; there are certain responsibilities that he/she must fulfill. I will help in seeing these responsibilities are met.

\_\_\_\_\_  
4-H Member

I understand that if I am elected, additional activities may be asked of me throughout the year and Community Service Projects are required. I agree to fulfill my responsibilities to the best of my ability, including my attendance and participation in Council meetings and officer training.

# Parent/Leader Council

Parent/Leader Council will meet on Tuesday, November 8th at 6:00 in the Annex.  
Discussion items include fall fundraisers, 4-H projects, contests and other fall activities.  
**All parents and volunteers are encouraged to attend the Parent/Leader Council Meetings.**  
**Your input is valued and appreciated!**

## Club Meetings

Clover Kids - 9/12 and every 2nd Monday of the month in the Annex at 5:30  
North Fork - 9/20 and every 3rd Tuesday of the month in the Annex at 6:00  
Top of Texas Archery - TO BE ANNOUNCED

*Please contact the Extension Office at 806-669-8033 for information about leading a club.*

## Project Meetings & Info

### FALL PROJECTS PLANNING MEETING

**Thursday, September 1st at 6:00 pm** in the Annex. An informational meeting about the  
**\*\*New - Ag Product ID\*\*** Consumer Education, Foods/Nutrition and Photography projects.  
Dates for project meetings and contests will be scheduled at this meeting.

#### PHOTOGRAPHY

Project Leader: Eva Price  
**Remind App Code: Enter 81010 and text @bfdhac**  
9/1, 6:00 in the Annex

#### CONSUMER EDUCATION

Project Leader: Joan Gray-Soria  
**Remind App Code: Enter 81010 and text @bfdhac**  
9/1, 6:00 in the Annex

#### FOODS & NUTRITION

Project Leaders: Mindy Moore, Laura Richardson, Joan-Gray Soria, & Chad Epperson  
**Remind App Code: Enter 81010 and text @4hfoodsp**  
REMEMBER to secure your hair, wash hands and wear closed-toes shoes at project meetings!  
9/1, 6:00 in the Annex

#### MEAT SCIENCE

Project Leader: Alan Parker  
**Remind App Code: Enter 81010 and text @4hmeatj**  
Meetings will begin in November.

#### ROBOTICS

Project Leader: Karen Schantin  
**Remind App Code: Enter 81010 and text @h7bghg**  
More information to be announced.

# Project Meetings & Info

## ALL LIVESTOCK PROJECTS:

Be on the Look Out:

- Majors Entries information meeting
- Quality Counts requirements for Majors participants
  - Fall validation dates

### BEEF

Project Leader: Ryan Davis

**Remind App Code: Enter 81010 and text @cattleproj**

### SHEEP AND GOAT

Project Leader: Heather Scott

**Remind App Code: Enter 81010 and text @4hsheepa**

**Contact Brenda via email at [Brenda.Green@ag.tamu.edu](mailto:Brenda.Green@ag.tamu.edu) to order you validation tags.**

### SWINE

Project Leader: **HELP WANTED**

**Remind App Code: Enter 81010 and text @swinepr**

**Contact Brenda via email at [Brenda.green@ag.tamu.edu](mailto:Brenda.green@ag.tamu.edu) to order your validation tags.**

### HORSE

Project Leaders: Amy Gallemore

**Remind App Code: Enter 81010 and text @9b8bf2**

9/8 at 6:00 in the Annex

### LIVESTOCK JUDGING

Project Leader: Audrey Hopkins

**Remind App Code: Enter 81010 and text @2e7328k**

9/6, 9/13, 9/19 at 6:00 in the Annex.

### ARCHERY

Project Leader: Chad Epperson

**Remind App Code: Enter 81010 and text @topofte**

Watch for a remind message for when practices begin.

### SHOTGUN

Practices begin in the Spring

Project Leader: Rodney Robertson

**Remind App Code: Enter 81010 and text @2798g2a**

**Majors livestock show participants must complete the quality counts enrollment when it is your first time showing at any Major Stock Show, or when you are advancing to the next 4-H age-group. (Elementary to Jr. High, and Jr. High to High School.)**

## QUALITY COUNTS ENROLLMENT

**Before getting started:** For the best experience in the Quality Counts course, please use Mozilla Firefox as your internet source (Internet Explorer, Google Chrome, and Safari may work in some instances but are NOT suggested). Also, please make sure your browser (Firefox) has JavaScript and Cookies enabled. For desktop computers, you must have Adobe Flash Player 10.1 or greater installed.

We recommend using  
Firefox as your browser!



1. Go to: <https://www.texaslivestockvalidation.com/qc/qcregister.aspx>
2. Register with your information
  - a. It is very important to choose BOTH your 4-H and FFA chapter regardless of which you think you will show through!
  - b. You will need to enter your DOB and Phone Number in the format provided.
  - c. For grade level, please enter the grade you are entering (if between May-August) or your current grade, depending on the time of year you are registering in Quality Counts.
3. Click Submit Registration
4. This will trigger an email from [dottie.goebel@ag.tamu.edu](mailto:dottie.goebel@ag.tamu.edu) to keep for your records.
  - a. Do not delete this email as it contains a Return Link that you will NEED to come back to the course at any time.
5. Staying on the website, click Proceed to Curriculum.
6. You will be directed to the Quality Counts curriculum website.
7. The course is free, so click the blue Add to Cart button.
8. Click Create an account under the log in button if you do not have an account with AgriLife Learn.
  - a. Though you do have to create another login on a separate website, this is necessary to be able to leave and come back to the curriculum as many times as needed!
9. Click View Cart
10. Click Proceed to Checkout
11. Check the box next to "I agree with the Terms of Use," then click Next
12. To access your course, scroll down to the section "Access Courses in D2L," then click on your course in blue
13. Click Quality Counts
14. Select Age Bracket according to your school grade as of August 31 of the current year.
15. Begin Course! The course will take approximately 2 hours to complete.
16. You may leave and come back to the course using the Return Link (Step 4a).
17. Once you complete the course, you will click Proceed to Test.
18. You must complete the exam once you start it, but you can take it as many times as needed to achieve an 80% or higher.
19. Once passed, your verified Quality Counts number is ready for livestock show entries!

FOR QUESTIONS RELATED TO TECHNICAL ISSUES OR LOGIN  
INFORMATION CONTACT: [LEARNONLINE@AG.TAMU.EDU](mailto:LEARNONLINE@AG.TAMU.EDU)  
FOR QUESTIONS RELATED TO CONTENT, SCORES, AND  
VERIFICATION CONTACT:  
[TEXASYOUTHLIVESTOCK@AG.TAMU.EDU](mailto:TEXASYOUTHLIVESTOCK@AG.TAMU.EDU)





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## Upcoming Events to watch for

- ◆ Club & Projects Meetings Dates
- ◆ Big Fun D1 Contests Results
- ◆ Durham's Pecan Gray County 4-H Fundraiser packets
  - ◆ Holiday Celebrations

### GRAY COUNTY FACULTY & STAFF



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