

# 4-H FUTURES & FEATURES

October 2023



The cost to mail the fundraiser packets to each 4-H Family is cost prohibitive, therefore, packets are available for pick up in the Extension Office. If you are unable to retrieve your packet during business hours, please let us know so we can make other arrangements. We are selling for Thanksgiving and Christmas in only one sale this year and the orders for it are due Monday, October 16th. 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.*

### 4-H Council

- Chairman: Brycen Epperson
- 1st V-Chairman: Nicky Price
- 2nd V-Chairman: Gavin Greer
- Secretary:
- Reporter:
- Delegates at Large: Collin Campbell & Andrew Schantin

### CLUBS

#### North Fork Delegates

- President -
- Council Delegate -

#### Top of Texas Archery Delegates

- President -
- Council Delegate -

#### North Fork Club Managers

Christy Campbell

#### Top of Texas Archery Managers

Karen Schantin

#### Clover Kids Club Manager

Joan Gray-Soria

### PARENT - LEADERS

- Chairman: .....Zack Greer
- Vice-Chairman: .....
- Secretary: .....Krista Clark
- Treasurer: .....Karen Schantin
- Co-Treasurer: .....Brenda Green



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

4-H is a feeling.



# National 4-H Week



October 1 - October 7

**4-H Council Officers will meet with the Gray County Commissioners Court on Monday, October 2nd at 9:00 am in the Gray County Courthouse for the signing of the National 4-H Week Proclamation**

- **Role Model Monday:** Write your role model a note and mail it to them.
- **Spirit Day Tuesday:** Wear green and show your 4-H pride everywhere you go.
- **What's Your Why Wednesday:** Spend 4 minutes in reflection of why you participate in 4-H. Share those thoughts with a friend and invite them to join 4-H!
- **Thankful Thursday:** Today is all about thankfulness! Give back to someone in your community. Do a random act of kindness, go serve at a local nursing home, take juice boxes to the local Boys and Girls Club, or just simply thank your teachers.
- **Find your spark Friday:** Post a picture on social media of YOUR 4-H spark and tag @Texas4H!
- **One Day 4-H Saturday** – Collect children's books and turn in to the Extension Office.

## One Day 4-H

We hope to see you Saturday, 10/7, at 9:30 a.m.

At the Lovett Memorial Library

111 N. Houston Street in Pampa

for an opportunity of community service to support

*One Day 4-H*



# Tractor Supply Fall Clover Campaign

October 4th - October 15th

Tractor Supply proudly began our partnership with 4-H in 2010 and we have since helped raise over \$14 million through our Paper Clover fundraisers. The success of these campaigns has impacted over 69,000 students by providing them with hands-on learning experiences through projects in STEM, agriculture, healthy living, and civic engagement.

100% of funds raised through our two Paper Clover fundraisers directly benefit 4-H and the kids and teens they work with - 90% of donations directly support 4-H youth in the state it was raised, and the remaining 10% supports national 4-H programming.



**We have found that more people are willing to donate to the Tractor Supply Clover Campaign when 4-H Members are present to represent our program.**

**This is also an opportunity to collect *Participation Points*.**

**Please call the 4-H Office at 806-669-8033 to pick a time to greet Tractor Supply Customers and tell them about your 4-H experiences.**

***If you have not enrolled in Gray County 4-H for the 2023 - 2024 please do so at your earliest convenience so you are not missing out on notifications and information.***



# FAMILY ENROLLMENT TIPS

[texas.4honline.com](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 members. Enter one member 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.	Enter information in all the fields on the Questions screen. Youth Birthdate and school grade determines eligibility.	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.	Youth selects at least one club and one project. Adult selects volunteer type, 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.
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.

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

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

Please inform the Gray County Extension Office via e-mail to 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.

## New This Year:

Gray County 4-H will be following a **new policy** this year. In addition to informing the 4-H Office of days that your child will be missing school for 4-H activities, a "Declaration of Eligibility Form" will be a requirement for excused absences. It is imperative that this form be filled out by the school *in advance of your child being absent* to attend any extracurricular 4-H activities. After the school has completed the form, it must be handed to Joan or Marcus prior to the event. Let us know if you have any questions.

- ◆ **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/>



## Fair Entry Results

### **Tri-State:**

Anleigh Bowers, Embry and Ivy Cowan, Katie and Kenedie Davis, Blake, Charles and Alexandria Hembree, Lilly Linquist, Hope Scribner, and Colton and Makenzie Cambern all exhibited livestock at the Tri-State Fair, with 3 Heifers, 14 Steers, 5 lambs and 1 goat.

Flannery May exhibited 4 photos, as well as McKinley Clark. They both received blue ribbons and Flannery won Best of Show!

McKinley Clark placed 1st with her jelly roll race quilt and Harper Nachtigall received 3rd with hers.

Harper Nachtigall placed 1st and received a blue ribbon for her sundress while Sailor Baldrige placed 1st and received a blue ribbon for her Skirt. Mckinley Clark received a red ribbon for her pajama set and Harbor received a blue ribbon for her nightgown as well. All exhibits were sewn in this spring's Fashion and Interior Design Project.

Youth Culinary Arts exhibits included Grape Jelly by McKinley Clark and Bryce Gosling, Tomato Salsa by McKinley Clark, and Landyn Gosling.

Youth art and paintings were exhibited by Eli, Jace and our Clover Kid, Aubrey Richardson.

**Way to go Gray County 4-H Participants!!  
Fantastic job representing Gray County and Pampa!**

### **State Fair of Texas:**

Katie and Kenedie Davis are exhibiting livestock at the State Fair of Texas.

### **Heart O' Texas:**

One Shotgun Project participant, Cooper Jennings, will be participating in the Heart O' Texas Trap Shoot Extravaganza!

**Best of luck to you all and safe travels to and from!**

# 4-H Youth Council

October 4-H Council meeting will be announced via Remind, or cancelled due to the foods & nutrition county food show on Sunday, October 1.

## Leadership Opportunity

Attention 9th—12th grade 4-H Members:

**(This would be an example of leadership in your 4-H Scholarship Application)**

In years past a youth task force assisted with Big Fun in D1 events. This year we will be taking applications

for the 2023-2024 District 1 Ambassador program

**through October 13<sup>th</sup>.**

The application can be found at <https://forms.gle/tvBAgLrrBuspurcB9>.

Youth that are selected will assist with

- Big Fun in D1,
- Winter Social,
- Junior Leader Lab and more.



Alone we can do so little;  
together we can do so much  
~Helen Keller

# Parent/Leader Council

Parent/Leader Council will meet on Thursday, October 12th 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

*Please contact the Extension Office at 806-669-8033 for information about leading a club.*  
Clover Kids - 10/9 and every 2nd Monday of the month in the Annex at 5:30  
North Fork - 10/17 and every 3rd Tuesday of the month in the Annex at 6:30  
Top of Texas Archery - 10/23 and every 4th Monday of the month in the bull barn at 6:00

## Project Meetings & Info

### FOODS & NUTRITION

REMEMBER to secure your hair, wash hands and wear closed-toes shoes at project meetings!

- **Jr Foods:** 5:30 - 7:00 at the Gray County Annex October 3, 10, & 17th.
- **Intermediate Foods:** 5:30 - 7:00 at the Gray County Annex on October 5, 12, 19th.
- **Senior Foods:** at the Gray County Annex October 8, 15, 22 at 2:00. Project paperwork day TBA.  
Project Leaders: Danielle Nachtigall, Eva Price & Joan Gray-Soria

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

### CONSUMER EDUCATION

More information to follow; Tentatively 4:30 - 5:30 October 2, 9  
Project Leader: Joan Gray-Soria

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

### PUBLIC SPEAKING

Project Leader: Joan Gray-Soria  
Tuesdays October 3, 10, and 17 at 4:45 at the Gray County Annex.

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

### ARCHERY

*Practices are every Monday in October and November at the Bull Barn beginning at 6:00 p.m.*

Project Leader: Karen Schantin and Joan Gray-Soria

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



# Project Meetings & Info

## BEEF

Project Leader: Ryan Davis

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

Project meeting during Tri-State Fair. Watch for a remind message.

## SWINE

Project Leader: Christy Campbell

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

October Project Meeting TBA via Remind

## SHEEP AND GOAT

Project Leader: Trista Bowen

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

*Please be on the lookout in your email for validation invoices. Payments will be due on validation day, which will be announced via Remind.*

## HORSE

Information to be announced.

Project Leaders: Amy Gallemore

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

## PHOTOGRAPHY

Beginning in November

Project Leader: vacant

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

## MEAT SCIENCE

Beginning in the Spring.

Project Leader: Alan Parker

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

## LIVESTOCK JUDGING

Beginning in the Spring.

Project Leader: Vacant

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

## SHOTGUN

Practices begin in the Spring.

Project Leader: Rodney Robertson

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

## ROBOTICS

Please contact the Extension Office if you are interested in this project.

Project Leader: Karen Schantin

**Remind App Code: Enter 81010 and text @h7bghg**

**Livestock show participants must complete the quality counts enrollment when it is your first time showing at any Livestock Show, or when you are advancing to the next 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)

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## Upcoming Events to watch for

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

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