

4-H FUTURES & FEATURES

November 2023



Gold Star Award

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 - Gavin Greer

Council Delegate - Angelique Ritchie

Top of Texas Archery Delegates

President - McKinley Clark

Council Delegate - Angelique Ritchie

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



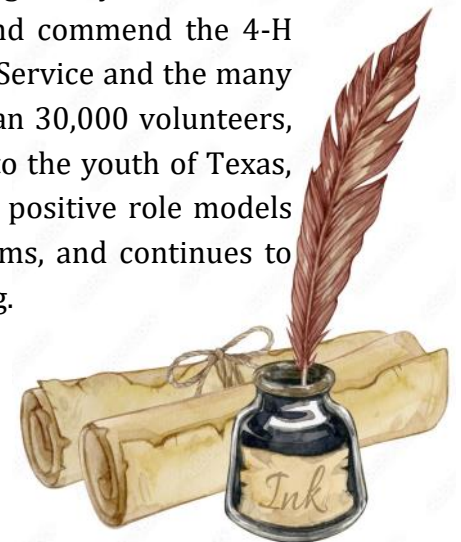
Nicky Price and Hudson Scribner were recognized at the 66th Annual Gold Star Banquet on October 16th in Canyon at the WTAMU Alumni Banquet Facility. The Gold Star Award is the highest award presented at the county level. The presentation of this award began in 1933 to the most deserving 4-H youth and only once in their 4-H career. Nicky and Hudson were celebrated at the Gray County 4-H Banquet in August where they received their Gold-Star Belt Buckles. Portraits of past 4-H Gold Star Award recipients are displayed in the Gray County Annex with Nicky and Hudson. Congratulations gentlemen!

National 4-H Week



4-H Council met with the Gray County Commissioners' Court on October 2nd.

The 2023 National 4-H Week Proclamation was recognized and signed by the Court to designate October 1 - 7, 2023 as National 4-H Week in Texas, and commend the 4-H Youth Development Program of the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service and the many men and women who have made the program a success. More than 30,000 volunteers, have generously given their time, talents, energies, and resources to the youth of Texas, and throughout its proud history, the 4-H program has developed positive role models for countless Texans through its innovative and inspiring programs, and continues to build character and instill the values that have made our state strong.



2023 Texas 4-H Foundation Opportunity Scholarship

Whether you are a life-time 4-H member, or just became a member in high school, the earning of a 4-H Foundation Scholarship is where all of your experience, volunteer hours, competitions, and hard work literally pay off! Texas 4-H Opportunity Scholarships are academic scholarships awarded each year to applicants based on their academic record, 4-H experience, and financial need. Thanks to our generous donors, we are able to award over \$2.7 MILLION in scholarships to over 220 4-H members.

Prior to 2022, it had been a long while since anyone in Gray County 4-H had earned a Texas 4-H Foundation Scholarship. Since 2022, \$50,000 has been awarded to 3 Graduating High School Gray County 4-H Members, and you have the same opportunity!

If you are a High School student, and planning to attend a college in the Lone-Star State, you and your parents/guardians are strongly encouraged to attend the Scholarship Workshop in Amarillo on Monday, November 13 at 6:00 pm in the District Extension Building 6500 West Amarillo Blvd.

Go to [Types of Scholarships - Texas 4-H Foundation \(texas4hfoundation.org\)](https://www.texas4hfoundation.org) to find out more information about 4-H Scholarship Opportunities.

A flyer for a Scholarship Workshop. The top half features a black graduation cap with 'SCHOLARSHIP' written on it, set against a background of US dollar bills. A green 4-H logo is in the top right. A circular inset shows a smiling young woman with a backpack reading a book. Below the cap, the text reads 'SCHOLARSHIP WORKSHOP' in large white letters, followed by 'November 13, 2023 6pm' and 'District Office, 6500 W Amarillo Blvd'. The bottom section has two columns: 'Information Covered' with three bullet points (checkmarks) and 'More Information' with contact details for Tina Bryant.

SCHOLARSHIP WORKSHOP
November 13, 2023 6pm
District Office, 6500 W Amarillo Blvd

Information Covered

- ✓ Overview of 4-H Opportunity Scholarship
- ✓ FASFA Changes & Deadlines
- ✓ Tips for a successful application

More Information

Tina Bryant
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MARK YOUR CALENDAR WITH THESE IMPORTANT DATES:

November 1, 2023 – Application will be available online
NOVEMBER 13, 2023 - SCHOLARSHIP WORKSHOP AMARILLO
February 15, 2024, by 11:59 PM – Deadline to Apply
April 2024 – Interviews in College Station
May 2024 – Award Notifications
June 2024 – Scholarship Banquets in College Station

Contests Results



Those who participated in the Fall Durham's Fundraiser brought in a 25% profit for the 2024 - 2025 4-H Year! Of those who participated, **11** 4-H members sold at least \$1000 of product and earned a "Top Salesman" 4-H Jacket! If you were not able to earn a hoodie or a jacket this year, we encourage you to try again next year. Fund raising is also an opportunity to earn "Participation Points" by representing and promoting Gray County 4-H! When enough funds are brought in, District, and State Contests fees are paid for as well as projects' supplies, (such as \$450.00 spent on utensils and groceries for Foods and Nutrition) the 4-H Banquet Catering, awards, prizes, and decorations.



Katie and Kenedie Davis each showed a heifer and had a great experience. Kenedie placed 5th with her Chianina. Katie showed a Simmental heifer and placed 2nd in class.

WAY TO GO



Cooper Jennings competed in the Heart O' Texas Trap Shooters Extravaganza and added to his shotgun project resume by placing 1st in the doubles, and shooting in the singles and sporting clays events.



2023 FALL BIG FUN IN D1 RESULTS

Food Challenge

The Bake Team - Junior Team - Participants
Harbor Baldrige and Allie Rogers

The Bacon-ators - Junior Team - Participants
Banner Baldrige, Stephanie Price, and Sutton Nachtigall

The Innovative Chefs - Junior Team - Participants
Rachel Gaité, Alexandria Hembree, and Joshua Ruzvidzo

The Cooking Clovers - Intermediate Team - Participants
McKinley Clark, Blake Hembree, Devyn Knox,
and Angelique Ritchie

The Kitchen Aces - Senior Team - Participants
Charles Hembree, Nicky Price, Andrew Schantin

Food Show

Participants

Junior Appetizer - Allie Rogers and Rachel Gaité

Junior Main Dish - Banner Baldrige and Alexandria Hembree

Junior Side Dish - Nora Craig and Sutton Nachtigall

Nutritious Desserts - Harbor Baldrige and Stephanie Price

Intermediate Appetizer - McKinley Clark and Blake Hembree

Intermediate Main Dish - Angelique Ritchie and Devyn Knox

Senior Appetizer - Andrew Schantin

Senior Main Dish - Brycen Epperson

Senior Side Dish - Nicky Price

Ag Product ID

Junior - Jace Richardson - 15th High Individual

Intermediate - Eli Richardson - 5th High Individual

Consumer Decision Making

Junior - Jace Richardson - 6th High Individual

Junior - Allie Rogers - Participant

Intermediate - Eli Richardson - 11th High Individual

Intermediate - McKinley Clark - Participant

Senior - Brycen Epperson - Participant

Senior - Nicky Price - Participant

Educational Presentations

Intermediate Team in Family and Community Health
Harbor Baldrige and McKinley Clark - 1st Place



We could not be more proud of these kids and their families for their endurance, commitment, and perseverance in meeting their goals of learning something, giving their best and having fun! That is the real prize of 4-H Competitions!

New This Year:

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

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.

Remind App Codes

Please join the Gray County Blast, and corresponding Club and Projects Groups so you do not miss important information that may not be presented in the newsletters.

- ♦ **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 @totarc

Projects

Archery: @totarc

Beef: @cattleproj

Consumer: @4Hmoneyed

Clothing: @4Hclot

Cooking: @4hfoodsp

Horse: @9b8bf2

Livestock Judging: @2e7328k

Meat Science: @4hmeatj

Photography: @bfdhac

Public Speaking: @4hpubli

Robotics: @h7bghg

Sheep/Goats: @4hlambgoat

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/>

Featured Project

Photography Project

Remind App Code: Enter 81010 and text @bgdhac

Planning Meeting November 29 @ 4:30 in the Annex



In the photography project, you will learn how to:

- Take photos in manual and preset modes
- Apply different lighting techniques
- Learn about composition to take better photos
- Tell a story with your photos
- Express your artistic side

State Participation Opportunity

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 & Education

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 an active in a Natural Resources project area****

Registration through 4HOnline:
Entries Open: December 1, 2023
Entries Close: December 15, 2023

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

4-H Youth Council

November 4-H Council meeting will be Sunday, November 5th at 2:00 in the Gray County Annex .

Parent/Leader Council

All parents and volunteers are encouraged to attend the Parent/Leader Council Meetings.

Your input is valued and appreciated!

Parent/Leader Council will meet in January to discuss spring 4-H events, contests, fundraisers and projects.

Club Meetings

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

Clover Kids - 11/13 and every 2nd Monday of the month in the Annex at 5:30

North Fork - 11/14 and every 3rd Tuesday of the month in the Annex at 6:30

Top of Texas Archery - 11/27 and every 4th Monday of the month in the bull barn at 6:00

Project Meetings & Info

FOODS & NUTRITION

All Foods Project age groups final meeting for Project Reports: November 2, in the Annex at 6:00 p.m.

Project Leaders: Danielle Nachtigall, Eva Price & Joan Gray-Soria

Remind App Code: Enter 81010 and text @4hfoodsp

CONSUMER EDUCATION

Project Reports Meeting: November 2, in the Annex at 6:00 p.m.

Project Leader: Joan Gray-Soria

Remind App Code: Enter 81010 and text @4Hmoneyed

PUBLIC SPEAKING

Project Reports Meeting: November 2, in the Annex at 6:00 p.m.

Project Leader: Joan Gray-Soria

Remind App Code: Enter 81010 and text @4hpubli

CLOTHING

Project Reports Meeting: November 2, in the Annex at 6:00 p.m.

Project Leader: Joan Gray-Soria

Remind App Code: Enter 81010 and text @4Hclot

ARCHERY

Practices and meetings: 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

ROBOTICS - Coming Soon

Project Planning Meeting December 1st in the Annex at 6:00.

Project Leader: Karen Schantin

Remind App Code: Enter 81010 and text @h7bghg

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

Project Meetings & Info

ALL LIVESTOCK PROJECTS

Major Stock Shows Entries meeting will be at the Annex on Tuesday, November 7 at 6:30.

**If you have advanced to Jr. High, High School, or are new to showing at the majors,
please complete or update your **Quality Counts Exam**.*

(See next page for information and call the office with questions; 806-669-8033)

BEEF

Project Leader: Ryan Davis

Remind App Code: Enter 81010 and text @cattleproj

Project meeting: watch for a remind message.

SWINE

Project Leader: Christy Campbell

Remind App Code: Enter 81010 and text @swinepr

November 10th will be Swine Validation beginning at 4:15.

Please bring your 4-H pigs to the 4-H Feeding Barn at 6:00

Project meeting: November 13 at 6:30 in the Gray County Annex

SHEEP AND GOAT

Project Leader: Trista Bowen

Remind App Code: Enter 81010 and text @4hsheepa

Project Meeting: November 16 at 6:30 in the Gray County Annex



HORSE

Beginning in the Spring.

Project Leaders: Amy Gallemore

Remind App Code: Enter 81010 and text @9b8bf2

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

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 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

FOR QUESTIONS RELATED TO CONTENT, SCORES, AND VERIFICATION CONTACT:
TEXASYOUTH LIVESTOCK@AG.TAMU.EDU



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Upcoming Events to watch for

◆ Club & Projects Meetings Dates

◆ Watch for a notice to retrieve your Durham's orders and deliver them before Thanksgiving

◆ Holiday Celebrations

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