

4-H FUTURES & FEATURES

January 2024



Happy New Year!

Let the Show begin,
Gray County Jr. Livestock Show, that is.

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 &
Danielle Nachtigall

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

2024 Gray County Livestock Show

BARN OPENS AT 8:00 on Wednesday, January 10th

January 10

Entries and weights for ALL species due
7:00pm

SHOWMANSHIP FOR EACH SPECIES WILL FOLLOW THE GRAND DRIVE OF THAT SPECIES, IN THE ORDER OF JUNIOR/INTERMEDIATE/SENIOR

January 11

Show begins with lambs
8:00am

January 11

Goats, Heifers, Steers, Swine
following lambs
breaks between species TBA

January 12

Barn clean up/Sale Set Up
5:00pm

January 13

GCBC Premium Sale
6:00pm

ALL ENTRIES \$15, SHOWMANSHIP \$5

Fund Raiser NEWS



Spread the word!

We still have plenty of Durham's products to purchase from the 4-H Office.

We are open

Monday - Friday

8:30 - 12:00 & 1:00 - 5:00

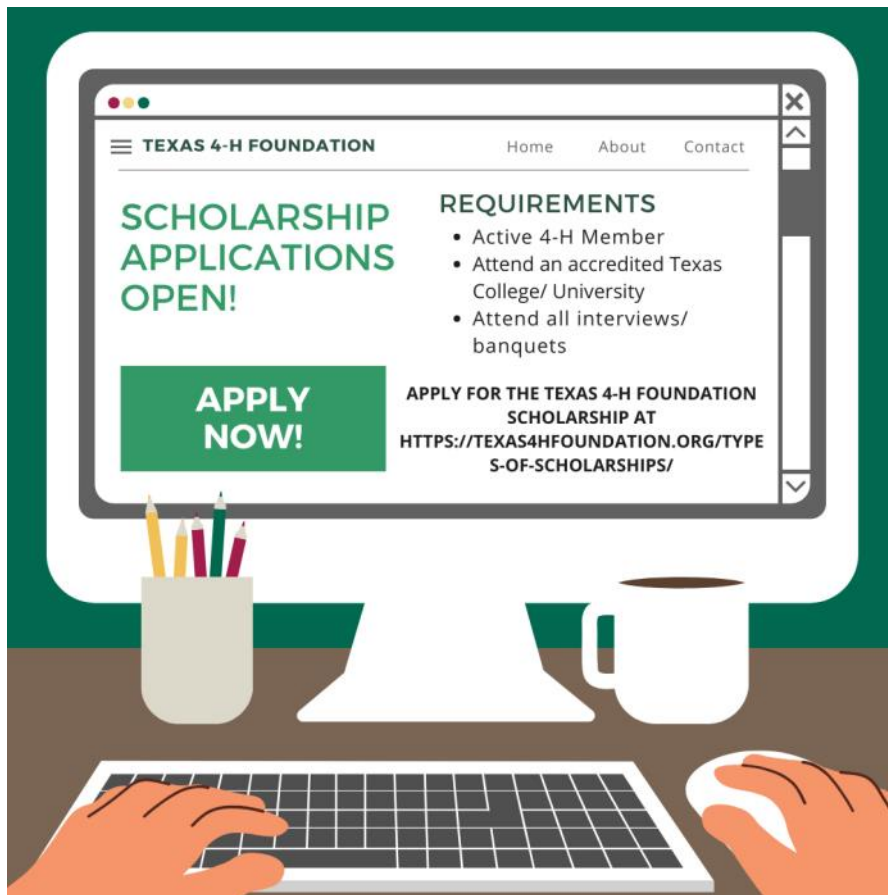


2023 Texas 4-H Foundation Opportunity Scholarship

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 4-H Members, and you have the same opportunity!

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



MARK YOUR CALENDAR WITH THESE IMPORTANT DATES:

January 22, 2024 - Deadline for Tina Bryant, District 1 Program Specialist, to review applications.

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

Featured Project



Do you like to be creative in what you wear and the space around you?

The 4-H Fashion and Interior Design program is perfect for you. You can work on your own or with a group.

You'll learn:

- Machine and hand sewing techniques
- Consumer shopping skills
- To design and construct clothing and home decor
- To create environmentally friendly projects
- Personal style and care

Learning experiences focus on:

- Sewing basics
- Recycle, repurpose and upcycle textiles
- Fabric science
- Elements and principles of design
- Design sketching
- Clothing care
- Wardrobe planning

TEXAS 4-H IS FOR KIDS OF ALMOST ANY AGE – GRADES K-2 CAN BE IN CLOVER KIDS IF OFFERED IN YOUR AREA. FROM 3RD-12TH GRADES, YOU CAN BE A REGULAR 4-H MEMBER. ALL 4-H MEMBERS MUST BE ENROLLED IN AT LEAST ONE PROJECT. WHEN YOU CHOOSE A PROJECT, YOU WILL PARTICIPATE IN VARIOUS HANDS-ON ACTIVITIES, LEARN NEW SKILLS, DO COMMUNITY SERVICE, OR EVEN MAKE SPEECHES ABOUT YOUR PROJECT.

Skills Learned:

- Responsibility
- Decision Making
- Public Speaking
- Leadership
- Community Service
- Communication
- Teamwork
- Skills used in FID careers

Project Learning Opportunities:

- Entrepreneurship
- Workshops
- Industry Professionals
- Tours
- Contests
- Virtual Experiences

Exploration Opportunities:

- Attend project meetings
- Complete a clothing or home decor item
- Do online research related to FID
- Organize a service learning event such as a clothing drive
- Give a presentation to a group or develop a video to demonstrate a skill learned
- Experiment with new sewing or sketching technique
- Assemble a portfolio of design sketches

Want to learn more?

Visit | texas4-h.tamu.edu/projects/fashion-interior-design/
Contact | your County Extension Agent



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FAMILY & COMMUNITY HEALTH

Fashion & Interior Design

CONTESTS

Duds to Dazzle

During Duds to Dazzle, teams of 3 to 5 receive textiles and each team has 60 minutes to create a new product using item from the supply closet. Each team provides their own supply kit. The teams then present their item to a team of judges.

Fashion Show

The Fashion Show is designed for individuals to showcase their skills in buying and/or construction. Individuals create a clothing or fashion item, complete paperwork and interview with a panel of judges, and last but not least, model the outfit on the runway. Knowledge of natural fibers such as cotton and wool/mohair may also be showcased in the Natural Fibers Contest portion of the Fashion Show.

Educational Presentation

An Educational Presentation is a fun way to share fashion and interior related knowledge through public speaking/presentation experience. 4-H members may do an Educational Presentation by themselves or with a friend.

Storyboard

The 4-H Storyboard is an industry-inspired method of displaying original designs. The storyboard "tells the story" of the designer's idea. The storyboard includes original illustrations, flats, and more to promote the design.

Basic	Intermediate	Advanced
Learn parts of the sewing machine	Create machine top and decorative stitches	Insert zippers, darts and such in sewing projects
Learn basic hand stitches	Learn to hand sew buttons	Create decorative hand stitching
Learn the difference between types of fibers	Learn characteristics of different fibers and fabrics	Complete fabric science experiments
Learn basic seam finishes	Learn new seam finishes like French or clean seams	Complete seam finishes on difficult to work with fabrics
Create basic hand-drawn sketches	Create hand drawn sketches	Create original digital designs.
Learn to read a pattern	Modify patterns	Tailor garments

EXPLORE GUIDES

Each guide has been developed to support volunteers, County Extension Agents, and even 4-H members, in leading project experiences for youth. There are six lessons in each book that follow the "do, reflect, apply" model of learning, providing guidance for hands-on exploration and learning about a specific topic.

Fashion & Interior Design specific guides are:

- Clothing & Textiles - Duds to Dazzle
- Clothing & Textiles - Sewing Basics
- Housing & Home Environment
- Public Speaking

For more information on Fashion & Interior Design projects visit: <https://texas4-h.tamu.edu/projects/fashion-interior-design/>



Councils, Clubs, and Projects Meetings

4-H Youth Council

Sunday, January 14th, @ 2:00 at 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 at the Annex on January 18th at 6:00 to discuss spring projects, contests, and fundraisers.

Club Meetings

Club Meetings offer an ideal opportunity for youth to learn and enhance leadership skills by conducting business, to exemplify “democracy in action” with parliamentary procedure and group decision-making. Refreshments, Program and Recreation activity are also part of the fun during the Club Meetings.



Clover Kids - Thursday, January 11th at 5:30 in the Bull Barn Cafeteria. Be prepared to watch and experience the Livestock Projects Members present their projects during the Gray County Jr. Livestock Show!

North Fork - To be announced via Remind (See remind codes on page 9 and join the North Fork group)

Top of Texas Archery - January 22nd at 6:00 at the Bull barn (See Project Meetings for Practices)



Project Meetings & Info

ALL LIVESTOCK PROJECTS

Gray County Junior Livestock Show Thursday January 11th, 2024, Sale Saturday January 13th. Declaration of Eligibility Forms will be a requirement for excused absences for the County Stock Show, as well as all of the Major Stock Shows. Please plan accordingly.

Project meetings will resume after Majors.

BEEF

Project Leader: Ryan Davis
Remind App Code: Enter 81010 and text @cattleproj

SWINE

Project Leader: Christy Campbell
Remind App Code: Enter 81010 and text @swinepr

SHEEP AND GOAT

Project Leader: Trista Bowen
Remind App Code: Enter 81010 and text @4hsheepa

CLOTHING

Planning Meeting Tuesday January 23rd @ 6:00 at the Annex.

Project Leader: Joan Gray-Soria
Remind App Code: Enter 81010 and text @4Hclot

PHOTOGRAPHY

Meetings: Thursdays, January 11th & 25th @ 6:45 at the Annex

Project Leader: Joan Gray-Soria
Remind APP Code: Enter 81010 and text @bgdhac

ARCHERY

Practice: Monday, January 29th @ 6:00 at the Bull Barn

Project Leaders: Karen Schantin, Joan Gray-Soria, Danielle & Joshua Nachtigall, and Job Ruzvidzo
Remind App Code: Enter 81010 and text @totarc

ROBOTICS

Meetings: Fridays, January 12th & 26th @ 6:00 at the Annex.

Project Leader: Karen Schantin
Remind App Code: Enter 81010 and text @h7bghg

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

FOODS & NUTRITION

See you in the Summer!

Project Leaders: Danielle Nachtigall, Eva Price & Joan Gray-Soria
Remind App Code: Enter 81010 and text @4hfoodsp

CONSUMER EDUCATION

See you next Fall

Project Leader: Joan Gray-Soria
Remind App Code: Enter 81010 and text @4Hmoneyd

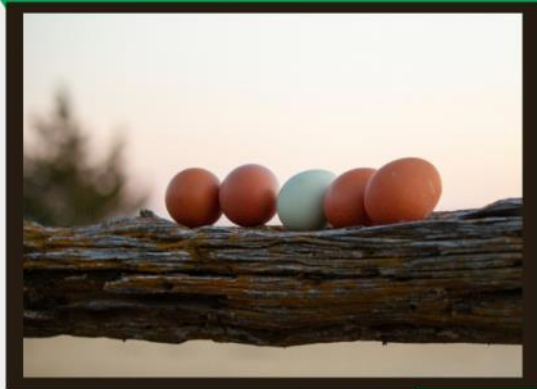
PUBLIC SPEAKING

See you next Fall

Project Leader: Joan Gray-Soria
Remind App Code: Enter 81010 and text @4hpubli



Portrait of a Significant Person
Angelique Ritchie



Patterns
Raylee Knox



Christmas
Angelique Ritchie

Outstanding

4-H

CHALLENGE

PHOTOS

December

The 4-H Photography Project members are "Taking the Challenge"!

Each month Project Members submit "Challenge" photos. An anonymous judge selects 1-3 Outstanding Photos based on the State Photography Contest guidelines!

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/>

County 4-H Awards



It takes a lot of commitment, involvement, effort, and volunteer time for our 4-H Program to be successful. All who are involved in the success, are deserving of recognition at the Annual 4-H Awards Banquet held in August. Most of you have attended the Awards Banquet, but we have some new families that may not be familiar with all of the opportunities. If enough funds are brought in from our Fall Durham's and Spring Geraniums sales, the Parent-Leaders 4-H Council caters the meal, at no charge to you, while the 4-H Youth Council decorates and hosts the banquet. Listed below, are some highlighted awards you may be interested in. If you have any questions, please stop by the office so we can encourage you to get started earlier than later.

Project Report Forms - 4-H Project Record forms are very important in the 4-H Program because they serve as a guide and provide structure for 4-Hers to set goals and record the results of their project. Technically, a project is incomplete without a Project Report Form. 4-H year pins are presented each year to those 4-H members who have completed at least one project.

Record Books - Record Books serve as a growing document from year-to-year. Once a Record Book has been submitted for judging at the county level, it then advances to the District Record Book contest. 9th - 12th grade 4-H Members may qualify at District to compete in the State 4-H Record Book Competition, where there are opportunities to receive a partial expense paid trip to Washington D.C. When the time comes to apply for 4-H Scholarships, the Record Book becomes a great resource to turn to, as it displays all of your 4-H experiences, involvements, activities and more.

Participation Points - 4-H Council chooses new prizes each year for those who accumulated enough points by participating and attending 4-H Club & Project meetings, Community Services, Fund Raisers, and contests throughout the year. Points accrued are rolled over to the next year if the minimum was not accomplished.

County 4-H Awards



Durham's Fundraiser Incentive Prizes - To encourage participation in the Durham's Pecans and Nuts fundraiser, 4-H Members who sell \$750 worth of product receive a 4-H Hoodie at the banquet, and those who sold \$1000 worth of product earn a 4-H Jacket.

Scholarship Awards - Through an application process, a graduating High School Senior is awarded \$500 from the Gray County Extension Education

Rookie of the Year Award - When a first-year 4-H Member submits a record book and earns points for participation, they are automatically nominated for Rookie of the Year. Only 1 award is presented and the recipient can receive the award just 1 time in their 4-H Membership.

"I Dare You" - William Danforth lived his life by a four-fold philosophy that presented personal motivation in the balance of physical, mental, social and spiritual wellness. To be considered for the "William Danforth I Dare You Award", the 4-H member must have completed their Junior or Senior Highschool Year, and submit a 4-H Record Book the year they are being considered. Key components of the recipient are demonstration of personal integrity, accountability, and leadership in a well-rounded lifestyle.

Gold Star - The Gold Star Award is the highest award presented at the County 4-H Level and can be awarded only once in a 4-H Member's career. The presentation of the Gold Star Pin began in 1933, and in addition to the tradition of the Gold Star Pin, the choice between a trophy belt buckle or bracelet, and recognition at the District Gold Star Banquet held in Canyon in October, is also given. The minimum requirements for this award is to at least be in 9th grade, completion of at least 3 4-H years in 3 different projects, exhibit leadership skills, participation in community service activities, complete and submit a record book the year of the award's issuance, and be interviewed for consideration.

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Upcoming Events and News to watch for

- ◆ Majors Stock Show Results
- ◆ Spring Projects meetings and activities
 - ◆ Community Service
- ◆ Clubs meetings dates and activities
 - ◆ Geraniums Sales in May

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