

4-H FUTURES & FEATURES

March 2024



Please be thinking about our friends and neighbors who have been affected by the wildfires.

We are here for you all!

Please let us know how we can help

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



NOTICE:

The Bull Barn will be occupied for Fire Relief Efforts until further notice.

Featured Project

Project Leader: Rodney Robertson

Remind App Code: Enter 81010 and text @2798g2a

The first meeting is April 2nd beginning at 5:00 at the Pampa Gun Club Shooting Range.

This is a **MANDATORY MEETING**. Please make every effort to attend.

Registration for Summer Contest: June 2; Contest at Amarillo Gun Club on June 23 - 24.

District Trap and Skeet Contest is scheduled for June 21st - 22nd.

GRAY COUNTY 4-H

SHOTGUN PROJECT



OUTDOOR FUN & SAFETY

Project Description

The 4-H Shooting Sports Shotgun Project is an exciting and hands-on program that combines outdoor enjoyment with firearm safety and responsible handling. While there are specific rules to follow, the primary goals are *fun and safety*.

Key Aspects:

- **Firearm Safety and Handling:** Participants learn essential firearm safety rules and responsible handling practices.
- **Variety of Firearms:** You'll explore a diverse range of firearms, including shotguns. This project isn't just about theory; it's about getting hands-on experience.
- **Maintenance and Accessories:** Learn how to properly maintain your firearms, understand their components, and explore accessories related to shooting sports.
- **Safety Procedures:** Understand safety protocols for handling and shooting firearms. These rules apply to all activities within the 4-H Shooting Sports project.
- **Competitions and Participation:** Discover shooting sports competitions and how to participate. Whether you're aiming for precision or just enjoying the sport, there's something for everyone.
- **Ethics:** Explore hunting procedures, laws, and ethical considerations related to shooting and firearms use.
- **Career Exploration:** Delve into careers related to firearms and shooting sports.

So, whether you're a seasoned shooter or a beginner, the 4-H Shooting Sports Shotgun Project offers an exciting journey into the world of firearms and responsible outdoor recreation.

Outstanding

4-H

CHALLENGE

PHOTOS

February



Patterns
McKinley Clark



Lines
Raylee Knox



Patterns
Emma Searl

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!

Councils, Clubs, and Projects Meetings

4-H Youth Council

Meeting to be determined. Be on the look out for a remind message.

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 Thursday, April 25th at 6:00 p.m. at the Annex.

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 - Monday, March 18th beginning at 5:30 at the Annex.

North Fork - Tuesday, March 19th at 6:00 p.m. at the Annex.

Top of Texas Archery: Monday, March 25th 6:00. Location and practice to be announced.

Project Meetings & Info

MEAT SCIENCE

Wednesdays, March 6th and 20th in the High School Ag Classroom, beginning at 5:00 p.m.

Project Leader: Alan Parker

Remind App Code: Enter 81010 and text @4hmeatj

LIVESTOCK JUDGING

LAUNCH MEETING Monday, March 18th at 4:30 in the Annex.

District 1 Contest is April 19th.

Project Leader: Sterling Scott and Marcus Preuninger

Remind App Code: Enter 81010 and text @2e7328k

SHOTGUN

MANDATORY MEETING TUESDAY, APRIL 2, 2024 5:30 AT THE SHOOTING RANGE.

Project Leader: Rodney Robertson

Remind App Code: Enter 81010 and text @2798g2a

CLOTHING

Meetings: Tuesdays at the Annex.

1st-year members: 5:00 to 6:30

Advanced members 6:30 to 8:00

March 12th open sewing beginning at 9:30 a.m. March 19th, Everyone at 5:00 p.m.

Fashion Show: March 24th, at 2:00. March 26th, everyone at 5:00

Project Leader: Joan Gray-Soria

Remind App Code: Enter 81010 and text @4Hclot

PHOTOGRAPHY

Meetings: Thursdays, March 7th and 21st @ 6:00 at the Annex.

Project Leader: Joan Gray-Soria

Remind APP Code: Enter 81010 and text @bgdhac

ROBOTICS

Fridays March 22nd, April 5th and 12th, @ the Annex beginning at 6:00 p.m.

Project Leader: Karen Schantin

Remind APP Code: Enter 81010 and text @h7bghg

ARCHERY

Practice: Cancelled until further notice

Project Leaders: Karen Schantin, Joan Gray-Soria, Danielle & Joshua Nachtigall, and Job Ruzvidzo

Remind App Code: Enter 81010 and text @totarc

HORSE

To Be Determined

Project Leaders: Amy Gallemore

Remind App Code: Enter 81010 and text @9b8bf2

Project Meetings & Info

ALL LIVESTOCK PROJECTS

Declaration of Eligibility Forms will be a requirement for excused absences for all of the Major Stock Shows. Please plan accordingly.

Don't forget to update your quality counts information for the upcoming year.

VALIDATIONS NOTICE:

Due to the high volume of calls about fire relief, please email Brenda and Marcus for your Heifers, steers, and summer lamb and goats validation orders. Prices have not been posted yet, but they are right around the corner.

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

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 @4Hmoneyed

PUBLIC SPEAKING

See you next Fall

Project Leader: Joan Gray-Soria

Remind App Code: Enter 81010 and text @4hpubli



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 and assist 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.

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/>

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Upcoming Events and News to watch for

- ◆ **Majors Stock Show Results**
 - ◆ **Community Service**
- ◆ **Clubs meetings dates and activities**
 - ◆ **Geraniums Sales in May**
- ◆ **Spring Tractor Supply Clover Campaign**
- ◆ **District 1 Spring Projects Contests results.**

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