

4-H FUTURES & FEATURES

April 2024



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

Geranium Fund Raiser at United

Every 4-H Member benefits from our fundraisers. The money raised goes toward projects supplies, District and State contest fees, and awards, prizes, venue and catering for the awards banquet in August. Gray County 4-H families have been very successful with selling hanging baskets and 4" pots of geraniums the weekend prior to Mothers' Day for several years. This is the fastest fund raiser, which also makes it the most fun! Once again, we have been given permission to set up the same space at the United Parking lot as in years past, on May 2nd and 3rd. We have more flowers to sell this year, and every 4-H family is needed for 1 or 2 hours to help our geraniums sale be successful. Please contact the Extension Office at 669-8033 to volunteer your time and represent Gray County 4-H.

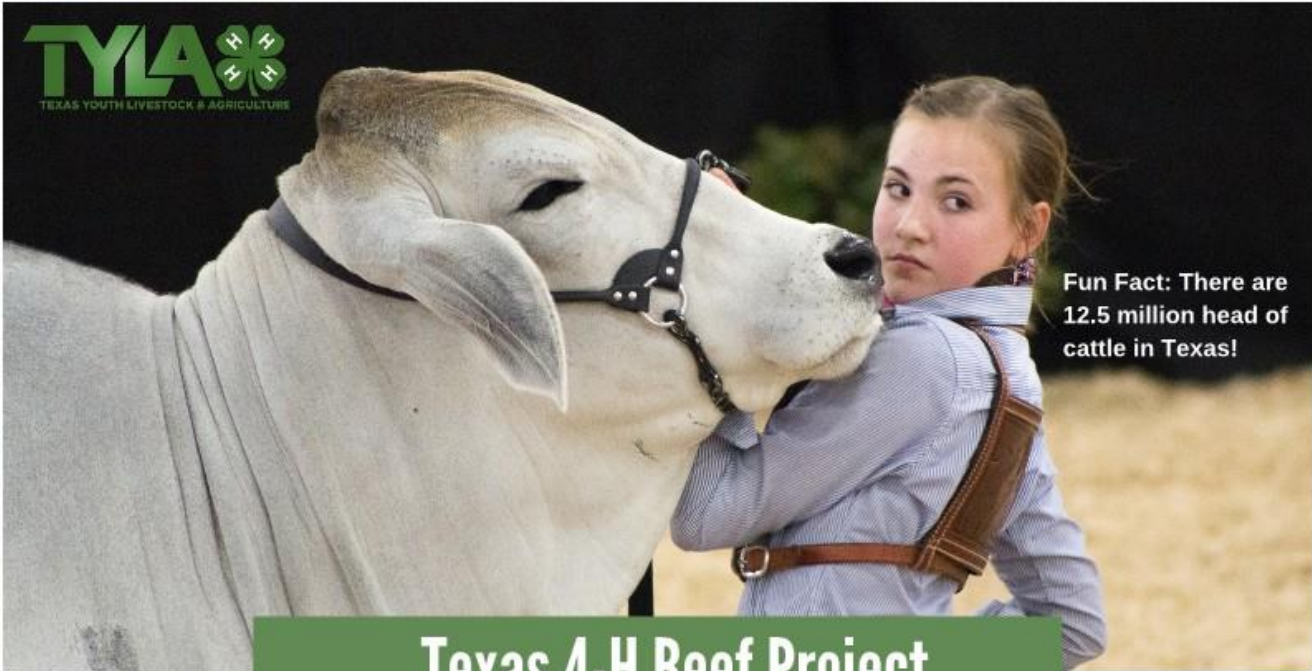


The Tractor Supply Clover Campaign is April 24 thru May 5. The money raised through this campaign assists with Camp fees for 4-H Youth. Representation of our 4-H Program by volunteering 30 minutes to 1 hour at Tractor Supply encourages more support from the customers who shop there. Please contact the Extension Office at 669-8033 to schedule a time during the campaign to represent our 4-H Program and sell some clovers.



Help 4-H empower tomorrow's leaders with our Paper Clover Fundraiser
In-store or online

Featured Project



Fun Fact: There are 12.5 million head of cattle in Texas!

Texas 4-H Beef Project

Let's Get Started

Selection

Several factors such as age, weight, frame size, and breed type play a role in selecting a market steer or breeding heifer. Some breeds are better suited for specific climates. Communicate with your County Extension Agent or Agricultural Science Teacher to determine which breed may be best for you.



Average Cost of Beef Project

Purchase Price: \$3,288.50
Annual Feed Cost: \$1,917.52
Supplies: \$271.64
Animal Health Cost: \$215.13
Fees: \$106.68
Miscellaneous: \$161.59

Total Cost
(Per 1 Head)
\$5,961.06



Health Care

Consider having scheduled administration of vaccines, lice pour-on treatments, deworming and hoof trimmings. Prevention is crucial in health care and management.



Facility Preparation

- Electricity
- Ventilation
- Flooring/ Shaving Type
- Tie/Wash/Dry Area
- Storage
- Drainage
- Convenience
- Waste Disposal



Feed Questions

- Is the diet meeting the animal's requirements?
- Does this feed suit the animal's stage of life?
- Is the feed palatable?
- Can the diet be easily digested?
- Is your project a breeding heifer or market steer?

Average Project Length: Steers- Approximately 10 Months
Heifers- Up to 30 Months

Handling and Grooming

Handling begins initially by halter breaking a beef cattle project. Once the animal is halter broke, you can establish a daily grooming routine, practice setting them up, and walk them for exercise. It is important for the animal and exhibitor to interact every day. Daily routines should include washing the animal, combing/brushing, drying, walking, and showmanship practice.

Dr. Billy Zanolini
Dr. Dottie Goebel

Want to learn more? Visit: <https://texasyouthlivestock.com/beef-cattle/>



Motion
Raylee Knox



Wildlife
McKinley Clark



Something Beginning with "A"
Raylee Knox

Outstanding

4-H

CHALLENGE PHOTOS

March

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!

States' 4-H International Exchange Programs (states4hexchange.org)



2024 States' 4-H International Exchange Summer Hosting

HOST a Japanese youth in Summer 2024 & bring the richness of the world to your home!

Hosting Period: July 24 - August 17
Scan the QR code for host family guidelines and application information:

SCAN



Howdy folks, your assistance and support is greatly appreciated as we seek Host Families for the 4-H International Exchange Program. This is a great opportunity for youth and families to learn about Japanese culture and to share their Texas culture with a delegate.

Did you know about this incredible opportunity? Texas 4-H Youth Development partners with States 4-H International Exchange to offer 4-week immersive homestays for international delegates from Japan, Taiwan, and South Korea! For over 20 years, Texan families have opened their hearts and homes to these amazing guests, sharing our rich culture and learning about theirs. Spread the word and consider hosting a delegate to create unforgettable memories and friendships!. Let's make global connections right here in Texas!



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 *April 8th* beginning at 5:30 at the Annex.

North Fork - Tuesday, April 16th at 6:00 p.m. at the Annex.

Top of Texas Archery: Monday, April 22nd, 6:00 at the Bull Barn; Practice to follow.

Project Meetings & Info

MEAT SCIENCE

**Meetings: Wednesdays at 4:00 in the Pampa High School Ag Science Classroom
in the Career & Technical Ed. Bldg.**

Project Leader: Alan Parker
Remind App Code: Enter 81010 and text @4hmeatj

LIVESTOCK JUDGING

Meetings: Mondays, and Thursdays 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

District Contests: April 18th & 20th. Quilt of Valor Workshop April 23rd.

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

PHOTOGRAPHY

**Meetings: Thursdays, April 11th and 25th @ 6:00 at the Annex.
Senior 4-H Members 15 category State Photography Contest
4-H Online registration April 1 - 15; \$10 per photo; NO LATE ENTRIES ACCPETED**

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: Mondays 6:00 at the Bull Barn

District 1 Archery Meet: May 3 - 4;

\$15 Registration March 11 - April 4 • \$50 Late Registration April 8 - 11

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

Project Meetings & Info

ALL LIVESTOCK PROJECTS

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

VALIDATIONS NOTICE:

Please submit your new cattle and summer lamb & goat validations via email to:

Marcus.Preuninger@ag.tamu.edu AND Brenda.Green@ag.tamu.edu

Before April 5th for steers and new heifers for to avoid late validation fees.

Project meetings will resume after Majors.

BEEF

Project Leader: Ryan Davis

Remind App Code: Enter 81010 and text @cattleproj

SWINE

Project Leader: VACANT

Remind App Code: Enter 81010 and text @swinepr

SHEEP AND GOAT

Project Leader: Trista Bowen

Remind App Code: Enter 81010 and text @4hsheepa

HORSE

To Be Determined

Project Leaders: Amy Gallemore

Remind App Code: Enter 81010 and text @9b8bf2

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

- ◆ **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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