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What is 4-H?

All Information Per the Gray County AgriLife Extension

4-H is a community of young people across America who are learning leadership, citizenship and life skills. 4-H is about having fun, learning, exploring and discovering. In 4-H, young people make new friends, develop new skills, become leaders and help shape their communities.

More than 65,000 Texas youth are enrolled members of 4-H community clubs in Texas. These youth live in cities, suburbs, small towns and rural communities.

4-H gives them a chance to pursue their own interests - from photography to computers, from building rockets to raising sheep. A list of 4-H projects is available online. They go places - to camp, to

state and national conferences. They learn to be leaders and active citizens.

In 4-H clubs, they serve as officers, learn to conduct meetings, and facilitate group decision-making. They give back to their communities. 4-H members get involved in volunteer projects to protect the environment, mentor younger children and help people who are less fortunate.

"To Make the Best Better" is the 4-H Motto. The 4-H Pledge is the foundation for which we fulfill the Motto:

"I pledge my head to clearer thinking,

My heart to greater loyalty,
My hands to larger service, and my health to better living

For my club my community, my country and my world"

Although playing and practicing is a big bonus

in 4-H activities, meeting attendance is even more beneficial in order for your child to receive the full 4-H Experience, while putting the motto and pledge into action. Here is why:

- Club meetings emphasizes subject matter not only in knowledge and skill, but also important lessons in relationships, leadership and citizenship;

- 4-H Club and Project meetings are diverse, which allows each member in the group to gain people skills by introducing themselves to new people and including them in the activities;

- Meetings provide youth "learn by doing" opportunities in projects, record keeping and goal setting;

- The 4-H program is family-oriented where parents are encouraged to attend as many activities as possible.

Gray County 4-H Clubs and Projects Meetings

Club meetings are different than Project Meetings. 4-H Clubs are the umbrella that covers the projects. This is where 4-H Members gain Leadership Skills, learn parliamentary procedure, vote for club officers such as president, vice president, secretary and treasurer. Club meetings offer the opportunity for 4-H Members to plan meetings programs, community service activities, play games, have fellowship with refreshments and meet new people. Club meetings usually last 1 hour and are held monthly.

Clover Kids Club

Who: Kindergarten thru 2nd grade. Not

eligible to be in projects YET, but this is where they have the opportunity to learn about different 4-H projects to choose to join when they reach 3rd grade.

When: Unless otherwise announced, every 2nd Monday of the month beginning at 5:30

Where: In the Gray County Annex 12125 E. Frederic, Pampa

North Fork Club

Who: 4-H Members 3rd thru 12th grade (Are in any projects)

When: Unless otherwise announced, every 3rd Tuesday of the month beginning at 6:00

Where: In the Gray County Annex 12125 E. Frederic, Pampa

Top of Texas Archery

Who: 4-H Mem-

bers 3rd thru 12th grade (Archery is their main project, but can be in any project)

When: Unless otherwise announced, the fourth Thursday of every month beginning at 5:30

Where: In the Clyde Carruth Bull Barns, Pampa

Project Meetings

Project meetings are where hands-on learning takes place. This is where 4-H Members get to make their projects and practice for county, district, and state contests. A project is not considered complete until a Project Record Book or Project Report Form is submitted to the County Extension Office.



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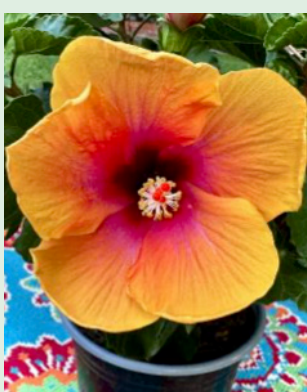
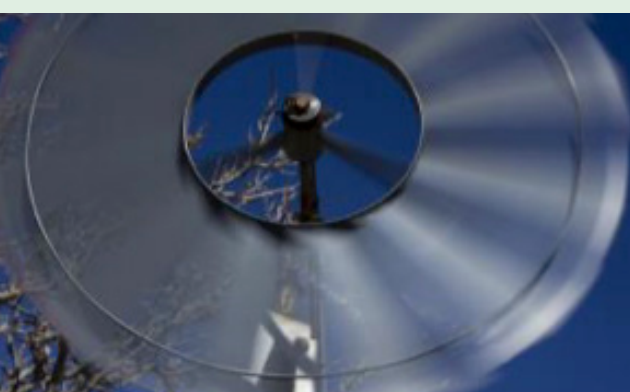
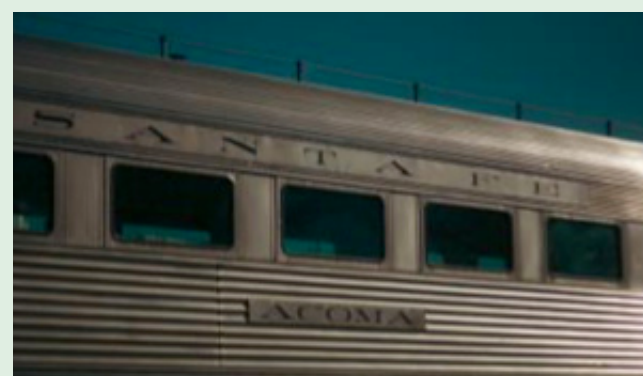
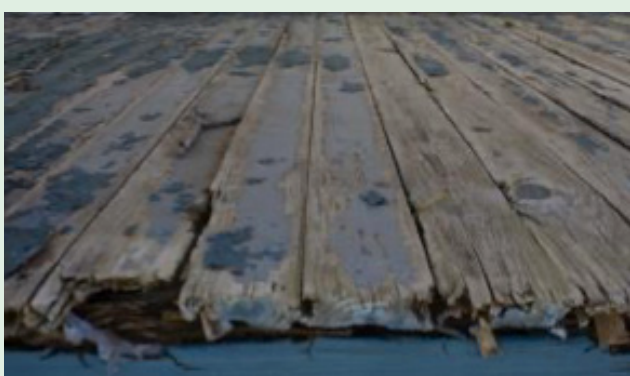
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Congratulations to the Winners of the District 1 4-H Photography Contest!

Raylee Knox

McKinley Clark

Flannery May



4-H Youth and Parent Award Opportunities

Youth Awards

- Record keeping – maintaining a history of one's activities such as financial dealings or life events by entering data in ledgers, journals, calendars or putting items into a file system; an essential life skill. Record keeping is a valuable skill taught to members of the Texas 4-H program. Members are encouraged to keep project records and have these records reviewed annually by submitting a Texas 4-H Record Book. The primary purposes of completing a Record Book are for a young person to develop the skills necessary to set goals, work toward achieving those goals, reflect on his/her experiences, and set new and higher goals for themselves. A secondary benefit is to prepare young people for the process of completing academic scholarship and/or collegiate admission applications. A 4-H member must submit a completed record book in order to receive a county medal/project pin. The first year, the medal will be in the project area submitted in the record book. Following years, the member may choose another project area in which a project was completed that year.
- 4-H Record Book – the competitive event where 4-H members assemble their records into a specified document and submit those for evaluation against other 4-H members. However, one may choose to complete a record book just for the skill learned and not elect to submit for competition. Record Book Project Report Form – At a minimum, all 4-H members who complete at least one Project Report Form year will receive a year pin.
- Participation Points Awards – Points are accrued every time a 4-H Member participates in any 4-H event or activity. If a Points Book is submitted to the Extension Office and the accrued points total 275, the 4-H Member is awarded a "Point Prize" at the annual 4-H Banquet. HOWEVER, even if the accrued points do not total 275, they roll over to the following years until the 4-H member is accumulates their points to be awarded their points prize.
- Rookie of the Year – This award is given to 1 first-year County 4-H Member. Rookie of the Year Award selection is based on the placement of the 4-H Member's Record Book and Participation Points accrual.
- Gold Star – The Gold Star Award is the highest achievement award given by the Texas 4-H Youth Development Program through the County 4-H Program. The Texas 4-H Gold Star Award can only be awarded once in a member's 4-H career and with the completion of the Application Process. The presentation of the Gold Star Pin began in 1933, the first year Mr. E.C. Martin was Boys 4-H Club Specialist. Mr. Martin tells us the pin was prompted by an effort to recognize the people who did the work rather than the agents. Previous to this time, the agents submitting the largest number of 4-H records received the recognition. Gray County awards the historic pin, a custom-made belt buckle or bracelet, and a canvas portrait of the 4-H Member to the family, as well as one to be displayed in the Extension Office common area. Gold Star Recipients are also recognized at the Annual District Gold Star Awards Banquet held in the Fall.
- Danforth "I Dare You" Award – A Senior 4-H member (9th – 12th grade) who has demonstrated outstanding leadership and citizenship. Selection is based on Record Book placing and Participation Points.
- Teen Leader Award – Recognizes 4-Hers who have led a project group or group activity as the project leader. This means they have assumed full leadership roles of a project group or activity without the continued supervision of an adult leader or project leader. The Teen Leader is nominated by the Adult Leader who leads the project.
- Junior Leader Award – Recognizes 4-Hers who have assisted with a 4-H project group or activity.
- Senior 4-H Award: 4-H hanging bags will be awarded to Senior 4-H members who have placed first at District or State contests. A 4-Her may receive this award once.


Gray County Extension Education Council Scholarship – A single scholarship, in the amount of \$500, is issued to a graduating 4-H Member who has submitted a scholarship application. The application is reviewed and judged by a panel of individuals from outside the Extension and 4-H Program. The \$500 is applied towards continuing education at the university of the recipient's choice.

Parent – Leader Volunteer Awards


- Outstanding Leader Award – The Gray County 4-H Youth Council selects up to two adult leaders to be recognized for volunteering their time, and providing leadership, organization skills, and knowledge to making 4-H in Gray County the best it can be.
- Friend of 4-H – The Gray County 4-H Youth Council selects an individual, business, or organization who has made an outstanding contribution of time, service, or money to the 4-H program.



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Projects and Fundraisers

Gray County Fall Projects

- Consumer Sciences
- Horse *You do not have to own a horse to participate in this project*
- Foods and Nutrition
- Robotics
- Photography
- Beef Livestock
- Swine Livestock
- Lamb Livestock
- Goat Livestock
- Public Speaking

Gray County Spring Projects

- Archery
- Clothing
- Horse *You do not have to own a horse to participate in this project*
- Livestock Judging
- Meat Science
- Photography
- Shotgun

Fundraisers

September thru November: Pecans, Mixed Nuts, Dried Fruit and Gift Baskets. Orders arrive just in time for Holiday Baking.

Fall and Spring Clover Campaign at Tractor Supply

May Geranium sales at United the full weekend before Mothers' Day



Congratulations!

Brycen Epperson

Exciting news!

Brycen has been selected to represent Texas at the National 4-H Fashion Review this January! Join us in congratulating Brycen on this incredible achievement!



National 4-H Week 2024 October 7th-12th!

Building a ready generation in a world of change, 4-H equips youth with skills for the future while meeting them where they are today. Becoming Beyond Ready encompasses opportunities and experiences, connections and discoveries, shaping youth into their true and authentic selves.

120 years ago, we were ready. Ready to get our hands dirty, Ready to learn by doing, Ready to push the power of youth forward.

And as our inspiration grew, so did we. When we expanded into every corner of America, We were ready. Ready to ask questions about the world, To show up for our community, To become the leaders we were always meant to be. And when we evolved into the unstoppable force we are today, We were ready. Ready to open our arms to every opportunity,

Every path, and every child— Generation after generation. Over six million of us have been inspired by 4-H. It's time to inspire six million more. We were ready then. We're beyond ready now. After all, it's always been in our DNA. Beyond ready for school. Beyond ready for work. Beyond ready for life— And everything that comes with it.

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What is FFA?

FFA is a dynamic youth organization that changes lives and prepares members for premier leadership, personal growth and career success through agricultural education.

FFA develops members' potential and helps them discover their talent through hands-on experiences, which give members the tools to achieve real-world success.

Members are future farmers, chemists, veterinarians, government officials, entrepreneurs, bankers, international business leaders, teachers and premier professionals in many career fields.

FFA is an intracurricular student organization for those interested in agriculture and leadership. It is one of the three components of agricultural education.

The official name of the organization is the National FFA Organization. The letters "FFA" stand for Future Farmers of America. These letters are a part of our history and our heritage that will never change.

FFA is for students who want to engage in agriculture and aspire to be farmers, teachers, doctors, scientists, business owners and more. For this reason, the name of the organization was updated in 1988 after a vote of national convention delegates to reflect the growing diversity and new opportunities in the industry of agriculture.

FFA continues to help the next generation rise up to meet those challenges by helping its members to develop their own unique talents and

explore their interests in a broad range of agricultural career pathways. We are the Future Farmers of America, and we are the Future Biologists, Future Chemists, Future Veterinarians, Future Engineers and Future Entrepreneurs of America, too.

Today, the National FFA Organization remains committed to the individual student, providing a path to achievement in premier leadership, personal growth and career success through agricultural education. Our members live the motto Learning to Do, Doing to Learn, Earning to Live and Living to Serve. FFA members rise to the challenge of service embracing members of all walks of life united through FFA. We Are FFA.



2024-2025 Pampa FFA Greenhands with Rebecca Shackelford and Judson Wilhite (chapter officers) in Canadian

FFA Creed

I believe in the future of agriculture, with a faith born not of words but of deeds - achievements won by the present and past generations of agriculturists; in the promise of better days through better ways, even as the better things we now enjoy have come to us from the struggles of former years.

I believe that to live and work on a good farm, or to be engaged in other agricultural pursuits, is pleasant as well as challenging; for I know the joys and discomforts of agricultural life and hold an inborn fondness for those associations which, even in hours of discouragement, I cannot deny.

I believe in leadership from ourselves and respect from others. I believe in my own ability to work efficiently and think clearly, with such knowledge and skill as I can secure, and in the ability of progressive agriculturists to serve our own and the public interest in producing and marketing the product of our toil.

I believe in less dependence on begging and more power in bargaining; in the life abundant and enough honest wealth to help make it so--for others as well as myself; in less need for charity and more of it when needed; in being happy myself and playing square with those whose happiness depends upon me.

I believe that American agriculture can and will hold true to the best traditions of our national life and that I can exert an influence in my home and community which will stand solid for my part in that inspiring task.



"The first place team in FFA Livestock Judging was captured by the team from Pampa High School composed, left to right, of Franklin and Nace Baggerman and David Miller. The winning team was announced at the banquet yesterday afternoon. Perryton team finished second." (Smith Studio photo)

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Members of the Texas State FFA Officer Team came to visit the White Deer FFA members to teach them about leadership, goal-setting and getting involved with the community



Roy McCoy shows off his steer at the Tri-State Fair Competition



Members and officers of the White Deer FFA



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Miami Tri-State Fair 4-H Results

Horse Judging
Rebekah Wilson 3rd High Individual

Consumer Decision Making
1st place Jr. Team: Kaleb Innis, Jade Clark and Layla Dulude

3rd place Jr. Individual: Kaleb Innis
2nd place Sr. Individual: Kristopher Gorecki

Livestock Quiz Bowl
2nd place Sr. Team: Fletcher Gill, Landry Dukes, Kristopher Gorecki and Emilee Butler
3rd place Jr. Team: Kaden Rankin, Kate Rankin, Carter Zimmer and Kelton Zimmer

Youth Lamb Show
Zailee Moreno 10th and 11th Place

Archery
Rifle McDowell placed 3rd and William Genn had a great day as well!



Sr. Livestock Quiz Bowl: Fletcher Gill, Landry Dukes, Kristopher Gorecki and Emilee Butler



Sr. Consumer Decision Making Individual Kristopher Gorecki



Zailee Moreno at Lamb Showing

Livestock Judging
Junior Team: Lawson Hale, Kaden Rankin, Carter Zimmer, & Kelton Zimmer
13th Overall Team
2nd Beef Team
10th Reasons Team
Individual Kate Rankin did an excellent job as well!

Senior Team: Trevor Gill, Fletcher Gill and Emilee Butler
4th Overall Team
1st Beef Team
3rd Reasons Team
Individual Trevor Gill 1st Place Beef

Youth Steer Show
Kaden Rankin: 5th place Hereford Steer, 6th Place Shorthorn Steer
Will Sims: Breed Champion Shorthorn, 7th Place Medium Weight Division Crossbred, 7th Place Heavy Weight Division Crossbred
Brylee Thompson: 6th Place American
Jentry Locke: 11th Place Medium Weight Division Crossbred



Jr. Consumer Decision Making Team: Jade Clark, Kaleb Innis and Layla Dulude



Rebekah Wilson-Horse Judging



Will Sims with Steer

Roberts County 4-H Officers



Jett hale-Treasurer, Landry Dukes-President, Kristopher Gorecki-Vice President, Trevor Gill-Secretary, and Harper Hale-Reporter

Gray County Tri-State Fair Competition



Brooklyn Neill (10th Grade)



Judson Wilhite (12th Grade)



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Kassidie Arreola (11th Grade)



Baileigh Lemons (11th Grade)



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Landyn Gosling (9th Grade)



Ali Montgomery (10th Grade)

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Top O' Texas FFA District Leadership Development Contest at Frank Phillips College

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Top O' Texas 2023 District Banquet



FFA/4-H Meat Judging Team at Texas A&M University Nicky Price, Brycen Epperson, Judson Wilhite, Mason Childress



2024 Area 1 FFA Leadership Camp-Clarendon College Chad Epperson-Agricultural Mechanics; Judson, Brooklyn, Jerritt, Kassidie, Rebecca, Alan Parker-Animal Science



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