

DENTON COUNTY 4-H NEWSLETTER



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Denton County 4-H was well represented at the Youth Fair! Pictures left to right: Evan Sylvester, Reserve Grand Champion Market Goat & Stockton James Grand Champion Market Goat. Molly Beadle & Grace Real being crowned DCYF Princess & Queen. Cal Kervin & his Grand Champion Home Economics Project. Lilly Holland & Katelyn Collins taking home Junior & Senior Rabbit Showmanship buckles.

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IMPORTANT DATES

County Council Elections

Nomination Applications are due by Friday, May 5, 2023 at 4:30pm | Denton County Agrilife Extension Office

Record Book Work Nights

May 8 | 3:30-6:00 PM | AgriLife Extension Office

If you can't make it to one of these nights, contact the office to set up an appointment if you are wanting help with your record book!

Booster Club Meeting

May 24 | 6:30 PM | AgriLife Extension Office

See newsletter for more information

County Record Book Contest Deadline

May 26 | Digital version due by 11:59 pm

May 26 | Hard copies due in person by 4:30 pm

Record Book Judging - Help Needed

May 30 | 8:30 am | Denton County Agrilife Extension Office

If you're interested in being a record book judge please email steven.baringer@ag.tamu.edu

State Roundup Registration

May 1- May 15 | For more information about the State Roundup visit

<https://texas4-h.tamu.edu/events/roundup/> or contact the Extension Office.

SALUTE TO EXCELLENCE AWARD

Each year, the Texas 4-H Youth Development Program provides awards and recognition for various individuals and groups that offer support to the 4-H program. This award program is known as the Salute to Excellence Award Program. Denton County is home to many previous award winners. We are excited to share that our own Emily Holt is being recognized as the 2023 Texas 4-H Salute to Excellence for District IV! This award recognizes outstanding 4-H volunteers for their service to 4-H programs and the impact that they have had on the lives of young people.

Emily Holt has been a part of the Argyle 4-H Club for the last six years, first as a parent, then as a club and project leader. For the last three years, she has been the club manager and is on her second term as the President of the Denton County 4-H Parent Leader Association. Her passion for the 4-H program dates back to before she got involved as a parent. As the youngest in her family, Emily was born into 4-H. Her county growing up, did not have a Clover kids' program, but all her siblings were involved in 4-H, so it became a family affair. Those experiences now fuel her passion as a volunteer.

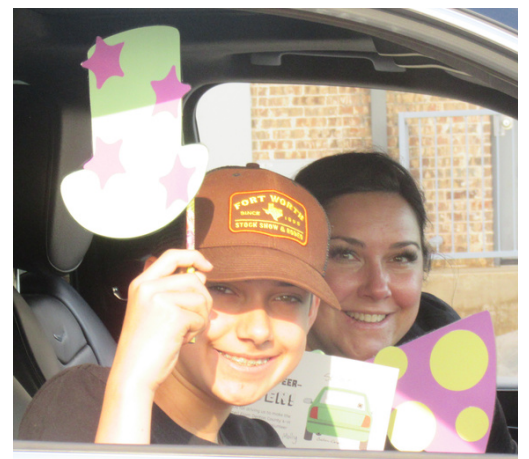
Emily has been instrumental in getting new projects started, taking the time to help new 4-H families familiarize themselves with the program, and leading our volunteers. Congratulations, Emily, on being named a Salute to Excellence winner!



VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION

Thank you Volunteers for showing up to our Volunteer Appreciation event! Everyone had a great time. We send a heartfelt Thank You for all you do to support us!

WE APPRECIATE OUR STUDENTS FOR SHOWING UP AND PUTTING IN WORK!



Also, thank you to our sponsors
Denton County Farm Bureau and
Dutch Bro's Coffee
for sponsoring this event!

RECORD BOOK WORK NIGHT

MAY 8, 2023

3:30-6:00 PM | Denton County AgriLife Office

This night is for those 4-H members and parents who are working on record books who may have questions or need help. It doesn't matter if you are new to 4-H or this is 5th year submitting a record book, come one come all! If you can't make this work night and have questions or need help, contact the office to schedule a meeting!

**COUNTY RECORD BOOKS
ARE DUE MAY 26TH**

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RECORD BOOKS

What is a record book?

Recordkeeping 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.

Objectives of a 4-H Record Book

- Allow 4-H members to tell how they have grown, what they have learned, where they came up short and to do it creatively within outlined parameters.
- Demonstrate the importance of keeping a written document of what has been done.
- Provides a written platform for goal setting and documentation of the actions required to reach goals.
- Provide an opportunity for competition at the County, District, and State level

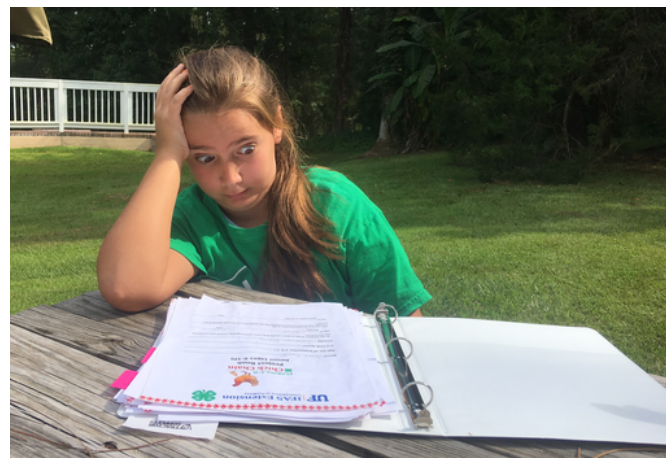
County Record Book Contest

District IV has made some exciting changes to the District Record Book Contest! To align our district contest with the State Record Book contest, this will now be a virtual contest. I think it is great when the two contests align so families don't have to learn different submission processes!

At the county level we will be helping everyone transition formats this year. I encourage everyone to go ahead and prepare your record books online. But if you would like to submit a hard copy of your record book for this year, we will allow it at the county level. If you need help turning your record book into a digital copy you can make an appointment with the AgriLife Extension office.

The deadline for the county contest is May 26, 2023. Please visit denton.agrilife.org/record-books/ to learn more about the submission process. This is also where you can find the Record Book Family Guide that will walk you through the creating your record book.

**Don't wait until the day before it is due to start!
Start now, and don't be afraid to ask for help!**



VALIDATION & ULTRA



VALIDATION TAG ORDERS

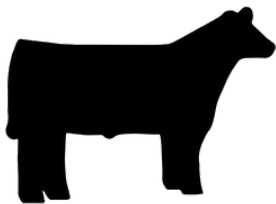


Deadline

April 5, 2023 at 4:30 PM

Late Deadline

June 1, 2023 at 4:30 PM



Steer & Heifer Tags
\$27 Each
\$32 Each for Late Tags

Lamb & Goat Tags
\$17 Each
\$27 Each for late tags



For order forms or to view new changes this year visit denton.agrilife.org/validation. 4-H members can order from the AgriLife Extension Office, FFA members need to order through their Ag Science Teacher.

Questions? Contact 940-349-2884 or steven.baringer@ag.tamu.edu

2023 ULTRA LEADERSHIP LAB

SAVE
the
DATE

June 19-21, 2023
Camp Copass
Denton, Texas

The logo for Texas A&M AgriLife Extension, featuring a green four-leaf clover with 'H' on each leaf, above the text 'TEXAS A&M AGRILIFE EXTENSION'.

ULTRA LEADERSHIP LAB

Ultra Leadership Lab is a District Camp for all senior level 4-H members in District IV.

This 3 day camp will help you grow as a leader, allow you to meet members from across the district, and more!

Ultra will be held again this year right here in Denton at Camp Copass. We are awaiting for registration information to be sent out by the District. Stay tuned!

SUMMER CAMP OPPORTUNITIES

Denton County AgriLife, not just 4-H, is planning some great summer camp opportunities! We have four listed on our website and will be adding more soon. You can find them under the Upcoming Events section on the 4-H section of the website. The link is: <https://denton.agrilife.org/4h/upcoming/>. You can see a sneak peak below for what we have planned so far!

Summer Camp Opportunities

Show entries Search:

Event	Date	For Ages	Cost	Description	Registration Process
O'SWAt Camp	June 26-29, 2023	Ages 6-10	\$75	Kids will explore the outdoor world with certified Master Gardeners and Master Naturalists. Each day, we will study a different aspect of outdoor science through horticulture and environmental science activities. Camp is located at Clear Creek Natural Heritage Center in Denton.	Register through Denton Parks & Rec online at https://bit.ly/3UIP9vv
4-H & FCH One Day	July 6, 2023	3rd - 12th grade	Free	This one day workshop will teach kids about Food & Nutrition and Fashion & Interior Design and open their eyes to the world of 4-H!	Register online at https://bit.ly/41B36xA
Clover Kids Camp	July 11-13, 2023	Kindergarten - 2nd grade	\$10 Supply Fee	Clover Kids is for kids who are not old enough to be in 4-H yet. This introductory camp will be full of fun, hands on activities showcasing the various projects in 4-H.	Registration is currently full, email steven.baringer@ag.tamu.edu to be placed on a wait list.
Farm to Table Camp	July 17-21, 2023	Ages 6-12	\$75	Bring the farm to your table! Open to youth, ages 6-10, this camp will teach participants where their food comes from and how to prepare it for optional nutrition. Each day of camp will focus on a different food group. Participants will work in the garden, experience a mobile dairy, and see livestock. Then participants will use simple cooking techniques to prepare food, using practical skills they will carry with them through the years. Camp is located at Denia Recreation Center in Denton.	Register through Denton Parks & Rec online at https://bit.ly/3MTZUsR

4-H & FCH One Day

We are looking for intermediate or senior members, who have competed in FCH contests, to present at One Day.

Clover Kids Camp

Registration is already full for Clover Kids Camp! We are looking for 4-H members to volunteer during camp. You can be a group leader or help present a lesson about your 4-H project.

Interested in helping out with either event? Contact the office!



Left: Farm to Table Camp last summer



Right: Clover Kids Camp last summer.

ADULT VOLUNTEERS NEEDED



Denton County Youth Booster Club

Next Meeting: May 24, 2023 - 6:30 PM -
AgriLife Extension Office

The Denton County Youth Booster Club is a new group that consists of adult parents and volunteers. The main purpose of this group will be to support our 4-H youth who participate in the Denton County Youth Fair.

The Booster Club is currently in the process of developing bylaws that will guide the organization for years to come. They invite any interested parent or volunteer to attend to be a part of this process.

If you have any questions about this group, please contact Nancy Wiley at nancywiley@syracusesausage.com or you can contact the Extension office.

Record Book Judging

Tuesday, May 30, 2023 - 8:30 AM to Finish
AgriLife Extension Office

There are a lot of different components when it comes to Record Books. One of them is the judging. We are needing volunteers from any club to help us judge.

Don't know how to judge? No worries, we will teach you! This is a great opportunity for you to learn more about seeing Record Books from a variety of project areas. We will not be judging Denton County books, we will swap ours with another county and judge those.



CLUB DIRECTORY



AGRICULTURE LEADERSHIP

Meets 5:00 pm @ North Texas Fair Grounds on the 2nd Sunday of each month.
Club Leaders: Sue Real, suereal99@gmail.com.
Projects include livestock, livestock judging, food & nutrition, shooting sports, archery, fashion and interior design, and photography.

ARGYLE 4-H

Meets 2:00 pm @ Argyle Middle School on the 1st Sunday of each month.
Club Leaders: Emily Holt, holt_emily@hotmail.com; Tina Dieterich, acld@mindspring.com
Projects include food & nutrition, shooting sports, clothing/textiles, robotics, entomology, rabbits, and more.

DENTON COUNTY STEM CLUB

Meets 2nd Wednesday of each month at 6:00 pm @ Denton South Branch Library.
Club Leaders: Jordan Rivera, Eloise Kuehnert, Erin Tran; denton4hstemclub@gmail.com
Projects are focused on Science, Technology, Engineering, Math, Robotics, Coding and Photography.

HEART OF DENTON

Meets 2:00-3:00 pm @ American Legion Post 71 on the last Sunday of each month.(Clover Club meets 1:00-1:50 pm)
Club Leaders: Debra Nobles and Ed Nobles, mebee414@gmail.com, enobles53@yahoo.com; Beverly Hayes, lbhayes@pwhome.com; Tonya Slyvester, tonya@fiercefabrication.com; Jayme Kiraly, jkiraly@dentonisd.org
Projects include rabbits, chickens, leadership, community service, clover kids, and more.

NORTH TEXAS VETERINARY SCIENCE

Meets 7:00pm @ North Texas Fairgrounds on the 3rd Tuesday of each month.
Club Leader: Nikkie Martin, northtexasvetscience@gmail.com
Projects include veterinarian science, animal projects, food & nutrition, and more.

PILOT POINT 4-H

Meets 2:00 pm @ Pilot Point Church of Christ Annex on the 2nd Sunday of each month.
Club Leaders: Mary Bridges, bridgesm39@msn.com; Dana Braack, dana.braack@yahoo.com.
Projects include gardening, food & nutrition, clothing/textiles, livestock, public speaking, and more.

SILVER SADDLE 4-H

Meets 7:00 pm @ The Downtowner in Denton on the 2nd Thursday of each month.
Club Leaders: Tracy McCarty, tribemccarty@gmail.com; Jayme Wright, jaymwr4h@gmail.com
Projects include horses, dogs, food & nutrition, and more.

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