DENTON COUNTY 4-H NEWSLETTER
AUGUST 2023

GOLD STAR ACHIVEMENT BANQUET - AUGUST 12, 2023

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The 2023-2024 4-H year officially kicks in on September 1st! But as of August 15th, 4-HOnline will be open for enrollment. You will be able to log into your existing account, or create a new one and enroll in Denton County 4-H! If your member is 8 years old or entering the 3rd grade, you will need to wait until September 1st to enroll them.

For help with enrolling, problems with 4-HOnline, or need to reset your password, please reach out to the Extension Office.

**Enrollment Fees**

$25 for 4-H Members until October 31st. After that, the fee is $30.
$10 for 4-H Volunteers
$10 for Clover Kids

The Clover Kids fee is new this year. It was recently announced, I believe it is starting this 4-H year. When the state releases more information, I will pass it along.
Open Enrollment
August 15, 2023 | Enroll at 4-H online | v2.4honline.com

Denton County 4-H Project Fair
August 27, 2023 | 5:00pm - 6:30pm | Denton County AgriLife Extension Office

Tri County Rabbit Clinic (get dates)
September 9th | 12:30 PM - 4:15 PM | Myers Park in McKinney

We are asking each club and project to have a booth present!

Contact the office or Sue Real for more information.
Livestock Validation

If you are planning on showing swine, heifers, or lamb and goats you will need to validate those animals. You can do so by placing tag orders through the Extension Office. Details on the physical validation process will be released at a later date. Lamb & Goats and Heifer Validation will take place in October.

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State Fair of Texas & Heart of Texas Fair Entries

State Fair of Texas
The State Fair will be accepting online entries once again this year. You will need to submit your entries online through the SFT Portal. The link to the registration portal is: [https://livestock.bigtex.com/login/](https://livestock.bigtex.com/login/) When signing up online, every exhibitor will need to complete the electronic indemnity and W9. The parent deadline is 11:59 PM on August 22, 2023. You will also need to submit a youth entry worksheet and your payment to the Denton County Extension Office by 4:30 PM on August 22, 2023.

Heart O'Texas
If you would like to enter the Heart O'Texas Fair. You can complete the attached entry worksheet. The entry worksheet and payment are due to the Denton County Extension Office by 4:30 PM on August 22, 2023.

If you have any questions about either fair, feel free to reach out to the Extension Office or visit their websites.

State Fair - [https://bigtex.com/.../livestock-exhibitor-online.../](https://bigtex.com/.../livestock-exhibitor-online.../)
Heart O'Texas - [https://www.hotfair.com/p/livestock-show--contests](https://www.hotfair.com/p/livestock-show--contests)
SEPTEMBER 9TH
MYERS PARK & EVENT CENTER / MCKINNEY

Rabbit & Cavy Clinic

FREE EVENT Must RSVP

Schedule

12:30 PM  Move In / Check In
1:00 PM   Educational Clinic: Meat Pens
1:45 PM   Educational Clinic: Breeding Rabbits
2:30 PM   Educational Clinic: Cavies and Opportunities
3:15 PM   BREAK
3:30 PM   Showmanship Clinic
4:15 PM   Showmanship Show

Intermediate & Senior Division
Buckles for each division

Finer Points:

• Clinic is open to ALL 4-H, FFA, and youth in the District who are interested or currently participating in small animal projects.
• Clinic participants can opt to show in the showmanship clinic but it is not required.
We held our annual Gold Star Awards Banquet on August 12, 2023, at the Denton County Administrative Courthouse. Thank you to all of our 4-H families, volunteers, community partners, and elected officials who attended. We also would like to give a special thank you to our Sponsors for the evening.

**Record Book Award Winners**

- Andri Ritter - Food & Nutrition
- Mia Mack - Horticulture
- Leddy Bannahan - Swine
- Madie Holland - Rabbit
- David Oommen - Vet Science
- Maven Nymeyer - Vet Science
- Cal Kervin - Poultry
- Rachel Talley - Shooting Sports
- Caleb Rivera - Rabbit

- Brody Hurley - Swine
- Ty Talley - Shooting Sports
- Noah Rivera - Photography
- Blakely Bland - Fashion & Interior Design
- Joshua Hayes - Rabbit
- Trent Freels - Horse
- Stockton James - Goat
- Hannah Davis - Entomology
- Grace Real - Leadership
GOLD STAR BANQUET

Silver Star Awards
Madie Holland
Cal Kervin

Gold Star Awards
Grace Real
Hannah Davis

Danforth Awards
Blakely Bland
Noah Rivera

Farm Bureau Citizenship Awards
Stockton James
Joshua Hayes

Al Petty Scholarship
Grace Real

Bronze Star Award
Mia Mack
Rising Star Awards
Trent Freels - David Oommen
Wimberly Warren - Kayleigh Gilmore

Club Superstar Awards
Ty Talley
Maven Nymeyer

2023-2024 County Council Officers
President - Hannah Davis
Vice Presidents - Stockton James & Briar Bannahan
Secretary - Blakley Bland
Reporter - Madie Holland
Health & Safety Officer - Caleb Rivera
Parliamentarian - Natalya Martin
County Council and our Parent Leaders Association (PLA) meet monthly during the school year at the Extension Office. Both of these groups play an important role in our program!

- County Council consists of the County Officers and Council Delegates from each 4-H Club. They will hear updates to take back to their clubs, plan county events and much more.
- PLA is open to any Parent or Adult Leader in Denton County. This group helps identify the current needs of the program and how we can address those. In addition, they also help plan our county fundraiser and other events such as Gold Star.

If you want to get more involved in Denton County 4-H and have a voice, both of these clubs are a good way to start!

**2023-2024 Meeting Dates**

- Sept. 11th
- Oct. 9th
- Nov. 13th
- Dec. 11th
- Jan. 8th
- Feb. 12th
- Mar. 11th
- Apr. 8th
- May 13th
Breaking News! We want to hear from you!

We would like to provide a feature in our newsletter each month. We are asking each one of our 4-H clubs to have their Club Reporter, Historian, Social Media Guru, or whoever submits a piece to our newsletter. We have created an online form, linked to our county website, where you can submit a write-up and some pictures.

The link is https://denton.agrilife.org/4-h-newsletters/
Due by the 25th of Each Month