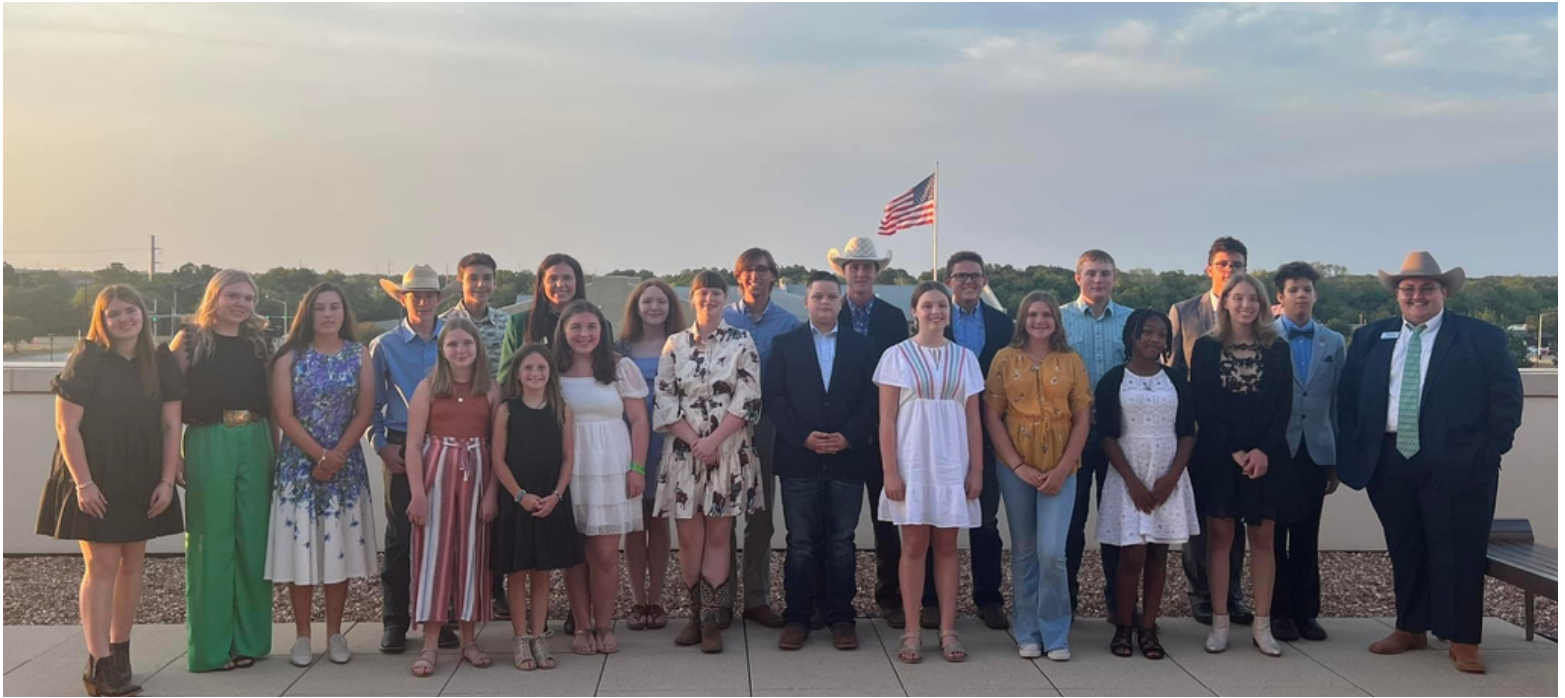


# DENTON COUNTY 4-H NEWSLETTER



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**GOLD STAR ACHIVEMENT BANQUET - AUGUST 12, 2023**

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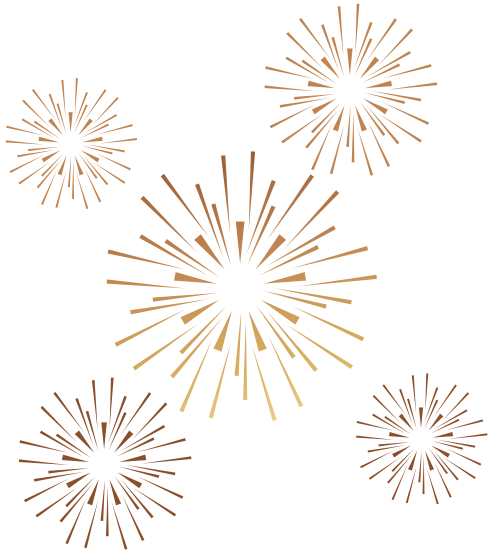


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940.349.2884

# ENROLLMENT IS NOW OPEN



## Happy 4-H NEW YEAR!

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.

# IMPORTANT DATES

## Open Enrollment

August 15, 2023 | Enroll at 4-H online | [v2.4honline.com](https://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

A colorful banner for the Denton County 4-H Project Fair. The background is light blue with white clouds. On the left is a large red Ferris wheel with colorful gondolas. On the right is a red and green striped tent with a red flag on top. The text is centered and reads: "DENTON COUNTY 4-H PROJECT FAIR" in large, bold, yellow letters with a red outline. Below this, in smaller black text, it says "HOSTED BY AG LEADERSHIP 4-H CLUB". A large orange banner contains the date "August 27, 2023" in white, bold letters. Below the date, in white text, it says "5:00-6:30 PM 401 W. HICKORY STREET DENTON, TX 76208". At the bottom, in black text, it says "Come learn about all that 4-H has to offer! This is a come-and-go event with an informational session for all held at 5:30 PM. For more information contact 940-349-2884 or [steven.baringer@ag.tamu.edu](mailto:steven.baringer@ag.tamu.edu)". There are small 4-H clover logos in the top corners.

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

**Contact the office or Sue Real for more information.**

# IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENTS

## 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.

### Lamb & Goat Tags

\$17 until 8/29

\$27 after 8/29

### Heifer Tags

\$27 until 8/29

\$32 after 8/29

### Swine Tags

Information to come. Contact the office if you are interested.

## 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/> 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.../>

**Heart O'Texas** - <https://www.hotfair.com/p/livestock-show--contests>

# IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENTS

## SEPTEMBER 9TH

MYERS PARK & EVENT CENTER / MCKINNEY

2023

## 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.



The members of Texas A&M AgriLife will provide equal opportunities in programs and activities, education, and employment to all persons regardless of race, color, sex, religion, national origin, age, disability, genetic information, veteran status, sexual orientation or gender identity and will strive to achieve full and equal employment opportunity throughout Texas A&M AgriLife. The Texas A&M University System, U.S. Dept. of Agriculture, and the County Commissioners Courts of Texas Cooperating

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# GOLD STAR BANQUET

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.

**Denton County Farm Bureau**  
**Terry & Heather Johnson Family**  
**Denton Kiwanis Club**  
**Denton County Ag Committee**  
**Al Petty Scholarship Fund**



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## **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

# GOLD STAR BANQUET



## 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 & PLA

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



# CLUB REPORTER PAGE



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 screenshot shows the website's navigation menu. A red arrow points to the '4-H' dropdown menu, which contains several options. Another red arrow points to the '4-H Newsletters' option. A third red arrow points to the submission form URL: <https://forms.gle/eEVRKcEnv|ZnVfsz5>. The page content includes a breadcrumb trail 'Home / 4-H Newsletters', a heading '4-H Newsletters', and a section titled 'Club Reporters' with a paragraph explaining the submission process.

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