



THE COLLIN CLOVER

Monthly Newsletter of Collin County 4-H

NEWS & FEATURES



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November Happenings

2023

November began with the District Food Challenge competition, where Collin County had 26 youth participate! Anna Magnuson and Averie Friesenhahn spoke at Commissioners Court about the One Day 4-H Service project that donated 600 canned food items to a local pantry. Youth geared up for livestock entries, where Collin County will have record numbers of youth participating in the spring across the state!

Upcoming Events

December

- 5th Rabbit Validation Wylie Campus
- 14th 4-H Christmas Party Myers Park (6-8pm)
- 25th Christmas Day / Office closed
- 26th Office Closed



January

1st Holiday / Office Closed



6-13th County Livestock Show

Myers Park

- 6th Rabbit Show / Poultry Show
- 7th Set Up
- 8th Swine showmanship
- 9th Swine show
- 10th Goat Show
- 11th Sheep Show
- 12th Cattle Show
- 12th Ribbon Auction



15th Martin Luther King Jr. Day

Office Closed

19-20 County Food Show

COUNTY BRAGS

Collin County 4-H

4-H Day in Aggieland



Jackson and Addison from Collin County Horns & Hooves club



Way to go Legacy 4-H club! They raised \$220 in gift cards (11 cards worth \$20 each), \$477 in cash, and \$1,293 in cans and other foods items (705 items total) for their Christmas Community Service event. Thank you to Market Street for your support.

THINGS YOU NEED TO KNOW

Collin County 4-H

**DISTRICT IV
4-H COMMUNITY SERVICE PROJECT**

**CHRISTMAS
TOY DRIVE**

Suggested Items:

Teens and Young Adults

- Gift Cards (Amazon, Ulta, Starbucks, Multi-Store, Barnes & Noble)
- Jewelry
- Electronics (Polaroid camera, Bluetooth speaker, mini projector)
- Nice Art Supplies (Strathmore paper, alcohol markers, watercolor pallets)

Young Children Toys

- Barbie Dolls & Accessories
- Baby Dolls
- Hot Wheel Cars & Accessories
- Lego Sets

Newborn Toys

- Teethers
- Soft Blocks
- Rattle Toys
- Attachable Stroller Toys

Toddler Toys

- Big Puzzles
- Leap Frog Toys
- Fine Motor Toys (Hoot the Owl, Wooden Harvest Toy, Busy Board, etc.)

BENEFITING  **Ronald McDonald House® Dallas**

Your donation helps ease the burden for families during their stay at the Ronald McDonald House during Christmas.



**RECOMMENDATION:
AS A CLUB
CONSIDER POOLING
YOUR MONEY TO
BUY THE MORE
EXPENSIVE ITEMS.**

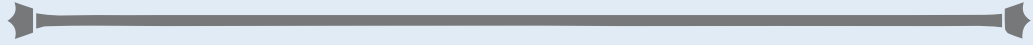
Gifts must be dropped off at your local Extension Office by December 1, 2023



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Are you interested in getting more involved with 4-H opportunities this upcoming Spring? Now is the time to take a look at all the options coming your way! Talk to your club manager or Amanda to learn more.

- County Food Show bake a dish and present it to a judge
- County Photography Contest show off your photo skills
- County AG Id Contest take a test on your agriculture knowledge
- County Crushing Adulthood learn life skills in a fun atmosphere

- District Entomology Contest March 9, 2024
- District Shooting Sports
- District Round Up so many contests, so little time!
- District Livestock Judging
- District Volunteer Conference learn about club management and ideas!
- Ultra Leadership Camp June 27-29th



COUNTY EVENTS

2023 - 2024

Fall



Spring

Christmas Party

December 14th

County Livestock Show

January

County Food Show

Jan. 19-20

County Photography Contest

Record Book Training

Crushing Adulting



2023-2024 COUNTY MEETING DATES!

JANUARY 8TH

MARCH 4TH

MAY 6TH

MYERS PARK

6:30 PM

Youth Officers will be teaching us about Leadership in our programs! Come for fun and educational learning games!

CLUB INFORMATION



FIELD & STREAM CLUB

Manager: Holly Norton

collinfands@gmail.com

When: NO December meeting

Where: Local Yocal Restaurant, McKinney, TX



HERITAGE 4-H CLUB

Manager: Mary Magnuson

4hheritageclub@gmail.com

When: December 11th

Where: Spring Creek BBQ, McKinney, TX



HORNS & HOOVES CLUB

Managers: Kelli Smart, Kristina Messenger

When: December 18th

Where: TBD / Melissa



LEGACY 4-H CLUB

Manager: Marie Rathgeb

info@legacy4h.club

When: NO December meeting

Where: Lovejoy High School



LONE STAR 4-H CLUB

Managers: Bridget Adell
Lori Bierman

bridgetadell@gmail.com
biermanlori@gmail.com

When: December 5th

Where: Creekwood UMC - House



MCKINNEY MERCENARIES ROBOTICS CLUB

Managers: Mary Mobley

mercenaryrobotics.com

When: Mondays & Wednesdays

Where: McKinney Airport



SUGAR HILL 4-H CLUB

Manager: James Callagher

callagher@msn.com

When: December 8th

Where: O.E. Carlisle Civic Center by Farmersville Library



WYLIE 4- H CLUB

Managers: Jamey Helms, Heather Schnoebelen
wylitexas4h@gmail.com

When: December 10th

Where: Biker Church in Wylie, TX

*Please email
for the latest
updates on
meeting times*

CHRISTMAS TRADITIONS



- Approximately 35 million living Christmas trees are sold each year in the U.S.; more than 45 million are planted.
- Mistletoe was held sacred by the Norse, the Celtic Druids, and Native American Indians, because it remains green and bears fruit during the winter when other plants seem to die.
- People in Iceland will often exchange books on Christmas Eve, then spend the rest of the night reading them and eating chocolate.
- Fruitcake originated in ancient Egypt, where it was considered essential for the afterlife.
- Round glass Christmas ornaments were inspired by the shape of apples. Apples were the original Christmas ornaments
- On December 23rd, in Oaxaca, Mexico, competitors carve nativity scenes into large radishes, which are proudly displayed at the Christmas market.
- It takes about 15 years to grow the average Christmas tree.

