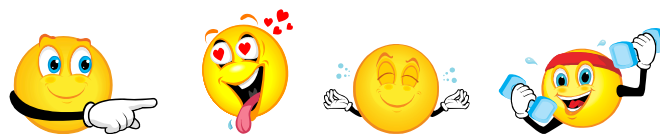


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## 4-H CALENDAR AND EVENTS

### November, 2015

- 10<sup>th</sup> – Major Livestock Show sign up, 6 pm, Extension office
- 18<sup>th</sup> – Nutrition Quiz Bowl
- 19<sup>th</sup> or 20<sup>th</sup> – Chicks for County Livestock Show arrive in Extension office
- 26<sup>th</sup>-27<sup>th</sup> – Extension office closed for Thanksgiving
- 30<sup>th</sup> – 4-H Council and VLAT meetings, Extension office

### December, 2015

- 4<sup>th</sup> – 4 pm, Deadline to enter County Livestock Show, Youth Fair and Photography Show
- 10<sup>th</sup> – Rabbit validation, Henrietta High School Ag Barn, 6-7 pm.

### January, 2015

- 7<sup>th</sup> - 9<sup>th</sup> – Clay County Junior Livestock Show & Youth Fair
- 25<sup>th</sup> – 4-H Council and VLAT meetings, Extension office

**If you have NOT enrolled in 4-H for the this year, this will be your LAST newsletter. Get enrolled TODAY!**



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*Bill Holcombe*  
Clay County, CEA-ANR

Our new Ag Agent is here – **BILL HOLCOMBE!** He hit Clay County at 8 am, Monday, Nov. 2, and has been running since. We are very glad to have him. Be sure and introduce yourself to him when you see him around town.

### **\* 4-H NEWS \***

#### Clay County 4-H Council Meeting-

These meetings provide the opportunity to meet new people, make new friends, and have input into what types of fun things the County 4-H Council will do. Council meetings run similar to club meetings, with the opportunity to join committees to provide leadership and planning on county activities, community service opportunities, and County 4-H Awards Night. Mark it on your calendar! The next County 4-H

Council meeting will be held at 6:00 p.m., Monday, November 30, at the County Extension Office.

Your 2015-2016 Council Officers are President: **Connor Chambers**, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice: **Holt Chambers**, Secretary: **Ashley Riddle**, Treasurer: **Jordan Davis**, Reporter: **Madeline Carlton**, Rec Officer: **Korri Franke**, Parliamentarian: **J Davis**, and District Delegates: **Kalico Burkes & Bodee Franke**.

#### 2015-2016 4-H Enrollment

– Re-enrollment for the 2015-2016 4-

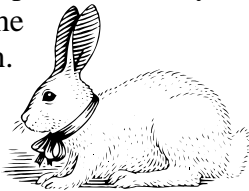
H year. **Participation fee is now \$25.00 per member.** If you have questions, just call the Extension office.

**DEADLINE to enter this year's Clay County Junior Livestock Show and Youth Fair is Friday, Dec. 4, 2015.** If you plan to show an animal in the County Livestock Show, enter in the Youth Fair or enter the Photography show, you must turn in your entry forms, photos and pay the entry fees by Dec 4. REMEMBER: You must have joined 4-H by Nov. 1 to be eligible to enter the Livestock Show, Youth Fair or Photography Show.

**\*LIVESTOCK NEWS\***

**Poultry Orders** –Poultry for the 2015 Clay County Junior Livestock Show will be in the Extension office between **Wednesday and Thursday, Nov. 18-19.** If you ordered chickens you must be here to pick up your order then. Also bring a box to put your chickens in.

**County Show Rabbit Validation** is set for 6-7 pm, Thursday, December 11, at the Henrietta Ag Barn. If you plan to show meat rabbits you must bring them at that time to be validated.

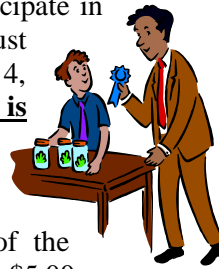


**Clay County Junior Livestock Show** is set for Thursday, Friday and Saturday, Jan. 7, 8, & 9, 2016. **DEADLINE** to enter the show is 4 pm, Friday, Dec. 4. **Entry forms are included with this newsletter.**

**\* FCS NEWS \***

**Clay County Youth Fair** will be Thursday, Jan. 7, 2016, at the Henrietta High School Cafeteria.

**REMEMBER:** to participate in the Youth Fair you must enter by Friday, Dec. 4, 2015. **Entry form is included with this newsletter.** You **MUST** fill out the front **AND** the back of the form. Cost this year is \$5.00 per category or photograph and all photos are also due on Friday, Dec. 5, 2014.



**Texas Proud of Texas Agriculture**

Texas 4-H and Youth Development Program announced the launch of the Texas Proud of Texas Agriculture Program. This is a collaboration between 4-H, FFA, and several Texas agriculture organizations. Its goal is to provide the youth of Texas interested in agriculture an accessible, tangible outlet for supporting agriculture and to motivate any youth to engage their respective communities in various creative, agriculture promotional efforts.

The mission of Texas Proud of Texas Agriculture is to build leadership in youth while helping them move forward with a common, unified message promoting the positives of agriculture across the state of Texas.

This initiative stresses three key messages, all of equal importance, about Texas agriculture:

1. Agriculture is critical to the life of every Texan. Without it, we would not survive. Leaders in agriculture will help shape the future.
2. Agriculture is more than just food and clothing. It contributes to your home, health, lifestyle and economy.
3. America's farming and ranching families care about their animals and their land.

To learn more, visit <http://texasproudoftexasag.org/>. The website provides valuable resources that will enable youth with an interest in agriculture to promote about the positives of the industry.

The resources available allow youth to walk through the toolkit to learn more about the three key messages and how to give a speech, write a letter, and/or plan an event.

In addition, this initiative could be an outcome program in your county. A model plan is being developed to allow you (the County Extension Agent) to lead the educational objectives of "Texas Proud."



Be on the lookout for PowerPoint presentation resources you can share with your 4-H'ers to guide them through this educational process. These presentations will include:

- Why is agriculture leadership important in having strong and positive voices across Texas
- How to have a social media presence
- How to give an educational speech promoting agriculture
- How to plan an informational event promoting agriculture
- How to write a letter to the editor promoting agriculture

In an effort to provide incentives for our youth, we will be posting different types of events and activities like photography contests, essay contests, and narratives highlighting a successful outreach event.

Also, you can "friend" Texas Proud on Facebook:

(<http://www.facebook.com/?ref=logo#!/pages/Texas-Proud-of-Texas-Agriculture/107741079327536?sk=wall>)

and Twitter:

(<http://twitter.com/#!/txproudtxag>).

**COMMUNITY SERVICE \***

**Clay County Mission Outreach** still needs volunteers. 4-Hers can help mark codes on canned goods, or they will find something for you to do and you will help a worthwhile cause. Call the Outreach at 940/538-4998 & set up a time that works for you or your club.

## \* 4-H Contests Results \*

**Clay County Food Show** was Thursday, October 15, 2015, at the Henrietta Home Economics Dept.



**Junior** winners were Magee Fain, 1<sup>st</sup>, and Faith Vogel 2<sup>nd</sup> in protein; Allison Marshall, 1<sup>st</sup> in fruit & vegetable; and Rylie LaMar, 1<sup>st</sup> in dairy. **Intermediate** winners were Westin Dillard, 1<sup>st</sup>, in protein; Katie Yurcho 1<sup>st</sup> in fruit & vegetable; Madeline Catron, 1<sup>st</sup> in grains and Ashley Riddle, 1<sup>st</sup> in dairy. **Senior** winners were Camrin Byers, 1<sup>st</sup> in fruit & vegetable; and Kylee Erickson, 1<sup>st</sup> in grains. All members will compete at the District 4-H Food Show Saturday, Nov. 7, in Vernon.

**District 4-H Food Show** was Saturday, Nov. 7, in Vernon. **Junior** participants were Magee Fain, protein; Allison Marshall, fruit & vegetable; Faith Vogel, grains; and Rylie LaMar, dairy. **Intermediates** were Katie, 2<sup>nd</sup> in fruit & vegetable; Ashley Riddle, 2<sup>nd</sup> in dairy; Madeline Catron, 5<sup>th</sup> in grains; and participant Westin Dillard in protein. **Seniors** were Kylee Erickson, 1<sup>st</sup> in grains and Camrin Byers, 5<sup>th</sup> in fruit & vegetable. Kylee will advance to the State Food Show held each year in June during State Roundup.

**“One day 4-H”** this year was **Saturday, Oct. 10, 2015**. Several 4-Hers around the county participated including



Madeline Catron, Katie Yurcho, Holt Chambers, Jordan Davis, J Davis, Ashley Riddle and Westin Dillard. They planted a new tree on the Clay County Court-house lawn.

**2014 District Food Challenge** was Wednesday, Oct. 28, in Jacksboro. Clay County 4-H had one **Junior-Intermediate** team to compete which included Madeline Catron, Westin Dillard, Maggie Fleming and Katie Yurcho. They came away with **FIRST PLACE** honors in Main Dish.

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For updates & new information on Clay County 4-H  
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**Clay County 4-H Clubs**  
Some 4-H Clubs do not meet during the summer months. If you are interested in attending a meeting, please be sure and check with the club leader(s).

**\*Henrietta 4-H Club\***  
1<sup>st</sup> Thursday of each Month – 6 pm  
1<sup>st</sup> United Methodist Church, Henrietta  
Sheila Catron Choate – 940/631-4370  
Michelle Wofford – 940/235-0817

**\*Clay County 4-H Horse Club\***  
Leader: Justin Hensley, 940/733-1320  
Call Justin for information

**\*Clay County Shooting Sports Club\***  
Call for meeting time and place  
Rifle & Pistol:  
Boyce Seigler – 940/538-4724  
Shotgun: Don Barry – 940/538-4733  
or Chris Riordan – 940/733-7435  
Archery: Brenda Moore – 940/928-2358

**\*Clay 4-H Livestock Club\***  
Leader: Nala Chambers – 940/538-0177  
3 pm, 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of each month  
Call for meeting place

**4-H Council & VLAT Meeting**  
Last Monday of Sept., Nov.  
Jan., Mar., & April at 6 pm,  
Clay County Extension Office

**Dates are tentative & subject to change.**

ALL PARENTS, 4-H MEMBERS &  
GUESTS ARE WELCOME  
AT ALL MEETINGS!  
Call the club leader or Extension office at  
940/538-5042 or 538-5052 for more  
information on any of these events!

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<http://texas4-h.tamu.edu/>  
**Clay County Ext.:**  
<http://clay.agrilife.org/>

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