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### 4-H Banquet Celebrates Youth

Colorado County 4-H members, families, friends and county leaders gathered at Columbus Junior High - Riverside Campus on August 11<sup>th</sup> to celebrate the conclusion of a successful 4-H year. The evening was focused on the accomplishments of Colorado County 4-H members and recognition of program supporters. The 2018-2019 4-H Council Officers presiding over the banquet included Robert Stavinocha, Zena Woods, Zane and Brooke Wanjura, Kase Weishuhn, Laurece Silcox, Nicole Hoelscher and Makenzie Thames. Rayel Aiken, Jack Dudensing, Jagar and Jase Rau assisted with the program presentations.

Recognitions for the evening began with Brooke and Zane Wanjura presenting the Friend of 4-H award to Dr. Michael Ridlen for his continued support of the 4-H program in Colorado County. Laurece Silcox recognized club managers from the eight clubs in the county and Trey Silcox presented them with a gift for their time spent with the clubs throughout the year. 4-H members who participated at District, State and National level contests, conferences, camps and more were also recognized. They included: Rayel Aiken, Garrett and Katharine Burnett, Jack Dudensing, Kasey and Paige Eggemeyer,



Addyson and Willa Fucik, Keegan Grissom, Liliana Hayner, Abigail and Danielle Hilley, Justin Jurek, Emma Koeth, Rowdy Kunz, Logan Mazac, Mylee Moffett, Cade Neumann, Sam Peacock, Jakelyn Primrose, Jagar and Jase Rau, Madeline Reich, Hudson Rowland, Madeline Schmidt, Gavin Schoeneberg, Laurece and Trey Silcox, Robert Stavinocha, Makenzie Thames, Taylr Tipton, Brooke and Zane Wanjura, Kase Weishuhn, and Zena Woods. Danielle Hilley recognized Nicole Hoelscher for receiving the Colorado County 4-H Scholarship presented by Colorado County 4-H Council. The following 2018 - 2019 Colorado County 4-H Record book Award recipients were recognized: Juniors - Jase Rau, Emma Koeth, Trey Silcox and Jack Dudensing; Intermediates Jakelyn Primrose, Kase Weishuhn, Brooke Wanjura and Abigail Hilley; Seniors - Robert Stavinocha, Laurece Silcox, Danielle Hilley, Zane Wanjura and Jagar Rau. This year the Bronze Star award was presented to Jack Dudensing. The Silver Star award recipients were Abigail Hilley and Kase Weishuhn and the Gold Star recipient was Danielle Hilley. Congratulations to all Colorado County 4-H members who "pledge their head to clearer thinking, heart to greater loyalty, hands to larger service, and health to better living for their club, their community, their country and their world.

## 4-H Reports to Commissioners Court

Colorado County 4-H Council officers and members attended Commissioners' Court on Monday, July 8, 2019 at 9:00 a.m. to give the Judge and Commissioners an update on 4-H activities in the county. The judge and commissioners were thanked for their continued support to the 4-H program and all members in attendance introduced themselves. Fifteen 4-H members were in attendance at the meeting. Ms. Horn presented highlights of current 4-H programming. The judge and commissioners were given a brochure highlighting all 4-H programming for the 2018–2019 4-H year .

### College Prep 101

#### Paying For College

The fall College Prep 101 Workshop Series will take place on Saturday, November 9th on the campus of Prairie View A&M University, Carden-Waller Building, 250 E.M. Norris Street, Prairie View, TX 77446. The topic of this workshop is "Paying for College" and it provides information about various scholarships, applying for financial aid, and building a strong financial foundation. This workshop is focused on youth in 8th grade and up.

Register for College Prep 101 at: [pvcahscollegeprep.eventbrite.com](http://pvcahscollegeprep.eventbrite.com).

## 4-H Council Elections and State Roundup

The Colorado County 4-H Council, Club Managers and Leaders met on Monday, May 20<sup>th</sup>. The meeting was held at the County Extension Office beginning at 6:30 p.m. Members discussed the Commissioners Court Interpretive event, the Circus of Health Fair and the Awards Banquet.

The election of officers was held with the following results: Chairman - Robert Stavinoha, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice-Chairman - Zane Wanjura, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice-Chairman - Laurece Silcox, 3<sup>rd</sup> Vice - Chairman - Brooke Wanjura, Secretary - Rayel Aiken, Treasurer - Zena Woods, Reporter - Kase Weishuhn, and Parliamentarian - Danielle Hilley.

State 4-H Roundup was held June 12-14 at Texas A&M University. Zane Wanjura and Robert Stavinoha participated in Public Speaking with Zane placing 9th. Laurece Silcox, Robert Stavinoha and Jagar Rau participated in the Consumer Decision Making contest and placed 10th with Robert being the 4th high individual. Rowdy Kunz and Sam Peacock participated in the Lead Academy, AG Product ID and the Outdoor Challenge. Contests.

## Circus of Health Fair

The Circus of Health Children's Back to School Health Fair was held on Saturday, July 20, 2019 from 9 a.m. until 11:00 a.m. at the Columbus Elementary School Cafeteria. 120 Youth and 73 adults joined in the family fun. Resources available at this event included seatbelt safety demonstrations, health screenings, emergency response, health and wellness resources, backpacks, school supplies, community programs, 4-H program information and more. 4-H members Jack Dudensing, Jase Rau, Rece and Trey Silcox, Danielle Hilley and Robert Stavinoha served snow cones to the participants. The 4-H'ers and Ja'Shae Horn, CEA-FCH spent time with the youth and adults visiting the 4-H booth giving out information



## Spring Validation Programs

**Heifers** - Anyone planning to show a heifer in the Spring 2020 major shows need to validate their animal(s) only once in their show career, unless they change ownership or breed. Validation for heifers will be held on **TUESDAY, OCTOBER 22nd from 5-6 pm at Colorado Valley Vet Clinic** in Columbus. Exhibitors must provide a color copy of the heifer's registration papers. **Heifers will not be validated if a color copy of registration papers are not presented.** Exhibitors may turn in a color copy of heifer registration papers to the Extension Office prior to the validation event. **Heifers MUST have appropriate identification tattoo and/or brand that matches registration papers at the time of validation.** There will be an \$18 fee for each heifer validated to be paid at time of validation. Please notify the Extension Office prior to October 1st if you wish to validate so we can anticipate how many to expect. Anyone who purchased lamb tags will also validate their lambs at this time

## Upcoming Happenings

**Enrollment is open on 4-H Connect**—You can now enroll for the new 4-H year on 4-H Connect. New this year is a fee increase. Your enrollment will cost \$25. Youth going into the 3rd grade should wait until September 1st to enroll so that 4-H Connect will not think that you are still a Clover Kid.

**4-H 101/201**—Saturday, September 14th at Coastal Bend College, Alice, TX, from 8:00 am-12:30 pm. Come learn about the different projects and activities 4-H has to offer and do some hands on learning in various project areas.

**2019 Washington County Fair Open Junior Steer & Heifer Show**—Sept. 14th, shows begin at 9:00 a.m. More information available at the Extension Office

**2019 Texas 4-H Rabbit Extravaganza**—Saturday, Sept. 14th at Belton, TX. Register by Wednesday, Sept. 10th. For more info visit: <https://texas4-h.tamu.edu/projects/rabbits/> or email [texas4Hadvisory@gmail.com](mailto:texas4Hadvisory@gmail.com).

**Car Seat Checkup (for parents)** — Friday, Sept. 20th from 10:00 am—1:00 pm at Eagle Lake Community Center, 100 N Walnut Ave, Eagle Lake, TX. For more information contact Ja'Shae Horn at 979-732-2530.

**Shooting Sports Coach Certification Training** —Sept. 21st and 22nd in Beaumont. Enroll on 4-H Connect and enrollment closes on September 5th. More information is available from [cory.hundl@ag.tamu.edu](mailto:cory.hundl@ag.tamu.edu).

**Texas 4-H Clover Guide** is available on the Texas 4-H website. The clover guides serves as an encyclopedia of projects, contests, and opportunities within Texas 4-H along with contact information for each entry. Use this guide as a resource for all that is available in Texas 4-H.

**Harris County 4-H Rabbit Clinic**—Saturday, November 2, 2019 at 12:00 pm at Crosby Fair Grounds, 14920 FM 2100, Crosby, TX 77532. Learn how to make a meat pen, breeding rabbits, the different judging contests for rabbits, feed, housing and much more.

**"Breaking The Mold"** to inspire new programs for youth development in Texas—Texas 4-H Summit, November 12-14, 2019 at the Texas 4-H Center, Brownwood, TX for Extension Agents and Youth Practitioners. Registration on 4-H Connect from Sept. 2-October 4.



# National 4-H Week



*October 6–12, 2019 is National 4-H Week.* 4-H members are encouraged to wear a 4-H t-shirt to school on Wednesday, October 9th, and any other time during this week. We will also be delivering goodies to local businesses, school administration offices, and other local entities. We would like to do this on Wednesday of 4-H Week. Public service announcements will be recorded at KULM on Tuesday, September 24, 2019 between 4:00 and 5:00 p.m. (This is a tentative date. Club managers will be notified closer to the event.) **If you are interested in participating in this activity call 732-2530 or email [srgrahmann@ag.tamu.edu](mailto:srgrahmann@ag.tamu.edu) to let us know.** Short 15 second, 30 second, and 1 minute Public Service Announcements will be available at KULM for you to use. We will also have our annual food drive campaign for the local food banks in the county on **October 12, 2019** from 9:00 a.m.–12:00 noon. Please contact a food store or other place in your community and let the Extension Office know where you plan to set up for this event by September 15th. If any club is also planning to have an individual community service project for One Day 4-H please send a report to the Extension Office to [srgrahmann@ag.tamu.edu](mailto:srgrahmann@ag.tamu.edu) and we will include it in the report to the State Office.

## 2019 Colorado County Fair

The 2019 Colorado County Fair is set for Wednesday, September 4th through Saturday, September 7th. Judging of Home Economics entries will be held Wednesday and livestock entries will be checked in on Wednesday by 6:00 p.m.

Fair Livestock Shows will begin on Thursday morning with hogs, lambs and goats in the show ring. Friday contests include broilers, rabbits, pen of three, commercial heifers, market steers, scramble heifers and junior beef heifer shows along with showmanship at the Colorado County Fair livestock arena. There will also be Breeding lamb and Prospect sheep shows as well as Breeding and Prospect Goat shows on Friday. The livestock judging contest will be held Saturday morning at 8:00 a.m. followed by the Junior sale at 1:00 p.m.

The livestock area clean-up will begin on Sunday at 8:00 a.m. and continue to all areas are cleaned up and all Sale animals are checked out.

More information about events, entertainers and vendors is available on the Colorado County Fair website at <http://www.coloradocountyfair.org/> and at <http://colorado.agrilife.org/>.

# Annual Fundraiser

The annual Colorado County 4-H Council fundraiser will get underway in October. Information and order forms will be given to club managers at the beginning of October. The fruit and nut orders are scheduled to be delivered on Thursday, December 5, 2019. All 4-H members are encouraged to participate in this county wide fundraiser. Proceeds from this fundraiser are used to fund all council sponsored activities including community service projects, scholarships, day camps, contest awards, postage and supplies for the 4-H newsletter, and the annual awards program. Funds also pay part of the expenses for leadership labs, State Round-

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## Welcome Back To School

### **"LIKE" OUR FACEBOOK PAGES!**

4-H updates and current happenings in Colorado County will be posted to the **"Colorado County 4-H TEXAS"** page as they occur. You can find the page by searching the quotes or going to: <https://www.facebook.com/pages/Colorado-County/161170703915573>

Colorado County Extension (ANR and FCH) updates and current happenings will be posted on the **"Colorado County Extension"** website. Find the page by going to: <http://Colorado.agrilife.org>.

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### **Important Websites**

Colorado Co. 4-H <http://colorado.agrilife.org/>

District 11 4-H <http://d114-h.tamu.edu>

Texas 4-H <http://texas4-h.tamu.edu/>

4-H Connect <https://texas.4honline.com>

Texas 4-H Alumni and Friends  
<http://texas4hfriends.org>

If you need any assistance or help is needed with any livestock projects, please call the office at 979-732-2082 to schedule a project visit. Call 979-732-2530 for other project information and/or assistance.

AgriLife Extension Office hours:

Monday-Friday 8am-5pm

Closed 12-1pm for lunch

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