



August 2023

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Lee County 4-H

Texas 4-H Roundup

Lee County had six 4-H members attend the 2023 Texas 4-H Roundup in College Station.

Earning 3rd place in Food Challenge-Appetizer were Emme Dallmeyer, Emma Lyon and Emma Smith. Emma Smith placed 6th in the Final Round of Public Speaking. Her topic was Healthy Trees for Healthier Communities.

Competing in Family and Community Health Quiz Bowl were team members Emme Dallmeyer, MiKayla Kothmann, Emma Lyon and Emma Smith. The team placed 5th in State.

Consumer Decision Making, a contest based on the skills of consumer observation, comparison and the ability to make a fact-based purchases. Lee County was represented by Caitlyn Grange, MiKayla Kothmann and Ethan Ray. MiKayla placed 14th in State as

Awards Program and Kick-Off Meeting

The 2023-2024 4-H year will kick-off at the Annual Awards Program on **SUNDAY, AUGUST 20**, at 2 pm, at the Family Life Center of St. John's Lutheran Church in Lincoln on FM 1624, just north of Hwy 21. Awards and Recognitions will be made for the accomplishments achieved last year.

With so many project areas represented through the Lee County 4-H membership, the Kick-Off Meeting and Awards Program is a great opportunity to introduce your friends and neighbors to what 4-H has to offer them. Bring a friend !!

This meeting counts as one meeting in the "meeting attendance requirement" for 4-H exhibitors at the **2024 Lee County Junior Livestock Show**.

Fried Chicken Dinner tickets will be distributed. This year, the FCD will be Sunday, September 20, on the grounds of Lincoln Community Hall. Families will also receive additional information regarding the upcoming county-wide fund raisers. Deadline to turn in ticket money and/or unsold tickets is Wednesday, September 13.

High Point Individual.

MiKayla Kothmann competed with an Educational Presentation in the category of Health and Wellness. Her topic was "The Best Place in the World is Inside a Hug".

Both Extension Agents, Geri L. Kline and Tonya Poncik, along with 4-H Volunteers Leaders, Shanna

Dallmeyer and John Grange attended Roundup. Teams were coached by Tonya Poncik.

Texas 4-H Roundup is the culmination of a 4-H member's year of hard work and dedication. First competing at the District Roundup, competitors must qualify in the top percentage of their subject area to earn a spot at State Roundup.

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Big Time in D9 !

The District 9 4-H Roundup, **Big Time in D9**, contests were held from April 27 - 29 in The Woodlands. Competition is divided into three age groups: Juniors, Grades 3-5; Intermediates, Grades 6-8; and Seniors, Grades 9-12. Contestants, whether competing as an Individual or a member of a Team, can earn High Point Individual (HPI) for scoring the highest in a particular area of competition.

In total, there were 27 Lee County 4-H members participating in the Big Time in D9 event. The 4-H competitors include:

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Emme Dallmeyer, Keely Dallmeyer, Caitlyn Grange, Trenton Grange, MiKayla Kothmann and Emma Smith. MiKayla Kothmann was 4th place High Point Individual and Emma Lyon was 5th place High Point Individual.

Consumer Decision Making

Lee County Senior Team placed 1st; team members Emma Smith, Emma Lyon, Emme Dallmeyer and MiKayla Kothmann. High Point Individuals were: Emma Smith 1st; Emma Lyon 2nd; Caitlyn 3rd, MiKayla 6th.

Fashion Storyboard

Emme Dallmeyer placed 3rd for her Fashion Storyboard in the category of jewelry.

Fashion Show

Kyndle Baldwin placed 1st in Junior Construction, Semi-Formal to Formal. Paizley Wise placed 1st in Intermediate Buying, Semi-Formal to Formal. Kimberly Wise placed 2nd in Junior Buying, Semi-Formal to Formal.

Food Challenge

Senior Team, Unchoppables, placed 1st. Team members were Emma Smith, Emma Lyon and Emme Dallmeyer. Senior Team, Common Cooks: Caitlyn Grange, Braden Meuth and Ethan Ray. Intermediate Team, Salty Heifers: Emma Behrens, Keely Dallmeyer and Kayden Church. Intermediate Team: Bacon Us Crazy: Hunter Church, Trenton Grange, Paizley Wise.

Food Show

Paizley Wise placed 2nd in Intermediate Healthy Dessert. Caitlyn Grange placed 3rd in Senior Main Dish. MiKayla Kothmann placed 3rd in Senior Side Dish. Kimberly Wise placed 4th in Junior Healthy Dessert.

Livestock Skillathon

Competing in Livestock Skillathon were Emme Dallmeyer, Caitlyn Grange and Trenton Grange.

Robotics

Placing 3rd Intermediate was the Lee County Green team with members Kamryn Ellis, Henry Kalmbach, Austin Morrow and Remington Stewart. Lee County Intermediates placed 7th with members Dylan Beck, Lukas Iselt, William Meuth and Jeremiah Warren. The Lee County Junior team, Isaiah Beck, David Fischer and Stihl Schubert placed 7th.

Public Speaking

Emme Dallmeyer placed 5th with her presentation "Livestock Show Ethics". Caitlyn Grange spoke on "Teen Mental Health".

Senior competitors, placing in the top three places earn the right to compete at the Texas 4-H Roundup.

Advancing to State

Contestants who have competed at the District level are eligible for a State qualifying contest. Those qualifying this year include:

Consumer Decision Making

1st Place Senior Team: Emme Dallmeyer, Emma Lyon, MiKayla Kothmann and Emma Smith.

Educational Presentation

1st Place, Mikayla Kothmann, Health & Wellness, presentation title "The Best Place in the World is inside a Hug".

Family and Community

Health Quiz Bowl

3rd Place, Lee Sr Team: Emme Dallmeyer, MiKayla Kothmann, Emma Lyon and Emma Smith.

Food Challenge

1st Place, Senior Team 'The Unchoppables': Emme Dallmeyer, Emma Lyon and Emma Smith.

Public Speaking

1st Place, Emma Smith, presentation title "Trees".

Livestock Show & Educational Contest Calendar

- ◆ **September 1, Friday**
LCJLS BRED COMMERCIAL HEIFER TAG ORDER
Exhibitors must preorder tags, ahead of Validation. At validation, a \$10/head fee will be charged.
- ◆ **September 10, Sunday**
LCJLS VALIDATION — LCJLS Show Barn, 1 pm - 3 pm
Steer; Halter Commercial Heifers; Bred Commercial Heifers
- ◆ **Sept 20, Wednesday, 6:30 pm**
Contest Organizational Meeting
Extension office (RSVP by noon)
Consumer Decision Making; Duds to Dazzle; Food Challenge; Family and Community Health Quiz Bowl
- ◆ **October 24, Thursday**
MAJOR SHOW SIGNUP MEETING
Extension Office; 9 am - 6 pm
4-H members who will exhibit/ compete at:
Sandhills Stock Show (Odessa)
Fort Worth Stock Show
San Angelo Stock Show
San Antonio Livestock Show
Houston Livestock Show
Rodeo Austin
- ◆ **November 1**
LCJLS OWNERSHIP DATE — Breeding Rabbits
LCJLS REGISTRATION DATE — Registered Heifers
- ◆ **November 12, Sunday**
LCJLS VALIDATION — LCJLS Show Barn, 1 pm - 3 pm

Major Show Entries Entry Due Dates

State Fair of Texas (Dallas) — **August 18**
 East Texas State Fair (Tyler) — **August 18**
 Heart of Texas (Waco) — **August 18**

Contact the Extension office if you are planning to be an Exhibitor and/or Contestant in Food Challenge, Livestock Judging and Public Speaking.

Lee County Stars 4-H Club Wins State Championship

by Dax Colosky, Reporter

Members of the Lee County Texas Stars (LCTS) 4-H Horse Club attended the 4-H State Horse Show July 22-28 in Bryan. The kids competed in many different events such as roping, halter, drill, sorting, barrels, poles, stockhorse pleasure, horsemanship, trail and more, with many placings in several events. The drill team won the State Champion title.

The LCTS club also attended the District 9 4-H Horse Show in Bryan June 21-22. Lee County had the biggest group attending the show with 18 kids competing in many different events bringing home almost 50 ribbons between them. The drill team took home another first place.

Shooting Sports Safety Meetings

Youth who plan to participate in the Shooting Sports program, must participate in a yearly Safety Meeting. Parents must attend the Safety Meeting with their Youth.

Safety Meetings for the 2023-2024 year have been scheduled in the Conference Room at the Extension office in Giddings.

Tuesday, August 22 @ 6 pm - 7 pm

Thursday, August 24 @ 5 pm - 6 pm

Tuesday, Sept 5 @ 5 pm - 6 pm



Congratulations to the Riders, Drill Masters, Club Manager, Parents and families of Lee County Texas Stars 4-H Club. Well Done !!



Former Lee County 4-H member, Reyse Jatzlau (holding trophy), now serves the 4-H program as a Drill Master with the Texas Stars.

Validation Tag Orders

**2024 Major Show Lamb & Goat
deadline — Friday, Aug 25, before 4:30 pm**

Deadline — August 25

\$15 per tag — currently accepting orders

Market Lamb *Market Goat*

Breeding Lamb *Breeding Goat*

Wether Dam *Wether Doe*

\$25 per tag — currently accepting orders

Major Heifers

Orders must be placed in person at the Extension office. No orders will be taken by phone, fax or email. The Extension office does not order "extra" tags.

Show entry is a separate process. Ordering tags does not enter the Exhibitor in any show.

MAJOR LIVESTOCK EXHIBITORS must have a Quality Counts number. Quality Counts is an on-line educational experience focused on quality assurance and character education. Quality Counts is designed to teach young people the importance of displaying good character in carrying out livestock projects, and in every aspect of their lives. Quality Counts helps youth exhibitors learn the importance of using proper livestock management practices so that food quality and safety are preserved.

Youth just beginning their show career, or moving to a new age level, will have to take/retake this test. Exhibitors are verified at the start of each grade category:

as a Junior (grades 3-5)

as a Intermediate (grades 6-8)

as a Senior (grades 9-12)

It is recommended to use Mozilla Firefox to complete the course and exam. Here is the website:

<https://texasyouthlivestock.com/quality-counts/>

Mark Your Calendars

Kids in the Kitchen is offering four different opportunities for practice and learning ...

Location:

Lee County Extension office
310 S Grimes, Giddings



RSVP by noon the day before.

Open to K - 12th Grade

Time: 4:30 pm - 6:30 pm

Dates: August 23 August 30

September 6 September 20

4-H Fried Chicken Dinner

The annual 4-H Fried Chicken Dinner (FCD) is scheduled for Sunday, September 17, at the **Lincoln Community Hall Grounds**. This will be a drive-through pick-up only. Serving begins at 10:30 am and continues until sold out.

Prep Day will be Saturday, September 16, which includes meat seasoning and cutting potatoes. Bring a cutting board and a kitchen knife. Prep Day will be at the Processing Plant, located at 1751 S Hwy 77 in Giddings. Start time is 8 am.

FCD Tickets will be \$15 each. Tickets will be distributed at the Awards Program/Kickoff Meeting, Sunday, August 20, at 2 pm, in the Family Life Center of St. John's Lutheran Church in Lincoln. After that date, FCD tickets can be picked up from the Extension office, during office hours.

Deadline to turn in money from ticket sales and/or unsold tickets is **Wednesday, September 13**.



and representing Lee County . . .

In June, during the District 9 Leadership Lab, Emme Dallmeyer was elected Chairman of the District 9 4-H Council. District 9, the southeast region of Texas, comprises 18 counties, stretching from Lee County across to the state border with Louisiana. Emme is also a member of the State 4-H Council.

In Lee County, Emme serves as President of the Dime Box 4-H Club and Chairman of the Lee County 4-H Council. She serves as a County and State Livestock Ambassador.

To be eligible for nomination to District 9, a 4-H member must have: at least 3 years of club membership, including the current year; be at least 14 years old, but not yet 19; have at least one year of high school remaining; attend at least one District Council

meeting during the current year; have served a term of office in your county's Council (or TASK force or Ambassador program); and be recommended by your County Extension Agent.



Emme Dallmeyer

Participation with District Council is an investment in leadership development, serving as positive role models for other 4-H members. Officers will work with Extension faculty in planning and conducting District events and activities. In addition, they will seek opportunities to expand and diversify audiences and programs of the Texas 4-H Youth Development Program.

Enrollment Time Again

Each year 4-H members must enroll using the **4-H ONLINE** on-line system. Each year 4-H members must enroll using the **4-H ONLINE** on-line system. adult members directly involved your enrollment is paid.

<https://v2.4honline.com/>

FEES & DATES

- enrollment opens August 15
3rd graders should register after Sept. 1
- cost is \$25/member and \$10/volunteer
- enrollment after Oct. 31 is \$30/member

4-H ONLINE is the official registration system for youth and

4-H ONLINE is a secured database that is in compliance with the PCI Security Standards Council. Enrollment can be paid on-line with either a debit or credit card. The Texas 4-H Foundation does not accept personal checks. Should you need to pay with cash or check, contact the Lee County Extension office directly.

4-H ONLINE is a partnership between the 4-H Family and the County Extension office. Each 4-H Family is encouraged to become familiar with **4-H ONLINE**, as there could be several times throughout the year that you'll need to resource the program; i.e., contest/event registrations, horse and dog animal validations.

Once your enrollment payment has been processed, the status listed by your **4-H ONLINE** profile will say "**ACTIVE**". Without an "**ACTIVE**" status, members cannot register for a contest/events.

The County Extension office can **NOT** activate your membership until

ADULT VOLUNTEERS who will transport 4-H members (other than your own household members) to meetings, contests, events, etc., are required to be screened through the Texas 4-H Youth Protection Standards and complete a Volunteer Training. Volunteer fees for CLUB MANAGER fees are paid by the Lee County Parents Volunteer Association (PVA).

RETURNING FAMILIES

DO NOT create a new family profile. Contact the Extension office should you need assistance logging into your account. Multiple profiles interrupt how membership history is tabulated.

Confirm the School name listed. While grades advance, the system does not advance to the next school.

Correct any email, physical mailing address or phone numbers.

If you are new to Lee County, but were in a 4-H in another County, Contact the Extension office for assistance.

THIRD GRADERS

should register **AFTER Sept 1**

Youth who are 8 years old and going into the 3rd grade, should **WAIT TO ENROLL UNTIL AFTER SEPTEMBER 1**.

The 4-H member age is calculated as of August 31 each year.

Enrollments added before August 31, would cause a member's age to be calculated in the last 4-H year, not the current year, causing their enrollment to be classified as a Clover Kid, restricting their ability to compete in contests/events.

4-H Council & Club Mgr / PVA

LEE COUNTY 4-H COUNCIL — All Club Presidents and Council Delegates should attend the County Council meetings. The Club Vice-President and Alternate Council Delegates attend when Presidents and Council Delegates are unable. The voting members of the County Council include the current Council officers and the two voting Delegates from each Club.

CLUB MGR / PVA — The Lee County Parent Volunteer Association is open to all 4-H Club Managers, Leaders and Parents. Each Leader/Parent who attends the meeting has a vote. Club Managers are asked to attend in order to keep their Club updated on activities and opportunities as well as plan County activities and events.

Meeting Times

Council — 6 pm

Club Mgr/PVA — 7 pm

Meeting Dates

September 25

January 22

October 23

February 14

November 27

March 25

December 11

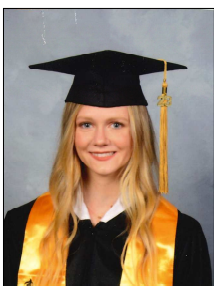
April 22*

Council only; Christmas Party

elections of officers

PVA 4-H Scholars 2023

Congratulations to the 2023 PVA 4-H Scholars !

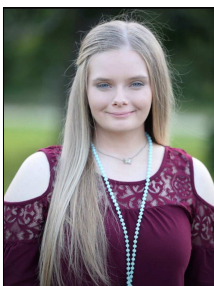


Reagan Hinze

Reagan has 11 years as a Lee County 4-H member. She is a member of the Serbin 4-H Club. Reagan will major in Biomedical Science.

Emily Schulze

Emily began with Lee County 4-H in 2014. She's a member of the Serbin 4-H Club. Emily will continue her studies in Public Health/Nursing.



MiKayla became a member of Lee County 4-H in 2020. She's a member of Dime Box 4-H Club. MiKayla will pursue a degree in Biology.

MiKayla Kothmann

Emma has been a part of Lee County 4-H since 2013. She's a member of Northwest Lee County 4-H. Emma will pursue studies in Political Science.

Emma Smith



4-H Participation in Community Service

Throughout the year, the Lee County 4-H Council Officers lead Community Service projects, learning leadership skills while helping the community. If your youth is interested in more community service projects, 4-H Council meetings are open to all enrolled 4-H members. Current projects for the 2023-2024 4-H year include:

- Annual County 4-H Clubs Canned Food Drive
- Soda Tabs for Ronald McDonald House
- Items for Bec's Blessings **
- Color a Smile **
- Meals on Wheels **
- Gobble Kits \ Thanksgiving - November**
- Thank You Notes \ Volunteer Recognition Month - April **
- Snacks for Students **

** Information forthcoming. Watch your 4-H NEWS emails for details.



Lee County 4-H Clubs have donated food to the Giddings Food Pantry for several years.

Educational Contests

If you are planning to participate in an Educational Contest at a Major Livestock Show, please make your intent known to the Extension office **NOW**. The chart below identifies what Shows offer which contests.

Teams are being form and practice sessions are being scheduled.

	Consumer Decision Making	Food Challenge	Livestock Judging
Rodeo Austin			✓
San Antonio	✓	✓ Individuals only	✓
Houston		✓	✓

Record Books

Congratulations to the Lee County 4-H members whose Record Books competed in the District Record book competition.

Junior
Isaiah Weston, Rabbits

Intermediate
Lukas Iselt, STEM

Dylan Weston, Rabbits



Lukas Iselt won 2nd Place at District competition with his Intermediate STEM record book.



Lee County Wildlife Association Hunter Education Training Sat. September 23

8:00 am - 3:30 pm

Lee Co. Extension Office

310 S. Grimes Street - Giddings

Must pre-register at link listed below:

<https://tpwd.elementlms.com/course/hunter-education-classroom-course-9042/>

\$15 Registration

Includes lunch, and class materials.
-Payable day of training-

LCWA will sponsor registration for any youth 17 and under and members with a current paid membership.

Class limit of 50

no walk-ins excepted.

Certified Instructor

Bobby Eichler



- ◆ Every hunter born on or after Sept. 2, 1971 must take course.
- ◆ Minimum age of certification is 9 yrs. of age.
- ◆ Must get at least 75% correct to pass course.
- ◆ Student must have individual email address to retrieve and print certification card from.
- ◆ 17 and under must successfully complete hunter education or purchase a "Hunter Education Deferral," and must be accompanied.

Sponsored by: Lee County Wildlife Association & Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service

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LCWA
Lee County Wildlife Association

August 2023

Lee County 4-H

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
4-H Awards Program 2 pm St. John's Lutheran Church in Lincoln		Shooting Sports Safety Meeting 6 - 7 pm	Kids in the Kitchen 4:30 - 6:30 pm	Shooting Sports Safety Meeting 5 - 6 pm	Major Show Entry Deadline - State Fair of Texas, East Texas State Fair, Heart of Texas	Deadline Major Show Lamb & Goat Tag Orders <hr/> Major Heifer Tag Orders
27	28	29	30	31		
			Kids in the Kitchen 4:30 - 6:30 pm			

September 2023

Lee County 4-H

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
		Shooting Sports Safety Meeting 5 - 6 pm <hr/> NW Lee County 4-H Club 7 pm	Kids in the Kitchen 4:30 - 6:30 pm <hr/> Giddings 4-H Club 7 pm	STEM Club 5 pm	Major Broiler Orders due	
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
Dime Box 4-H Club 5 pm	Texas Stars 4-H Club 6:30 pm		Serbin 4-H Club 6:30 pm	Shooting Sports Club 6:30 pm		4-H Fried Chicken Dinner Fundraiser Prep 8 am
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
4-H Fried Chicken Dinner Fundraiser <hr/> Doak Springs 4-H Club 6 pm	Lincoln 4-H Club 7 pm		Kids in the Kitchen 4:30 - 6:30 pm ***Contests Meeting 6:30 Pm			Hunter Education 8 am - 3:30 pm Pre-Registration required
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
	4-H Council 6 pm Club Mgr/PVA 7 pm					

*** Contest Organizational Meeting - Consumer Decision Making, Food Challenge, FCH Quiz Bowl, Fashion Show, Duds to Dazzle