

Clay County

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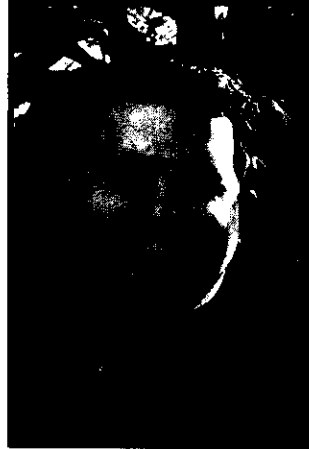


Population: 11,389

White: 91.7%
Hispanic: 4.8%
Black: .5%
Other: 3.0%



Sherri Halsell
CEA-FCH
MS: Agriculture Science
Extension Tenure: 20.34
Extension/ER Tenure: 28.89
Level: IV



Bill Holcombe
CEA-AG/NR
MS: Agriculture Science
Extension Tenure: 13.08
Extension/ER Tenure: 13.08
Level: II

County Category/Faculty/Support Staff:

- **Category:** 4
- **Faculty:** 1 CEA-AG/NR, 1 CEA-FCS
- **Support Staff:** 1 Full Time County Secretary

Total County Contribution

Last Year	This Year	Difference
\$114,125	\$118,497	\$4,372

4-H Enrollment

Year	Enrollment	Organized Clubs	Curriculum Enrichment / Special Interest
2018	2,299	131	2,168
2017	1,134	146	1,228



Total Volunteers

Year	Total Volunteers	Volunteer Hours	Value Per Hour	Value of Volunteer Time
2018	911	3,154	\$24.14	\$76,137.56
2017	861	3,098	\$23.56	\$72,988.88

Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service Educational Program Impacts

Family and Community Health:

- **Healthy Life Style for Adults** was adopted in an effort to promote better health for the adults of Clay County by providing healthy programs. **Master of Memory** and **Medication Management** were programs offered with 21 attending.
- **Bicycle Safety Program** was presented to 258 3rd-5th graders from Henrietta Elementary with 105 students receiving new bicycle helmets sponsored by Texas Medical Association, Henrietta PTO and Dr. T. David Greer. Sessions included: the importance of wearing helmets while riding a bike, knowing the rules of the road, the importance of physical exercise and that riding bikes is an excellent source, bike safety, brain injuries and bike maintenance check list.
- **Better Living for Texans Programs** were adopted in an effort to promote better health for the adults of Clay County by providing healthy programs. **A Fresh Start to a Healthier Living** program was taught to six individuals in the county. The four-lesson series is a holistic adult-learning series that uses practical experience and information to help change lives and improve health.
- **Hand Washing** program was presented in September to 443 Pre K – 5th students and five adults. Two 4-H members helped conduct this program for leadership experience.

Agriculture and Natural Resources:

- **Spring Ag Seminar** was presented in an effort to promote local agriculture vendors as well as to educate producers on a variety of Ag related issues. 165 people attended the vendor session and 45 attended the evening seminar where topics such as Veterinary Feed Directive, Pasture Weed Control, Cattle Market, and Cover Crops were presented. 61% said they would adopt something from the program and the economic impact was \$250,000.
- **Clay County Pond Management Seminar** Two specialists and county Extension agent presented topics covering Algae Identification, Benefits of Pond Fertilization, Fish Stocking, Reclaiming Your Pond, and Pond Management Tools. There were 18 land owners present.
- **Beef Cattle Field Day** Topics including Body Condition Scoring, Vaccine Protocols, Spray rate program, Pasture Weed Identification and Path to Plate. The field day reached 50 producers.
- **Clay and Montague County Hay Show** Twenty-seven participants received information on topics including Hay Judging, Forage Types, Hay Testing Results, and Weed Control presented by one specialist and the County Extension Agent.
- **Result Demonstrations** - Conducted three Livestock/Forage Related Result Demonstrations: Forage Trial on Coastal Bermuda, Kline Grass, Little Bluestem, and Bdahl; one Mesquite Basal Treatment Trial using Oil Based treatments; one Mesquite Basal Treatment using Water Based treatments. Also conducted a Native Plant Flower Bed Demonstration and Texas Quail Initiative.
- **Clay County Pecan Field Day** Thirty-two participants received information on Orchard Preparation, Pecan Pests, Pecan Tree Maintenance, and Fertilization Rates presented by one volunteer presenter, three specialists, and the County Extension Agent
- **National Earthkind Rose Trial - Established May 22, 2017** Fifteen committee members and Agent have maintained 48 rose bushes in trial bed during establishment year. Agent and committee solicited \$1200 in cash and in kind donations to purchase roses and establish the trial bed.

4-H and Youth Development:

- **4H Contests:** Three Clay County shooting sports members attended the state 4-H Rifle and Pistol Contest. Six other youth traveled to Texas 4-H Roundup for state competition and one of them received a \$20,000 4-H scholarship as recognition of his hard work in 4-H. In addition, one Clay County 4-H leader was recognized as an outstanding 4-H Leader by Texas 4-H. One 4-Her also won Best in Show with her entry in the State 4-H Photography Contest. We had four Clay County 4-Hers attend and compete at the Texas 4-H State Horse Show with one of them winning 1st in state in the Team Sorting event. We also had 59 4-H youth participate in District 4-H contests throughout the year. The County 4-H awards banquet was held in August with 120 people in attendance. Youth, adult volunteers, 4-H officers, and club managers were recognized for their outstanding efforts.
- **County 4-H Leadership Retreat** was held in October and 65 4-Hers from across the county attended. In addition, for the One Day 4-H project, 4-Hers collected donations for hurricane relief efforts. Clay County 4-Hers, in cooperation with drives organized at local schools, collected and sent three trailer loads of donations and supplies to hurricane survivors in Houston, Port Aransas, and Beaumont. Following this up, they put together another local service effort where they made 205 chew toys for the local animal shelter dogs.
- **When Sean Speaks** A county wide anti drinking program "When Sean Speaks" was presented to 650 Clay County Jr. High School students.
- **Hunters Education** - In August, 15 youth participated in cooperation with Texas Parks and Wildlife.
- **H2O Fair** Seventy-two 5th grade students and four teachers. Lessons included Rainfall Simulation, EnviroScape Water Pollution, Incredible Water Journey, Stream Trailer, 40 Gallon Water Challenge, Xeriscape, and Water Safety. There were eight volunteers, including LAB members, that helped with this program by contacting speakers, presenting sessions, and guiding students from Elementary school to the parking lot. 8 volunteers helped present .
- **FCH 4H** - 198 individuals participated in the following FCH Events: Youth Fair, Food Show, Fashion Show, Food Challenge, Photography, Cooking in the Kitchen, Food and Clothing Workshops at county, district and state levels. A total of 271 entries were made.
- **Ag in the Classroom** - 200 3rd and 4th graders from throughout the county participated in a cooperative program with Clay County Farm Bureau and NRCS. Lessons on cotton, farm machinery, feed rations, wheat and corn commodities, beef cattle production, small animal programs, and erosion control were presented. Adult and youth volunteers assisted with teaching and feeding participants.

Community Resource and Economic Development

- **LAB Committee** planned and implemented the Hello Neighbor Tour with members making contacts for tour locations. This year the tour was to Nocona, Texas with 48 attending. Tree Outreach program had 18 attend.
 - **Pioneer Float Parade Committee** plans and implements the Pioneer Parades, members from LAB are part of this committee. 137 entries, two day parades. Agent secures and trains eight parade judges.
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