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## *Clover Connection*

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### Henderson County Youth Bring Home Awards from 4-H Roundup

Henderson County youth brought home numerous awards from the annual Texas 4-H Roundup held at Texas A&M University in College Station last week.

Justin Jones, Stacey Adams and Kody Alexander finished 10<sup>th</sup> in the Senior Robotics Division.

Madi Gurley and Elijah Harrison placed 3<sup>rd</sup> in the Intermediate Robotics Division and Joshua Jones, Kimberly Adams and Kadence Marquez placed 5<sup>th</sup> in the Intermediate Robotics Division.

Andrew Childress placed 3<sup>rd</sup> in the Intermediate division of Ag Product ID.

Bryce Parish placed 3<sup>rd</sup> in his Archery division.

Texas 4-H Roundup is the pinnacle event for all of Texas 4-H, with more than 4,000 participants competing in approximately 50 diverse competitions throughout the week-long event. The majority of the events require each individual or team to qualify at the county and district level.

With one major 4-H event wrapping up we are off to our next this week. That means it's time for camp! Looking back on our childhood experiences, many of us probably attended a camp of some sort. In my younger days I remember attending many 4-H project camps. Those camps gave me the opportunity to get hands-on experience in a variety of areas.

From learning to groom and show my sheep, designing and creating my very own t-shirt and matching tote bag using puff paint and rhinestones (those things were really cool back in the early 90's!) and also how to prepare and present my foods and nutrition projects.

One of the most memorable 4-H camps I attended was a week-long clothing and textiles camp that was held at the University of Nebraska's Fashion and Design department on campus. This was an awesome experience that immersed me in clothing and textiles and fashion design. It definitely made up for that one summer my mom wouldn't let me participate in the "make your

own MC Hammer pants” workshop. While I was pretty upset at the time for not getting to participate, I realize now Mom was actually doing me a favor.

This week brings our District 5 4-H Leadership Lab Camp. This experience is designed for youth in grades 8-12. We’ll be packing up a rented Dodge Caravan and heading to Laneville to the Pine Springs Baptist Camp. We’ve got four 4-Her’s attending, two of them are current District Council Officers and will be helping put on the sessions.

While the camp bunkbed mattresses seem to get a little harder each year as I get older and I need a little more coffee to get going in the morning, I thoroughly enjoy getting to take kids to camp. The camaraderie, s’mores and campfire vespers make for priceless memories. It makes me smile to think that someday they will look back and smile about their own camp experiences.

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