**Deaf Smith County 4-H News – Oct. 15, 2015**

**4-H COAT DRIVE for ONE DAY –** Bring monetary donations and gently-used coats of all sizes (no hoodies or sweaters) by the 4-H office as soon as possible.  Donated coats must be clean and in good condition. Checks should be payable to “Hereford EMS.” We need youth and adults to volunteer to help hand out coats from **5-7 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 29,** at the hospital. This activity is One Day community service.

**COUNTY FOOD SHOW – County Food Show will be at 4:00 p.m. Friday, Oct. 16**, at the local 4-H building. If you cannot participate on Friday, contact Amalia for an individual judging time. Contest information is available online at:

<http://d14-h.tamu.edu/files/2010/07/2015-2016-Food-Show-Letter.pdf>

**SWINE, SHEEP & GOAT VALIDATION – Sheep and Goat Validation will be next week, from 5:30-8:00 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 22, at the Project Center. Swine Validation is tentatively scheduled Saturday, Nov. 14.**

**STATE PHOTOGRAPHY CONTEST** – The Texas State Preservation Board in partnership with the Texas 4-H Youth Development Program are pleased to present an annual photography contest for members of the Texas 4-H and FFA Programs. This photography contest allows 4-H and FFA members to showcase ***Texas Agriculture*** through photos. A select number of the photographs will be displayed in the Texas State Capitol Agriculture Museum in 2016. Photos will remain on display for one year in the Agriculture Museum. **Entry Period:**  Sept. 24, 2015 to Dec. 10, 2015.

**Entry Location:** <http://tx4-h.tamu.edu/photo>

**IMPORTANT 4-H DATES:**

**\*Local 4-H activities highlighted in yellow**

**THURSDAY, OCT. 15 – Family Bowling Party, 5:30-8 p.m. (Bring gently-used coats for coat drive)**

**FRIDAY, OCT. 16 – County Food Show, 4:00 p.m.**

FRIDAY, OCT. 16 – HHS football game against Canyon (Canyon)

**MONDAY, OCT. 19 – Rabbit Club, 5:30 p.m. (Bring gently-used coats for coat drive)**

              FRIDAY, OCT. 23 – HHS football game against Caprock (Home)

**Lamb/Goat Validation at Project center, 5:30-8:00 p.m.**

**MONDAY, OCT. 26 – Scholarship and college training for high school students, 6 p.m.**

**TUESDAY, OCT. 27 – Showmanship Club for livestock exhibitors, 6 p.m.**

**WEDNESDAY, OCT 28 – County Council (all 4-H youth, 3rd-12th grade, welcome) 5:30 p.m.**

**THURSDAY, OCT. 29 - ONE DAY Coat Drive work day at local hospital, 5-7 p.m.**

FRIDAY, OCT. 30 – HHS football game against Dumas (Dumas)

**MONDAY, NOV. 2 – STOCK SHOW SIGN-UP NIGHT, 6:00-8:00 p.m.**

**WEDNESDAY, NOV. 4 – Food & Fun Club, 4:15 p.m.**

**THURSDAY, NOV. 5 – Clover Kids for 1st-2nd graders, 5:30 p.m.**

              FRIDAY, NOV. 6 – HHS football game against Palo Duro (Home)

**NOV. 6-7 – District Fall Round-Up: Quiz Bowls, Food contests, SET poster contest, Skill-A-Thon, Ag Product ID**

**MONDAY, NOV. 9 – Rabbit Club, 5 p.m.**

*NOVEMBER 11 – Veteran’s Day: County offices closed*

**SATURDAY, NOV. 14 – Swine Validation at Project Center, 9:30 a.m.**

              *NOV. 26-27 – Thanksgiving Holiday: County offices closed*

**MONDAY, NOV. 30 – 4-H/FFA Booster Club, 6 p.m.**

**WEDNESDAY, DEC. 2 – County Council (all 4-H youth, 3rd-12th grade, welcome) 5:30 p.m.**

**MONDAY, DEC. 7 – Rabbit Club, 5 p.m.**

**WEDNESDAY, DEC. 9 – Food & Fun Club, 4:15 p.m.**

**SATURDAY, DEC. 12 – County Project Show, 9:00 a.m. at Little Bull Barn**

*DEC. 24-25 – Christmas holiday: County offices closed*

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**JAN. 14-16 – HEREFORD LIVESTOCK SHOW at County Bull Barn**

**MONDAY, JAN. 18 – STOCK SHOW SALE at HISD Administration Building**

 **Unless otherwise noted, all local 4-H activities are at the offices of Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service, located at 903 E. 14th St., Hereford**

