**Deaf Smith County 4-H News – Jan. 13, 2016**

**4-H EXCUSED ABSENCES: Deaf Smith County 4-H has adjunct faculty status as an approved extracurricular organization with the HISD School Board in compliance with the Texas Education Code. If you have requested and been approved for an excused absence (before your absence) through the 4-H office, *there is no need for a parent note***. **Should you have any questions or problems with school attendance records, please feel free to contact the Extension office.**

**4-H LEADERSHIP OPPORTUNITY: We need a few older 4-H members with Animal Project experience to serve as teen leaders for Clover Kids at the local stock show from 5:30-6:30 p.m. on Friday, Jan. 15, at the Bull Barn.** The teens are needed to explain the basics of raising livestock for exhibition and answer questions from 1st-2nd graders. Call the Extension office, 364-3573, to sign up.

**REMINDERS: Hereford Stock Show youth exhibitors are *required* to help Clean-up on Sunday, Jan. 17, at the County Bull Barn.** The Premium Sale will be Monday, Jan. 18, at the HISD Administration Building, beginning at 5 p.m. (See detailed stock show schedule below.)

**TRAILER RAFFLE tickets are for sale now through the local Extension office at $100 each. The reverse drawing will begin on Saturday at the local stock show.** Chances of winning are one in 125. Proceeds support of ***The Jim Marsh Memorial 4-H Scholarship* Fund**.  When you purchase a ticket for a chance to win a 14' W & W stock trailer, you are helping to support and encourage our local youth to become our leaders of tomorrow.

**SPRING 4-H CONTESTS at the District level will be held April 21-23 in Canyon.** These competitions will include Fashion Storyboard, Duds to Dazzle, Livestock Judging, Consumer Decision-Making, Educational Presentations, Share-the-Fun and Fashion Show. Please save those dates if you wish to compete on the district level. We will announce specific dates and times as soon as those are confirmed.

**LOST & FOUND:** We have a Jenga game left over from the Christmas party. Contact our office to claim it, please.

**IMPORTANT 4-H DATES:**

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

**Thursday, January 14th**

                    4:00-7:00 p.m. – Weigh barrows and gilts.

**Friday, January 15th**

2:00-5:00 p.m. – Weigh sheep and goats.

6:00 p.m. – Pig Show

**Saturday, January 16th**

7:30 – 9:00 a.m. – Weigh-in heifers and steers

                 8:00 a.m. – Rabbits in place

                    9:00 a.m. – Rabbit Show

                    11:00 a.m. – Goat & Sheep Show

                                             Heifers and Steers will show immediately following

**Turn in “All About ME” form to stock show office by 1:00 p.m. Saturday for Premium Sale**

**Sunday, January 17th – CLEAN UP**

                                        1:00 p.m. – All stock show exhibitors cleanup at the Bull Barn.

**Monday, January 18th – SALE**

Premium Sale at HISD Administration Building

                                        5:00 – Supper for all Exhibitors at the HISD Admin. Building

                                        5:30 – Group Picture

                                        5:45 – Doors open to public and begin serving

                                        6:30 – Invocation and Auction will begin

                    **Friday, Febuary 12th**

Final day to turn in 4-H Animal Project Records and proof of Thank You notes to the Extension Office.

**FRIDAY, JAN. 15 – Clover Kids, *From the Farm to the Table* program at Hereford Stock Show, County Bull Barn, 5:30 p.m. on north side of west entrance**

**FRIDAY, JAN. 15 - First draft of State 4-H Scholarship due to** **sfclawson@ag.tamu.edu** **for district review (optional)**

**SUNDAY, JAN. 17, 1:00 p.m. – Stock Show Mandatory clean-up of Bull Barn; Bring tools (shovels, rakes, etc.) and sensible work clothes (closed-toe shoes, gloves, jackets)**

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

**WEDNESDAY, JAN. 20 – Clothing Club, 4:30-5:30 p.m. All 4-H members welcome.**

**FRIDAY, JAN. 22 – Complete State Scholarship application due to County office for final review**

**WEDNESDAY, JAN. 27 – County Council (all 4-H youth, 3rd-12th grade, welcome) 5:30 p.m.**

**MONDAY, FEB. 1 – FINAL DEADLINE TO SUBMIT STATE SCHOLARSHIP SIGNED FORMS AND APPLICATIONS DUE TO COUNTY OFFICE**

**FRIDAY, FEB. 12 – DEADLINE to submit Animal Project Records and Thank You notes to buyers**

**WEDNESDAY, FEB. 17 – Clothing Club, 4:30-5:30 p.m.**

**WEDNESDAY, FEB. 24 – County Council for all 4-H members, 5:30 p.m.**

**MONDAY, FEB 29 – 4-H Public Speaking Workshop for all interested members**

**THURSDAY, MARCH 17 – Registration opens for Spring District Roundup contests on** [**4-H Connect**](https://texas.4honline.com/)

**FRIDAY, MARCH 25 – Good Friday; County offices closed**

**MARCH 28-APRIL 1 – HISD STAAR Tests – No 4-H Activities**

**THURSDAY, APRIL 7 – DEADLINE to register for Spring District Roundup contests on** [**4-H Connect**](https://texas.4honline.com/)

**APRIL 21-23 – District Roundup for all Spring contests in Canyon (Storyboard, Duds to Dazzle, Livestock Judging, Consumer Decision-Making, Educational Presentations, Share-the-Fun, Fashion Show)**

**MAY 2-6 – STAAR Testing at HHS – No 4-H activities**

**MAY 9-13 – HISD STAAR Tests – No 4-H Activities**

**FRIDAY, MAY 20 – DEADLINE to submit bills for Texas 4-H Congress**

**MONDAY, MAY 30 – Memorial Day; County offices closed**

**JUNE 6-10 – Texas 4-H Roundup in College Station**

**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**

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