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

**If you plan to miss any school days for the Hereford Stock Show, Jan. 14-15, you need to contact our office, 364-3573, *this week* to request an excused absence. All requests must be made *by Friday, Jan. 8***. We will automatically check academic eligibility for all exhibitors, in keeping with UIL rules.

**REMINDERS: Hereford Stock Show youth exhibitors are *required* to help Set-up & Clean-up on Saturday, Jan. 9, and 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.** 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.

**Most of the 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.

**IMPORTANT 4-H DATES:**

**FRIDAY, JAN. 8 – DEADLINE to request excused absence for Hereford Stock Show**

**FRIDAY, JAN. 8 – DEADLINE to enter rabbits in the San Angelo Stock Show**

**SATURDAY, JAN. 9, 9:00 a.m. – Mandatory Set-up for Hereford Livestock Show at Bull Barn; Bring tools (shovels, rakes, etc.) and sensible work clothes (closed-toe shoes, gloves, jackets)**

**MONDAY, JAN. 11 – First draft of State 4-H Scholarship due to** **klsteiert@ag.tamu.edu** **for local review (optional) Go to** [**http://texas4-h.tamu.edu/scholarships/**](http://texas4-h.tamu.edu/scholarships/) **for forms and guidelines**

**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.**

**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**

**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**

**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**

**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)**

**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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