**Deaf Smith County 4-H News – July 27, 2016**

**Animal Entries for** [**Tri-State Fair**](http://www.tristatefair.com/) **, South Plains, State Fair of Texas and West Texas in Abilene must be completed by *Monday, Aug. 8*, for County Agent approval. Forms are available in the Extension office.**

**Elections for our County 4-H Council** are scheduled at ***6 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 17***, at the 4-H building, 903 E. 14th St. All enrolled 4-H members are welcome to participate in Council meetings and activities. County Council provides leadership and service opportunities for members and the chance to make new friends. The Council meets monthly from September-May, usually on the last Wednesday of each month.

Officer nominations will be made during the meeting on the 17th. Candidates for office will have the opportunity to give a brief speech about their qualifications for serving before members vote by secret ballot.

The available offices will include: president, first vice-president, secretary and reporter. The top two leadership positions: (President, Vice President) are to be filled by qualified 4-H members who are enrolled in the 12th grade of high school for the year in which they will serve as a Council officer. If there are not enough 12th graders available for fill these positions, then those offices are open to underclassmen. Any Council officer who misses three consecutive meetings is subject to replacement.

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**PICK-UP YOUR 4-WHEELER TICKETS TO SELL *NOW*** – The 4-Wheeler raffle tickets are ready to disburse to 4-H families. Every 4-H member is required to sell five tickets to support the local general 4-H fund. Each ticket costs $50 and the drawing winner will receive a blue Polaris Model 570 4 by 4. The reverse drawing will be held during the 4-H Achievement Banquet on Sunday, Sept. 11. Sold ticket stubs and money are due back to the Extension office ***by Friday, Sept. 2.***

**All 4-Hers are expected to participate in ticket sales** and promotions held each summer. All age-levels of 4-Hers are required to sell **five** or more of these tickets each summer if they wish to receive financial support from the 4-H Parents Association during the coming year. This gives 4-Hers an opportunity to gain responsible life skills in learning the necessity of fundraising. Reimbursement for a youth’s participation fees is only completed after the 4-H member meets all 4-H Code of Conduct standards. **Members who do not sell at least five 4-Wheeler tickets at the end of their first year of membership will not be eligible for reimbursement by the Parents Association.**

*The 4-H Parents group helps with some 4-H expenses making it possible for local youth to attend state and district level contests, regional camps and many other programs. The association also pays for volunteer screening in order to protect children, as well as leader training. The general fund is the sole source of financial support available to assist our 4-H youth with activity costs.  The local fund-raisers have traditionally included the Four-Wheeler Drawing and other activities.*

**IMPORTANT 4-H DATES:**

**MONDAY, AUGUST 8 – DEADLINE: For animal entries for Tri-State Fair, Sept. 16-24; State Fair of Texas - Dallas, West Texas Fair-Abilene and South Plains Fair-Lubbock**

**TUESDAY, AUG. 9  - Save the date for community service opportunity honoring local law enforcement, 7-9 p.m.**

**WEDNESDAY, AUG. 17 – County 4-H Council Officer Elections, 6 p.m.**

***FRIDAY, AUG. 19 – Hereford Whiteface football at Midland***

***MONDAY, AUG. 22 – HISD classes begin***

***FRIDAY, AUG. 26 – Hereford Whiteface football at Lubbock***

**FRIDAY, SEPT. 2 – DEADLINE: To turn in ticket stubs and money from 4-Wheeler ticket sales**

***FRIDAY, SEPT. 2 – Hereford Whiteface football in Hereford***

**MONDAY, SEPT. 5 – LABOR DAY - County offices closed.**

**SEPT. 8-17 –** [**West Texas Fair & Rodeo**](http://www.taylorcountyexpocenter.com/events/west-texas-fair-rodeo) **in Abilene**

***FRIDAY, SEPT. 9 – Hereford Whiteface football in Hereford [Homecoming]***

**SUNDAY, SEPT. 11 – Annual 4-H Achievement Banquet (tentative)**

**SEPT. 16-24 –** [**Tri-State Fair**](http://www.tristatefair.com) **at Amarillo Fairgrounds**

***FRIDAY, SEPT. 23 – Hereford Whiteface football at Canyon***

**SEPT. 23-Oct. 1 –** [**Panhandle South Plains Fair**](http://southplainsfair.com/) **in Lubbock**

***FRIDAY, SEPT. 30 - Hereford Whiteface football in Plainview***

**SEPT. 30-Oct. 23 –** [**State Fair of Texas**](http://bigtex.com/) **at Dallas Fair Park**

**OCT. 2-8 – National 4-H Week**

**OCT. 6-15 –** [**Heart of Texas Fair & Rodeo**](http://www.hotfair.com/) **in Waco**

***FRIDAY, OCT. 7 - Hereford Whiteface football in Hereford***

**MONDAY, OCT. 10 – COLUMBUS DAY – County offices closed; No HISD classes**

***FRIDAY, OCT. 14 – Hereford Whiteface football at Randall***

***FRIDAY, OCT. 21 – Hereford Whiteface football in Hereford***

***FRIDAY, OCT. 28 – Hereford Whiteface football at Dumas***

**NOV. 3-5 – District 1 4-H Roundup:** Food Show, Nutrition Quiz Bowl, Beef Quiz Bowl, Horse Quiz Bowl, Swine Quiz Bowl,              SET Poster Contest, Ag Product Identification Contest, Swine Skill-a-Thon, Leaders 4 Life, Food Challenge, Livestock Skillathon

***FRIDAY, NOV. 4 – Hereford Whiteface football in Hereford***

**JAN. 4-14 –** [**Sandhills Stock Show & Rodeo**](http://sandhillsstockshow.com/) **in Odessa**

**JAN. 12-14 – Hereford Livestock Show**

**MONDAY, JAN. 16 – HLSA Premium Sale**

**JAN 13-FEB. 4 –** [**Fort Worth Stock Show**](http://www.fwssr.com/)

**FEB. 3-10 –** [**San Angelo Stock Show & Rodeo**](http://www.sanangelorodeo.com/)

**FEB. 9-26 –** [**San Antonio Stock Show & Rodeo**](http://www.sarodeo.com/)

**MARCH 7-26 –** [**Houston Livestock Show & Rodeo**](http://www.rodeohouston.com/)

**MARCH 11-25 –** [**Austin Stock Show**](http://www.rodeoaustin.com/)

**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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