**Deaf Smith County 4-H News – Jan. 19, 2016**

**CONGRATULATIONS TO HEREFORD STOCK SHOW WINNERS:**

**STEER SHOW: 20 entries:** Corbin Marsh, Grand Champion; Hank Urbanczyk, Reserve Champion

**HEIFER SHOW – 9 entries:** Cutter Pohlman, Grand Champion; Macie Mimms, Reserve Champion

**GOAT SHOW – 34 entries:** Matlin Mimms, Grand Champion; Tatum Sharp, Reserve Champion

**LAMB SHOW – 23 entries:** Trace Dodd, Grand Champion; Darcy Dodd, Reserve Champion

**RABBIT – 38 entries:** Emily Turpen, Grand Champion; Nicole House, Reserve Champion

**SWINE SHOW – 98 entries:** Carson Blair, Grand Champion: Harrison Meador, Reserve Champion

**ANIMAL PROJECT RECORD FORMS** are due to the 4-H office with stamped, unsealed Thank You notes to buyers by Feb. 12. A fillable project record form is attached to this message. Please be sure to save this file to your computer hard drive so that you will have a copy.

**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.

**HOWARD COUNTY LAMB & GOAT CAMPS:** Sign-up has opened for two upcoming sheep/goat exhibitor camps in June that will cover: Selection, Health and Management, Feeding, Exercising, Washing & Shearing, Classifying and Showmanship.  Housing is not provided; Holiday Inn will be the host hotel; call 432-263-5400 for reservations. Registration for both camps is limited and sign-up will be based on first come, first served. For registration forms or more information, call or come by the 4-H office.

**JUNE 5-7 – Howard County Lamb Camp** in Big Spring: $85 per person, Registration forms available at local 4-H Office

**JUNE 12-14 – Howard County Goat Camp** in Big Spring: $85 per person, Registration forms available at local 4-H Office

**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.

**IMPORTANT 4-H DATES:**

**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**

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

**JUNE 12-14 – Howard County Goat Camp in Big Spring: $85 per person, Registration forms available at local 4-H Office**

**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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