

Deaf Smith County 4-H News – Jan. 23, 2018

PHOTOGRAPHY CONTEST - Capital Farm Credit is again sponsoring the District 1 4-H Photography Contest. **The deadline for entries is February 15.** The winner will receive \$500 and their home county will receive \$1000 will need to plan to attend the Capital Farm Credit Banquet on March 2 in Pampa. The cost for 4-H members to enter is \$5. They may enter 1 photo per category and may enter all categories on [4-H Connect](#). The total cost will be \$5.

4-H PUBLIC SPEAKING – Sign-up for educational presentations, public service announcements and Share-The-Fun performances will be at 4 p.m. on Tuesday, Jan. 30. We can help you choose and develop a topic or material, as well as explain how to research your presentation from reliable sources. A second work session is planned Tuesday, Feb. 27, and you are welcome to schedule individual practice sessions with staff by appointment. (Call 364-3573 or email klsteiert@ag.tamu.edu) County Roundup will be Tuesday, March 27, and District is April 20-21 at WTAMU in Canyon.

ANIMAL PROJECTS:

Hereford Livestock Show: Project Records and unsealed Thank You Notes are due to the 4-H Office by Feb. 9. Lists of buyers and add-ons have been mailed to exhibitors.

Texas Youth Cattle Conference: The [Texas Youth Cattle Conference](#) is for youth who have a desire to expand their knowledge about the Texas beef industry. This tour is designed to explore the beef industry by focusing on beef's role in the food industry, nutrition, beef cattle science, management, and marketing. Applicants must be at least 16 years old.

Conference Date: June 18-21, 2018; Applications available now and due March 5, 2018

A limited number of students will be accepted. Applicants involved in Junior Breed Associations, Texas 4-H or Texas FFA are encouraged to apply. Applicants must be at least 16 years old prior to June 1, 2018. Click on this link for [Information & Expectations](#)

Fort Worth passes are in the office for those who ordered them.

ABSENCES: If you plan to miss any school for stock shows, fairs or other 4-H contests, you need to let our office know a week in advance so that we can check your academic eligibility and request an excused absence. To notify us of an upcoming absence, we need student's name, their school, and date(s) of planned absence. Please call Emily at our office, 364-3573, or email her at Emily.Marnell@ag.tamu.edu

NEW PROJECT GROUPS – As we enter a new year, a fresh slate of 4-H project groups will start meeting this month. All enrolled 4-H members are welcome to participate in [Livestock Judging](#), [Consumer Decision Making](#), [Clothing & Textiles](#) and [Public Speaking](#) this spring in preparation for District contests in April. County Council will meet monthly through the spring and welcomes all 4-H youth.

Community Service Projects: District-wide collection of aluminum pull tabs for Ronald McDonald House; donation of gently-used children's books for state-wide book drive; help at local library book sale on Feb. 23. Please contact our office for more information.

YOUR 4-H CALENDAR:

JAN. 15-FEB. 15 – Photo Entries accepted in Capital Farm Credit contest on [4-H Connect](#)
WEDNESDAY, JAN. 24 – County Council, 4:30 p.m. All 4-Hers 3rd-12th grade welcome; Bring a 4-H friend! Donate an item to the Humane Society
TUESDAY, JAN. 30 – Public Speaking sign-up and work session, 4-5 p.m.
FEB. 2-18 – San Angelo Stock Show and Rodeo, [Stock Show Schedule](#), [Calf Scramble](#)
WEDNESDAY, FEB. 7 – Consumer Club, 4:30 p.m.
FEB. 8-25 – [San Antonio Stock Show and Rodeo](#), [Livestock Show Schedule](#), [Calf Scramble](#)
FRIDAY, FEB. 9 – DEADLINE: To turn in Animal Project Records and thank you notes to Hereford Stock Show buyers
FEB. 9-11 – [Re-Fashion Retreat](#), Texas 4-H Center at Lake Texas 4-H Center, \$120 for youth, \$90 for adults
TUESDAY, FEB. 13 – Clover Kids, 5:30 p.m.
THURSDAY, FEB. 15 – DEADLINE to enter District Photography Contest on [4-H Connect](#)
MONDAY, FEB. 19 – Presidents’ Day; County offices closed
TUESDAY, FEB. 20 – Clothing Club, 4:30 p.m.
FEB. 27-MARCH 18 – [Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo](#), [Livestock Show](#), [Calf Scramble](#)
TUESDAY, FEB. 27 - Public Speaking work session, 4-5 p.m.
WEDNESDAY, FEB. 28 – County Council, 4:30 p.m.
MARCH 1-MAY 1 – State Horse Validation
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 7 – Consumer Decision, 4:30 p.m.
MARCH 10-24 – [Rodeo Austin](#), [Livestock Show Information](#), [Ultimate Scramble Championship](#)
MARCH 12-16 – (Spring Break) 4-H Garage Sale at County Bull Barn
MARCH 19-28 – Appointments available to record 4-H Public Service Announcements; Contact Emily
TUESDAY, MARCH 20 – Clothing Club, 4:30 p.m.
TUESDAY, MARCH 27 – County Roundup for public speakers & Share-the-Fun, 4-? p.m.
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 28 – County Council, 4:30 p.m.
FRIDAY, MARCH 30 – Good Friday; County offices closed
APRIL 3-6 – HISD STARR Testing
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 11 – Consumer, 4:30 p.m.
TUESDAY, APRIL 17 – Clothing Group, 4:30 p.m.
APRIL 18-21 – District Roundup:
Thursday – [Duds to Dazzle](#); [Fashion Storyboard](#), [Public Service Announcement](#)
Friday – [Livestock Judging](#); [Consumer Decision Making](#); [Share-the-Fun](#) (Choreographed, Dramey, Poetry/Prose, Vocal)
Saturday – [Educational Presentations](#); [Fashion Show](#); [Trashion Show](#); [Share-the-Fun](#) (Celebrate 4-H, Music/Instrument, Solo/Band)
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 25 – County Council, 4:30 p.m.
MAY 7-11 – HISD STARR Testing
TUESDAY, MAY 15 – Clothing Club, 4:30 p.m.
WEDNESDAY, MAY 23 – County Council, 4:30 p.m.
MONDAY, MAY 28 – Memorial Day; County offices closed
JUNE 11-4 – Texas 4-H Roundup in College Station
JUNE 20-22 – State Fishing Camp at [Texas 4-H Center](#); Cost \$220/youth and \$110/Adult
JUNE 29-JULY 1 – District Leader Lab & Officer Elections
JULY 1-5 – Horizons Camp at [Texas 4-H Center](#), Adventures in Wildlife, Robotics, Vet Science, Woodworking; Cost \$280/Youth & \$140/Adult

JULY 5-7; JULY 9-11; JULY 11-13 – County Camps at [Texas 4-H Center](#); Cost \$180/Youth & \$90/Adult

JULY 15-18; JULY 18-21 – Prime Time Camps at [Texas 4-H Center](#); Cost \$230/Youth & \$115/Adult

JULY 20-26 – Texas 4-H Congress, Austin

JULY 22-28 – State Horse Show, Abilene

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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