The new 2014-2015 4-H year will be starting September 1st. Be sure to check with your club manager when your first club meeting is. Remember that if we do not have a new member enrollment form for you each year, then you are not a member of Henderson County 4-H. You must re-enroll every year. The state enrollment fee for 4-H is $20 for kids in the 3rd through 12th grade. 2nd grade and under can join for free. Registration opens on 4-H Connect August 15th.

**Mark Your Calendars!**

**2014 Henderson County 4-H Awards Banquet**
September 7th, 2 p.m.
Texas Fresh Water Fisheries Center

**ALPA and Council Meetings**
August 25, 2014
Senior Citizens Center
6:30 p.m.

**State Fair of Texas**—Entries due to Extension office by Wednesday, August 20th. Entry forms, rules, and fees can be found at http://www.bigtex.com/sft or picked up from our office.

**East Texas State Fair**—Entries are due to the Extension office by Wednesday, August 20th. Entry forms, rules, and fees can be found online at http://www.etstatefair.com or picked up from our office.

**Heart of Texas**—Entries are due to the Extension office by Monday, September 8th. Entry forms, rules, and fees can be found online at http://www.hotfair.com or picked up from our office.

**West Texas Fair and Rodeo** - Entries are due to the Extension office by Monday, August 11th. Entry forms, rules, and fees can be found online at http://www.taylorcountyexpocenter.com/taylorexpo_wtfr.html or picked up from our office.

It’s show time!
**Quality Counts Verification Required for all Texas Major Livestock Shows**

Quality Counts verification is required for all youth exhibiting livestock (market and/or breeding) at major livestock shows in Texas (including the Ft. Worth Livestock Show, San Antonio Stock Show & Rodeo, Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo, Star of Texas Fair in Austin, San Angelo Livestock Show, Sandhills Stock Show in Odessa, State Fair of Texas in Dallas, and Heart O’ Texas Fair in Waco).

Exhibitors only need to be verified once as a junior and once again as a senior. Junior is 8 and in the 3rd grade through 13 years of age as of the previous August 31st. Senior is 14 years or older as of the previous August 31st. **You will not be able to enter a major show without this verification.**

Starting in May, youth are able to go online to take the test and become verified. A verification number will need to be provided at the time of making an official entry into a Texas major livestock show. Thus, youth will need to have completed and passed the test before the major livestock show’s entry deadline. A passing score has been determined to be 80%.

The Quality Counts website (http://qualitycounts.tamu.edu/) will serve as your portal to the online test.

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**SOUTHERN REGION TEEN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE**

*September 25-28, 2014*

*Clyde M. York 4-H Center, Crossville, TN*

The Southern Region Teen Leadership Forum is the first-of-its-kind, multi-state 4-H conference created to bring together 4-H teens and adults to empower and inspire them to make a positive change across the southern region through youth-adult partnerships.

Cost is $180 per person and registration deadline is September 11th.

For more information, visit [http://4h.tennessee.edu/4hsrlfc/?utm_source=July+2014+Texas+4-H+Standard&utm_campaign=Newsletter&utm_medium=email](http://4h.tennessee.edu/4hsrlfc/?utm_source=July+2014+Texas+4-H+Standard&utm_campaign=Newsletter&utm_medium=email)

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CONGRESSIONAL LETTER WRITING CONTEST - WRITE YOUR CONGRESSMAN AND WIN A SCHOLARSHIP.

The American Stewards of Liberty, Capital Farm Credit, and Texas Sheep and Goat Raiser's Auxiliary are sponsoring a Letter Writing Contest to encourage young people to take an interest in writing members of Congress. The contest is open to American students/citizens who are junior or seniors in high school in the fall of 2014 or plan to enroll in any college or University in the 2015 school year. Current college students are eligible to enter and must have graduated from a Texas high school. Home schoolers are welcome. This contest is for Texas residents only.

Deadline is November 4, 2014 and the prizes are: 1st - $1,000, 2nd - $750, and 3rd - $500

The topic will involve Private Property Rights.

Learn more at http://tsgra.com/Writing_Contest.pdf.

4-H Contest Results

State Roundup

**Fashion Storyboard Contest**
Laura Ashley Childress — 2nd place
Amanda Cooper - 8th place

**Educational Presentations**
Laura Ashley Childress - 4th place in Health category

**Fashion Show**
Laura Ashley Childress - 4th place in business/interview class

**Share the Fun**
Ericha Tregre - 7th place Poetry/Prose

**Food Challenge**
Ethan Parker, Eleanor Parker, Laura Ashley Childress, Natalie Newman, Katelynn Brown
**2014 District Record Book**

**Junior Division**
Laney Hobbs — 2nd place food and nutrition
Peter Cole - 1st place gardening and horticulture
Cole Adair - 3rd place goat
Josh Jones - 2nd place leadership
Nathan Newman - 3rd place shooting sports

**Intermediate Division**
Justin Gatlin - 5th place goat
Daniel McSwain - 1st place health
Justin Jones - 1st place leadership
Ben McSwain - 1st place personal development
Jacob Cole - 1st place poultry
Maggie Groom - 3rd place shooting sports

**2014 State Photography**

Amanda Cooper - Animals-Wildlife: white award
People - participant
Storyboard - red award
Theme - participant

Kaitlyn McDonald - Details and Macro - blue award
Nature and Landscape - blue award
Plant/Flora - blue award

**Senior Division**
Justin Walker - 6th place beef
Brandon Adair - 2nd place gardening and horticulture
Laura Ashley Childress - 1st place health
Alexandria Gatlin - 3rd place sheep
Amanda Cooper - 1st place shooting sports

**National 4-H Shooting Sports Invitational**

Texas 4-H wins national shooting title with the help of our Henderson County 4-Hers. Noah Newman, Chuck Smith, and alternate Amanda Cooper competed in Grand Isle, Nebraska at the National 4-H Shooting Sports Invitational June 26-28, 2014.

Members of the Texas 4-H Shooting Sports Team go through an application process and are selected. Congrats guys and gal!

**Henderson County 4-Hers Compete at State 4-H Shooting Games**

Every year, the best 4-H youth in the state gather together in San Antonio to compete in archery, rifle, or shotgun at the Texas 4-H State Shooting Sports Games. The 2014 games were held July 14th through July 19th. This year 31 Henderson County 4-Hers competed in either shotgun or archery at the State Games, and the other counties definitely knew that they were there. We had several high point champions. Results from the archery and shotgun competitions are listed on the following pages.
**Archery Results:**

**3-D Barebow**
- Sr 2: Noah Newman-5, Calie Spivey-3, Connor Gallagher-8 Jr., Amelea Varos-10
- Sr 1: Noah Newman-5, Calie Spivey-3, Connor Gallagher-8 Jr.

**3-D Recurve**
- Sr 2: Noah Newman-1st, Leo Varos-29

**3-D Compound Aided**
- Sr 2: Chuck Smith-7, Joseph Baker-15, Shaelyn Baker-21
- Sr 1: Amanda Cooper-4, Casie Spivey-20, Brooke Johns-26, Justin Walker-30

**3-D Compound Unaided**
- Jr.: Kelsey West-4, Nathan Newman-7

**Field**
- Inter.: Leo Varos-3, Faith Baker-45
- Jr.: Naomi Newman-3, Ty Tillison-3

**Archery Results Cont.**

**3-D NASP**
- Sr 2: Shaelyn Baker-2, Zachary Franklin-1
- Sr 1: Naomi Newman-1, Kelsey West-7, Nathan Newman-10

**Field Compound Aided**
- Sr 2: Chuck Smith-7, Joseph Baker-15, Shaelyn Baker-16
- Sr 1: Amanda Cooper-4, Casie Spivey-21, Brooke Johns-34, Justin Walker-36

**Field Compound Unaided**
- Jr.: Nathan Newman-4, Kelsey West-6

**Field Barebow**
- Sr 2: Noah Newman-2, Sr 1: Connor Gallagher-9, Calie Spivey-11

**Clout**
- Sr 1: Amanda Cooper-1, Zachary Franklin-2, Brooke Johns-3

**Wand**
- Barebow Sr 2: Noah Newman-2, Sr 1: Connor Gallagher-9, Calie Spivey-6

**Wand Recurve**
- Sr 2: Noah Newman-1

**Clout-Barebow**
- Sr 2: Noah Newman-6

**Clout-Recurve**
- Sr 2: Noah Newman-2, Inter Leo Varos-3

**Shotgun Results:**

American HOA - Will Van Dusen 1st place

Senior 1 Sporting Clays - Will Van Dusen 4th place

American Skeet Senior 1 3 Man Team - Will Van Dusen, Jason Silvey, Colby Tompkins 2nd place

American Trap Senior 1 3 Man Team - Will Van Dusen, Jason Silvey, Colby Tompkins 3rd place

Shotgun Shootout - Will Van Dusen 2nd place
Archery Results cont.

**Clout Compound Aided**
Sr. 2
Chuck Smith-8
Joseph Baker-11
Sr 1
Amanda Cooper-7
Casie Spivey-16

**Mod 600-recurve**
Sr 2
Noah Newman-1
Inter
Leo Varos-3

**Mod 600 Compound Aided**
Sr 2
Chuck Smith-8
Joseph Baker-15
Shaelyn Baker-19
Sr 1
Amanda Cooper-4
Casie Spivey-15
Brooke Johns-27
Justin Walker-36

**Wand Compound Unaided**
Junior
Naomi Newman-2
Ty Tillison-3

**Wand-Compound Aided**
Sr 2
Chuck Smith-4
Joseph Baker-17
Shaelyn Baker-19

**NASP**
Sr 2
Shaelyn Baker-2
Sr 1
Zachary Franklin-2
Brooke Johns-4

**Field NASP**
Sr 2
Shaelyn Baker-1
Sr 1
Zachary Franklin-1
Brooke Johns-3
Amanda Cooper-4

**Field**
Inter.
Maggie Groom-1
Faith Baker-4
Jerahmy Franklin-6
Jr.
Naomi Newman-2
Cy Holt-3
Kelsey West-5
Nathan Newman-6

**Mod 600 Barebow**
Sr 2
Noah Newman-1
Sr 1
Connor Gallagher-8
Calie Spivey-11

Junior
Amelia Varos-5

**Recurve HOA**
Sr2-Noah Newman-1

**Intermediate**
Leo Varos-1

**Compound Aided HOA Runner Up**
Junior
Ty Tillison-2

**NASP HOA**
Sr 1
Zachary Franklin-1

**Inter HOA**
Maggie Groom-1

**Junior HOA Runner Up**
Naomi Newman-2

2014 State Archery Team
Texas 4-H Congress is the premiere citizenship and leadership experience for Texas 4-H members between the ages of 15 and 18. Held on the even numbered years in the Texas State Capitol, Texas 4-H Congress allows 4-H members to experience the law making process first hand by writing bills, submitting them, and then serving as a member of the House of Representatives, the Senate, the Press, or as a Lobbyist. From these roles, the 4-H members determine the fate of each bill submitted over the four day event. Several of their bills have even made it to the Governor’s desk. Laura Ashley Childress, of Cedar Creek Homeschoolers’ 4-H, attended Texas 4-H Congress as a member of the Press Corp.

“It was a great experience,” says Childress, 15. “Being on the Press Corp was amazing because we got to observe both the House and Senate in session.”

The Press Corp sat in on different sessions of the Senate and the House of Representatives, interviewing lobbyists, senators and ‘reps’, all 4-H youth. They wrote news articles for a daily publication they called the Congress Chronicle; designing, printing, and delivering every copy themselves. “We were up every night until 2, shoving papers under doors and stapling copies,” Childress laughs. “But it was all worth it when you saw business professionals, also staying at our hotel, pick up our paper and read it, looking impressed.” It wasn’t all work and no play, however. There was a ‘Roaring 20’s’ themed dance Monday night and a murder mystery dinner theater, and Tuesday night there was a gala dinner and dance.

Childress adds, “There’s something at Congress for everyone. No matter what your future career is, there’s sure to be a bill that pertains to it. I definitely encourage 4-Hers to go - we need to represent Henderson County.”

Henderson County 4-H Attends North Texas Buckskins Brigades Leadership Camp

Justin Jones, 14, of Henderson County 4-H just returned from the 13 Battalion of the North Texas Buckskins Brigades Leadership Camp in San Angelo, TX. The Texas Brigades' mission is “to empower high school youth with the necessary skills and knowledge in wildlife and fisheries, habitat conservation, land and water stewardship, team-building, communication and leadership to become ambassadors for conservation in order to ensure a sustained wildlife and fisheries legacy for future generations.”

Jones and approximately 20 other high school students were chosen from a statewide pool of applicants. Requirements included being a current 4-H member and completing a detailed application with two essays on land conservation and land stewardship.
Buckskin Brigade Continued ....

There are six Brigade camps each summer: two Buckskin Brigades, two Bobwhite Brigades, the Ranch Brigade, the Waterfowl Brigade, and the Bass Brigade. Those who attend must be between 13 and 17 years of age, and submit a detailed application for consideration.

Jones attended the North Texas Buckskins Brigade which had an emphasis on deer and covered everything a young wildlife enthusiast would want to know about deer and their habitat. Jones studied anatomy, biology, habitat management, population dynamics, conservation, watershed management, and more. In addition to a heaping dose of ecology, Jones also studied photography, art, entomology, botany, firearm safety, and leadership skills as part of the week long camp. A major component of the Brigades involves developing your ability to tell the wildlife story to the people in your community. Jones will be available to give presentations to schools and civic groups on wildlife management and the Brigades Leadership Program.

**Different Kind of Duck Commander**

Where in East Texas can a teenager learn about duck anatomy, waterfowl identification, wetland management, hunting ethics, hunter’s education, public speaking, and leadership skills; in 4 ½ days and only 30 miles from Athens? The Annual Waterfowl Brigade held in Tennessee Colony is where youth age 13 to 17 can learn these items and more, while becoming conservation ambassadors. Youth are taught these skills by volunteers from all over Texas, many from Texas Parks and Wildlife sharing their knowledge. Biologists, conservationists, teachers, family members, and cadets from previous years; giving freely of their time to help educate 20+ teenagers and give back to their communities.

Christopher Childress, a 14 year old freshman from Eustace, is a recent cadet graduate of the Texas Waterfowl Brigade. Christopher attended the camp July 20-24, held at The Big Woods on the Trinity in Tennessee Colony. At the camp he received his hunter education certification, helped with a necropsy/dissection on a duck, shot clays, examined a duck gizzard contents, and learned how to indentify wetland plant species. Part of his role as a cadet is to help educate the public regarding conservation through information that he learned attending the brigade. He practiced media skills at the brigade through developing educational trifold displays and PowerPoint presentations. Christopher is also a member of Henderson County 4-H and hopes to use the knowledge learned at the brigade to help him with his 4-H projects and promoting 4-H.

The Waterfowl Brigade is one of 5 Texas Brigades with mission to “to educate and empower youths with leadership skills and knowledge in wildlife, fisheries, and land stewardship to become conservation ambassadors for a sustained natural resource legacy.” The Texas Brigades educational programs include Bobwhite Brigade (quail), Buckskin Brigade (deer), Bass Brigade, Waterfowl Brigade (ducks and geese), and Ranch Brigade (cattle). To learn more about the Texas Brigades or to provide support to this 501(c)(3) non-profit organization, please check out their website at [www.texasbrigades.org](http://www.texasbrigades.org).

Christopher would like to thank the Henderson County Wildlife Committee for their support of the Texas Brigades and making this experience possible.
Adult Leader Opportunities

**Shooting Sports Coach’s Trainings**

West Region Shooting Sports Coach Training - San Angelo, TX - September 27-28, 2014 - Register on 4-H Connect. Registration Opens August 18-September 16, 2014 Cost is $120 per Coach or Assistant Coach Candidate.

District 12 Shooting Sports Coach Training - Victoria, TX - September 27-28, 2014 - Register on 4-H Connect Registration Open September 1-21, 2014. Cost is $120 per Coach or Assistant Coach Candidate.

*There will be no late registrations accepted for either training.*
Detroit FFA Annual Livestock Show

30 BUCKLES to be Awarded!!!!!!!

August 23, 2014
Pigs, Lambs, Goats, Steers, Heifers, & Bulls
2 Rings
Red River County Fair Grounds Clarksville, TX
Registration 7:00-9:00
Pig show starts @ 9:15 followed by Lambs & Goats
Steer Show will start @ 9:30 followed by Bulls & Heifers
Entry Fee: 20.00 per Head
$5 Jackpot Showmanship Winner Take All!!!
Jr. (13 & Younger) and Sr. (14 & Older)
For more information contact:
Brandon Allen AST: 903-517-2684 or ballen@detroiteagles.net
Haley Ross AST: 903-573-1048 or hross@detroiteagles.net

Important Dates

August
15 - 1st day to enroll in 4-H for 2014-2015
20 - State Fair and East Texas entries due to Extension office
21 - Major Lamb and Goat tag orders due to Extension office
25 - Council and ALPA Meetings 6:30 p.m. at Senior Citizens Center

September
1 - Holiday, Extension office closed
7 - County Awards Banquet, 2 p.m. at T.F.F.C.
8 - Heart O’ Texas entries due to Extension office
22 - Council and ALPA Meetings 6:30 p.m. at Senior Citizens Center

Extension programs serve people of all ages regardless of socioeconomic level, race, color, sex, religion, disability or national origin. The Texas A&M University System, U. S. Department of Agriculture, and the County Commissioners Courts of Texas Cooperating.