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- Extension office closed 1 -
- 6 -HCLS Market Swine Validation at Fairgrounds
- 12 -District Food Show Online entry deadline
- 15 -Extension office closed
- 22 -Leadership Academy Council meeting 6:30 p.m. Senior Citizens Center
- 26 -State 4-H Scholarships due to Extension office

February

- District 5 online photography entry deadline 1 -
- HCLS Queen and Princess entries due 1 -
- 3 -District Food Show SFA
- Extension office closed
- 22-23 4-H Scholarship Garage Sale Fundraiser
- 24 HCLS Market Rabbit Validation at Rifle Building 8-12
- 26 -District CDM online registration deadline

HCLS Dates - March 19-24, 2018

- 1/6 Market Swine Validation, HCLS Henderson County Fairpark, 7-11 a.m.
- 2/1— Queen and Princess Entries due to Extension office
- 2/24— Market Rabbit Validation, Henderson County Fairpark, Rifle Building, 8-12 p.m.
- 3/1— Calf Scramble Applications due to Extension office
- 3/1- HCLS Scholarship, breeding, and project show entries due.; Check with your club manager to see when HCLS entries need to be turned in to them. Your club's entries must all be turned in together.

All rules and entry forms can be found online at www.hclsathens.com.

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http://henderson.agrilife.org

Local News and Activities



HCLS Barn Tour Stations & Helpers Needed

The 2018 Henderson County Livestock Show is going to be here before we know it. Each year the Extension Office hosts "Barn Tours" that include a number of educational displays and presentations for elementary aged youth. If you would like to showcase one of your projects and do an approximately

15 minute presentation (multiple times on Thursday, March 22nd & Friday, March 23rd as we cycle the students through) please let me know! The tours last from approximately 9 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. both days.

I am also looking for youth to serve as group leaders to help students navigate their way through the tour **AND** I need 2 youth (who are at least 13 years old) to be in charge of the "egg to chick" station. I will have an incubator with chicks that are in the process of hatching & will need a couple of 4-Her's to talk about them (I already have a short presentation scripted). Please drop me an email at: kate.pittack@ag.tamu.edu or call the office if you can help with anything listed above!

Save The Dates!

County Fashion Contests Thursday, March 1, 2018 (6:00 p.m.)

Fashion Contests Include: Clothing Construction, Buying Projects, Storyboards, and Duds to Dazzle.

County Roundup Contests Saturday, March 10, 2018 (10:00 a.m.)

Roundup Contests Include: Educational Presentations, Public Speaking, and Share the Fun

Please let Kate know if you'd like more information on any of these contests/categories! kate.pittack@ag.tamu.edu or 903-675-6130

Congrats to all of our kids that competed in the County 4-H Food Show!

We have 11 individuals and 5 food challenge teams that will be advancing to the District 5 4-H Food Show on February 3rd.



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HENDERSON COUNTY 4-H ADULT LEADERS





SCHOLARSHIP FUNDRAISER!

The 4-H Adult Leaders of Henderson County will be holding a garage sale to raise money for their youth scholarship fund!

Sale will be held February 23 & 24 (Friday/Saturday) at the Henderson County Sr. Citizens Center

*Donations of gently used items are now being accepted!

Items may be dropped off at the Extension Office (100 E. Tyler St., Ste. 300, Athens, TX 75751). Please call ahead if you have larger items to donate so we can accommodate them!

Phone: 903.675.6130

Email: achemphill@ag.tamu.edu or kate.pittack@ag.tamu.edu

District and State Opportunities

Texas 4-H Dog Validation Open

Are you wanting to show your dog in the 2018 Texas 4-H Dog Show? If so, make sure that you have them validated on 4-H CONNECT before the deadline of January 10, 2018. The 2018 Texas 4-H Dog Show Rule Book will be released in early 2018. The State 4-H Dog Show will be held on July 13-15, 2018 in Belton, Texas



2018 State 4-H Dog Show T-shirt Contest!

Submit a design and see it on next year's official t-shirt.

A free t-shirt of the overall chosen design will be given to the winners of the top design in each age group—Junior, Intermediate and Senior

Entries should be emailed to Michelle.Pfeil@ag.tamu.edu by February 14, 2018 in a JPEG format and should include member's name, grade, County and Club Name. Winners will be notified by April 1, 2018.

Entry Submission Rules:

- Must be a 4-H member.
- Can use two ink colors in addition to the color of the shirt. Example: If the design
 calls for red, white and blue one of those colors should be the color of the shirt.

 Please do not select white as the shirt color choice.
- The design should fit on the front side of the t-shirt (12 inch design maximum)
- Simple designs are more effective and easier to screen print. Design will have to be modified slightly to include the proper clover logo and to clean up details.
- Must love dogs!

Get those cameras ready!

The district 4-H photography contest rules and guidelines have been released. it is open to all 4-H members (except Clover Kids) and is NOT a qualifying contest for state. Rules can be viewed at http://henderson.agrilife.org/4-h/4h-publications/.

The online district entry deadline is February 1st.

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Each year, to celebrate Ag Day, Capital Farm Credit holds a contest for high school aged 4-H and FFA in Texas. Students create a 30 second video to tell us "What Agriculture Means to Me" and uploads the video link to enter. Winners are determined by online voting. The video that receives the most online votes wins that high school student a scholarship, and their 4-H or FFA Chapter will also receive a donation.

- o <u>First Place Student</u>: \$2,500 & their chapter receives \$1,500
- o Second Place Student: \$1,500 & their chapter receives \$1,000
- o Third Place Student: \$1,000 & their chapter receives \$500
- o <u>Corporate Selection:</u> \$1,000 & their chapter receives \$500 (This is a new category this year. We will have a panel of judges to identify a video based on effectiveness of message and quality of video.)

Capital Farm Credit is committed to supporting rural communities and agriculture with reliable, consistent credit and financial services. But we're also committed to supporting the people and organizations who will continue the proud traditions we hold so dear. We encourage you to share this information with your local 4-

Students can begin creating their video at any time, but they will not be able to upload or start receiving votes until February 1, 2018. The contest ends on Ag Day, March 20, 2018. Stay tuned for a link to upload videos.

Adult Volunteer Trainings

East Region Shooting Sports Coach Training

Camp Tyler Tyler, Texas January 27-28, 2018

Registration on Connect: December 1st-January 7th

Cost: \$120

Archery, Rifle or Shotgun coach's certifications. Sign up online at texas4-h.tamu.edu and click on the 4-H Connect icon. You must be a screened volunteer to register for this training. If you are not, please create your profile as soon as possible so that your volunteer screening can be accepted before the registration deadline.

Upcoming Livestock Shows (flyers at Extension office)

Branded by Christ Coverall Classic Jackpot Show and Clinics

Saturday, January 6, 2018 Jacksonville, TX

Steers, Heifers, Goats, Lambs, Pigs

Cattle: \$25 Goats, Lambs, Pigs: \$20 Registration 7-9:00 a.m.

For more information, call Brian Kinney 903-721-3347.

Joe B. Craig Memorial Jackpot

January 20, 2018 Rusk County Youth Expo Center

Swine, Goats, Lambs, Steers, and Heifers

\$25 per entry

Registration 7-9 a.m.

Contact Ryan Ellis at 903-658-4404 for more info.

Kaufman Winter Klassic Jackpot Show

Saturday, January 6, 2018 Kaufman County Fairgrounds

Steers, Heifers, Goats, Lambs, Pigs

Entry Fee: \$25 Registration 7-9:00 a.m.

For more info, call Emily Reynolds 972-935-7045.

Swine Jackpot Show

January 13th Kaufman County Fairgrounds

Check-in from 7-8:30 a.m. Weight Cards due at 8:30 a.m.

\$5 Showmanship

\$25 per head Ring A

\$35 per head Ring B

For more information, call the Kaufman County 4-H office at 972-932-9069

New Year Bash

January 6-7, 2018 Ellis County Expo Center, Waxahachie TJLS Sanctioned

Lambs, Goats, Hogs Dairy Wethers and Does Must be checked in by 8 a.m.

For more info contact Megan Parr 972-935-8384.

Panola Ag Booster Jackpot Show

Saturday, January 7, 2017 Panola County Expo Center

Registration 7-9:00 a.m.

Steers, Heifers, Goats, Lambs, and Pigs

For more info, call Roy Evans 318-402-1989.

Need help with your 4-H project?

Please do not hesitate to call the Extension office at 903-675-6130. Whether you have an animal project, food, clothing, etc. we want to help you do your best.