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Clover Connection

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If you happened to drive by the square in Athens last week and saw the third floor lights all aglow at night, our 4-Her's have been burning the night oil to display their skills in clothing, textiles and fashion and also robotics!

Our county fashion contests had several entries. In clothing construction, Amelia Abney took first place for her 50's inspired dress. I spent many days (and nights) working on 4-H clothing construction projects in my youth and I'm pretty sure Amelia can out-sew me by a mile!

We also have a "buying" category. This is where you can select a certain occasion to purchase an outfit. We had three competitors in their respective age divisions/categories. Laura Ashley Childress modeled a coral colored dress that could be dressed up or down. It will serve her well as she heads off to college this fall!

Also in the buying category, Christopher Childress had a sharp looking dress shirt and starched jeans that can go from the stock show to more formal occasions by swapping out the jeans with dress pants. Andrew Childress channeled "Indiana Jones" with his bomber style leather jacket. He could pair it with khakis for a polished look or jeans for a more laid back style. All of these youth took first in their respective categories.

The other competition we held was Dud's to Dazzle. This involves re-making an item into something new. Our team made up of Amelia Abney, Megan Hairgrove, Anna Cole, Kalae Richey & Jaidyn Herndon received a neck tie with a category of "accessory/jewelry". This means that they had 60 minutes to turn the tie into an accessory or jewelry item. A pantry of other sewing notions was available to them for their transformation.

Along with making a new item, the team had to prepare a 5 minute presentation to describe the process they went through to create their item. In addition to having knowledge of sewing, the girls also needed teamwork skills to successfully accomplish their task. Their hard work paid off and they received blue ribbons for their neck tie headband.

All of our participants qualified to move on to the District 4-H Fashion Contests that are being held on Saturday, February 4th in Nacogdoches. I'm proud to have such talented youth represent Henderson County at the next level. We wish them the best of luck and will keep you posted on our progress.

While the fashion contests were going on, another group of dedicated youth were practicing their robotics skills. Being able to quickly build a robot with the Lego kit from scratch was our focus this week. In February Joshua Jones, Jake Allison, Elijah Harrison and Dillon Scott will be traveling to participate in the Agrobotics contest that is held in conjunction with the San Antonio Livestock Show. Their coaches will be two of our senior level 4-Her's - Justin Jones and Julia Allison.

Henderson County 4-H is off to a great start in 2017. If you know of a youth who might be interested in joining our program we have open enrollment and take new members year round. We hope you'll come and check us out!

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