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Clover Connection

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Do you know what happens when you forget to put the egg(s) into brownie batter? The rest of the ingredients kind of just remain bubbly goo in the oven. At least this was my experience at the age of 9 when I omitted a very important part of the recipe. I'm proud to say the youth who took part in the Henderson County 4-H Food Show on Saturday, January 23rd prepared their entries to perfection. Participants chose a food group for which their recipe would highlight while also keeping in mind the 2016 Texas 4-H Food Show theme "Picnic Perfect". Here is a run-down of the results:

Grains Category –
- 1st place – Andrew Childress
- 2nd place – Calista Turner

Protein Category
- 1st place – Colton Hemphill
- 2nd place – Cassity Turner
- 3rd place – Keaton Hobbs

Fruits & Vegetables Category
- 1st place – Bryce Parish
- 2nd place – Anna Svoboda

Place Setting Contest
- 1st place Grains, Calista Turner
- 1st place Fruits & Vegetables, Bryce Parish
- 1st place Proteins, Cassity Turner

Clover Kids Division Participants – Jack Tyler

Along with the food show, we also had several 4-Her's who placed in some of the East Texas State Fair Academic Rodeo Contests. Those receiving awards include:

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- 2nd place in Elementary Level – Andrew Childress

Youth Fashion Show:
- Smart Buying – Elementary Level, Dressy Category – 2nd Place, Andrew Childress.
- Overall Elementary Level Smart Buying, 2nd Place, Andrew Childress.
- Smart Buying – High School Level, Dressy Category – 2nd Place, Laura Ashley Childress

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- Smart Buying – High School Level, Specialty Category – 1st Place, Christopher Childress
- Overall High School Level Smart Buying – 2nd Place, Laura Ashley Childress
- Overall High School Level Smart Buying – 3rd Place, Christopher Childress

In other 4-H project area updates, our Robotics group continues to meet to practice building and programming our EV3 Lego Robots. There is a 4-H GEAR Robotics Contest held in May that we are preparing for. We always welcome new participants (and volunteers to help!) so even if you haven't attended one of our Robotics meetings previously you can come and check one out. Our next meeting will be in February. If you're interested please let me know and I can get you on my contact list.

Another event that happens in the spring is our Henderson County 4-H Roundup. Roundup is a group of contests that include: Educational Presentations, Public Speaking, Share the Fun and Clothing/Fashion. I will be hosting a workshop on Thursday, February 11th at 6:30 p.m. at the Henderson Co. Sr. Citizens Center (right next to the fairgrounds in Athens) to introduce some of these projects and have some hands-on activities to help anyone who wants to participate prepare for the actual contest(s). If you plan to attend please let us know so we can have plenty of supplies on hand.

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2016 Henderson County 4-H Food Show Participants