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Clover Connection

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What happens when you have 30 4-Her's sign up to participate in Food & Fashion Day Camp? I'm not sure, but I will be able to let you know by the time I write my next column! Cooking with 30 kids may be a little crazy, but I'm sure it's going to be a lot of fun.

First on the agenda, we're going to do a little comparison baking. What's the difference between homemade blueberry muffins and pre-made/pre-packaged ones? Do they look different? Do they taste different? What are the nutrition facts of each? Our participants are going to find out the answers first hand.

Next up, we're going to do a little sewing with a s'mores (or hamburger) inspired coaster set. Hand sewing is a skill that can come in pretty handy when you're an adult and a button falls off a favorite shirt, or when a pair of slacks needs hemmed.

All of this sewing is making me hungry. What could be better than a freshly made pizza with veggies and cheese?! And maybe some artichoke hearts, prosciutto or even arugula! Lunch is sure to be a fun time of creating masterpieces and also tasting some not so ordinary ingredients. Be sure to check in next week – I'll have a full report (and hopefully a picture or two) of how our camp went.

With Thanksgiving just around the corner, we have a lot to be thankful for in Henderson County 4-H. We've got active, engaged members and fantastic adult leaders/volunteers who are providing experiences for our youth to learn and grow.

This week, we were notified that Henderson County 4-H'er, Leo Varos, was selected for the Texas State 4-H Compound Archery Team that will be traveling to Grand Island, Nebraska in June of 2017 to compete in the National 4-H Shooting Sports Contest. His father, Billy Varos, was selected to be the team's coach. Three other youth from across with state will join Leo in preparing for next summer. We are so proud of them both and that they will be representing Henderson County at a National level!

One more exciting project that we have going on is 4-H Robotics. We've got a group of youth who are going to be working hard in the next couple of months to prepare for the Agrobotics contest that is held in conjunction with the San Antonio Livestock Exposition in February. This will be the first time our county has competed so we are looking forward to learning a lot!

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