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Clover Connection

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Henderson County 4-H is having a fantastic run at the San Antonio Stock Show this year! On Friday, February 16th we had 2 teams compete in the Agrobotics contest. Agrobotics is a fusion of robotics and agriculture. This year's blind challenge (meaning that the teams are unaware of their tasks prior to the contest) was building and programming a robot to make furrows in rows of sand and "plant" seeds at certain spacings and using certain color patterns.

Our Junior team made up of Madi Gurley, Kim Adams, Joshua Jones and Elijah Harrison won 3rd out of approximately 30 teams. Our Senior team which includes Justin Jones, Stacey Adams and Kody Alexander placed 7th out of 34 teams. We are proud of our 4-Her's for their ability to work together and problem solve to complete the tasks that were at hand.

While the Agrobotics contest was going on one side of the grounds, on the other Maddie Smith was showing her heifer. She got first place in her class and Reserve Champion in her Division!

On Presidents Day, we had a team of Juniors compete in the Horse Judging contest. This was their first time to compete and they received 4th place out of over 40 teams! The nights of practice put in by Ally Odom, Kurtlee Smith, Weston Proctor and Carson Jones paid off. They now have their sights set on the contest that will be held at the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo coming up in March.

It's a great time to be a part of Henderson County 4-H! We have so many different projects and opportunities to get involved in. It's never too late to join us as a member or adult volunteer. We have open enrollment! If you would like more information, please call me at 903.675.6130 or email kate.marshall@ag.tamu.edu

Pictured: Maddie Smith with her Heifer, Horse Judging Team: Kurtlee Smith, Ally Odom, Weston Proctor & Carson Jones (Left to Right), Robotics Team: Kate Marshall, Kim Adams, Joshua Jones, Elijah Harrison, Madi Gurley & Team Coach Jeff Gurley (Left to Right).

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