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## *Clover Connection*

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The last couple of weeks seemed to be a whirlwind at the Henderson County AgriLife Extension Office. I've been getting ready for two awards banquets. One is for our members here & the other is for the Texas Association of Extension 4-H Agents Conference.

As I unload from one banquet and reload my car for the next, it's a time when we come together to celebrate all of the accomplishments over the past year for our members and volunteers here and even for all of the hard working Extension Agents out there!

Along with our youth who are recognized, we give thanks to our many club managers and project leaders. We also select a "Friend of 4-H" and an "Award of Excellence" to recognize some of our adults who have made significant contributions.

This year's "Friend of 4-H" award went to the ladies from the Gun Barrel Quilter's Guild. Over the past year they have hosted multiple workshops for our youth and have helped teach and mentor them through different quilting projects. We truly thank the Gun Barrel Quilter's Guild for being a friend to Henderson County 4-H!

Each year we select an outstanding volunteer in our community whose dedication impacts the lives of our 4-Hers. This year's Award of Excellence recipient has been an asset to our community and youth. They are often one of the first ones at events and activities to help set-up and the last to leave. Their willingness to step up and fill in wherever needed is going to be missed as they start a new chapter in their lives this fall –this year's Award of Excellence recipient was Mrs. Penny Jones.

Moving along to the youth awards, recognition is given in a variety of project areas. We also have some "special" awards that youth must complete a recordbook for and interview to apply. The following are Henderson County 4-H's most prestigious awards and I am honored to be able to recognize these young people and their accomplishments.

The Community Service award is an award that recognizes an individual for his or her outstanding work in the community. One deserving member in each age division is given this award. Junior division winner: Amelia Abney, Intermediate division winner: Joshua Jones, Senior division winner: Peter Cole.

The "I Dare You" award is a leadership award to recognize personal integrity, balanced living, and potential for leadership. Senior 4-H member, Jacob Cole, was the recipient of this award.

Rookie of the Year is a first year award to a 4-H member for outstanding achievement in a project and activities in his or her first year as a member. This year's winner was Lucy Adair.

The Bronze Star award is presented to 4-H members in grades 3-5 that are active in 4-H through community service, leadership, and with their projects. The 2017-18 Bronze Star award went to Sidney Sinclair.

The Silver Star award is presented to 4-H members in grades 6-8 who have exhibited outstanding capabilities in leadership, project work and community service. The 2017-18 Silver Star award went to Johnna Edwards.

The Gold Star award is the highest county achievement award given to Senior 4-H members at least 15 years of age who have completed at least 3 years of 4-H projects and activities. Ryan Holcomb was the 2017-18 Henderson County Gold Star award winner.

Now that our 4-H year has come to a close, we are getting ready to kick off 2018-19. We will be holding an Open House on Thursday, September 6<sup>th</sup> from 6-7:30 p.m. at the Henderson County Sr. Citizens Center located at 3344 TX-31, Athens, TX. It is right next to the Henderson County Fair Park complex.

We're going to have multiple people demonstrating many different project areas that night. The event is free to attend and we will be having some light refreshments. If you are unable to attend that night but are interested in signing up as a member (or volunteer) please contact me: [kate.marshall@ag.tamu.edu](mailto:kate.marshall@ag.tamu.edu) or call 903.675.6130.

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