The Clover Connection

February 2010 - Hale County 4-H Newsletter - Texas AgriLife Extension Service

Club Meetings & Activities

Abernathy Club - Monday, Feb. 8 at 6:30 -Elementary Building - Cindy Akers, Angie Sullivan & Becky Hegi

Abernathy Clover Kids - Tuesday, Feb. 2nd at 3:30 - Abernathy Elementary Cafeteria - Melissa Johnson

Cotton Center Club - Tuesday, Feb. 9th, at 4:30 - First Baptist Church - Jackie Howard

Horse Club - Tuesday, Feb. 9th, at 6:30 - Ollie Liner Center - Sherri Cheyne & Lisa Wright

Plainview Club - Monday, Feb. 8th at 7:00 -Ollie Liner Center - Lisa Wright

Plainview Clover Kids - Monday, Feb. 8th at 6:00 - Ollie Liner Center - Beverly Wall

Contact your club manager listed above if you have any questions.

GOOD LUCK TO EVERYONE WHO WILL BE PARTICIPATING IN THE MAJOR STOCK SHOWS

** If you have anything for the MARCH newsletter, get it to the office by FRIDAY, February 19 at 4:30!**

JUDGING CONTESTS

It is time to start thinking about judging contests. Would you like to learn more about dairy cattle, livestock, soil, meats, wool or grass? Then call the office today to sign-up - 291-5270. We also need interested persons to assist in **COACHING**. If you are interested, contact the office for more details.

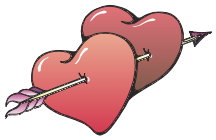
Leadership Development

There is as much merit in good manners as in hard work.

– Louisa May Alcott

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO YOU!

4 - Miranda Hastey
4 - Emily Mason
6 - Caden Carver
6 - Jill Harrelll
8 - Elizabeth Terry
10 - Coulter Teel
12 - Seth Berry
12 - Dylan Hayes
12 - Dru Lust
13 - Soledad Aguilar
13 - Jacquie Banda
14 - Treyton Peterson
16 - Bryce Reese
17 - Abbie Burnett
17 - Kristen True
18 - Karlee Hegi
18 - Kassidy Hegi
19 - Alisyn Gonzalez
19 - Claire Hukill
20 - Morgan Hastey
20 - Keleigh Pitcock
21 - Rowdy Huffaker
21 - Meghan Pereira
21 - John Hollis Young
23 - Bailey Houston
23 - Daniel Ruyne
29 - Taylor Coon



Hale County Stock Show Results

Goats

Grand Champion	Steven Ebeling
Reserve Grand Champion	Steven Ebeling

Lambs

Reserve Grand Champion	Ashley Shaw

Pigs

Grand Champion	Kira Pierce

Congratulations to all 4-Hers that participated in the Hale County Stock Show. GREAT JOB!!!!

THANK YOU

A big thank you goes out to all the families who donated money for the expense of meat for the stock show concession stand. Thank You!!!!!

THANK YOU!!

Thanks to everyone who helped with the 2010 Hale County Stock Show 4-H Concession Stand! It was a HUGE success! Thanks!

Texas Tour Silent Auction Fundraiser

Thanks to everyone who donated items to the Silent Auction. We had a great turnout! Great Job!!!

Texas 4-H Foundation Scholarship

If you are working on the scholarship application and need help, contact the office 291-5270! Scholarship applications are due to the Extension office by February 11 by 12:00P.M.

District Wide Community Service -
"Dimes for March of Dimes."

Kaitlyn & Samantha Jones and Catharine Kemp from the Plainview 4-H Club are Chairmen of "Dimes for March of Dimes" All members are asked to bring dimes and other loose change to their monthly meetings. This opportunity will last until the end of March. If you have any questions contact Mary Ann James at 292-4180.

Crisis Center of the Plains Used Cell Phones

Chairman: Letti Cheyne

Please bring any used cells phones to your Club monthly meetings. You may also drop the used cell phones off at the Extension Office. These cell phones will be given to women at Crisis Center of the Plains for emergency use only.

County Wide Community Service
"Compassionate Pregnancy"
Chairman: Meagan & Neva Kelly

All clubs are asked to make donations of any baby care products or size 4 diapers. These donations will count as 15 minutes for the "Texas Tour" and this is a District Community Service. Donations may be dropped off at the Extension office by February 28, 2010.

County Wide Community Service
Plainview Humane Society
Chairman: Kristen True

All clubs are asked to bring bleach, paper towels, chew toys and cat litter. It will be greatly appreciated. Donations may be dropped off at the Extension Office by February 28, 2010.

4-H Judging Teams

Other 4-H Judging Teams and Activities are around the corner. Please call the Extension office 291-5270 if you are interested in participating in any of these events and we will contact you when they get started.

- Grass ID
- Horse Judging
- Fashion Show
- Dairy Judging
- Soil Judging
- Meat Judging
- Method Demonstrations
- Entomology
- Public Speaking
- Share the Fun
- Livestock Judging

Entomology ID Contest

It's time to start practicing for the Entomology ID Contest. If you are interested in competing on a team, call Extension Office at 291-5274 or 291-5270.

Horse Judging

Horse Judging will have practice on Monday February 1st at Lakeside Elementary all other Monday practices will be held at Estacado School . Juniors 4:30 P.M. / Intermediates & Seniors: 5:30 P.M. Anyone interested in Horse Judging please call Misty Johnson, Sherri Cheyne or Lisa Wright.

Dairy Judging

It is time to start thinking about Dairy Judging again. As in the previous years we will try to send a Junior, Intermediate and a Senior team to the district competition. In dairy judging we look at real dairy cattle to determine which characteristics make a good dairy cow. If dairy judging is something you are interested in, please let the Extension Office know by **February 12th** so that we can contact you when we will start meeting for practice.

Plainview Clover Kids 4-H Club Meeting

The Plainview 4-H Club will meet on February 8, 2010 at the **Ollie Liner Center at 6:00P.M.** Program will be Decorating Valentine Cookies for "Our Friends of 4-H." Please bring 2 dozen plain sugar cookies (heart shaped). Icing for the cookies will be provided. The following community service opportunities will be available at the meeting:

1. Clean, Clear, Unbroken Glass for Recycling (L)
2. Pennies for Progress - Pocket Change for the Texas 4-H Center project (S)
3. Campbell's Soup or Campbell's product labels (N)
4. Paper towels, chew toy cat litter or bleach for the Plainview Humane Society (L)
5. Baby care products - shampoo & lotion, diapers (D)
6. Paper sacks or plastic bags for F.I.S.H.
7. Pocket Change for the Humane Society
8. Dimes - March of Dimes
9. Crisis Center of the Plains - Used cell phones

(L-Local, C-County, D-District, S-State, –National, I-International)

Plainview 4-H Club Meeting

The Plainview 4-H Club will meet on February 8, 2010 at the **Ollie Liner Center at 7:00P.M.** Program will be Decorating Valentine Cookies for "Our Friends of 4-H." Please bring 2 dozens plain sugar cookies (heart shaped). Icing for the cookies will be provided. The following community service opportunities will be available at the meeting:

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2010 Food Challenge

Do you have extra measuring cups or pots and pans you need to discard? Or other kitchen equipment? If you do then the 4-H Food Challenge teams can probably take them off your hands. They have to have a supply box for each team and they are one short. Give us a call at 291-5270 if you have anything to contribute.

4-H Practices: Tuesday's at 4:45 P.M. at the Hale County Extension Office.

Method Demonstration/Illustrated Talk

It's time to start working on method demonstration/illustrated talks for county and district Round-Up. A method demonstration is a short presentation given by one to two 4-Hers on a topic within 19 categories. The presentation also has visual aids (posters, props, etc.) This is an excellent way for 4-Hers to enhance their project work and learn communication and teamwork skills. If you are interested, please call the office 291-5270 and we would be glad to put together a presentation.

Share-the-Fun

It's also time to start working on Share-the-Fun skits for county and district Round-Up. Share-the-fun is like a talent show – you can sing, dance, recite a poem, musical (individual), band and perform a skit. This can either be an individual event or with teams of up to nine 4-Hers. There are six different categories. 4-Hers learn teamwork, communication skills and cooperation while showing off their talents! If you are interested, please call the office 291-5270.

ACHIEVEMENT BANQUET 4-H YEAR PINS

All Hale County 4-H members must attend 4 local club meetings to be eligible to receive a 4-H year pin at the 2010 Achievement Banquet. Each club secretary is responsible for keeping an accurate record of each 4-Hers attendance at their local club meeting. The club secretary must also submit these names to the **Extension office after the final meeting in May.**

Clothing Volunteer Training & Organizational Meeting

There will be a volunteer training and organizational meeting held **on February 16th at 5:30 P.M. at the Hale County Extension Office.** This meeting is for all clubs. For more information please call Deana or Andy at 291-5270. **Club Host: Cotton Center 4-H Club.**

Clothing Project

Remember the 4-H County Fashion show this year will be in March 2010. District Fashion Show will be held on April 13, 2010 in Abernathy. If you would like to lead the clothing project or assist with project activities call the office and let us know.

Sewing Project "Fleece Tie Blankets"

Presenters: Kennady & Melissa Johnson

WHEN: Thursday, March 4, 2010

TIME: 5:30 P.M.

WHERE: Hale County Extension Office

Please bring:

Fleece print 1 or 2 yards

Fleece solid 1 or 2 yards

Scissor or rotary cutter and mat

Tape Measure

Straight or Safety Pins

Masking Tape

Community Service: Donate Blankets to Nursing Home or Crisis Center.

Parents please remember you will need to stay and help your child. Please contact the Extension office if you plan to attend this workshop 291 -5270.

TEXAS TOUR

This is a very educational and fun trip for 4-Hers 14 and older as of September 1, 2009. If you are interested in participating please contact the office at 291-5270 .

The 15 hours must be completed before the TEXAS TOUR. Remember any community service donated for your club or county counts as 15 minutes. (Examples: donated peanut butter counts as 15 minutes, donated to the coat drive 15 minutes.) If you have any questions please contact, Phyllis Coleman 292-7372 or Jackie Howard 757-2121.

Aubrey Russell Scholarship

If any seniors are interested in applying for the District Aubrey Russell Scholarship contact the office. Applications are due to the Extension office by April 5th. The Aubrey Russell Scholarship is a $600 scholarship to assist a worthy District 2 4-H member to attend a college or university in the South Plains District (2) to major in home economics. Eligibility: has completed or is enrolled in the third year of 4-H in the South Plains District, has not previously won the scholarship, plans to major in family and consumer sciences or related field, including education, food technology, or pre-nursing, plans to attend a college or university in the South Plains District that offers a pre-family and consumer sciences degree or bachelor's degree in family and consumer sciences or related field, as mentioned above and plans to attend the Fall and Spring semester following scholarship judging, meet entrance requirements at the selected college or university.

PRIME TIME

WHO: 4-Hers ages 9-13
When: Session I July 25-18 for ages 12-13
Session II July 28-31 for ages 9-11
Where: Texas 4-H Center, Lake Brownwood
Cost: $210.00
Registrations Opens: March 1 - July 12, 2010
What: Activities such as: swimming, canoeing, archery, riflery, crafts, initiative games, and special evening activities. Learn teamwork and cooperation. **Adult Volunteers:** Chaperones can attend for $100.00.

2010 Howard College Lamb Showmanship Camp

When: June 6-8, 2010
Where: Howard College, Big Spring, Texas
Cost: $85.00 per person includes six meals and a camp t-shirt or cap.
****Please Note:**Hotel reservations must be made by the participants. (Housing is not provided)**
** First 200 paid entries only will be accepted** This is an excellent camp with outstanding instructors. Participants must be at least nine years old or entering the third grade. Call the Extension office for more information. No refunds after May 1st.

2010 Howard College Goat Showmanship Camp

When: June 13-15, 2010
Where: Howard College, Big Spring, Texas
Cost: $85.00 per person includes six meals and a camp t-shirt or cap.
****Please Note:**Hotel reservations must be made by the participants. (Housing is not provided)**
** First 200 paid entries only will be accepted** Participants must be nine years old or entering the third grade. Instruction will be given in selection, health & care, feeding, exercising, washing and shearing, and showmanship. Call the Extension office for more information.

4-H Award Jackets and Patches

All 4-H team coaches are reminded that it is your responsibility to turn in your teams results from the District II Sanctioned 4-H contests. Parents, please make sure that if your child competes as an individual in a contest, that you turn in the results to the Extension Office. The results determine which 4-Hers receive their jackets and patches at the 4-H Achievement Banquet.

TEEA Scholarship

Each year one 4-Her per district is awarded a $1000 scholarship. You must submit a Black & white copy of your current 4-H recordbook along with a high school transcript and 2 letters of recommendation one from your county agent and the other from a teacher, employer, community leader, or 4-H club manager to Deana by February 12th to be considered for this scholarship.

Eligibility Requirements:

1. Be a United States Citizen
2. Be currently an active senior 4-H member in good standing with county 4-H program for the last 4 years.
3. Demonstrate leadership and personal development through 4-H
4. Will attend College in fall following judging.
5. May attend college of their choice.
6. Not passed 19th Birthday before January of current year
7. Not previously received TEEA Scholarship

Stock Show Supper

A very special thank you to all of the 4-Hers and leaders who helped serve at the Stock Show Supper.
Great Job!!

Thank You!!

Thank you to the following families for delivering Meals on Wheels during the Christmas Holidays: Adair, Cheyne, Coon, Hooper, Hoover, Mustian, Perry, True, Wheeler and Wright.

Thank You

Thank You to these 4-Hers and Adult Leaders who helped with the Mangold Memorial Hospital Holiday Health Fair. These individuals worked at the recycling booth: Mary and Shayla Perry, Brandy and Kira Pierce, Missy and Camarie Looney and Marisol Holguin.

Livestock Judging Practice

February 8 at 4:30 P.M. in Abernathy meet in front of elementary school.

Rifle Practice Dates

Practice will be at:
Woodsman of the World
121 W. Stevenson
Hale Center, Texas

Practice Dates:
January 30, 2010
February 6, 2010
February 20, 2010
February 27, 2010

March 6, 2010
March 27, 2010
April 10, 2010

District Contest: Levelland, Texas
April 17, 2010

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HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY!

Sincerely,

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CEA-4-H

Deana Sageser,
CEA-FCS

Scott Adair,
CEA-AG/NR

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