



# The Clover Connection



January 2010 - Hale County 4-H Newsletter - Texas AgriLife Extension

## Club Meetings & Activities

**Abernathy** - Monday - Jan. 11 at 6:30P.M. - Abernathy School Cafeteria - Cindy Akers, Angie Sullivan & Becky Hegi

**Abernathy Clover Kids** - Tuesday, January 5<sup>th</sup> at 3:30 -

Abernathy School Cafeteria - Melissa Johnson

**Cotton Center** - TBA - Jackie Howard

**Horse Club - NO MEETING - JANUARY** - Sherri Cheyne & Lisa Wright

**Plainview - NO MEETING - JANUARY** - Lisa Wright

**Plainview Clover Kids - No Meeting - JANUARY** - Beverly Wall

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

“The giving of love is an education in itself.”

- Eleanor Roosevelt

### Hale County Stock Show Fund raiser

The annual Hale County Stock Show Steak Dinner and Fundraiser is set for Thursday, January 7<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 P.M. at the Ollie Liner Center. This event is for adults across the county and is coordinated by the directors of the county show. Tickets are \$125.00 and can be purchased from show directors. **\*\*\*Senior 4-Hers that plan to participate in the Tour of Texas this year are needed to help with the Stock Show Steak Dinner - Remember you can count the hours towards Tour of Texas Community Service Hours. Please call the office to sign-up.\*\*\***

\*\* If you have anything for the FEBRUARY newsletter, get it to the office by FRIDAY, January 22 at 4:00!\*\*

### Food Challenge

A Food Challenge Practice will be held on January 11, 2010 at 5:00 P.M. at the Hale County Extension Office.

### \*\*\*Hale County 4-H Council Meeting\*\*\*

Hale County 4-H Council will have a meeting on THURSDAY - January 21 at 6:00P.M. at the Hale County Extension Office.

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO YOU!

- 01 - Tyler Robertson
- 08 - Brooks Browning
- 08 - Katie Mahagan
- 09 - Michaela Rivera
- 10 - Madi McKay
- 12 - Bailey Reese
- 15 - Henry Pitts
- 18 - Letti Cheyne
- 21 - Mikayla Henderson
- 21 - Caleb Norrell
- 23 - Tarron Null
- 25 - Kelby Koelder
- 28 - Bracken Alexander
- 31 - Madeline Naranjo
- 31 - Jennifer Rowell



### Junior Master Gardener

Classes for Junior Master Gardener will resume January 13, 2010. Please call Beverly Wall if you have any questions 806/774-1040.

### Livestock Judging Practices

☞ Attention - There will be a day long judging practice on Tuesday, December 29, 2009.

- Meet at Extension Office 9:00 A.M.

- Bring money for lunch

☞ Tuesday - January 12 @ 4:30 P.M. meet at Extension Office.

Call Andy Hart at 291-5270 for more information.

### SHOOTING SPORTS - RIFLE ONLY MANDATORY SAFETY MEETING

There will be a SAFETY MEETING on MONDAY - JANUARY 4, 2010 at 7:00P.M. at the **Hale County Extension Office** for all new and returning shooting sports members. Everyone must attend - Parents need to be present. There is a shooting sports fee which will be due at that time. Contact Glen Schur 806/296-7607 or David Lane 806/729-6721 if you have any questions.

### First Student Bus Yard Clean-up and Safety Lesson

Join the Adair boys as they clean up the First Student Bus Yard! This is a **great community service opportunity** and fabulous for those of you with environmental science projects! We will also get on one of the buses for a lesson about bus safety which can go in your record books under Education. Meet at the First Student bus yard located on Industrial Blvd. just west of Joliet St. at 2:00 p.m. on Monday, December 28th. Gloves and trash bags will be provided but be sure to dress appropriately for the weather. Contact Lara Adair to sign-up or for more information. Phone: 494-3145 email: adair3@yahoo.com

### Thank You!!!

A special "Thank You" goes to KASH & KELBY KOELDER for putting up the December bulletin board at the Extension office. Great Job!!!

### THANK YOU!!!

\*\*\*\*THANKS TO THE FOLLOWING 4-HERS WHO DONATED GOODIES FOR THE TREE OF HOPE AT COVENANT HOSPITAL PLAINVIEW.\*\*\*\*

Drew Sageser, Jessi & Letti Cheyne, Catharine & Cristin Kemp, Samantha & Kaitlyn Jones, Kira Pierce, Mike & Melissa Ruel, David Gatewood, Kylie & Brylie Edwards, Brittany, Kayla & Matthew Anderson, Cassandra, Vicky & Monica Ramos, Logan & Simon Adair, Will & Colti Wright, Shayla Perry and Megan Harp.

### TEXAS TOUR FUNDRAISER

\*\*\*Remember the first Texas Tour Fundraiser will be held at the Hale County Stock Show in January. There will be a Silent Auction to raise money for this trip. Each 4-Her needs to try and bring at least one item for the silent auction. 4-Hers will also need to sign-up to work the Silent Auction table. For more information please call the Andy Hart at 291-5270. \*\*\*

### TEXAS TOUR

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

The 15 hours must be completed before the TEXAS TOUR. Helping at the Stock Show Concession Stand would be a great way to get your hours in. 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, Mary True 296-5390 or Jackie Howard 757-2121.

### 4-H Recordbook

Attention to all families and 4-Hers that plan to turn in a recordbook this year. Remember to be take pictures of your kids projects and to keep up with all 4-H activities through the year that they are involved in.

### Donations for Stock Show Concession Stand

For the past several years, 4-Hers have been given the opportunity to donate money to purchase the hamburger meat and patties for the Hale County Stock Show Concession Stand. These contributions help defray much of the expenses of the concession stand, therefore, allowing more profit. This is an **excellent** 4-H community service opportunity for your record books! If you wish to donate, please complete the form included in the newsletter and send it along with your donations to the Extension office. If you have any question contact the office at 291-5270. We need all donations by January 13<sup>th</sup>. Thank You!

### Stock Show Concession Stand

**Each Club Needs to donate the following for the Concession Stand.**

**Abernathy - 10 cases Diet Dr. Pepper**

**Cotton Center - 10 cases Diet Coke**

**Horse Club - 10 cases Coke**

**Plainview - 14 cases Dr. Pepper**

Hale County 4-H will be having the concession stand at the Hale County Stock Show again this year. This is the major fundraiser of the year, so all 4-H families are expected to help out. Each club needs to make sure they have enough adults to help with the concession stand (2 adults needed to cook hamburgers and 2-4 adults to help in the concession stand). Money raised will go into the Hale County 4-H fund, which covers trips, awards, fees, camps, etc. The co-chairs of the committee are Phyllis Coleman, Mary True and Jackie Howard.

### Friday, January 15

10:00-2:00	Cotton Center	Marilyn Koelder
2:00- 5:00	Plainview	D'Lee Powell
5:00-8:00	Abernathy	Abernathy Club Managers

### Saturday, January 16

7:30-11:30	Cotton Center	Marilyn Koelder
11:15-3:00	Plainview	D'Lee Powell
3:00-5:00	Tour of Texas	Jackie Howard
4:30-8:00	Abernathy	Abernathy Club Managers

### Sunday, January 17

7:30-11:30	Horse	Sherri Cheyne & Lisa Wright
11:15-5:00	Plainview	D'Lee Powell
5:00-8:00	Texas Tour	Phyllis Coleman

### Monday, January 18

4:30-7:00	Horse	Sherri Cheyne & Lisa Wright
7:00-9:30	Plainview	D'Lee Powell

Your club's representative will be contacting you to work during your club's scheduled time. If you have any questions, contact the office 291-5270.

### Meals and Wheels

A special "THANK YOU" goes out to all 4-Hers who delivered Meals on Wheels during the Thanksgiving Holidays. (Meals on Wheels counts as 1 hour of community service towards the Tour of Texas.) Dianne DeVos, Kristen True, Bernadette and Meredith Mulliken, Steven Ebeling, Kelly, Heather and Ben Bozeman, Jennifer and Jaci Marley, Maury & Megan Harp, Sherri, Jessi & Letti Cheyne, Lisa, Will & Colti Wright, Tammy, Megan, Neva & Brett Kelly, Misty Johnson, Kelton & Sterling Skinner, Brandy & Kira Pierce, Priscilla & Hannah Hooper, Julie, Emily and Blaise White, Sue Turner, Mike & Melissa Ruel, Darlene, Rebekah & Austin Terrell, The Coon Family, Dallas & Zack Marley, The Malcom Family, The Hastey Family.

### 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.

### Clothing Volunteer Training & Organizational Meeting

There will be a volunteer training and organizational meeting held **on February 16<sup>th</sup> 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: Plainview 4-H Club.**

### 4-H Judging Teams

4-H Judging Teams and Activities are around the corner. Let your club manager know or call the Extension Office 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
- Share the Fun
- Livestock Judging
- Method Demonstrations
- Soil Judging
- Entomology
- Public Speaking

### Christmas Parade

Thanks to all the 4-Hers that helped and rode on the 4-H Float: Jace & Brooks Browning, Ashley & Jackson Hamilton, Samantha & Kaitlyn Jones, David Gatewood, Landon Woods, Kristen True, Kira Pierce, Karlie Wheeler, Shayla Perry, and Mike & Melissa Ruel. **GREAT JOB!!!!**

### Crisis Center of the Plains Christmas Store

Thank You to all the 4-Hers and Adult Leaders for helping and providing refreshments for the Hale County Crisis Center - "Christmas Store": Beverly Wall, LaVerne English, Pastor Gerald Boerger, Dianne DeVos, Sherri, Jessi & Letti Cheyne, Shayla Perry, Kira Pierce, Lara, Logan & Simon Adair, Mike & Melissa Ruel, Brittany, Kayla & Matthew Anderson, Katie Cox, Brylie & Kylie Edwards, Catharine & Cristin Kemp, Cassandra Ramos, Vicky & Monica Ramos. Great Job!!!

### Community Local Shows

We officially encourage each 4-H member to attend and support your local Stock Show hosted by your local FFA Chapters. This is a great opportunity to practice and get experience. Keep numbers entered at a minimum and limit stress on animals to prevent sickness prior to the County Stock Show. Good Luck!!

#### Abernathy

- \* Set-up time, will be January 1 @ 1:00 P.M.
- \* Saturday, January 2<sup>nd</sup> @ Abernathy Ag Farm
- \* Starts @ 10:00 A.M.

#### Cotton Center

- \* Thursday - January 14<sup>th</sup> at Cotton Center Show Barn

#### Plainview

- \* Friday and Saturday, January 8-9 @ OLC
- \* Weight cards must be turned in by 6:00 P.M. to 8:00 P.M. Friday, Barn will close at 10:00 P.M. Friday Night
- \* Show starts Saturday, January 9 @ 10:00 A.M.
- \* Show order: Swine, Heifers, Steers, Goats, Lambs

### County Wide Community Service

#### "Give the Gift of Sight"

Will & Colti Wright are the Chairmen for "Give the Gift of Sight" Community Service. All Clubs are asked to donate used eyeglasses and sunglasses. These glasses will be taken to Lens Crafters in Lubbock to be restored. Lens Crafters will distribute these glasses to other world countries. Donations may be dropped off at the Extension Office or at the Stock Show Concession Stand.

### Crisis Center of the Plains Used Cell Phones

Chairman: Letti Cheyne

Please bring any used cell phones to the Stock Show Concession Stand. 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.

### 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.

### International Community Service - New or Used Music Cassettes

Kelby & Kash Kolder from the Cotton Center 4-H Club are Chairmen of "New or Used Music Cassettes" Community service for the month of November. Please bring a new or used music cassettes to your club meetings any kind of music will work. All the cassettes will be collected and sent over to the Soldiers in Iraq.

### District Consumer Decision Making Contest

Congratulations to the 9 Hale County 4-Hers who competed in the District Consumer Decision Making contest on December 5<sup>th</sup> in Tahoka!

Juniors: Kaitlyn Jones, Layne Mustian, Sterling Skinner, Victoria Ramos and Cassandra Ramos. Intermediates: Neva Kelly. Seniors: Letti Cheyne, Meagan Kelly and Samantha Jones. All Plainview 4-H Club members.

The Junior Team received 2nd Place Team Overall. Team members were Kaitlyn Jones, Layne Mustian, Sterling Skinner and Victoria Ramos. The Senior Team received 4th place team on class placings, 4th place team on reasons and 4th place team overall. Team members were Letti Cheyne, Meagan Kelly and Samantha Jones. Deana Sageser and Scott Adair were the coaches for all of these kids and they did a fantastic job. Congratulations!!!

### Swine Project Tips

1. Walk pigs daily
2. Always have fresh water
3. Clip hogs before arrival at county show. (Ask Andy for advice)
4. Stalls at County Show are preassigned so use only your pen.
5. Brush and Grittle pigs daily (Keep Clean and Dry)
6. Weigh pigs once per week
7. Make sure hogs are wormed monthly. (If you have never used atguard you probably should now)

### Beef Tips

1. Do not forget hoof trimmings
2. Rinse and blow hair often
3. Keep head clipped (this helps grow hair)
4. Feed hay daily
5. Practice showing

### Sheep & Goat Tips

1. Halter train lambs & goats
2. Keep sheep close sheared
3. Keep lambs covered
4. Worm monthly
5. Exercise lambs as needed
6. Practice showing

### The Hale County Stock Show Program

#### **Thursday, January 14, 2010**

12:00 Noon – Barn open to accept Animals

#### **Friday, January 15, 2010**

All Lambs and Goats must be in barn and weighed by 12:00 Noon

All Swine Must be in Barn by 12:00 Noon

1:00 P.M. – Begin Weighing Swine

All Steers must be in Barn by 5:00 P.M.

5:00 P.M. – Weigh in for Steers

#### **Saturday, January 16, 2010**

8:00 A.M. - Heifer Show

10:00 A.M. – Steer Judging

1:00 P.M. – Sheep judging - followed immediately by Goats.

#### **Sunday, January 17, 2010**

9:00 A.M. - Church Services

12:00 P.M. – Swine Judging

**NO LIVESTOCK MAY BE TAKEN HOME UNTIL AFTER JUDGING OF THEIR RESPECTIVE SPECIES.**

#### **Monday, January 18, 2010**

5:00 P.M. – Meal for prospective buyers ONLY. Courtesy of Fred Garrison Oil Company, Southwestern Cotton Inc., Southwestern Seed, Wells Fargo Bank and Happy State Bank.

6:00 P.M. – Auction Sale at Judging Ring, Ollie Liner Center



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**MERRY CHRISTMAS &  
A HAPPY NEW YEAR!!!**

Sincerely,

Andy Hart,  
CEA-4-H

Deana Sageser,  
CEA-FCS

Scott Adair,  
CEA-AG/NR

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for the purchase of meat for the Hale  
County Stock Show Concession Stand.

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Signature

Send to: Hale County Extension  
225 Broadway, Suite 6  
Plainview, TX 79072

By January 13<sup>th</sup>.

Thanks!!