



**July 2022**

### **Operation Serve**

#### **Project Summary:**

Annual collaborative effort of the City of Plainview, First United Methodist Church and other churches/organizations in Plainview, which recruits volunteers to serve in the community. The goal of this day is to supply holistic opportunities in which every church, organization, and age group can utilize individual gifts/skills to personally aid in the development of the community. Opportunities range from baking/cooking, sewing, and visiting assisted living centers, to yard work, house clean-up, small maintenance repairs, and other odd jobs that citizens in Plainview may not be able to physically or financially complete. Volunteers spend the day working these various projects and are encouraged to utilize this experience as a "spring board" for continual involvement in the community.

City of Plainview joined forces with Operation: Serve in 2015 in order to collaborate on a city-wide cleanup day to encourage all citizens to clean up their properties. Roll-off containers were setup in strategic locations around town with volunteers available to help unload. Volunteers were also able to assist those that did not have the means to drop off their trash. The results were great with approximately 200 volunteers and 24.52 tons of trash, brush, and tires being collected in one day.

#### **Project Description:**

Having a community clean-up day certainly is not unique in the world of municipalities. This is a key way cities can encourage their citizens to take pride in their community, their neighborhood, and their home. By providing ways to make it easier for citizens to participate, it makes the chance of strong participation even better. Plainview's goal was to clean-up trash and debris found throughout town by providing opportunities for citizens to comply voluntarily versus using code enforcement and citations.

### **Clean Hike and Bike Trail RSVP and Hale County 4-H**

Chairman: Tye Terrell

WHEN: Saturday, July 30th at 10:00 a.m.

WHERE: Hike and Bike Trail

All 4-H members are asked to meet at the gazebo off of Quincy street. We will divide into groups and clean the trail with the RSVP members.

An E-Waste event will also be held during Operation Serve at the First United Methodist Church in Plainview.

### **Meals on Wheels Scholarship**

Hale County Meals on Wheels, Inc. awards scholarships to a senior student who is pursuing higher education and who meets the criteria listed below. Awards are based solely on the number of volunteer hours accumulated with our organization. Hours may be accumulated by students during their junior and senior year. Students can begin accumulating hours at the first of their junior year. Hours that count toward this scholarship must be performed between September 1, 2021, through April 15, 2023. You must take responsibility for keeping up with the dates and hours of your volunteer service and turn in the attached log to the scholarship committee. Dates and hours will be verified by the committee. All public, private, and homeschooled students living in Hale County are eligible.

### **"Blue Jeans Go Green"** **Denim Recycling**

Chairman: Evelyn & Brody Mathis

The Texas Cotton Ginners Association will hold their convention this spring, but the contest will not be held until 2023. All Hale County 4-Hers are asked to continue saving their old denim. The top three organizations that enter the heaviest weights of collected denim will win cash prizes. The denim will be used for insulation in Habitat for Humanity homes. Contact Beverly Wall at 774-1040.

### **Aluminum Cans for Ronald McDonald House Charities**

Chairman: Sterling Berry

All 4-Hers are asked to recycle any aluminum beverage cans. This helps support Ronald McDonald House program, a temporary "home-away-from-home" for the families of seriously ill children being treated at nearby hospitals. Please bring aluminum beverage cans to your monthly club meetings.

### **County-Wide Community Service Manufacturer's Coupons**

Chairmen: Jaiden, Braiden, & Azlyn Barbian

Please bring manufacturer's coupons to your club meetings. The coupons will be used to provide free or low-cost items to the Crisis Center of the Plains. If you have any questions, please contact Rachel Barbian at 806-701-0976.

### **Summer Meals on Wheels Opportunity**

Any 4-Her who would like to deliver Meals on Wheels during the summer, please contact Ashley Mayberry at 806-292-9020. She will be happy to find a route for you. Volunteers are always needed to fill in for the fulltime volunteers. You may volunteer for as many or few days as you wish.

WHEN: Saturday, July 16th at 10:00 a.m. Meet in the Extension Office parking lot. From there, we will deliver items to various non-profits in Plainview.

### **Red, White & Moo Parade/ 4-H Float**

Chairman: Aiden Rusher

DATE: Saturday, July 2nd

TIMES: 9:00 a.m.-Arrive to decorate float

9:45 a.m.-Clover Kids and 4-Hers should be on the 4-H float

10:00 a.m.-Parade will be on Ash Street

WHERE: Santa Fe Depot

Adults will be needed to walk beside the float to throw candy. Please bring candy to the parade. 4-Hers will be dropped off at the Courthouse Square. If you would like to help decorate or ride on the float, please call Beverly Wall at 806-774-1040, or the Hale County Extension Office.

### **Red, White & Moo Celebration**

Chairmen: Kolt & Kleat Barrett

WHEN: Saturday, July 2nd

WHERE: Courthouse Square

The Dairy Women Association is sponsoring the Red, White & Moo event. 4-Hers and adults are needed to help with the petting zoo and pass out 4-H information packets.

Free milk, cheese, ice cream and yogurts will be given.

**Event times are as follows:** (If you ride in the parade, please sign up for Shift 2)

10:00 a.m. - Red, White and Moo Parade

Shift 1: 10:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. (Need 3 adults and 5 4-Hers)

Shift 2: 11:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. (Need 3 adults and 5 4-Hers)

Please call the Extension Office at 291-5270 to sign-up. For more information, contact Beverly Wall at 774-1040. If you are a volunteer and would like a Red, White and Moo shirt, they will be given out to volunteers on a "first come, first serve" basis. No youth sizes will be available. **Please make sure you are on time to work your shift.**