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*Community  
Service  
Connection*

**September 2022**

**County Wide Medication Clean Out  
Day/National Prescription Drug Take  
Back Initiative**

Chairmen: Kolt & Kleat Barrett

WHEN: Saturday, October 29th

WHERE: Wayland's Harrell Auditorium Circle Drive

TIME: 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

All the citizens of Hale County will have to do is roll down their window and drop all of their medications in a drop box, which will be closely monitored by the Wayland Police Department and the City of Plainview officers who are available that day.

They have asked if 4-H can provide water & cookies. Please have them to the office by 3:00 p.m. Friday, October 28th.

**Aluminum Cans for Ronald  
McDonald House Charities**

Chairman: Rachel Walden

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.

**"Happy Feet" Socks**

Chairman: Hanna Bozeman

Please bring a new pair of socks any size or a monetary donation to your local club meeting in September or drop them by the Extension Office by Friday, September 30th.

**Pool Noodles for School Safety Bucket**

Chairman: Bristol Boedeker

These foam pool noodles will be added to the PISD safety bucket. They can be used with the tourniquets in case of an emergency. The goal is to turn in 200 noodles. Please bring your new or used noodles to your first club meeting or the Extension Office by Friday, September 30th. For more information, contact Heather Boedeker at 806-729-0126.

**Hunger Plus Bottled Water Drive  
International Community Service**

Chairmen: Brady & Ryan Baker

Please bring bottled water to your local club meeting or to the Hale County Extension Office by Friday, September 30th. Hunger Plus volunteers will deliver the water to a mission in Cuidada Acuna, Mexico.

**Crisis Center of the Plains  
Used Coat Drive**

Chairman: Aiden Rusher

Please bring a coat (any size is fine) you no longer wear, to your local club meeting. These coats will be cleaned and donated to the Crisis Center. You may drop these coats off at the Extension office by Friday, September 30th. All 4-H clubs are encouraged to participate.

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

Chairmen: Evelyn & Brody Mathis

The Texas Cotton Ginners Association will not hold their convention and contest this spring. Hopefully, the TCGA will meet in spring 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.

## **Shoebox Christmas Inventory**

Chairmen: Rylie, Harmony, & Scarlett Morales

DATE: Wednesday, September 28th

TIME: 4:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.

WHERE: St. Mark's Episcopal Church (710 Joliet)

An inventory of Shoebox Christmas donations will be taken. These items will be distributed in December to nursing homes; assisted living and memory loss care facilities; and Meals on Wheels recipients.

## **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 home-schooled students living in Hale County are eligible.

## **Great 4-H Opportunity**

The Bayer Fund is proud to announce, for the seventh year in a row, America's Farmers Grow Communities<sup>SM</sup>. This program gives farmers the opportunity to win \$5,000 for their favorite community non-profit organization. Through this program, more than \$7.3 million has been donated to rural communities across the country. **Any farmer that has 250 acres can apply for this opportunity.** Please make sure to select Hale County 4-H when applying for this. This will not take more than 5 minutes to fill out. The deadline to register is November 1, 2022. Both Farmer and spouse can each apply for this program opportunity.

Ways to Nominate the Non-Profit Organization

1. Online: Visit [Americasfarmers.com](http://Americasfarmers.com) Tab-Grow Communities
2. Phone: 877-267-3332



These community service opportunities are available at the club meetings this month:

- Medicine Cleanout (County)
- "Happy Feet" - Socks (County)
- Pool Noodles for School Safety Bucket (County)
- "Blue Jeans Go Green" Denim Recycling - any type of old denim (State)
- Ronald McDonald House - aluminum cans (District)
- Hunger Plus - bottled water (International)
- Crisis Center of the Plains - Used Coats (District)