#### HALE COUNTY 4-H NEWS BROUGHT TO



# HALE COUNTY 4-H Clover COnvertion

#### October 2022

## Welcome to the 2022-2023 4-H Year!

ENROLLMENT OPENS: Monday, August 15th (Those entering 3rd grade must wait until September 1st)

COST (must pay by credit/debit card):

- \$25 from August 15th-October 31st
- \$30 from November 1st until the end of 4-H year
- Clover Kids are free.

Go to 4HOnline to enroll - https://v2.4honline.com/#/user/sign-in.

- If you are re-enrolling, please update your profile. DO NOT CREATE A NEW PROFILE.
- If you are a NEW member, you will need to setup a new profile. The new program is mobile friendly and is compatible with all internet browsers except Internet Explorer.

If you have any questions, please contact Cathy Banda at 291-5270.

# <u>4-H Parent & Volunteer Screening</u>

COST (must pay by credit/debit card): \$10



Following Texas 4-H guidelines, **any parent or volunteer who will be working with the youth or transporting youth must enroll on 4HOnline to be screened**. If you have any questions, please contact Cathy Banda at 291-5270.

# **Running Water Draw Concession Stand**

4-H will have the concession stand at the Running Water Draw Arts and Crafts Festival Friday, October 14th to Sunday, October 16th. 4-Hers and leaders from all 4-H clubs are needed to work. We must have an adult in the concession stand at each shift.

To sign up for the concession stand: <u>https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1Quk-</u> <u>LcubPhpie6nagTuR3edp3n1B\_zQZxYeoNU7YHtY/edit?usp=sharing</u>

Remember you must work 2 hours in the concession stand to earn your points at the end of the year. For each additional 2-hour shift, you receive 5 points. If you don't sign out, your time won't be counted.

Club Managers, please make sure each club brings drinks and your families signup to work a shift. Each club will need to donate the following for the concession stand (1 case=12 pack):

Abernathy: Horse Club:

5 cases Dr Pepper 2 cases Diet Coke Cotton Center: Plainview: 3 cases Sprite 5 cases Coke

\*All drinks need to be delivered to the Extension Office by Wednesday, October 12th.\*

# HEADS • HEART • HANDS • HEALTH



#### **Abernathy 4-H Clover Kids Club**

WHEN: Thursday, September 29th (Tour SPF) WHERE: Abernathy Elementary School CLUB MANAGERS: Ginger Moore & Brandi Holder

#### **Abernathy 4-H Club**

WHEN: Tuesday, October 25th at 6:30 p.m. WHERE: Abernathy Elementary School CLUB MANAGERS: Stephanie Allen & Carolyn Curry

#### **Cotton Center 4-H Club**

WHEN: Wednesday, October 5th at 5:30 p.m. WHERE: First Baptist Church WHAT: Food Challenge CLUB MANAGER: Cynthia Walden

#### Hale County 4-H Horse Club

WHEN: Tuesday, October 25th at 6:30 p.m. WHERE: Plainview Rodeo Grounds CLUB MANAGERS: Kelley Bozeman, Sherri Cheyne, & Lisa Wright

#### Plainview 4-H Clover Kids Club

WHEN: Monday, October 24th at 6:00 p.m. WHERE: Ollie Liner Center WHAT: Pumpkin Decorating Contest-Prizes will be given, & the pumpkins will be donated to the Plainview Healthcare Nursing Home. CLUB MANAGER: Beverly Wall

#### Plainview 4-H Club

WHEN: Monday, October 24th at 7:00 p.m. WHERE: Ollie Liner Center WHAT: Club Officer Installation followed by Pumpkin Decorating Contest-Prizes will be given, & the pumpkins will be donated to the Plainview Healthcare Nursing Home. CLUB MANAGER: Leigha Pate

Petersburg 4-H Project Club

WHEN: WHERE: REMEMBER: ALL MEMBERS HAVE TO ENROLL ON 4-HONLINE AND PAY THE MEMBERSHIP FEE OF \$25 IN ORDER TO PARTICIPATE IN ANY 4-H ACTIVITIES, INCLUDING SHOOTING SPORTS AND/OR SHOWING LIVESTOCK. PARENTS AND ADULTS NEED TO REGISTER IF THEY PLAN TO VOLUNTEER.

\*\*YOU MUST RE-ENROLL EVERY YEAR!\*\*



\*\*If you have anything for next month's newsletter, please get it to the office by Wednesday, October 26th by 4:00 p.m.!\*\*

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# • • TO MAKE THE BEST BETTER • •

## <u>Upcoming Food & Nutrition Contests</u> <u>District Grilling Games</u>

DISTRICT CONTEST: Saturday, October 15th at Texas Tech University Animal & Food Sciences Arena 4-HONLINE: Opens October 3rd & Closes October 5th at 12:00 p.m. LEADER: Audra Guess

#### **District Food Challenge**

DISTRICT CONTEST: Tuesday, November 8th at Mallet Event Center in Levelland 4-HONLINE: Opens October 10th & Closes October 19th at 12:00 p.m.

Please enroll for the year by October 5th to have an active profile.

LEADER: Audra Guess

This contest, modeled after such competitions as the Food Network's "Iron Chef," allows 4-H member to demonstrate their culinary and food safety skills. We will discuss major rule changes, how the contest works, and figure out practice schedules if necessary. **If your child is interested, please be at one of the orientation meetings.** If you have any questions, contact Audra Guess at 291-5270.

#### **District Food Show**

COUNTY CONTEST: Sunday, November 13th COUNTY CONTEST ENTRY DEADLINE: Entry & Recipe due by Thursday, October 27th at 9:00 a.m. https://counties.agrilife.org/hale/4-h/foodshow/

DISTRICT CONTEST: Saturday, December 3rd at Sundown ISD

4-HONLINE: Opens November 7th & Closes November 16th at 12:00 p.m.

LEADER: Audra Guess

If you would like to assist with Food and Nutrition activities, please contact Audra Guess at 291-5270.

#### **District FCH Quiz Bowl (formerly Nutrition Quiz Bowl)**

If you are interested in participating, contact Audra Guess by Tuesday, October 18th.

DISTRICT CONTEST: Saturday, December 3rd at Sundown ISD

4-HONLINE: Opens November 7th & Closes November 16th at 12:00 p.m. LEADER: Audra Guess

For more information on these contests/events, contact Audra Guess at 291-5270 or audra.guess@ag.tamu.edu.

# **<u>4-H County Council & Parent/Adult Leaders Association Meeting</u>**

WHO: All Parents & Volunteers WHEN: Monday, October 17th at 6:30 p.m. WHERE: First Baptist Church in Cotton Center

We will be discussing the Hale County Stock Show Concession Stand, point system, and other important topics.

#### <u>Upcoming District Contests</u> <u>District Meat Judging</u>

PRACTICES: Starting September 13th in the Big Room at Abernathy Elementary School Parent meeting - Beginning of the first practice for each age group

Seniors: Wednesdays at 5:30 p.m. (Some practices will be at Tech, but that will be communicated week to week for those who are attending.)

Intermediates: Tuesdays at 4:45 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.

Juniors: Wednesdays 4:00 p.m. - 4:45 p.m.

DISTRICT CONTEST: Monday, November 7th

4-HONLINE: Opens October 19th & Closes October 26th at 12:00 p.m.

LEADER: Wendy Woerner, 806-632-9522

#### **District Horse Quiz Bowl**

If you are interested in participating, contact Audra Guess by Tuesday, October 4th.

DISTRICT CONTEST: Tuesday, December 6th at District Office 4-HONLINE: Opens November 15th & Closes November 23rd at 12:00 p.m. LEADER: Audra Guess

## **District Livestock Quiz Bowl**

If you are interested in participating, contact Andy Hart by Tuesday, October 4th.

PRACTICE: Monday, October 10th at 3:45 p.m. at Abernathy Junior High Thursday, October 13th at 4:30 p.m. at County Extension Office Future Practice Dates TBA

DISTRICT CONTEST: Friday, December 9th at Capitol Elementary in Levelland 4-HONLINE: Opens November 14th & Closes November 23rd at 12:00 p.m. LEADER: Andy Hart

# **District Consumer Decision Making (CDM)**

If you are interested in participating, contact Tristyn Galindo by Tuesday, October 4th.

4-HONLINE: TBA LEADER: Tristyn Galindo



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WHEN: Tuesday, November 1st TIME: 3:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m. WHERE: Abernathy High School Ag Shop

WHEN: Thursday, November 3rd TIME: 8:00 a.m.-5:30 p.m. (office will be open during lunch hour) WHERE: Hale County Extension Office

Please note parents and exhibitors do not need to attend both sign-up dates. **Only attend the date which works best for your schedule or come by the Hale County Extension office during business hours to sign-up before November 1st.** If you have any questions, please contact Andy Hart at 806-291-5270.

#### DON'T FORGET

- Exhibitor's Social Security Number
- Exhibitor's Quality Counts Number
  - Quality Counts verification is required to attend spring major stock shows.
  - Exhibitors must be verified once as a Junior (grades 3-5), once as an Intermediate (grades 6-8), and once as a Senior (grades 9-12).
- Parent/Guardian Signatures are required.
- Registration Papers Please bring a copy.
- Payment Options Venmo, Check, Exact Cash
- All entries MUST be paid for that day.

If you have any questions or need any assistance with your livestock projects, including feeding, showing, or medicating, please contact Andy Hart at 806-291-5270.

#### **<u>4-H Enrollment & Quality Counts</u>** Verification Deadline: Tuesday, October 25th by 10:00 a.m.

4-H Enrollment: Verifies you are an active member of 4-H. Exhibitors must have an active member status on 4HOnline before exhibiting at any show as well as receive excused absences for school.

Quality Counts: Verifies you have completed the course and passed the exam. Verification is required for State Fair of Texas, Heart O' Texas, and all major livestock show entries. (Contest entries are excluded.)

The course is focused on quality assurance and character education. It is designed to teach exhibitors the importance of displaying good character in carrying out livestock projects and in every aspect of their lives, as well as learn the importance of using proper livestock management practices to preserve food quality and safety.

There are two steps to become Quality Counts verified - complete the course and pass the exam.

- 1. The course will take approximately 2 hours to complete; however, you may leave and come back to the course using the Return Link (must keep email with link).
- 2. Once the course is finished, you will proceed to the exam. This must be completed once you start it, but you can take it as many times as needed to achieve 80% or higher.

Once passed, your verified Quality Counts number is ready for livestock show entries!

Exhibitors must be verified <u>once per grade level division</u> (Junior - grades 3-5; Intermediate - grades 6-8; Senior - grades 9-12), not each year.

Go to the Quality Counts website to enroll: <u>https://www.texaslivestockvalidation.com/qc/qcregister.aspx</u>

- Mozilla Firefox is strongly recommended.
- It is very important to choose BOTH your 4-H and FFA chapter regardless of which you think you will show through.

#### **Don't forget to enroll on 4-HOnline to become a 4-H member!** Enrollment Deadline: Tuesday, October 25th by 10:00 a.m.

#### **Upcoming Physical Validations**

Validation is proof of ownership as required by stock shows in Texas. It does not automatically enter exhibitors in a livestock show.

Heifer - Sunday, October 16th at Sheep & Goat Validation in Abernathy Swine - November TBA

#### **Preparation is Key to a Successful Swine Project**



Many things factor in when we consider what a successful swine project is. You must first prepare your facility and set goals, and then selection is extremely important. General health, a consistent feeding and exercise program and showmanship are all huge factors as well.

Be sure you have a plan going into the project. Make certain that your facility is a place that is clean, warm and dry. Be sure you have good ventilation and access to fresh clean water. Concrete or dirt/sand work fine and there are advantages to both. If you plan to show white hogs, make sure the animals will be in the shade. You can contact the office for more advice on facilities.

One thing you should consider is finding someone you know or trust to be a sounding board for the duration of the project. This person can be a family member, friend, industry professional, ag teacher or county agent. The main thing is that you're comfortable with them and they have a working knowledge of the swine project. This mentor can be there to answer questions and get you through tough situations that can be extremely challenging. We all learn by doing and that is what this project is for, but having someone to lean on will make your swine project more enjoyable and successful. Please make sure that you decide on one main person to help with your project. There are many qualified individuals available, but there are many different ways to approach the project as well. If you start to mix several different methods, odds are it will create a problem.

Pigs are more like people than many of us realize! Plan on setting a routine for feeding, cleaning, brushing etc. Of course, everyone believes that their schedule works the best, truth be known, consistency is the key. Talk with everyone involved and make a schedule that works for you. Remember, this is a family project, it takes more than one person to get the best results. There will be more to come later on feeding and general health.

#### **Remind Texts for Livestock**

Sign up for texts through Remind if you show livestock and participate in Livestock Judging.





## National 4-H Week - October 2nd-8th

National 4-H Week is quickly approaching! The theme is "Opportunity4All." Be thinking of what you and your club can do to help promote 4-H during this week. Please call the office by Tuesday, September 27th if your club will participate and where it will be located.

#### <u>One Day 4-H</u>

WHO: Hale County 4-H Horse Club, Plainview 4-H Club, Plainview Clover Kids Club, & Running Water Draw 4-H Shooting Sports Club

WHEN: Sunday, October 9th at 2:00 p.m.

WHERE: St. Alice Catholic Church (114 Houston St., Plainview)

#### **Candy for Stockings for Troops**

Chairmen: Sterling Berry & Rachel Walden

Please bring bags of individually wrapped candy to your local club meeting or to Hale County Extension Office by Thursday, October 20th. This candy will be put in Christmas stockings and shipped to troops stationed overseas. (Remember Halloween candy goes on sale November 1st and is perfect for the stockings.)

# **<u>Running Water Draw Promote 4-H Booth</u>**

4-H will have the concession stand and a Promote 4-H Booth at the Running Water Draw Arts and Crafts Festival Friday, October 14th to Sunday, October 16th. 4-Hers and leaders from all 4-H clubs are needed to work both of these booths. We must have an adult in the concession stand and at the booth at each shift. If you have any questions, contact the office at 291-5270.

<u>Festival Times</u> Friday: 10:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.

Saturday: 10:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.

Sunday: 12:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

# **Running Water Draw Booths**

All 4-Hers will have the opportunity to sell tickets for these non-profit organizations during the RWD Arts & Crafts Show. You may help at these booths any time during the weekend. These non-profit booths will be located throughout the show.

Hale County 4-H Silver Star Room Keep Plainview Beautiful FISH Crisis Center of the Plains Chairmen: Brystol Boedeker & Hanna Bozeman Chairmen: Evelyn & Brody Mathis Chairmen: Aiden Rusher & Tye Terrell Chairmen: Kolt & Kleat Barrett Chairmen: Hagen & Colson Pate

# **<u>Crisis Center of the Plains Fundraiser</u>**

Chairmen: Brady & Ryan Baker

4-Hers will be selling raffle tickets for a Kenneth Wyatt picture at Running Water Draw Arts & Crafts Festival. Proceeds from the raffle will benefit the Crisis Center of the Plains Christmas gifts for teenagers.

# **South Plains Fair Entries**

Entries may be picked up at the Extension Office starting Monday, October 10th.

#### **Texas Coop Power Monthly Photography Contest**

Chairmen: Hagen & Colson Pate

Hale County 4-Hers and Clover Kids are encouraged to submit their photographs in the monthly categories.

Due October 10th - First Responders

Due November 10th - Land, Sea, or Sky

Ener online at TexasCoopPower.com/contests

#### **<u>RWD 4-H Shooting Sports to Host SYWAT Archery Tournament</u>**

Chairmen: Hagen & Colson Pate

WHO: Open to all Archers ages 6 & above

WHEN: Saturday, November 12th at 10:00 a.m. & 2:00 p.m.

Sunday, November 13th at 10:00 a.m. & 2:00 p.m.

WHERE: Ollie Liner Center

COST: \$20 for 6-17 year old & \$25 for 18+ with a \$70 maximum cost/family

Running Water Draw 4-H Shooting Sports Club is excited to host a "Shoot Your Way Across Texas" archery tournament. SYWAT is an archery league held throughout Texas where archers compete at different locations hoping to advance to the state tournament. It is not affiliated with 4-H. This is a great opportunity for archers young and old to get practice in a tournament setting as well as a chance for those interested in the sport to check it out. Please contact Derrick Pate 806-549-8699 if you have any questions.

#### **Junior Master Gardener Classes**

WHEN: Starting October 5th every Wednesday at 4:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m. WHERE: St. Mark's Episcopal Church (710 Joliet, Plainview) WHO: Current Junior Master Gardeners

Beverly Wall will be teaching the Junior Master Gardener classes this fall and spring. Participants completing the course will become a certified Level 1 Junior Master Gardener and receive a certificate from Texas A&M University. JMG Level 1 books will be provided to each 4-Her. For more information, call the Extension Office at 291-5270 or Beverly Wall at 774-1040.

| Due: January 6, 2023  | Please return to: Hale County Soil and Water Conservation District<br>304 South Garland Street   Plainview, Texas 79072  |  |  |  |
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| If you need any type of accommodation to participate in this program or have questions about the physical access provided, please contact Audra Guess, Andy Hart, Shawnte Clawson, or Tristyn Galindo at the Hale County Extension Office at least two weeks prior to the program or event.<br><i>Texas A&amp;M AgriLife Extension is an equal opportunity employer and program provider.</i><br>The Texas A&M University System, U.S. Department of Agriculture, and the County Commissioners Courts of Texas Cooperating |  |   |  |  |                    |  |  |
| Sun  | Mon  | Tue   | Wed  | Thu  | Fri                | Sat                                    |  |
|  |  |   |  | 29<br>3:30 p.mAbernathy Clover<br>Kids                     | 30                 | 1                                      |  |
| 2  | 3  | 4:45 p.mInt. Meat Judging<br>Quiz Bowl & CDM<br>Interest due  | 5<br>4:00 p.mJr. Meat Judging<br>4:30 p.mJMG<br>5:30 p.mSr. Meat Judging<br>5:30 p.mCotton Center<br>4-HOnline Closes at 12:00<br>p.mD. Grilling Games | 6  | 7                  | 8                                      |  |
| 9  | 10<br>3:45 p.mLivestock Quiz Bowl<br>Practice in Abernathy<br>4-HOnline Opens-D. Food<br>Challenge | 11<br>3:15 p.mCDM Orientation<br>in Abernathy<br>4:45 p.mInt. Meat Judging<br>6:00 p.mCDM Orientation<br>in Plainview                             | 12<br>4:00 p.mJr. Meat Judging<br>4:30 p.mJMG<br>5:30 p.mSr. Meat Judging  | 13<br>4:30 p.mLivestock Quiz Bowl<br>Practice in Plainview | 14<br>RWD Conce    | 15<br>D. Grilling Games<br>ssion Stand |  |
| 16<br>2:00 p.mSheep & Goat<br>Validation & Heifer Validation<br>RWD Con. Stand   | 17<br>6:30 p.mCounty Council &<br>Parent/Adult Leader Associa-<br>tion                             | 18<br>4:45 p.mInt. Meat Judging   | 19<br>4:00 p.mJr. Meat Judging<br>4:30 p.mJMG<br>5:30 p.mSr. Meat Judging<br>4-HOnline Closes at 12:00<br>p.mD. Food Challenge                         | 20   | 21                 | 22                                     |  |
| 23   | 24<br>6:00 p.mPlainview Clover<br>Kids<br>7:00 p.mPlainview  | 25<br>4:45 p.mInt. Meat Judging<br>6:30 p.mAbernathy<br>6:30 p.mHorse Club<br>Quality Counts & 4-HOnline<br>Enrollment due for Livestock<br>Shows | 26<br>4:00 p.mJr. Meat Judging<br>4:30 p.mJMG<br>5:30 p.mSr. Meat Judging  | 27<br>County Food Show<br>Entries due by 9:00 a.m.         | 28                 | 29                                     |  |
| 30   | 31   |   |  |  |                    |  |  |