

HALE COUNTY 4-H
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HALE COUNTY 4-H
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February 2023



**Champion Meat Judging Team
Ft. Worth Stock Show & Rodeo
Jacob Williamson, Scott Phillips,
Mason Hart, Graden Allen
High Point Individual-Jacob Williamson**



**Grand Market Lamb
Ft. Worth Stock Show & Rodeo
Graham Newsom-Plainview 4-H**

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JOIN THE CLUB

Abernathy 4-H Clover Kids Club

WHEN: Thursday, February 2nd at 3:30 p.m.
WHERE: Abernathy Elementary School Cafeteria
CLUB MANAGERS: Ginger Moore & Brandi Holder

Abernathy 4-H Club

WHEN: TBA
WHERE: TBA
CLUB MANAGERS: Stephanie Allen & Carolyn Curry

Cotton Center 4-H Club

WHEN: Thursday, February 9th at 5:30 p.m.
WHERE: First Baptist Church, Cotton Center
CLUB MANAGER: Cynthia Walden

Hale County 4-H Horse Club

WHEN: Tuesday, February 7th at 6:30 p.m.
WHERE: Hale County Extension Office
CLUB MANAGER: Kelley Bozeman, Sherri Cheyne,
& Lisa Wright

Plainview 4-H Clover Kids Club

WHEN: Monday, February 13th at 6:00 p.m.
WHERE: Ollie Liner Center
WHAT: Decorating Valentine cookies to take home
CLUB MANAGER: Beverly Wall

Plainview 4-H Club

WHEN: Monday, February 13th at 7:00 p.m.
WHERE: Ollie Liner Center
WHAT: Decorating Valentine cookies to take home
CLUB MANAGER: Leigha Pate

Petersburg 4-H Project Club

WHEN: TBA
WHERE: Petersburg Ag Classroom

REMEMBER: ALL MEMBERS HAVE TO ENROLL ON 4-H ONLINE AND PAY THE MEMBERSHIP FEE OF \$30 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!****

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****If you have anything for next month's newsletter, please get it to the office by Wednesday, February 22nd by 4:00 p.m.!****

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♦ ♦ TO MAKE THE BEST BETTER ♦ ♦

Upcoming Spring Contests **Fashion Show**

COUNTY CONTEST: Monday, April 3rd at Abernathy Elementary School

COUNTY ENTRY DEADLINE: Tuesday, March 21st at 12:00 p.m.

Register at: <https://hale.agrilife.org/4-h/county-fashion-show-entry/>

DISTRICT CONTEST: Thursday, April 13th at the District Extension Office in Lubbock

4-HONLINE: TBA

Clover Kids will follow Junior categories for County. Please call Audra Guess if you have any questions.

Buying Categories

Special Interest (All Ages)

Fantastic Fashions under \$25 (All Ages)

Casual Everyday Living (Juniors/Intermediates Only)

Dressy (Juniors/Intermediates Only)

Business/Interview Attire (Seniors Only)

Semi-Formal to Formal (Seniors Only)

Construction Categories

Casual Everyday Living (All Ages)

Theatre/Costume (All Ages)

ReFashion & Embellished/Recycled (Jr./Int.)

Dressy (Juniors/Intermediates Only)

ReFashion (Seniors Only)

Semi-Formal to Formal (Seniors Only)

Natural Fiber

Cotton

Wool/Mohair

(Outfit can be entered in another category as well as natural fiber as long as the fiber content is over 50%.)

Storyboard (formerly Fashion Storyboard)

COUNTY CONTEST: More information Coming Soon!

DISTRICT CONTEST: Virtual

4-HONLINE: Opens March 16th & Closes April 5th at 12:00 p.m.

Please fill out the google form if you are interested in learning more about Storyboard. Don't Miss this FUN opportunity! <https://forms.gle/Vun1zu42SWHmaWqN6>

Boards/entries will be uploaded on 4-HOnline. Entries can be a picture of a physical board or a computer-generated board. Participants may submit only one entry. If you have any questions, please call Audra Guess.

The following brief serves as the direction for the 2023 Storyboard. 4-H members should create their Storyboard around their interpretation of the design brief.

No Design Brief

The design brief has served as the inspiration and the direction of a 4-H member's original design for the 4-H Storyboard Invitational contest. In 2023 4-H members competing in the Storyboard Invitational will not be given a design brief but instead will have the opportunity to find their own inspiration and direction for their design. 4-H members should create their own original design and Storyboard based on something that personally inspires them.

Categories: Wearable, Accessory, Jewelry, Pet Clothing, Home Décor, Home Furnishings

Duds to Dazzle

DISTRICT CONTEST: Thursday, April 13th at the Lubbock County Extension Office

4-HONLINE: TBA

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

Upcoming Spring Contests

Educational Presentation, Public Speaking, and Talent Showcase

COUNTY CONTEST: Monday, February 27th at Garland Street Church of Christ in Plainview

COUNTY DEADLINE: Wednesday, February 15th at 12:00 p.m.

Register at: <https://hale.agrilife.org/4-h/county-roundup/>

DISTRICT CONTEST: Monday, March 27th Indiana Ave. Baptist Church in Lubbock

4-HONLINE: Opens February 27th & Closes March 8th at 12:00 p.m.

For more information on Talent Showcase (formerly Share-the-Fun): <https://youtu.be/CLMYOHklnkw>

Grass ID and Soil Judging

PRACTICES: Every Tuesday and Thursday beginning February 9th at Garland Street Church of Christ

TIME: Grass ID at 4:30 p.m.-5:00 p.m. Soil Judging at 5:00 p.m.-5:30 p.m.

DISTRICT CONTEST: Grass ID & Soil Judging - Monday, April 17th in Plainview (tentative)

4-HONLINE: Grass ID - TBA

Soil Judging - TBA

LEADER: Beverly Wall, 774-1040

Livestock Judging

If any 4-Her is interested in judging livestock, call the Extension Office.

DISTRICT CONTEST: Friday, April 21st at Texas Tech Arena

4-HONLINE: Opens April 1st & Closes April 12th at 12:00 p.m.

LEADER: Andy Hart

Horse Judging

PRACTICES: TBA

DISTRICT CONTEST: Friday, April 21st at West Texas A&M University in Canyon

4-HONLINE: TBA

LEADER: Lisa Wright, 774-0568

Photography

COUNTY CONTEST: Photos due by March 22nd at 12:00 p.m. to audra.guess@ag.tamu.edu

DISTRICT CONTEST: TBA

4-HONLINE: TBA

STATE CONTEST (Seniors Only): 4-Honline opens April 1st & Closes April 12th at 12:00 p.m.

This is separate from District. You must still advance from County.

Entomology ID

The first practice will be after Spring Break. If you are interested in competing on a team, call Extension Office.

DISTRICT CONTEST: Saturday, May 6th at the District Extension Office in Lubbock

4-HONLINE: Opens April 13th & Closes April 26th at 12:00 p.m.

LEADER: Blayne Reed

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



4-H Livestock Projects, Reminders & Results



Excused Absences for School for Livestock Shows & Contests

Parents/Guardians are responsible for sending specific dates of each exhibitor missing school by the deadline by filling out the online form.

Houston	Monday, February 13th
Austin	Monday, February 20th



If no dates are received by the deadline, no excuse letter will be sent to the schools.

4-H Livestock Projects **Swine Project Tips**

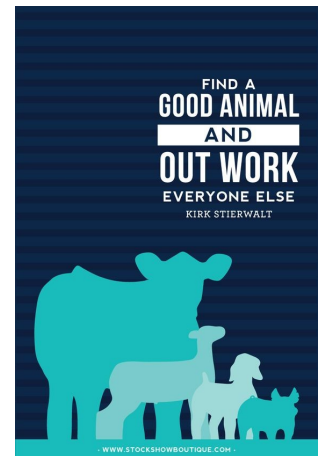
1. Walk pigs daily.
2. Always have fresh water
3. Clip hogs before arrival at county show using a #1A or #2 guard.
4. Stalls at County Show are preassigned so use only your pen.
5. Brush pigs daily (Keep Clean and Dry)
6. Weigh pigs once per week

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. Exercise lambs as needed
5. Practice showing



New for Steer & Heifer Validation

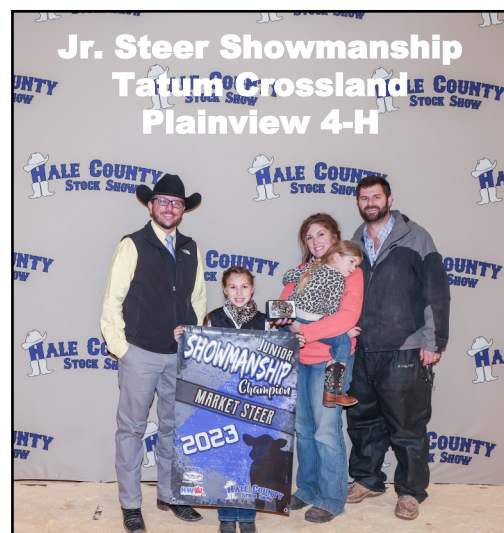
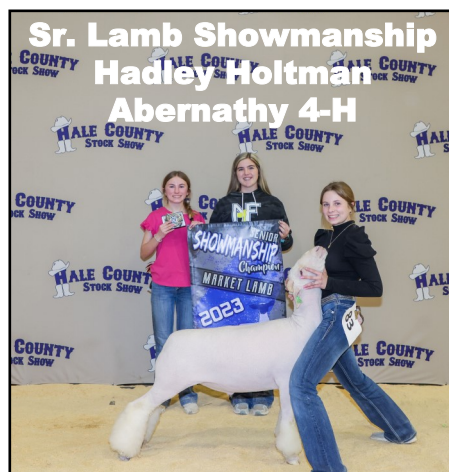
- **Earlier Tag Order** - Validation Tag Orders will begin in March.
- **Ear Tags Only** - Steers and Heifers both will be validated with ear tags. (No more barcodes for Heifers)
Heifers that are already validated and have not changed breed or ownership do not need to be revalidated with a tag. Only newly validated heifers will get a tag and will be charged the new validation fee. As always, if a heifer changes ownership or breed, they must be revalidated.

Check your inbox closer to March for more information. If you have any questions, please call the office (806) 291-5267.

2023 Hale County 4-H Stock Show Results



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Not Pictured:
Reserve Fryer Rabbit &
Reserve Meat Pen
Otto Cooke
Plainview 4-H

Grand Meat Pen
Aspen Geter
Abernathy 4-H

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 February 10th - Dad

Due March 10th - Waterfalls

Enter online at TexasCoopPower.com/contests

Junior Master Gardener Classes

WHEN: Every Wednesday starting February 8th at 4:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.

WHERE: Hale County Extension Office

Beverly Wall will be teaching the JMG classes The JMG Level 1 book will be provided for each 4-Her.

Participants completing the course will become a certified Level 1 JMG and receive a certificate from Texas A&M University. For more information, call Beverly Wall at 774-1040.



The poster features a blue background with a white circle containing a detailed illustration of a largemouth bass. In the top left corner is a green four-leaf clover with the letters 'H', 'H', 'H', and 'H' on its leaves. A yellow banner in the top right corner reads '2023 Spring'. The main title 'Virtual TEXAS 4-H REEL 'EM IN' is in a mix of yellow and blue fonts, with '2023 FISHING SKILL-A-THON' below it. The 'Program Highlights' section lists registration details, prizes, and judging information. The 'Species Divisions' section lists saltwater and freshwater categories. The 'More Ways to Win!' section lists various prizes. The 'Fee' section lists registration costs. The 'Questions?' section provides contact information for Jheri-Lynn McSwain. A yellow callout box with a megaphone icon states that official check-it-sticks will be mailed to first-time registered participants. The 'Spring Tournament' section provides dates and times for the event. At the bottom, a small disclaimer states that Texas A&M AgriLife provides equal opportunities.

2023 Spring

Virtual
TEXAS 4-H REEL 'EM IN
2023 FISHING SKILL-A-THON

Program Highlights:

- Register **individually** as 4-H youth (grades 3-12) or *Clover Kid (grades K-2) via 4HOnline at <https://v2.4honline.com/> beginning February 1st
- Clover Kids - FREE to participate and will receive a participation certificate
- Prizes to be listed March 2023
- Judging via FishDonkey App (no fee to use app!) Rules posted February 1st at <https://d54-h.tamu.edu/>

Species Divisions:

- Saltwater - Spotted Seatrout, Sheepshead & Redfish
- Freshwater - Bass, Crappie & Catfish

More Ways to Win!

- Longest single fish or stringer by tournament, species, division and overall
- Grand Slam - post 3 different fish species within species division
- Wild Card - random drawing of all fish posted on FishDonkey

Fee:

- Regular Registration: February 1-March 7, \$50 flat fee per division per 4-H participant (saltwater and/or freshwater)
- Late Registration: March 8-31, \$100

Questions?

- Contact Jheri-Lynn McSwain, Ph.D., Extension Program Specialist at jlmcswaine@ag.tamu.edu

Spring Tournament
Fish at YOUR Location:
March 20 at 12:00 am thru
May 31 at 11:59 pm

The members of Texas A&M AgriLife will provide equal opportunities in programs and activities, education, and employment to all persons regardless of race, color, sex, religion, national origin, age, disability, genetic information, veteran status, sexual orientation or gender identity and will strive to achieve full and equal employment opportunity throughout Texas A&M AgriLife.

Running Water Draw 4-H Shooting Sports Safety Meetings

ONLY TWO SAFETY MEETINGS FOR EACH DISCIPLINE!!!!

All participants need to be enrolled on 4-HOnline before the safety meeting.

Running Water Draw Shooting Sports Club will hold the first safety meeting for all new and returning shooting sports members. This will allow someone involved in more than one discipline to cover all safety meetings at one time. Everyone must attend - Parents must be present.

Always bring a parent to practices.

Rifle

DISTRICT CONTEST: Saturday, April 22nd

4-HONLINE: TBA

PRACTICE DATES: day & time assigned

Jan. 27, 28

Feb. 3, 4, 10, 11, 17, 18, 24, 25

March 3, 4, 24, 25, 31

April 1, 14, 15

Archery

SECOND SAFETY MEETING: Monday, March 6th at 6:00 p.m. at Ollie Liner Center

DISTRICT CONTEST: Indoor on Saturday, May 13th & 3-D on Saturday, July 29th

4-HONLINE: TBA

PRACTICE DATES:

March 6, 20, 27

April 3, 10, 17, 24, 29

May 1, 6, 8

Shotgun

SECOND SAFETY MEETING: Sunday, April 23rd at 2:30 p.m. at Shotgun Range

DISTRICT CONTEST: Friday, June 23rd & Saturday, June 24th

4-HONLINE: TBA

PRACTICE DATES:

April 23, 30

May 7, 21, 28

June 4, 11, 18

PRACTICE TIMES:

Seniors at 3:00 p.m. (100 shells per practice)

Intermediates at 4:00 p.m. (75 shells per practice)

Juniors at 4:00 p.m. (50 shells per practice)

Bring eye & ear protection. No open-toed shoes (if open-no practice)

Bring your own gun 20 or 12 gauge only - no hammers allowed on guns

12 gauge- - - 1 1/8 oz- - - 7.5 shot- - - 1145-1200 fps/20 gauge-7/8 oz- - - 7.5 shot- - - 1210 fps

Juniors need 2 cases/20 boxes Intermediates need 3 cases/30 boxes Seniors need 4 cases/40 boxes



Shawnte Clawson,
CEA-FCH



Audra Guess,
CEA-4-H



Andy Hart,
CEA-ANR

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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, or Shawnte Clawson at the Hale County Extension Office at least two weeks prior to the program or event.

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February 2023

Sun

Mon

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Thu

Fri

Sat

			1	2 3:30 p.m.-Abernathy Clover Kids	3 Rifle Practice	4 Rifle Practice
5	6	7 6:30 p.m.-Horse	8 4:30 p.m.-Junior Master Gardener	9 4:30 p.m.-Grass ID 5:00 p.m.-Soil Judging 5:30 p.m.-Cotton Center	10 Rifle Practice	11 Rifle Practice
12	13 6:00 p.m.-Plainview Clover Kids 7:00 p.m.-Plainview Excuses Absences due for Houston	14 	15 4:30 p.m.-Junior Master Gardener Entries due for Co. Roundup at 12:00 p.m.	16 4:30 p.m.-Grass ID 5:00 p.m.-Soil Judging	17 Rifle Practice	18 Rifle Practice
19	20 Office Closed Excused Absences due for Austin 	21	22 4:30 p.m.-Junior Master Gardener	23 4:30 p.m.-Grass ID 5:00 p.m.-Soil Judging	24 Rifle Practice	25 Rifle Practice
26	27 Co. Roundup	28				