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HALE COUNTY 4-H

*Clover
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March 2023

CHAMPION CROSSBRED BARROW

Reserve Grand Barrow



BRYLEIGH BEYERS
Hale County 4-H

SUPREME CHAMPION

PUREBRED GILT



BRYLEIGH BEYERS
Hale County 4-H

JUNIOR AGROBOTICS CHALLENGE CHAMPIONS



HALE COUNTY 4-H
Evelyn Mathis, Brody Mathis,
Alex Johnston, Tye Terrell

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JOIN THE CLUB

Abernathy 4-H Clover Kids Club

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

Abernathy 4-H Club

WHEN: Tuesday, March 28th at 6:30 p.m.
WHERE: Abernathy Elementary School Cafeteria
CLUB MANAGERS: Stephanie Allen & Carolyn Curry

Cotton Center 4-H Club

WHEN: Wednesday, March 8th at 5:15 p.m.
WHERE: First Baptist Church, Cotton Center
CLUB MANAGER: Cynthia Walden

Hale County 4-H Horse Club

WHEN: Tuesday, March 7th at 6:30 p.m.
WHERE: Rodeo Grounds (Weather Permitting)
CLUB MANAGER: Kelley Bozeman, Sherri Cheyne,
& Lisa Wright

Plainview 4-H Clover Kids Club

WHEN: Monday, March 20th at 6:00 p.m.
WHERE: Ollie Liner Center
WHAT: Entomology with Blayne Reed
CLUB MANAGER: Beverly Wall

Plainview 4-H Club

WHEN: Monday, March 20th at 7:00 p.m.
WHERE: Ollie Liner Center
WHAT: Entomology with Blayne Reed
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, March 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: Opens March 27th & Closes April 5th at 12:00 p.m.

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

Register at: <https://hale.agrilife.org/county-storyboard-entry/>

DISTRICT CONTEST: Virtual

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

LEADER: Shawnte Clawson

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: Opens March 27th & Closes April 5th at 12:00 p.m.

LEADER: Audra Guess

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**

DISTRICT CONTEST: Monday, March 27th Indiana Ave. Baptist Church in Lubbock
4-HONLINE: Opens February 27th & Closes March 8th at 12:00 p.m.

Grass ID and Soil Judging

PRACTICES: Every Monday and Thursday 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
4-HONLINE: Grass ID - TBA
Soil Judging - Opens March 28th & Closes April 5th at 12:00 p.m.
LEADER: Beverly Wall, 774-1040

Livestock Judging

Practice will start the week of March 20th. Dates and locations will be emailed out. If you can not make these meetings and would like to judge, please call Andy Hart.

Additional contests we plan to attend:

Texas Tech Invitational - Lubbock - Saturday, March 25th
Clarendon College Judging Contest - Clarendon - Saturday, April 1st
SPC Livestock Judging Contest - Levelland - Friday, April 14th

DISTRICT CONTEST: Friday, April 21st at Texas Tech Livestock 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: Opens March 25th & Closes April 5th at 12:00 p.m.
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: Due May 3rd online
4-HONLINE: Opens April 24th & Closes May 3rd at 12:00 p.m.
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.
PRACTICE: Tuesday, March 21st at 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

Livestock Skill-a-Thon

DISTRICT CONTEST: Thursday, May 26th at Texas Tech Livestock Arena
4-HONLINE: TBA
LEADER: Andy Hart

SUMMER CLASSES

Open to Junior & Older

6-WEEK SERIES

6.14, 6.21, 6.28, 7.12, 7.19, 7.26



* ART AROUND THE WORLD
* 9:00 A.M. - 10:00 A.M.
* LIMITED TO 15 YOUTH

* CRIME & SPY SCIENCE
* 10:30 A.M. - 11:30 A.M.
* LIMITED TO 15 YOUTH

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FOR MORE INFORMATION,
CONTACT AUDRA GUESS AT 806.291.5267.

REGISTER AT [HTTPS://HALE.AGRILIFE.ORG/SUMMER-CLASSES-REGISTRATION/](https://hale.agrilife.org/summer-classes-registration/)

PAYMENT OPTIONS:
VENMO: @HALECO-TOUROFTEXAS
CHECK: 4-H EXCHANGE TRIP-TOUR OF TEXAS
CASH
SPOT ISN'T GUARANTEED UNTIL PAYMENT IS RECEIVED

PRICE
\$25 PER
SERIES PER
YOUTH

YOU DON'T
HAVE TO BE
A 4-HER TO
ATTEND!



Fantastic Fashions IN THRIFT STORES 4-H Shopping Spree

Swisher, Hale, and Castro 4-H!

Saturday, March 4, 2023

Meet at Hale County Ext. Office @ 9am

225 Broadway, Plainview, TX

Bring up to \$25 for shopping and \$3 for lunch

- 9:00a Tips for Shopping Resale
- 9:30a Goodwill
- 10:15a Broadway Treasures
- 11:00a Salvation Army
- 11:45a Reruns & Accessories
- 12:30p Lunch, Modeling, and Wrap-up

tentative schedule, full schedule will be given first thing at Hale County Office

RSVP to your extension office by March 2nd!

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4-H Livestock Projects, Reminders, & Results



2023 Spring Validation Tag Orders

If you plan to enter/exhibit an animal at the State Fair of Texas and Heart Of Texas, please submit your validation tag order through the link provided below.

Payable by Venmo (@HaleLivestock-County), check, or exact cash.

Order Validation Tags for:	Order Deadlines:	Tag Price:	Submit Order Here:
Market Steer	March 29	\$33.00 ea.	https://hale.agrilife.org/spring-validation-tag-order/
Breeding Heifer (Spring)	March 29	\$33.00 ea.	
State Fair Lamb & Goat	March 29	\$17.00 ea.	
State Fair Swine	April 25	\$17.00 ea.	

There are a few new changes, so please be sure to read your livestock project information below.

IMPORTANT TO KNOW FOR EACH LIVESTOCK PROJECT:

Market Steers

- This is the only validation tag order/physical validation period. Once validated in June, steers are eligible for Fall Fairs and Spring Majors for 1 year.

Breeding Heifers

- Ear Tags - All state validated heifers will be ear tagged similar to steers.
 - 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.
- Will be charged per ear tag just like steers.
- There are two validation tag order/physical validation periods.
 - Spring – Once validated in June, heifers are eligible for Fall Fairs and Spring Majors for 2 years.
 - Fall – Once validated in October, heifers are eligible for Spring Majors and the next year’s Fall Fairs for 2 years.
- Heifers validated this spring or last fall remain eligible (and does not need to be revalidated) for the remainder of her show career unless a change is made to breed or ownership.

State Fair Lamb & Goat

- Lambs and goats validated during the 2023 State Fair Validation Period WILL BE ELIGIBLE for 2024 Spring Major Shows. Market animals validated for the 2023 State Fair will carryover for 2024 Spring Major Shows. Once validated, the project MUST stay in the care of the exhibitor that project is validated to; if the exhibitor chooses to sell the project to a new exhibitor, the new exhibitor MUST REVALIDATE the project within the next validation period.

State Fair Swine

- **REGISTERED GILTS – Registration papers are due to the office by July 6th.**
- Projects that have been state fair validated must be re-validated for Spring Majors.

Do I need to order tags?

If you are going to show any of the following livestock projects: {Steer | Heifer | Lamb | Goat | Swine} at any of the following Fall Fairs: {State Fair of Texas | Heart Of Texas}, you will need to order a validation tag for each livestock project.

Texas 4-H Equine & Livestock Ambassador

SHORT COURSE WHEN & WHERE:

Texas 4-H Poultry Texas A&M-College Station	Monday, June 19th to Thursday, June 22nd
Texas 4-H Equine Texas A&M-College Station	Thursday, June 22nd to Sunday, June 25th
Texas 4-H Livestock Texas A&M-Kingsville	Monday, June 26th to Thursday, June 29th
National Livestock Texas A&M-College Station	Monday, July 10th to Thursday, July 13th
Texas 4-H Livestock Texas A&M-College Station	Monday, July 17th to Thursday, July 20th
Texas 4-H Livestock Texas Tech University/WTA&MU	Monday, July 24th to Thursday, July 27th

COST: \$250

Selection Criteria:

- *Senior age 4-H youth who have exhibited a superior level of ambition regarding his/her livestock projects
- *Students with a profound interest in animal science, animal production, and advocacy
- *Students have shown advanced leadership qualities and a willingness to help others
- *Top 25% class rank

Application Process:

- *Application available at www.texasyouthlivestock.com.
- *Applicant will complete the application and enter the contact information of supervising CEA
- *CEA will be automatically emailed a recommendation survey
- *A selection committee will review the applications and accept **25** participants per short course

Applications are due **Saturday, April 15th.**

County Roundup Results

Educational Presentation	Animal Science	Jr.	1st	Berklee Schniers
Educational Presentation	Animal Science	Int.	1st	Kellin Hart
Educational Presentation	Animal Science	Sr.	1st	Mason Hart
Educational Presentation	Animal Science	Sr.	2nd	Hanna Bozeman
Educational Presentation	Open ANR	Int.	1st	Garrison Allen & Tak Holder
Educational Presentation	Open FCS	Jr.	1st	Brystol Boedeker
Educational Presentation	Safe. & Injury Prevent	Jr.	1st	Gunnar Williams
Educational Presentation	Safe. & Injury Prevent	Jr.	2nd	Bow Holder & Aiden Rusher
Talent Showcase	Musical/Instrumental	CK	P	Johnny Bouma
Talent Showcase	Musical/Instrumental	Jr.	1st	Tye Terrell
Talent Showcase	Musical/Instrumental	Jr.	2nd	Addilyn Fulenwider
Talent Showcase	Musical/Instrumental	Int.	1st	Garrison Allen
Talent Showcase	Vocal	Jr.	1st	Lincoln Prinz
Talent Showcase	Vocal	Int.	1st	Evelyn Mathis
Talent Showcase	Solo/Band	Jr.	1st	Georgia Lass
Talent Showcase	Solo/Band	Jr.	2nd	BerkLea Bouma & Ellie Bouma
Talent Showcase	Solo/Band	Int.	1st	Evelyn Mathis & Brody Mathis
Talent Showcase	Choreo. Routine	Jr.	1st	Berklee Schniers & Preslee Thornton
Public Speaking		Sr.	1st	Graden Allen

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 March 10th - Waterfalls

Due April 10th - Hoof & Horn

Enter online at TexasCoopPower.com/contests

Junior Master Gardener Classes

WHEN: Every Wednesday 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.

Texas 4-H Horse Validation

4-HONLINE: Opens March 1st & Closes April 15th at 12:00 p.m.

COST: \$10 per horse

LATE: April 16th to May 1st | \$20 per horse

Texas 4-H Horse Validation must be done on 4-HOnline Validation and payment is required of ALL horses regardless if they were validated last year. Before you begin your validation process, you must have digital photos of your horse(s) from front, left side, and right side. These photos must be accessible for upload during the validation process. For registered horses, you need to have a PDF copy of your horse(s) registration papers for upload. Please call the Extension office for more information.

DISTRICT HORSE SHOW: TBA

4-HONLINE: TBA



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://854-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 jmcswain@ag.tamu.edu

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

Official Check-it Sticks to be mailed to first time registered 4-H participants!

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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: Opens March 4th & Closes March 29th at 12:00 p.m.

PRACTICE DATES: day & time assigned

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: Opens April 17th & Closes April 26th at 12:00 p.m.

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

Junior Leader Lab | Senior Leader Lab

Junior Leader Lab

WHEN: Thursday, June 1st to Saturday, June 3rd

WHERE: Ceta Canyon, Happy, TX

4-HONLINE: Opens April 5th at 7:00 a.m. **(Limited to 180 members)**

THIS WILL FILL UP IN LESS THAN 10 MINS!!

Counselor Applications due March 20th <https://forms.gle/UbCXLEDZhZMwhDPt6>

Senior Leader Lab/POWER CAMP

WHEN: Thursday, June 15th to Saturday, June 17th

WHERE: High Plains Retreat Center, Amarillo, TX

4-HONLINE: Opens April 1st & Closes April 26th at 12:00 p.m.



Shawnte Clawson

**Shawnte Clawson,
CEA-FCH**

Audra Guess

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CEA-4-H**

Andy Hart

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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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March 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 -4:30 p.m.-Junior Master Gardener	2 -3:30 p.m.-Abernathy Clover Kids -4:30 p.m.-Grass ID	3 -Rifle Practice	4 -Fantastic Fashions -Rifle Practice
5 -4:30 p.m.-Grass ID -5:00 p.m.-Soil Judging -6:00 p.m.-Archery Safety Meeting & Practice	6 -6:30 p.m.-Horse	7	8 -4:30 p.m.-Junior Master Gardener -5:15 p.m.-Cotton Center -4-HOnline Closes: D. Roundup (Educational Presentation, Public Speaking, Talent	9 -4:30 p.m.-Grass ID -5:00 p.m.-Soil Judging	10	11
12 	13	14	15	16 -4-HOnline Opens: D. Storyboard	17 	18
← Spring Break-No Practices →						
19	20 -4:30 p.m.-Grass ID -5:00 p.m.-Soil Judging -6:00 p.m.-Archery Practice -6:00 p.m.-Plainview Clover Kids -7:00 p.m.-Plainview Jr. Leader Lab Counselor	21 Co. Fashion Show & Storyboard due by 12:00 p.m.	22 Co. Photography Entries due by 12:00 p.m. -4:30 p.m.-Junior Master Gardener	23 -4:30 p.m.-Grass ID -5:00 p.m.-Soil Judging	24 -Rifle Practice	25 -Texas Tech Invitational Livestock Judging Contest -Rifle Practice
26	27 District Roundup -4:30 p.m.-Grass ID -5:00 p.m.-Soil Judging -6:00 p.m.-Archery Practice -4-HOnline Opens: D. Fashion Show, Duds to Dazzle	28 -6:30 p.m.-Abernathy	29 -4:30 p.m.-Junior Master Gardener Validation Tag Orders due	30 -4:30 p.m.-Grass ID -5:00 p.m.-Soil Judging	31 -Rifle Practice	