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**February 2024**

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### **Point System**

NEW THIS YEAR! Points System will be on Google Forms and split up by months.

Here are the due dates:

November, December, January  
February, March, April  
May, June, July  
Project Form

Wednesday, February 7th by 3:00 p.m.  
Wednesday, May 8th by 3:00 p.m.  
Wednesday, July 24th by 3:00 p.m.  
Wednesday, July 24th by 3:00 p.m.

While forms are due quarterly, you're more than welcome to submit them monthly. Most of the form will be clicking yes or placings. At the end, you'll enter leadership and community service activities for the month. If there's anything not listed on the form, you'll be able to enter it at the end of the form. Your responses will be emailed to you to keep for your records.

Guidelines have been emailed out, & below are the links for the current months' forms.

November <https://forms.gle/c6b44z2cQ3i9HaB49>  
December <https://forms.gle/kr4nvXyK2dnjf4ka8>  
January <https://forms.gle/LmMxPjRQJ5LdNTRr9>  
Project Form <https://forms.gle/VT3gQJK7Tx69UkEv9>

If you have any questions, please let Audra know.

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# JOIN THE CLUB

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

WHEN: Thursday, February 1st at 3:30 p.m.  
WHERE: Abernathy Elementary School Cafeteria  
WHAT: Food Challenge  
CLUB MANAGERS: Brandi Holder | Cristalyn Parten

## **Abernathy 4-H Club**

WHEN: Thursday, February 8th at 6:00 p.m.  
WHERE: Abernathy Elementary School Cafeteria  
WHAT: Community Service-Senior Citizen for Valentine's Day. Bring red dish towels or cloths & hard candy to the Extension office or AMS office. Items will be crafted into treats for Hale County senior citizens centers. Led by Mason & Kellin Hart  
CLUB MANAGERS: Carolyn Curry | Ollie Hart

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

WHEN: Tuesday, February 13th at 5:30 p.m.  
WHERE: First Baptist Church  
WHAT: Making bleached 4-H clover T-shirts  
CLUB MANAGER: Cynthia Walden

## **Hale County 4-H Horse Club**

WHEN: Thursday, February 8th at 6:30 p.m.  
WHERE: Rodeo Grounds  
WHAT: Proper Care & Nutrition for your Horse  
CLUB MANAGERS: Sherri Cheyne | Lisa Wright

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

WHEN: Monday, February 19th at 6:00 p.m.  
WHERE: Ollie Liner Center  
WHAT: Line Dancing  
CLUB MANAGER: Beverly Wall

## **Plainview 4-H Club**

WHEN: Monday, February 19th at 7:00 p.m.  
WHERE: Ollie Liner Center  
WHAT: Line Dancing  
CLUB MANAGER: Kelley Bozeman

**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 4-H YEAR!\*\***

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**\*\*If you have anything for next month's newsletter, please get it to the office by Wednesday, February 21st by 4:00 p.m.!\*\***

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## **Upcoming Spring Contests** **Fashion Show**

COUNTY CONTEST: Tuesday, March 26th at TBA

COUNTY ENTRY DEADLINE: Thursday, March 7th at 4:00 p.m.

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

DISTRICT CONTEST: Tuesday, April 30th at District Office in Lubbock

4-HONLINE: Opens March 25th & Closes April 10th at 12:00 p.m.

Clover Kids will follow Junior categories for County. Please call Shawnte Clawson 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)**

DISTRICT CONTEST: Virtual

4-HONLINE: Opens March 4th & Closes April 10th at 12:00 p.m.

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 Shawnte Clawson.

The following brief serves as the direction for the 2024 Storyboard. 4-H members should create their Storyboard around their interpretation of the design brief.

### **Dreams**

In 2024 "Dreams" will serve as the ultimate source of inspiration for this fashion concept. The concept revolves around the multifaceted nature of dreams, whether they are the surreal visions that captivate a sleeping mind or the vivid aspirations that fuel the conscious soul. The fashion narrative will blur the lines between reality and reverie, creating a visual story that celebrates the ethereal and the tangible. This concept invites designers to translate the essence of dreams into fashion, evoking a sense of wonder, mystery, and endless possibility!

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

## **Duds to Dazzle**

DISTRICT CONTEST: Tuesday, April 30th at Christ the King in Lubbock

4-HONLINE: Opens March 25th & Closes April 10th at 12:00 p.m.

LEADER: Shawnte Clawson

*For more information on these contests, contact Audra Guess at 291-5270 or [audra.guess@ag.tamu.edu](mailto:audra.guess@ag.tamu.edu).*

**Upcoming Spring Contests**  
**County Roundup - NEW DATES!!**  
**(Educational Presentation, Public Speaking, and Talent Showcase)**

INFORMATIONAL SESSIONS:

Thursday, February 29th at 6:00 p.m. at Abernathy Elementary Cafeteria  
You only need to attend one session. Choose which one works best for your schedule.

COUNTY CONTEST: Tuesday, April 9th in Cotton Center

COUNTY DEADLINE: Tuesday, March 26th at 12:00 p.m.

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

DISTRICT CONTEST: Monday, May 6th at First Baptist Church in Floydada

4-HONLINE: Opens April 1st & Closes Wednesday, April 10th at 12:00 p.m.

LEADER: Audra Guess

**Grass ID & Soil Judging**

PRACTICES: Every Monday and Thursday beginning February 22nd at Garland Street Church of Christ

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

Grass ID at 5:00 p.m.-5:30 p.m.

DISTRICT CONTEST: Grass ID & Soil Judging - Monday, April 22nd 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 participating, call the Extension Office. Practices will begin after Spring Break.

DISTRICT CONTEST: Friday, April 19 at TTU

4-HONLINE: Opens March 19th & Closes April 3rd at 12:00 p.m.

LEADER: Andy Hart

**Horse Judging**

If you're interested in participating, call the Extension Office. Practices will begin soon.

DISTRICT CONTEST: Friday, April 19th at WTAMU

4-HONLINE: Opens March 19th & Closes April 3rd at 12:00 p.m.

LEADER: Lisa Wright, 774-0568

**Entomology ID**

If you are interested in participating, call the Extension Office. Practices will begin after Spring Break.

DISTRICT CONTEST: Saturday, May 4th at the District Extension Office in Lubbock

4-HONLINE: Opens April 4th & Closes April 24th at 12:00 p.m.

LEADER: Blayne Reed

**Photography**

COUNTY CONTEST: Photos due by Wednesday, March 20th to [audra.guess@ag.tamu.edu](mailto:audra.guess@ag.tamu.edu)

DISTRICT CONTEST: Due May 1st at 12:00 p.m.

4-HONLINE: Due May 1st at 12:00 p.m.

STATE CONTEST (Seniors Only): 4-Honline opens April 1st & Closes April 10th at 12:00 p.m.

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

***For more information on these contests/events, contact Audra Guess at 291-5267 or  
[audra.guess@ag.tamu.edu](mailto:audra.guess@ag.tamu.edu).***

## **Running Water Draw 4-H Shooting Sports Safety Meetings**

**All participants must 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. Everyone must attend - Parents must be present.

**Always bring a parent to practices.**

### **Rifle**

FEE: \$45 per shooter

SECOND SAFETY MEETING: Saturday, February 3rd at 8:00 a.m. at Guns Up Range

DISTRICT CONTEST: Saturday, April 13th in Lubbock

4-HONLINE: TBA

PRACTICE DATES: day & time assigned

Feb. 2, 3, 9, 10, 16, 17

March 1, 2, 8, 9, 15, 16, 22, 23, 29, 30 April 5, 6

### **Archery**

SAFETY MEETING: Thursday, March 21st at 7:00 p.m.

DISTRICT CONTEST: Indoor on Saturday, May 11th in Plainview & 3-D on Saturday, June 22nd in Lubbock

4-HONLINE: TBA

PRACTICE DATES: TBA

### **Shotgun**

SAFETY MEETING: Thursday, April 18th at 7:30 p.m.

DISTRICT CONTEST: Friday, June 28th in Post & Saturday, June 29th in Seminole

4-HONLINE: TBA

PRACTICE DATES: TBA

PRACTICE TIMES: TBA

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



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

<https://hale.agrilife.org/4-h/links/spring-majors/school-absence-form/>

<b><u>Show</u></b>	<b><u>Deadline</u></b>
Houston	Wednesday, February 21st
Austin	Wednesday, February 21st



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

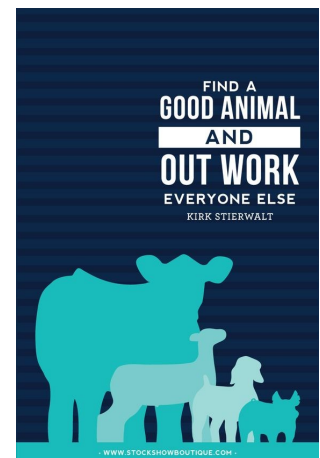
1. Walk pigs daily.
2. Always have fresh water
3. Clip hogs before arrival at county show using a #1A or #2 guard.
4. Stalls at County Show are preassigned so use only your pen.
5. Brush pigs daily (Keep Clean and Dry)
6. Weigh pigs once per week

### **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



## **Rabbit Project Meeting**

WHEN: Thursday, February 15th at 5:30 p.m.

WHERE: Hale County Extension Office

# 2024 Hale County 4-H Stock Show Results



**Rabbit Showmanship**  
**Jr: Berklee Schniers, Abernathy 4-H**  
**Int: Kleigh Key, Cotton Center 4-H**  
**Sr: Hanna Bozeman, Plainview 4-H**



# 2024 Hale County 4-H Stock Show Results





## **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 - Food & Cooking

Due March 10th - Shells & Scales

Enter online at [TexasCoopPower.com/contests](https://TexasCoopPower.com/contests)

## **Other Scholarship Opportunities**

The **Aubrey W. Russell Scholarship** is a \$600 TEEA scholarship to assist a worthy District 2 4-H member who will attend a Texas college or university and major in human sciences or a related field. The scholarship is awarded as follows: \$300 for the Fall semester following judging, and \$300 for the Spring semester following judging. This scholarship fund is made up of voluntary contributions from the Texas Extension Education Association, individuals, and other groups in Extension South Plains District (2).

Applications must be sent to the respective County Extension Office by **February 1, 2024**. Each county will judge their county applications and then may submit **one** application to District 2 TEEA.

The **Texas Extension Education Association 4-H Scholarship** is state-awarded. I have attached the guidelines and application. Please note that this scholarship application requires a copy of the member's record book, application, and reference letters. This application is due in the respective County Office by **February 15, 2024**.

For more information, please contact Audra Guess.

## **8th Annual Trout Fishing Family Event**

Chairman: Brady & Ryan Baker

DATE: Saturday, February 3rd

TIME: 8:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

WHERE: Caudle Lake Park (1309 E. 13th St. | Hale Center)

COST: Free (No fishing license required from 7:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.)

For more information, text Wendy Baker at 806-543-4813.

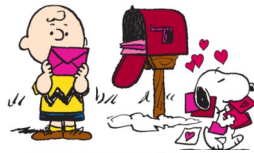
**PREPARE YOURSELF**

*Record Book Trainings*  
Choose the session date that works best for you!

Session	Abernathy 6:00 p.m. ACS Cafeteria	Plainview 6:00 p.m. Extension Office
Story	Monday, April 15th	Thursday, April 18th
Sec. 1 & 4	Monday, April 22nd	Thursday, April 25th
Sec. 2 & 3	Monday, April 29th	Thursday, May 2nd
Sec. 5-7	Monday, May 6th	Thursday, May 9th

**IT'S RECORDBOOK SEASON!**

HALE COUNTY



*Shawnte Clawson*

**Shawnte Clawson,  
CEA-FCH**

*Audra Guess*

**Audra Guess,  
CEA-4-H**

*Andy Hart*

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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 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 - 3:30 p.m.-Abernathy Clover Kids	2 - Rifle (times assigned)	3 - Rifle (times assigned) - Trout Fishing Family Event
4	5	6	7 Points Forms due	8 - 6:00 p.m.-Abernathy - 6:30 p.m.-Horse Club	9 - Rifle (times assigned)	10 - Rifle (times assigned)
11	12	13 - 5:30 p.m.-Cotton Center	14 	15 - 5:30 p.m.-Rabbit Meeting Texas 4-H Foundation Scholarship due	16 - Rifle (times assigned)	17 - Rifle (times assigned)
18	19 Office Closed - 6:00 p.m.-Plainview Clover Kids - 7:00 p.m.-Plainview 	20	21 - Excused Absences due for Houston & Austin	22 - 4:30 p.m.-Soil Judging - 5:00 p.m.-Grass ID	23 - Rifle (times assigned)	24 - Rifle (times assigned)
25	26 - 4:30 p.m.-Soil Judging - 5:00 p.m.-Grass ID	27	28	29 - 4:30 p.m.-Soil Judging - 5:00 p.m.-Grass ID - 6:00 p.m.-County Roundup Training in Abernathy		

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**February 2024**

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

Chairman: Tye & Tell Terrell

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 the last week day of the current month. All 4-H clubs are encouraged to participate.

**County-Wide Community Service  
"Give the Gift of Sight"**

Chairmen: Adrian & Genevieve Alcozer

All clubs are asked to donate used eyeglasses and sunglasses. These glasses will be taken to Lens Crafters in Lubbock to be restored. Lens Crafters will distribute these glasses to other world countries. Donations may be dropped off at the Extension Office by the last week day of the current month.

**Aluminum Cans for Ronald  
McDonald House Charities**

Chairman: Aiden Rusher

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.

**Crisis Center of the Plains  
Used Cell Phones**

Chairman: Hanna Bozeman

Please bring any used cell phones to the Extension Office. These cell phones will be given to women at Crisis Center of the Plains for emergency use only. Donations may be dropped off at the Extension Office by the last day of the current month.

**Snack Pak 4 Kids**

Chairman: Aiden Rusher

WHEN: Tuesday, February 20th at 5:00 p.m.-5:45 p.m.

WHERE: Ash High School (908 Ash St.)

We will be packing food sacks for PISD students.

There are currently 948 students receiving Snack Pak 4 Kids in Plainview.

## **FISH - February Volunteers**

DATES: Tuesday, February 13th to Friday, February 16th  
TIME: 1:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.

FISH will need volunteers during the PISD February holiday. For more information, contact Beverly Wall at 806-774-1040.

## **Meals on Wheels - February Volunteers**

DATES: Monday, February 12th to Friday, February 16th  
TIME: 11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Meals on Wheels will need volunteers during the PISD February holiday. For more information, contact Beverly Wall at 806-774-1040.



## **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, 2022, through April 15, 2024. 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.

# A GREAT BIG THANK YOU!

These Individuals Participated in the Following 4-H Events in  
January

## The Hale County Stock Show Concession Stand

A very special thank you goes out to Ollie Hart, Melody Rexrode, and Cynthia Walden, who are leaders of the Abernathy and Cotton Center 4-H Clubs for chairing the concession stand at the Hale County Stock Show. These ladies did an outstanding job! Thank you to all of the 4-H families who worked tirelessly in the concession stand. Great job everyone!

## Snack Pak 4 Kids

Staci, Kolt, and Kleat Barrett, Chelsey, Chloe, Evelyn, and Sydney Price, Britni Morales and Rylie Lopez, Andi and Aiden Rusher, Matthew and Moses Saucedo, Leigha, Hagen, and Colson Pate and Beverly Wall  
**The group packed three weeks worth of snacks for a total of 2940 bags!**