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**September 2023**

### **Welcome to the 2023-2024 4-H Year!**

ENROLLMENT OPENS: Monday, August 15th

COST (must pay by credit/debit card):

- \$25 from August 15th-October 31st
- \$30 from November 1st until the end of 4-H year
- \$10 for Clover Kids.

Go to 4-HOnline 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.

### **4-H Parent & Volunteer Screening**

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 Arts & Crafts Festival Silent Auction Updates

Hale County 4-H has secured a booth to hold a silent auction for 4-H FCH project items during Running Water Draw. Start working **NOW** on a project you can enter. Running Water Draw is scheduled to begin on October 20th.

#### DATES TO REMEMBER:

- October 5th - Submit a photo of yourself & information sheet
- October 12th - Submit your entry to the Hale County Extension Office

#### FCH ITEMS INCLUDE THINGS SUCH AS:

- textiles (clothing or decorative)
- canned goods
- artwork
- bakery items can be entered as well



*If you have any  
questions, ask Shawnte!*

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# JOIN THE CLUB

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

WHEN: Thursday, September 7th at 3:30 p.m.  
Thursday, September 28th at 3:30 p.m.  
(Tour South Plains Fair)

WHERE: Abernathy Elementary School Cafeteria  
CLUB MANAGERS: Brandi Holder  
& Cristalyn Parten

## **Abernathy 4-H Club**

WHEN: Tuesday, September 26th at 6:30 p.m.  
WHERE: Abernathy Elementary School Cafeteria  
CLUB MANAGERS: Carolyn Curry & Ollie Hart

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

WHEN: Sunday, September 17th at 3:00 p.m.  
WHERE: First Baptist Church  
CLUB MANAGER: Cynthia Walden

## **Petersburg 4-H Project Club**

WHEN: Tuesday, September 19th at 6:30 p.m.  
WHERE: Hale Center Church of Christ

## **Hale County 4-H Horse Club** **Plainview 4-H Clover Kids Club** **Plainview 4-H Club**

WHEN: Monday, September 11th at 6:00 p.m.  
WHERE: Westridge Pool - 4301 2nd Street  
WHAT: Swimming party & hot dog cookout.  
Basketball & tennis courts are also available.

The pool is across from Westridge Manor. This is a different pool in Westridge than we usually go to.

CLUB MANAGERS:

Horse: Sherri Cheyne & Lisa Wright  
Plainview Clover Kids: Beverly Wall  
Plainview: Kelley Bozeman

## **Petersburg 4-H Project Club**

WHEN: TBA  
WHERE:

**REMEMBER: ALL MEMBERS HAVE TO ENROLL ON 4-H ONLINE 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 4-H YEAR!\*\***

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**\*\*If you have anything for next month's newsletter, please get it to the office by Wednesday, September 20th by 4:00 p.m.!\*\***

# CLUB • COMMUNITY • COUNTRY •

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## **Upcoming Food & Nutrition Contests**

### **District Grilling Games**

DISTRICT CONTEST: Saturday, October 21st at Texas Tech University Animal & Food Sciences Arena

4-HONLINE: Opens October 2nd & Closes October 11th at 12:00 p.m.

LEADER: Audra Guess

### **District Food Challenge**

COUNTY CONTEST: Monday, October 9th at Ollie Liner Center      TIME: Various

\*This is required for all teams! This is where you'll receive feedback before District contest.

COUNTY CONTEST ENTRY DEADLINE: Wednesday, September 27th by 3:00 p.m. (done by coaches)

<https://hale.agrilife.org/food-challenge-entry/>

DISTRICT CONTEST: Monday, October 30th at Mallet Event Center in Levelland

4-HONLINE: Opens September 30th & Closes Wednesday, October 11th at 12:00 p.m.

Please enroll for the year by October 4th to have an active profile.

LEADER: Audra Guess

Audra will be coaching Senior teams only. All Junior & Intermediate teams must be coached by an adult volunteer.

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. If you have any questions, contact Audra Guess at 291-5267.

### **District Food Show**

COUNTY CONTEST: Tuesday, October 17th      HOST CLUB: Abernathy

COUNTY CONTEST ENTRY DEADLINE: Entry & Recipe due by Tuesday, October 3rd by 3:00 p.m.

<https://hale.agrilife.org/4-h/foodshow/>

DISTRICT CONTEST: Saturday, November 18th at TBA

4-HONLINE: Opens October 18th & Closes November 1st at 12:00 p.m.

LEADER: Audra Guess

If you would like to assist with Food and Nutrition activities, please contact Audra Guess at 291-5267.

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

If you are interested in participating, contact Audra Guess by Tuesday, October 3rd.

DISTRICT CONTEST: Saturday, November 18th at TBA

4-HONLINE: TBA

LEADER: Audra Guess

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

## **National 4-H Week - October 1st-7th**

National 4-H Week is quickly approaching! The theme is "I Love 4-H." Be thinking of what you and your club can do to help promote 4-H during this week.

### **Window Display**

Please call the office by Monday, September 25th if your club will participate and where it will be located.

Windows must be completed by Wednesday, September 27th.



## **Upcoming District Contests** **District Meat Judging**

PRACTICES: All practices will be held at Texas Tech Meats Lab  
Tuesday, September 12th at 5:30 p.m. (Jr., Int., & Sr.)  
Tuesday, September 19th at 5:30 p.m. (Jr., Int., & Sr.)  
Tuesday, September 12th at 4:00 p.m. (Jr., Int., & Sr.)

DISTRICT CONTEST: TBA

4-HONLINE: TBA

LEADER: Andy Hart

COACHES: Tate Corliss & Meagan McMurray

## **District Horse Quiz Bowl**

If you are interested in participating, contact Audra Guess by Tuesday, October 3rd.

DISTRICT CONTEST: Tuesday, December 5th at District Office

4-HONLINE: TBA

LEADER: Audra Guess

## **District Livestock Quiz Bowl**

If you are interested in participating, contact Andy Hart by Tuesday, October 3rd.

DISTRICT CONTEST: Friday, December 8th at Capitol Elementary in Levelland

4-HONLINE: Opens November 8th & Closes November 29th at 12:00 p.m.

LEADER: Andy Hart

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

If you are interested in participating, contact Audra Guess by Tuesday, October 3rd.

DISTRICT CONTEST: Saturday, December 2nd (Jr./Int.)      Monday, December 4th (Sr.)

4-HONLINE: TBA

LEADER: Audra Guess

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

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

WHO: All Parents, Volunteers, & 4-H Members

WHEN: Monday, October 2nd 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.

## **Recruitment Incentive**

- Bring 5 guests (must not be a 4-H member in the past) to the first club meeting & win a prize.
- Whoever recruits the most members by October 31st to enroll on 4-HOnline will get a 4-H jacket, backpack, or bag. This is for each club.
  - Email names of recruited members to office. Once that person has enrolled on 4-HOnline, the name will be counted. They must be Active & not Incomplete.

## **Plainview 4-H Recruitment Movie Event**

WHEN: Saturday, September 9th

WHERE: Fair Theater - 717 Broadway

TIMES: 12:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m.

1:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.

2:00 p.m.

Set up Concession Stand & 4-H Tri-folds

4-H Recruitment

Movie - Despicable Me

This will be an excellent time for 4-Hers to set up their tri-folds and promote 4-H. Everyone is strongly encouraged to invite their friends and anyone who is interested in the 4-H program. This event will be part of the Second Saturday activities in Downtown Plainview.

The concession stand will be serving canned or bottled drinks and popcorn. If you are willing to donate drinks, please leave at the Extension office by Thursday, September 7th. For more information, please contact Staci Barrett at 336-1752. Thank you to Monte and Erin Lass for sponsoring the event.

# Hale Co. 4-H Boot Camp

Tuesday, September 12th

**Come & Go (Visit Booths)**

5:30 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

**General 4-H Info. Sessions**

5:45 p.m. & 6:15 p.m.

for prospective or new members

Garland Street Church of Christ | Plainview

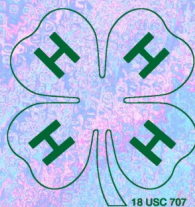
## **Projects/Contests**

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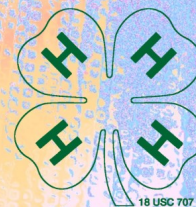
Meat Science | Rabbit | Livestock | Horse

Shooting Sports | Entomology | Fashion & Interior Design

Photography | Public Speaking | Visual & Performing Arts



**Win Door Prizes!!**



For more information, contact the Hale Co. Extension Office at 806.291.5270.



# 4-H Livestock Projects, Reminders, & Results



## **School Absences For Fall Fairs**

Parents/Guardians, please submit specific absence dates (through the online form) of each exhibitor missing school for a livestock show by the deadline listed below.

### **FORM HAS BEEN UPDATED!**

If attending a show that's not listed, look for the "Other Show # 1, 2, and 3." You can list the name of the show attending in the box and select dates.

### **MUST BE ACTIVE ON 4-H!**

Exhibitors must be an active member on 4-HOnline before exhibiting at any show to receive an excused absence for school.

### **CONTEST PARTICIPANTS:**

If you're participating in a fall fair contest and need your absences excused, please use the link below to submit absence dates. Also, please note that contestants must be an active member on 4-HOnline.

<u>Show</u>	<u>Deadline</u>
West Texas Fair	ASAP
Tri-State Fair	ASAP
South Plains Fair	Wednesday, September 13
State Fair of Texas	Wednesday, September 13
Heart O' Texas	Wednesday, September 13

>>> *Already submitted absence dates but need to change the date or add a new one? No problem, just submit another form and add "new date" or "date change" in the special note section by the deadline.<<<*

Sheep & Goat

# Validation

 October 22<sup>nd</sup>

County-wide sheep and goat validation has been set for Sunday, October 22, 2023 from 2:00 p.m.-5:00 p.m. at the Abernathy Ag Farm.

Exhibitors showing at county and major shows must have their animals validated by this date. PLEASE BE PROMPT!

## **Swine Validation Tag Orders**

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

**Submit Order Online At:** <https://hale.agrilife.org/swine-tag-order/>

**Tag Order Deadline:** Tuesday, September 26th

### **Tag Cost:**

- State tag - \$17.00 (*State tags cover all major stock shows, county, and local shows.*)
- County tag - \$10.00 (*County tags only cover county and local shows.*)

### **Payment Options:**

- Venmo - @halelivestock-county; Exact Cash; Check - Make payable to "Hale Livestock Fund"

### **Reminders:**

- Registered Gilts - Please submit registration papers to the office by Thursday, December 7th if you are planning on participating at any major show.
- All gilts (purebred and cross) must be validated.
- **SWINE VALIDATED FOR THE STATE FAIR OF TEXAS MUST BE REVALIDATED FOR THE 2022-2023 SPRING/WINTER MAJOR SHOWS.** State Fair of Texas Swine Validation tags will not be accepted at the major shows.

## **4-H Enrollment & Quality Counts**

4-H Enrollment: Verifies you are an active member of 4-H. Exhibitors must have an active member status on 4-H Online 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.

Please be advised: you must use a different email for each exhibitor taking the course!

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 once per grade level division (Junior - grades 3-5; Intermediate - grades 6-8; Senior - grades 9-12), not each year.

Go to the Quality Counts website to enroll:

<https://agrilifelearn.tamu.edu/s/product/quality-counts/01t4x000008HBZdAAO>.

For all technical questions related to the course, please email: [learnonline.ag.tamu.edu](mailto:learnonline.ag.tamu.edu)

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

***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.***

## **South Plains Fair Craft Classes**

DATES: Wednesday, September 6th  
Wednesday, September 13th  
Tuesday, September 19th

Wreath Class  
Quilling Class

Extension Office  
Extension Office  
Garland Street Church of Christ

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

**Cost: \$5.00 per class**

\*Please call ahead of time if possible if you plan to attend. All items needed will be purchased by the individual teaching the class, and they need an approximate head count.

Clover Kids and 4-Hers are strongly encouraged to participate in these classes. This helps ensure Hale County 4-H will have a strong showing at the fair. For more information, please contact Beverly Wall at 774-1040.

## **Decorated Cookies Event**

Chairman: Rachel Walden

DATE: Friday, September 15th

TIME: 4:45 p.m.

WHERE: First Baptist Church in Cotton Center

COST: \$5 for each individual

Clover Kids and 4-Hers will be decorating sugar cookies. Rachel will lead the class in decorating. Her decorated cookies won Best of Show last year at the South Plains Fair. We will be finished in time for everyone to still go to their hometown football game.

## **South Plains Fair Baking and Crafts Saturday & the Jimmy Dean Music & Arts Festival**

DATE: Saturday, September 16th at Garland Street Church of Christ

TIMES: 10:00 a.m. - Baking & Crafts, Canning Grape Jelly

12:00 p.m. - Eat at the Jimmy Dean Music & Arts Festival (Free)

COST: \$5 for each individual

We will eat at the food trucks at the festival. Following the meal, everyone will be able to enjoy the arts and crafts vendors from all over West Texas. The festival will be inside the Laney Activities Center on the WBU campus. For more information, contact Beverly Wall at 774-1040.

## **South Plains Fair Entries**

The South Plains Fair will again be accepting handmade/homemade items for judging through their Youth Department. Prize money is given for first, second and third places. For each first, second, and third you win, points are awarded, and the 4-Hers with the three highest point totals win additional prize money! Please have your entries to the Extension office by the due date. **Mark your entries Hale County 4-H then your club name.** Beverly Wall and Mary Ann James will take certain entries to the South Plains Fair. Please call to let us know what you are planning to enter or if you have any questions.

### **Due Dates**

Monday, September 18th by 4:00 p.m.: Clothing, Crafts, Photography, Canned Goods, & Jewelry

Wednesday, September 20th by 4:00 p.m.: Baked Goods (Bread, Cake, Cookies, or Candy)

Friday, September 22nd from 3:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. (must take to South Plains Fair): Open Crops

Saturday, September 23rd from 8:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. (must take to South Plains Fair): Open Crops

**4-Hers are asked to bring 3 self-adhesive standard address labels for each item entered. Please use 14 point or larger font size in Arial or block type. Label should contain:**

**Name**

**Address**

**City, State, Zip Code**

**Hale County 4-H**



## **Dog Obedience Classes**

WHEN: Tuesday, September 12th      Registration at 6:30 p.m.      Beginning at 7:00 p.m.  
WHERE: 7th Street Park-North End  
COST: \$50 for 4-H members      \$75 for non-4-H members

Dogs must be at least four months old. The classes last for six weeks and end with a graduation. For more information, call Regina Edwards at 445-2736 or 293-2066.

## **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 September 10th - Local Landmarks

Due October 10th - Vibrant Color

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

## **Running Water Draw Concession Stand**

4-H will have the concession stand at the Running Water Draw Arts and Crafts Festival Friday, October 13th to Sunday, October 15th. 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:

<https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1vPg-Q7Iudd4XqLtCI04Pf8wVji-z2lcgJv2jUX-IoJg/edit?usp=sharing>

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.

## **Junior Master Gardener Classes**

WHEN: Starting October 4th 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 291-5267 or Beverly Wall at 774-1040.

## **Maxwell Pumpkin Farm**

Saturday, October 7th

All Clover Kids and 4-Hers may participate.

There are several things to do and photography opportunities at the farm. There is a giant maze, apple cannons, and sunflower and pumpkin field activities.

Gates open at 10:00 a.m. (Tickets may be purchased at the gate.)

Campfire with hot dogs and smores from 6:30 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. at site 4.

Tickets will go on "flash" sale September 6th - 8th for \$17.95.

Website: <https://www.maxwellpumpkinfarm.com>

Tickets can be used anytime during the season.

For more information, contact Staci Barrett at 806-336-1752.



**Shawnte Clawson,  
CEA-FCH**



**Audra Guess,  
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**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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