4-H Raises Money for PAWS Spay/Neuter Program

Club members of West Swain 4-H Club presented PAWS with a check from the proceeds of their recent Chili Luncheon Fundraiser.

Presenting a check for $664.54 as a donation for the PAWS Spay/Neuter Program are from left: Abby Shuler, Kellie Wilcox, Pat Jones, manager of the PAWS Thrift Store, Rosie Shuler, Lyndsay Taylor, Austin Shuler and Cory Winchester.

A special thanks to all the individuals and businesses in who supported this 4-H community service effort.

Largest Growing Season Underway for West Swain 4-H Club

A tired but satisfied group of 4-H members proudly surveyed their hard work as they ended a long two day work session in their club greenhouse on Needmore Road in early March. The weather broke just in time for the yearly weekend chore of potting plugs and starting seeds for the spring growing season. What a beautiful weekend it was to put these industrious 4-Hers in the “farming” mood.

The club planted 2,800 plants which makes this the largest greenhouse crop for the club since they began this project in 2003. New tables and shelves gave the club’s greenhouse the capacity to hold twice the plants they were able to grow in past years. The experience the club members have attained over the past growing seasons prepared them for a larger crop planting and they met the chore with great enthusiasm and determination.

The club added a few varieties of flowering plants to their list of plants available for the 2010 season. Plants that will be available this spring are: wave petunias, begonias, dragon wing begonias, geraniums, salvia, impatiens, coreopsis, cosmos, lantana, gaillardia, columbine, lobelia, sweet potato vine, gerber daisy, dwarf marigold, herbs, heirloom tomato varieties, Cheyenne, sweet banana and bell pepper, flathead cabbage, cauliflower and broccoli plants. The selling season will begin the middle of April, so look for future announcements.

All proceeds from the club’s plant sales support the greenhouse project. Costs for the project include propane for heating, plugs, seeds, potting soil, fertilizers, pots, and upkeep to the greenhouse. A large amount of the pots used are recycled pots donated to the club by the community. Support of 4-H programs by the community is greatly appreciated.