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Extension Thanks Our Volunteers.....

In recognizing the month of April as National Volunteer month, the EXTENSION staff would like to take this opportunity to sincerely thank all of the volunteers who make the 4-H program possible in Bexar County. We appreciate all of your hard work and dedication to help Make the Best Better.

QUOTE THIS MONTH

“People are just about as happy as they make up their minds to be”
Abraham Lincoln US President

GIVE WATER A HAND

Estimates of Per Capita water usage in the United States vary, but most agree that the average American uses 38-80 gallons of water daily around the home. Drinking & cooking account for 5%, Sanitation 45%, and cleaning of clothing and dishes nearly 50%. Irrigation of lawns and gardens can increase totals.

A look inside our homes and at our water use patterns can give us some ideas that will help. Almost half of the water used in American homes is used to flush toilets. A simply way to conserve water is reduce the volume of water used in each flush. This can be done by placing a water filled jug in the tank, add a couple of sealed bricks to the tank, and or change the location of the float. We can also take shorter showers and baths. A shorter shower can save up to 15 gallons of water per use. Washing dishes by hand and rinsing them in standing hot water consumes less water than a dishwasher. Use a bucket to wash your vehicle and only turn on the water to rinse off the soap.

You can also use Xeriscape Landscaping to minimize water use for your lawn and gardens. These plants are adapted to dry conditions and will need to be watered less frequently than other plants. In addition we should only water plants when needed, this encourages deep root growth and produces a healthier and more drought-tolerant landscape. Only water your lawn early in the morning to reduce water evaporation.

THANKS TO OUR SPONSOR!

This month's newsletter is sponsored by Bexar County 4-H Council.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

Office Procedure

All visitors must check in with the receptionist on duty. Our office hours are Monday-Friday 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. **Lunch is noon 'til 1 p.m.** If you are planning to visit our office during that time, call in advance so that your information will be ready to pick up with the receptionist.



All Competitive Events Need Eligibility Forms

Please be reminded that all competitive events require eligibility forms, even if conducted during the holidays - ie: consumer decision, livestock show, etc. If you have entered a contest and **within 10 days** of the contest have **NOT** received an eligibility form to take to your school, call our office right away. Keep an eye on your calendars. **It is your job to get the forms signed** by the school and turned into our office before the event.

There are some circumstances that **non-competitive** events will also require eligibility forms ie: school tours, etc. due to the fact you will need permission to be out of school. If you have signed up to participate in these types of events, please keep an eye out for your form.

Then to **confuse** you more, there are some events that **DO NOT** require an eligibility form - ie: Project Show, County Photography Contest, etc. Please call anytime you have a question about eligibility.

If You Win....

If you win at a county contest, you will advance to the district contest. Our office will send you entry information on the district contest. It is then your responsibility to complete the paperwork and return it to our office by the due date or it will not be accepted.

Deadlines

Due dates and times are important. Our due dates are decided upon according to District and State due dates. Deadlines will be according to office hours 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. Monday-Friday. Dates set by our office will be upheld. **NO LATE ENTRIES WILL BE ACCEPTED.** If you mail your forms, entries, etc, it's **YOUR** responsibility to verify that we received it. Please read your newsletter carefully and mark your calendar for due dates. There is a drop slot in the front door. An 11"x13" envelope will fit through it. You can use this drop slot to help you meet deadlines.

VISIT OUR WEBSITE

Email Addresses

The office website address is: bexar-tx.tamu.edu. If any club has a website, let us know, and we will link it to ours. 4-H staff e-mail addresses are:

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HERE'S THE LATEST



Dates Have Been Set, Mark Your Calendar

County Roundup - Saturday, April 1, 2006
Project Show - Saturday, May 13, 2006

County Recordbooks Due - Monday June 26, 2006
Scholarship Interviews - Tuesday, July 18, 2006
Gold Star Interviews - Thursday, July 13, 2006
Awards Program - Friday, August 11, 2006

TAKS Testing Scheduled During Stock Show

The Texas Education Agent (TEA) has scheduled TAKS testing for Feb. 13-16, 2007. This is the same week for the junior market shows at the San Antonio Stock Show. TEA has received several calls to no avail. It is suggested you send a letter requesting they change the date of the TAKS testing. A sample letter is on our website under Livestock.

Who's Who Among American High School Students

This program provides national recognition for students who are grades 9-12 and have a grade point average of "B" or better. You must have demonstrated achievement in academics, athletics and/or extracurricular activities. Call Pam with your name, address and grade level by April 10th.

LEARN AND HAVE FUN TOO!!!!

District 10 4-H Council Officer Election

If you have served as a member of the District 4-H Council for at least one year, and you are 16-18, you are eligible to seek an office on the District 10 4-H Council. Deadline is May 1st to the District office. For more information, officer descriptions and an application contact Pam or visit our website.

County Photography Workshop

Date: Wednesday, April 19
Place: County Extension office S-208
Time: 7 p.m.

If you want to learn to use a camera (digital & traditional) for beginners to intermediate and much more this is the workshop to attend.

National 4-H Calendar Photography Contest

National 4-H Council is looking for winning photos (2001-2006) from a state or county stock show to put in the 2008 4-H Calendar. If you had a winning animal and want to submit your photo contact Pam at the office.

District Photography Contest

This contest will be held in conjunction with District Roundup on May 6 in Fredericksburg. Pre-registration is not necessary. Photos must be mounted and 8x10. Entry fee is \$5 per person. For all the guidelines, division and classes to enter this contest give Pam a call. **THIS IS NOT A DISTRICT CONTEST. THIS CONTEST IS HELD IN CONJUNCTION WITH A DISTRICT EVENT.**



County Project Show (Arts & Crafts)

Date: Saturday, May 13
Place: Helotes 4-H Activity Center
Due: May 1

The Bexar County 4-H Project Show is just around the corner. If you love to display your arts & crafts items, this is the show to enter. Get your photographs, artwork, baked goods, quilts and more ready! There will be wonderful projects to see and prizes to be won. This show is open to anyone, they **DO NOT** have to be enrolled in 4-H. Spread the word to your friends, school and anyone you think would like to show off their creative skills. If you need an entry form contact your Club Manager or our office or visit our website. You can drop off your entries on Friday, May 12, 6-8 p.m. or Saturday, May 13, 9-10 a.m. We are needing **judges** to help evaluate the entries. If you are interested in judging, please give Pam a call. **YOU DO NOT NEED AN ELIGIBILITY FORM FOR THIS CONTEST.**

My Favorite 4-H Project Story

National 4-H Supply Service wants to hear about your favorite 4-H project and why it is meaningful. Your story could be used in the 2008 National 4-H Calendar. Story is limited to 125 words and is due by April 30. If you are interested in this contest and need more information contact Pam at the office.

Texas 4-H Congress

Date: July 23-26
Place: Austin
Age: 15-18
Cost: \$200 (lodging, meals & registration)
Due: Before May 7

This program is a four day mock legislative experience for members 15-18 years old. You will assume the roles of senators, representatives, lobbyist and press corps, and special interest groups to gain a first-hand understanding of how the legislative process works. Adult chaperones are also needed to attend. For more information and an application contact Pam.

National 4-H Congress

Date: November 23-28
Place: Atlanta, Georgia
Cost: \$1,200
Deadline: April 28

This program is for ages 14-18 and touches on youth issues, leadership, appreciating diversity and community service learning. For more information and how to register contact Pam.

District 4-H Vegetable Show

Date: Saturday, May 6, 1:00 - 1:30 p.m. registration
Place: Fredericksburg
Cost: \$5

There are 42 vegetable classes you can enter. For eligibility requirements, list of classes and an entry form contact Pam or visit our website. Entry fee is \$5 per member. No pre-registration is required.

SCHOLARSHIPS

San Antonio Livestock Exposition Cooperative Extension Program Scholarship

SALE and Cooperative Extension Program (CEP) will award 2 four year scholarship for \$10,000 each. These scholarships will be awarded to outstanding minority students who are seeking a Bachelor of Science degree at Prairie View A&M University in any area related to agriculture and human sciences. For list of degrees and more information visit our website. Scholarship is due April 7.

Norman Vestal Memorial Scholarship

The Rotary Club of San Antonio will give six (\$500) scholarships to 2006 graduating seniors who plan to pursue a career in agriculture (to include agribusiness). Requirements include: school transcripts, letters of recommendation and an essay. Deadline is April 3, 5 p.m. This is open to all Bexar County graduating seniors. **NO LATE APPLICATIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED.** For a copy of the criteria contact Sheilah at the office.

Beef Cattle Scholarship

The Bexar County Beef Cattle Committee will give away scholarships to graduating seniors. Requirements include: must be pursuing an agricultural degree, three letters of recommendation, high school transcript and an 1000 word essay as to why you should receive the scholarship. All information is due to the County Extension office by Friday, April 14th, 5 p.m. Reminder, we have a night drop slot in the front door for your use. For complete list of criteria contact Sheilah or visit our website.

Alamo Community College Scholarship

The Alamo Community College District (ACCD) Foundation and the San Antonio Livestock Exposition are seeking students who wish to pursue challenging and rewarding careers in one of the following program areas: Agribusiness, Agriculture, Allied Health, Nursing, Pre-Medicine, Veterinary Technology and more. Call Pam for an application and list of program areas. Application is due by April 15 to the Alamo Community College District.

Scholarship Opportunities

Visit our website for over 50 scholarship opportunities. If clicking on the link doesn't work, you will have to type in the website address.

More Scholarship Opportunities

Visit the Minnie Stevens Piper Foundation at 1250 NE Loop 410 in the Frost Bank Tower (210/525-8494). Also, visit collegefortexans.com or fastweb.com.

Preparing for College

Here is everything Texans need to know about preparing for college. Visit www.collegefortexans.com/default2.cfm.

COUNCIL CANDIDATE

Candidate Opportunity

Listed below are those interested in being considered as a candidate for this year's County 4-H Council Officer Elections. Be sure to read each candidate's summary. Elections will be held at our regularly scheduled County 4-H Council Meeting Thursday, April 20th. **Nominations will also be taken from the floor the day of the meeting.** Bexar County 4-H Council By-Laws states criteria to run for office:

- ✓ Officers shall be elected from present or past membership of the Council (any year previously attended as a Club President, Council Delegate or Committee/Task Force Member).
- ✓ A member must have completed two (2) years of club work, including the current year, to be eligible for a council office.
- ✓ A member may run for office after their 13th birthday. Officers may not have passed their 18th birthday before August 31, of the year in which they are elected.
- ✓ No member can hold the office of District Delegate during the 4-H year in which he/she graduates from high school.

Whoever wins the officer position of Council Treasurer, one of their parents will become Adult Treasurer.

Who votes for your new County Council Officers? In each club, you voted for your club officers along with two (2) club delegates. Your club delegates attend the Council Meetings and represent your club and vote. If you only have one (1) club delegate the other defaults to your club president. Club delegates, make sure to mark your calendar for the April meeting to cast your vote for your new 2006-2007 County Council Officers.

Andre Jones

I will be running for a County Council office this April! I am from the Encino 4-H club and have been apart of 4-H since I was eight years old. I am fifteen years old and will be a junior in high school this fall. I have held offices in my club as Third Vice President (twice), Second Vice President. And this next year I would like to become a Council Delegate. So vote for Andre Jones for Council Delegate. I promise to serve you well!

Danielle Washington

I will be running for a County Council office this April! For those of you who don't know me I am from the Encino 4-H club and have been in 4-H for five years. I am seventeen years old and will be a senior in

highschool this fall. I have held several offices in my club as Historian, Treasurer, President, Secretary, Vice Chairman and Chairman in District committee. So if you vote for me I promise to serve you well with the Bexar County 4-H Council this coming year!

Alison Moore

I would like to run for treasurer for the County Council. I would like to run for this office because I was treasurer for my 4-H club and I had a lot of fun being that specific office. My sister is the treasurer currently and I would like to take over her duties as treasurer. I should be elected because I am good at communicating and handling money.

Jacob Ballard

I'm 15 years old and have been in 4-H for 7 years in Helotes 4-H. I have held the offices of Reporter and County Council Delegate. I enjoy reporting to my club the upcoming events and letting them know what we are about. I have been involved in Beef, Goats, Public Speaking, Consumer, Shooting Sports, Photography, Club Scrapbook, etc. This year I enjoyed being the County Parliamentarian and would like to continue to serve as an officer on the county council. I would appreciate your vote and look forward to serving for you.

Katie Decock

Howdy! I would like serve as one of your County Officers. This will be my 10th year in 4-H in the Health Careers Club. I have served as 2nd Alt Delegate at the County level and have held almost every office in my local club. I promise I will work hard for the Bexar County 4-H Council.

Rebecca Campbell

I am a member in the Alamo Metro 4-H club for 4 years. I am the County Council Delegate, a teen leader in food & nutrition and public speaking and a 4-H Ambassador. I help organize events such as preparing a meal at the Ronald McDonald House, giving food demonstrations, or planning regular public speaking meetings. I volunteer at Camp Independence and at the Botanical Gardens for "Children's Day in the Garden" and speak to elementary school children about the food guide pyramid and healthy eating habits. I have participated in Round-up, District Spectra, and Mega Meeting.

County 4-H Council/Adult Leaders Meeting

Date: Thursday, April 20th
Place: Expanded Nutrition Program
Office, 96 Crossroads
Time: 6:30 p.m.



This meeting will begin promptly at 6:30 p.m. a little earlier due to Council officer elections. Every club delegate has a vote to decide who will be on the 2006-2007 County 4-H Council. Make your calendar and make plans to attend this meeting. There will be elections and many things to discuss.

ROUNDUP

District Roundup

Date: May 6
Place: Fredericksburg

If you participated in County Roundup, all juniors and intermediates and 1st placing seniors get to advance to District Roundup. If you did not receive a District Roundup Packet at the county contest, please contact our office ASAP. Deadline to enter the District contest is April 10th.

Method Demonstration & Illustrated Talks Tips:

©Stand Tall, do not lean on the table ©Keep eye contact with the audience ©Speak loud enough so the entire audience can hear ©Look and act if you are enjoying presenting the demonstration

Swine Skill-A-Thon Contest

Date: Monday, June 5 (at Texas 4-H Roundup)
Place: A&M College Station

This contest is for youth age 14-18. Contest will consist of written questions, hands on activities and a quiz bowl. Resources to study for this contest are at <http://animalscience.tamu.edu/ansc/indrx.htm> go to youth projects and then Skill-A-Thon Study Guides. To find out how to enter contact Sheilah.

Honor Military Personnel at State Roundup

Texas 4-H wants to honor servicemen and women during State Roundup in June. They are looking for former 4-H members who are now serving in the military. They need the name, branch of service, where currently stationed, years in 4-H and a photo sent to 4hevents@ag.tamu.edu by May 15.

2006 Roundup Guide

Anything you want to know about Roundup is in this guide. One guide has been sent to your club or you can print one from the Texas 4-H website at <http://texas4-h.tamu.edu/roundup> or from our website.

FAMILY & CONSUMER SCIENCES

Family & Consumer Project Leaders Meeting

If you are attending the Council/Adult Leaders Meeting on Thursday, April 20, please arrive at 6 p.m. to discuss project development committee for all Family & Consumer events this upcoming 2006-2007 year.

Family & Consumer Project Planning Meeting

Date: Thursday, July 6
Time: 6:30 p.m.
Place: County Extension office S-208
RSVP: July 5 for pizza

At this meeting, we will plan all the Family & Consumer events for this upcoming 2006-2007 year including any contests, leader trainings or county field trips. RSVP for pizza.

Food Tour

Date: June 13-15
Place: Austin
Cost: \$160 (meals, transportation during the tour)

This tour will cover restaurants, culinary schools, farms and more. Ages 13 (as of June 1, 2006) and up including adults. \$50 deposit due April 15 on a first come, first served basis. Space is limited to 50. Registration will be via 4-H CONNECT. For more information contact Sheilah.

AWARDS/RECOGNITION

Gloria Barron Prize for Young Heroes

The Barron Prize recognizes outstanding young people (ages 8-18) who have shown leadership and courage in public service to people and our planet. 4-H members are doing incredible things to make a difference in our community, the Barron Prize wants to honor them.

A \$2,000 cash award is given to the winner. Deadline is April 30. For more information on how to nominate someone, contact Pam at the office or visit their website at www.barronprize.org.

Awards and Recognition Handbook

It's time to start thinking about what criteria must be met to apply for 4-H awards. Every family should have the Awards and Recognition Handbook. If you need a copy, contact your Club Manager or give Pam a call at the 4-H office or visit our website to print a copy.

RECORDBOOK INFO

Recordbook Training

Date: Thursday, April 27
Place: County Extension office S-208
Time: 7 p.m.

If you have never done a recordbook, this is the training to attend. This training will cover the basics of putting your recordbook together.

How to be a Good Recordbook Judge

This program provides a great overview on how to evaluate recordbooks. This is a great resource if you are judging, thinking about judging or just want to know how recordbooks are evaluated. The program is about 35 minutes long. The web link is: http://agfacts.tamu.edu/D11/Extension/4H/Video/JudgingRecordbooks_files/Default.htm.

Recordbook Information

If you are needing information on beginning your recordbook, all Club Managers received a packet "Anything and Everything You Ever Wanted To Know About 4-H Recordbooks". You can contact your Club Manager for a copy of the packet.

The Texas 4-H 2005-2006 Clover Handbook

The Texas 4-H Clover Handbook informs all 4-H members about Project Categories and Recordbook Guidelines. One club of the Texas 4-H Clover has been sent to each club. The handbook is on our 4-H website.

CAMPS

District 10 Leadership Lab

Date: June 20-23
Place: Big Country Baptist Assembly, Lueders
Cost: \$160 (lodging, meals, transportation, insurance)
Age: 13- 17 years (no graduating seniors, except officers)

The objective of the lab is for participants to take back to their county what they have learned (leadership development, problem solving and more) and train others in their county. There will also be fun activities to include: volleyball, tennis, swimming and more. Adult chaperones are needed on a 1 to 8 ratio. Registration is on 4-H CONNECT from May 1-19th. If you need more information about the lab and how to registration contact Pam.

SpecTra '05

Date: July 17-22
Place: Texas 4-H Center, Brownwood
Cost: \$290.00
Due: \$100 deposit by May 1

Spectra is for youth (age 14-18) to enhance project knowledge, expand leadership skills, explore careers, and strengthen their self-image. Sessions include: Natural Resources, Recreation Leadership, Culinary Arts, Photography and more. Adult chaperones are needed and will receive a discount if they attend. **REMINDER:**

APPLICATIONS MUST HAVE AN AGENT'S SIGNATURE. For information and registration form, contact Pam or visit our website.

West Region 4-H Junior High Leadership Lab

Date: May 31-June 2
Place: Howard College, Big Spring
Cost: \$65
Due: May 5

This lab is open to 4-H members going into the 6-8 grade in the fall. For more information and agenda contact Pam.

Prime Time '05

Session 1 - July 23-26 (age 12-13)
Session 2 - July 26-29 (age 9-11)
Place: Texas 4-H Center, Brownwood
Cost: \$165.00

Prime Time will focus on opportunities to meet new friends, develop new skills, and learn how to work with others, and much more. Adult chaperones are needed and will receive a discount if they attend. **REMINDER: APPLICATION MUST HAVE AN AGENT'S SIGNATURE.** Activities include: swimming, canoeing, crafts, climbing and more. Applications are taken on a first come, first serve basis. For information and registration form, contact Pam or visit our website.

Operation Purple Summer Camp

Date: June 4-9 (ages 11-13)
June 13-17 (ages 14-18)
Place: Texas 4-H Center, Brownwood

This camp is open to children of any member of the uniformed services. Activities will include challenge courses, fishing, boating, community service, team building and much more. Deadline to registration is May 1. For more information and registration visit their website: www.operation.purple.org.

H.S. Estelle 4-H Youth Camp

Date: June 26-30 or July 10-14
Place: Huntsville
Ages: 3rd grade - 17 years
Cost: \$80
Due: June 1

Campers participate in leadership, computer awareness, creative learning and more fun activities. Contact Pam or Patrice for an application or visit our website.

Career Awareness & Youth Leadership Laboratory

Date: June 13-15
Place: Prairie View A&M University
Cost: \$100 (room & board)
Ages: 14-19
Due: June 1

Explore careers in Ag & Natural Resources, Communications, Entrepreneurship, Health Careers and more. 25 scholarships available to help pay for expenses on a 1st come, 1st serve basis. Contact Pam or Patrice for an application packet or visit our website.

Texas State Youth Water Camp

Date: July 9-13
Place: George & Opal Bentley 4-H Center, Monahans
Cost: \$150
Due: May 26

This camp is for ages 14 and up. There will be field trips and tours, but the camp will focus on water issues, quality and conservation education. For more information and an application contact Pam.

Wildlife Conservation Camp

Date: June 18-24
Place: Welder Wildlife Refuge, Sinton
Cost: \$250 (meals & lodging)
Due: May 5

Campers (age 15-18) will gain knowledge in wildlife ID, conservation ethics, team building and much more. To sign up or for more information visit their website at: <http://www.tctws.org> or contact Sheilah.



WHOA!!! HORSE NEWS

Horse Leaders Meeting

Date: Monday, April 24
Place: County Extension Office
Time: 7 p.m.

Adults and members interested in horses and horsemanship activities should make every effort to attend this meeting.

Texas 4-H Master Horse Volunteers

Three horse project leaders, Mark Elizondo, Janie Milikien, and Sonija Tedesco attended the Texas 4-H Master Horse Volunteer Training. The training was presented by AQHA, West Texas A&M University and Randall County Extension Office. Topics ranged from, horse project maintenance to development of people's character. The training requires 50 hours of time to be given back to the 4-H program. With this training we will be able to help 4-H youth and leaders with education, information, leadership skills and basis horsemanship. Please call Sonija at the office if you have any question or need assistance with your horse project.

Qualifying Horse Shows

There will be three (3) qualifying shows this year:
1) January 6 2) March - 25 3) April - 22
Raindate - May 13, 2006

You must attend at least one of these shows to be eligible for the district contest and end of the year awards.

Entry forms for the April 22 show have been mailed to horse leaders and is available on our website. Deadline to enter this show is Wednesday, April 12.

New Horse Project Certification Form

Please be aware that a new form (Eligibility Certification Form) needs to be completed by each 4-H member/family that owns a horse and plans to use it any county, district or state qualifying contests. The form must be turned in to our office by May 1. The form has been mailed to horse leaders and is available on our website. If you have any questions, give Sonija a call.

Team Roping School

Date: June 1-4
Place: South Plains College, Levelland
Cost: \$250 (lodging, insurance and instruction material)
Due: May 15



This school is for members 12-18 years old and will cover development of roping and horsemanship skills and more. For an application and schedule contact Sheilah at the office. \

Somervell County 4-H Horse Camp

Date: May 30-June 1
Place: Somervell County Expo Center, Glen Rose
Cost: \$105
Due: May 5

For more information and an application, contact Sheilah.

Texas State 4-H Horse Show Rules and Regulations

The 2006 rules are currently being printed and are available at tce.bookstore.org for a fee or you can print a copy from <http://4-tamu.edu/events/> (Click on Horse Show) for free.

Horse Information

Whenever you need to know what is going on with the State Horse Program visit animalsciencetamu.edu/ansc/index.htm then click on CEA Horse Newsletter.

LIVESTOCK NEWS

State Fair of Texas (Dallas) Validation Tags

The cost is \$7.00 per lamb/goat tag for State Fair of Texas (Dallas). Deadline to send in an the order form for lambs/goats is Wednesday, April 12. Late tags may be ordered for \$11. A validation order form is enclosed in this newsletter.

Steer Validation

Steer Validation will be held in June. Watch the next newsletter for confirmed date. All steers (NOT HEIFERS) that will be exhibited at the Bexar County and major shows must be validated. Cost will be \$8 per head for major show and \$2 per head for County. Complete the Steer Validation form (enclosed) and return it to our office by Wednesday, April 12th. Make your check payable to Bexar 4-H Fund. Watch for validation dates to be scheduled for June announced in the upcoming newsletters .

San Antonio Stock Show Floor Checks

SALE floor checks were recently mailed to exhibitors from our office. If you did not receive yours, give Sheilah a call. .

Howard College Goat Camp

Date: June 4-6
Place: Big Spring, Texas
Cost: \$85 (lodging, meals & awards)

Topics: Selection, showmanship, feeding and more. For a flyer and entry form, contact Sheilah.

Howard College Lamb Camp

Date: June 18-20
Place: Big Spring, Texas
Cost: \$85 (lodging, meals & awards)

Topics: Selection, showmanship, health and more. For a flyer and entry form, contact Sheilah.

Texas A&M Veterinary School Open House

Date: Saturday, April 8
Place: Texas A&M
Time: 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Cost: Free

If you are interested in Veterinary Science this is the event to attend. The open house is a self guided tour through the veterinary school and teaching hospitals. For more information on activities and exhibits at the open house visit www.cvm.tamu.edu/openhouse.

Bexar County Junior Livestock Show Website

Check out their new website at www.bcjls.com.

OUTDOOR FUN

CORE Program

The CORE (Conservation of Resources and Ethics) has been reorganized. The first activity is Saturday, May 20, 9 a.m. - 1p.m. at Government Canyon State Natural Park, 12861 Galm Rd. cost is \$6. We are currently working with Texas Parks & Wildlife's staff to develop the educational program for that day. **Watch the next newsletter for complete activity details.** Other activities are scheduled for June-Bat Cave, July-Star Gazing, August-Outdoor Activities, September-Deer World, October-TBA, November-TBA and December-Outdoor Cookery. If you have any ideas for activities or questions call Nelson or send an email to nadiarte@ag.tamu.edu.

3 Position Shooting Sports

Date: Saturdays 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. or Sundays 3 - 5 p.m.
Place: Black Hawk Range, SW part of town

You are welcome to come and join Braun 4-H at their practice. The club provides the target rifle and shooting jacket. They will participate in upcoming NRA matches. You must be accompanied by a parent. For more information call Dr. Ramos at 679-6909 or Kristin Milu 830/429-1893.



Bexar County 4-H Shotgun Club

Mark your calendar, their next meeting is Saturday, April 15th, 10:30 a.m. at the San Antonio Gun Club. In you are interested in shotgun shooting, proper care and respect for firearms, this is the club for you. Contact Don Stephens at email dstephens@masonclaims.com.

Texas Youth Shooting Sports Camp

Date: June 14-17
Place: Monahans
Cost: \$135
Due: May 15

This camp is for youth ages 12-17 interested in archery, muzzle loading, pistol, rifle and shotgun and hunter education. For more information and a registration form visit their website at <http://ward-tx.tamu.edu>.

Johnson County 4-H Buckle Shoot Fandango

Date: May 20 & 21
Place: Arlington Sportsman's Club

Skeet, Trap and Whiz Bang. For more information on this contest give Sheilah a call.

Sweetwater Whiz-Bang Qualifier Shoot

Date: April 29
Place: Nolan County Shooting Sports Range, Sweetwater

Cost: Registration \$15, Entry fee per event \$10

Skeet, Trap & Five-stand. For more information or to register contact John 325-235-1700 or 325-235-9838. Due April 21.

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Walk Across Texas!

Between now and April 25 get together with seven other people and start walking, jogging, or even biking across Texas! You can walk together or individually, just keep track of your miles. Try to walk 830 miles "Across Texas". For a packet of more information contact Sheilah or contact Hannah if you have any questions at 695-6659.

Community Mapping Institute for Educators

Date: June 19-23
Place: San Antonio
Cost: \$100

This class is for adults interested in GIS GPS and community mapping. Adults will receive a personal GPS unit. For more information and registration contact Scott 972-860-4362.

National 4-H GIS/GPS Leadership Team

Both members and adult are welcome to apply to be on this team. You agree to take on a strong leadership role in increasing the use of GIS/GPS in local, state and national 4-H programs. For more information about applying to be on this team, contact Pam.

CLUB NEWS

East Central 4-H - Lexie Ricks

We met on Monday, March 6. Open meeting with Pledge of Allegiance and 4-H pledge. We welcomed any new members then heard from members that have done recent shows and how they did. Our next meeting we will nominate and elect officers for next year. We discussed our April fundraiser. Mrs. Tedesco reminded us of a horse qualifying show on March 25. Mr. Geistweidt told us of a fundraiser dance and meal for the PWC organization on April 29. (PWC is a buyer at the BCJLS). Then our special guest speaker Ken Albrecht from SAPD gave a presentation on the dangers of drugs. Thank very much officer Albrecht. Meeting adjourned and had refreshments. Our next meeting will be April 3.

St. Hedwig 4-H - Carol Sullivan

The St. Hedwig 4-H held their monthly meeting on March 3, 2006 at the American Legion in St. Hedwig. Some of the topics discussed were: The Fashion Show is coming up on March 25, 2006 anyone interested should sign up. Anyone that placed at the San Antonio Livestock show was asked to say what they placed. A discussion was made that we would raise our scholarship fund to \$600.00 this year. A summary was given on our livestock judging team and the participated in the following judging events: Bexar County, Karnes County, and San Antonio. It was also mentioned that the TAKS test for 2007 would be held during the second week of the San Antonio Stock Show and that the parents were asked to call Michael Dalean at (512) 463-9536 and voice their opinion to see that it could be changed back to its original date. Our horticulture project would start up after spring break and if you have not signed up you were ask to still sign up.

HELOTES LIVESTOCK PLUS -Andrea Moore & Alexandra Hoskins
We opened our meeting on March 6, at 7:00 p.m. Minutes were read. Each Officer told the members what their Officer title was and what the job requirements were. Offer sign-up was this month and elections will be held at the April 3rd meeting. We will be having a Blood Drive from 6-8 pm on the same night in the parking lot. We invite everyone to come out and donate. You must be at least 17 years old, 110 pounds, and in good health. Each time you donate blood could potentially save three people's lives. The Helotes Cornyval is May 4-7, 2006. We will have a float so sign up to help and be in the parade on May 6th. Seniors remember scholarship time is approaching fast so turn in data sheets to the club and don't forget all the ones offered through our local Bexar County 4-H. Relay for Life is May 13th, same day as the project show. So turn in your projects and come walk while you wait for the judging to be over. For recreation we played a game with Hula Hoops! Adjourned at 8:00pm.

CLOVERS TO

Thanks to the Vaughan family for folding the March newsletter.

Congratulations to the Bexar County Horse Judging team who placed 2nd at San Angelo.

Way to Go! The Bexar County Horse Judging team (Kristen Liesman, Valerie Castillo, Karissa Milu & Sarah Sell) placed 2nd at the District Horse Judging Contest in February.

Have a Great Fiesta!!!!

4-H is a community of young people across America who are learning leadership, citizenship and life skills."

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We will seek to provide reasonable accommodations for all persons with disabilities for our events. We request that you contact our office as soon as possible to advise us of the auxiliary aid or service that you will require.

STATE FAIR OF TEXAS (DALLAS) LAMB/GOAT VALIDATION-DUE WEDNESDAY, APRIL 12



Lamb/goat validation for State Fair of Texas (Dallas) will be in June. All lambs/goats to be shown at the State Fair of Texas (Dallas) must be validated. Ear tags, hair samples and nose prints will be taken. Cost will be \$7.00 per head for tags. Return this form and total amount \$\$ by Wednesday, April 12 Make checks payable to **Bexar 4-H Fund**.

Name _____

Address _____ City _____ Zip _____

STEER VALIDATION FORM

All Steers to be shown at Bexar County Junior Livestock Show and major livestock shows must be validated. Cost will be \$8.00 per head for major shows and \$2 per head for County. Make your check payable to Bexar 4-H Fund.

Name: _____

Address: _____

Club: _____ Phone: _____

of tags: _____ X \$8.00 = \$ _____ # of tags: _____ X \$2.00 = \$ _____

***Due to Bexar County 4-H Office by 5:00 p.m. on Wednesday, April 12, 2006
Please make check payable to Bexar 4-H Fund***