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QUOTE THIS MONTH

"I visualized where I wanted to be, what kind of player I wanted to become. I knew exactly where I wanted to go, and I focused on getting there." Michael Jordan

THANKS TO OUR SPONSOR!

This month's newsletter is sponsored by St. Hedwig Fire Department and the San Antonio Stock Show & Rodeo Fall Fest. Check out their flyers enclosed.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

Welcome New 4-H-Ag. Secretary

We have a new secretary, Nancy Martin. She will help you with 4-H-Ag. related topics (livestock shows, validation, animal clinics, fashion & food show and consumer decision making). Stop by the office and welcome Nancy.

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 the lunch time, call in advance so that your information will be ready to pick up with the receptionist.

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

Club Manager Training - Monday, August 7 (Experienced)
Club Manager Training-Tuesday, August 8 (New)
Club Officer Training-Tuesday, August 8
Awards Program - Friday, August 11, 2006
Chocolate Sale Kick Off Pizza Party, Sept. 26



Re-Enroll Now....

You must re-enroll in 4-H by September 30 for the 2006-2007 year. You can re-enroll starting at your next meeting. To be eligible to compete in activities beginning in October you need to enroll by September. After September 30, if you have **NOT** re-enrolled you will

be removed from our mailing list and no longer receive this newsletter. Lots of important dates and information (validation dates, contest dates, workshop dates, etc.) will be announced in the upcoming newsletters. Adult leaders that had a background screen in 2004-2005 are good for three (3) years. New adult leaders will need to pay \$10 for a background screen, unless you have had a background check done through your work or another volunteer organization.

Club Manager Training

Date(s): Monday, August 7, 6:30 p.m. (Experienced)
Tuesday, August 8, 6:30 p.m. (New)
Place: County Extension Office

One Club Manager from each club is **required** to attend this training. If you cannot attend, you must make an appoint with the 4-H Agent for a personal training or you **will not** be chartered this year. There are several things that 4-H clubs must be aware of. Everything you will need to run your club for the next program year will be handed out at this meeting. Enrollment forms have changed, **do not** use last years forms. The Bexar Council 4-H Council provides every club with a file box to help organize your materials. Bring it and we will help you update it. New Club Managers will be given a file box for your materials.

County 4-H Awards Program

Date: Friday, August 11, 7:00 p.m.
Place: Helotes 4-H Activity Center
Time: 6:30 p.m. - registration 7:00 p.m. program

This will be an exciting night, all county awards and college scholarships will be presented. We also recognize all the volunteers for their hard work and 4-H members for their accomplishments. Mark this date on your calendar and plan to attend.

The silent auction last year was a big success, so were going to do it again this year. If you have anything you would like to donate, please bring it to the office by August 4th. If you are donating any baked goods, bring it that night. If you are attending the Awards Program, please stop by the auction tables and place a bid.

We will be serving refreshments and would like to ask for a donation of a dozen cookies from each club. We will also need help in serving the refreshments.

Chocolate Sale Kick-Off

Date: **Tuesday, Sept. 26th**
Time: 6:30 p.m.
Place: County Extension office

Club chocolate chairpersons or club managers are invited to attend to eat (pizza) and haul away your chocolate. Funds earned are divided between the 4-H Council and the clubs. Your club earns \$10 for every case of chocolate sold. Every person selling \$50 puts their name in a drawing for prizes. Watch the next newsletter for a list

of prizes. Each club needs to send their chocolate chairperson to this kick-off. There will be a list of locations (Walmart, Sams, etc.) to sign up to sell your chocolate. Get with your club to find out how much chocolate you would like to order. **New this year**, we are trying the mixed case of bars (almond, caramel, crisp and plain chocolate).

District 10 Spectra

Date: November 17-19

Place: To Be Announced

They are now accepting applications for teens who would like to lead projects. For an application and more information contact Pam.

Applications are due August 10. More information on attending District 10 Spectra camp will be available soon.

Salvation Army Doll/Bear Auction

The 25th Annual Doll/Bear Auction will benefit the Salvation Army.

You can help by dressing the dolls or bears. The clothing should be hand crafted, creative, imaginative and original. You can call ahead to order your dolls or bears from Cathy at 352-2000. Dolls/bears are due by Friday, October 13th. For detailed information on instructions and categories contact Pam.

County Recordbooks

WOW! We had 169 recordbooks and 116 project forms turned in this year. Your Club Manager has a detailed list of county placings.

Promote 4-H...We Need You!!

Teachers, counselors or school employees...we need your help to promote 4-H by handing out brochures at your school. Anyone else that will be attending a function that have youth involved, we also need you. If you can help, please let us know how many brochures you will need and when.

LEARN AND HAVE FUN TOO!!!!

Club Officer Training

Date: Tuesday, August 8, 1:00 - 4:00 p.m.

Place: Helotes 4-H Activity Center

If you are a new Club Officer or Council Officer you should attend this training. This training will prepare you to take on those duties as club leaders. If you can't attend this meeting, you will need to schedule a time with the 4-H agent for a personal training at our office.

District Mega Meeting

Date: Saturday, August 19

Place: Bandera Middle School, Bandera (map available)

Time: 9 a.m.

Make plans to attend this meeting on Saturday, August 19. It is a good time to provide your input on how 4-H projects and contests are organized. Members have the opportunity to run for leadership positions on various project committees. For adults there will be a Club Manager Training, which is open to volunteers, project leaders, club managers and parents. There will be all kinds of topics for everyone. If you are interested, please contact Pam for more information.

Texas 4-H Technology Team

Applications are now being accepted for the state technology team. This team is open to youth (ages 14 and up), volunteers or parents.

The team provides integration of technology into the Texas 4-H and Youth Development Program. For more information and an application contact Pam. Applications are due to A&M by Sept. 15.

FAMILY & CONSUMER SCIENCES

Gear Up and Get Started

Foods and nutrition project, clothing project and consumer projects. In August project leaders should be forming their groups. *In **foods and nutrition** you learn about healthy eating, staying active and how to prepare great recipes. ***Clothing** teaches you how to buy or sew clothes, how to care for your clothes and ways to plan a fantastic wardrobe. ***Consumer** teaches decision making and great shopping skills. Does any of this sound fun....sign up with your project leaders. Upcoming workshops are: Clothing Capers - Sept. 9-contact Sheila Harris at 681-4354, Food Fun - Sept. 23 - contact Brenda Washington at 661-0335 and Consumer Skills - Sept. 30 - contact Sharla Harmon at 695-2890 Contact these leaders for more information on any of these workshops. Also watch the next newsletter for details on the upcoming workshops and contests.

Consumer Decision Making Workshop

Date: Saturday, September 30

Place: County Extension office, S-208

Time: 9 a.m. - 12 noon

This will be a mock contest to show what the contest is all about. You will learn how to give reasons and go over the consumer categories. This is a fun project and will teach you lasting life skills. Please RSVP to Nancy by Sept. 22.



WHOA!!! HORSE NEWS

Horse Leaders Meeting

Date: Monday, August 21

Place: County Extension Office

Time: 7 p.m.

This meeting will be the planning of the upcoming year and elections of officers. There will be a presentation of Horse Theft Prevention. Everyone is welcome to attend this meeting.

Whoa!!! Watch for It!

Watch your upcoming newsletters for dates on clinics and workshops in the planning stages. Topics to include: banding & braiding, nutrition & body scoring, shoeing demonstration & the importance, proper attire and tack, showmanship & halter, horse theft prevention and other exciting clinics.

LIVESTOCK NEWS

Bexar County Broilers

Orders are due September 8th, 5 p.m. to our office. Please submit your order in writing with the following information: Name, address, club, exhibitor SS#, phone number and number of birds you are ordering. Cost is \$1.15 per chick. Each exhibitor or family must purchase a minimum of 25 or a maximum of 50 per exhibitor. REMINDER: You CANNOT show these broilers at SALE or Houston shows only at the Bexar County Junior Livestock Show. Make your check payable to Bexar 4-H Fund for your broiler order. The entry fee to exhibit your broilers is a separate fee which will be paid with your Bexar County entry card fees due in November.

SALE, Houston and Star of Texas Broilers

Broiler orders are due **IN OUR OFFICE** Friday, October 6th, 5 p.m. Please submit your order in writing with the following information: Name, address, club, SS#, phone number and number of birds you are ordering and which show(s) you are ordering for. **The cost is \$75 per 75 birds per show.** Entry fee will be paid with your major show entry form due in November. Make your check payable to Bexar 4-H Fund.

Validations (Lambs/Goats and Hogs)

This Validation Program will meet our identification requirements. Major shows include the following statement in their 2006-2007 Premium List: "To be eligible to exhibit in the 2006-2007 Junior

Market Show, all lambs and goats must be validated in the Texas 4-H and FFA Validation Program. Each entry must have been recorded on a 4-H or FFA Validation Master list completed by the County Validation Committee”.

The cost is \$8.00 per lamb/goat tag for major shows (State Tag) and \$2.00 per lamb/goat tag for the county show (County Tag). Deadline to order for lambs/goats will be Tuesday, August 8. A order form is enclosed in this newsletter. Watch for validation dates in the upcoming newsletters scheduled for October.

The cost is \$8.00 per hog tag for major shows (State Tag) and \$2.00 per hog tag for the county show (County Tag). . Deadline to send in an order form for hogs will be Friday, Sept. 1st. A validation order form is enclosed in this newsletter. Watch for validation dates in the upcoming newsletters scheduled for November.

The committee realizes that this is very early and before many animals are purchased, but this must be done prior to the state deadline in order to make enough tags for the entire state. The best recommendation is to order more than you plan, but realize these are not refundable. If you have any questions, give Nancy a call.

Rabbit Clinics

Everyone is welcome to attend these free workshops to be conducted on housing, equipment, selection and showmanship at the County Extension office, S-208, 7 p.m. on Tuesday, Sept. 12, Oct. 10 and Nov. 14. Tattoo date is tentatively set for December 4 at East Central, December 5 at Madison and December 6 at Helotes (watch the newsletter for confirmation). Mark your calendar now.

Calf Scramble

It's time to sign up for the 2006-2007 show calf scrambles. If you are 12 years old (before August 31, 2006) and will not be past your junior year in high school, you are eligible. If selected to scramble, you attend a rodeo performance and attempt to catch a wild calf. If you catch a calf, you receive a certificate to purchase an animal (each show is different in what type of animal can be purchased) and take it to that show the following year. REMINDER: You are not eligible to scramble at a show where you have previously caught a calf. You must be enrolled in 4-H for the year 2006-2007 (enrollment begins now) and be academically eligible. If interested, complete the enclosed form and return it to our office before Friday, September 1.

NOTE: Houston is on a first come-first served basis. If you check that you are interested in scrambling in Houston, as soon as we get the final information we will forward it to you and you in turn will send it in on your own. If you have any questions, give Nancy a call.

Bexar County Junior Livestock Show Website

Check out their new website at www.bcjls.com. 2007 Bexar County Rules are now posted on their website. They are looking for businesses to advertise on their website, for more information visit their website. There is now a Events Calendar on the website with all scheduled meeting times and locations, for more information visit their website.

Junior Livestock Clinic

Date: Saturday, August 5
Place: San Antonio Livestock Show Grounds
Time: 8:30 registration

This clinic is free and is sponsored by Purina Mills. The clinic will touch on every animal from cattle to rabbits. For more information call Kody at 830/995-4792.

St. Hedwig Fire Department is having their annual picnic Sunday, August 20th. Plates are \$6, check out their flyer enclosed for more details.

Stock Shows

We have received entry information on:

State Fair of Texas (Dallas) - Sept. 29-Oct. 22. Entries are due to the County Extension office by Friday, August 18th. If you need an entry form or more information visit their website at www.bigtex.com or give Nancy a call.

Dates have been set for these stock shows:

2007 Bexar County Junior Livestock Show - January 2-6, 2007

2007 Ft. Worth Stock Show and Rodeo - January 12 - Feb. 4, 2007

2007 San Antonio Stock Show and Rodeo - February 2-18, 2007

2007 San Angelo Stock Show - February 15-25, 2007

2007 Houston Stock Show and Rodeo - Feb. 27 - Mar 18, 2007

2006 Star of Texas Stock Show and Rodeo - March 9-24, 2007

Please mark these dates on your calendar.

OUTDOOR FUN

CORE Program

(Conservation of Resources and Ethics/ Education)

The June activity at Braung Lake was a lot of fun, see pictures on our website. The July activity in Castroville was a great success, see pictures on our website. The next activity is planned for Friday, August 4th at the Kerr Wildlife Management Area. There will be a program and site visits of wildlife they have there. We will meet at the 4-H office at 11:30 a.m. Please **RSVP** by August 1st to make sure we have enough refreshments. Other activities are scheduled for September-TBA, October-TBA, November-TBA and December-Outdoor Cookery. If you have any ideas for activities or contact names of people who can help us to have a enjoyable program, please have them contact Nelson. If you have any questions on any of the activities call Nelson or send an email to nadiarte@ag.tamu.edu.

3 Position Shooting Sports

If you are interested in shooting sports join Braun 4-H. The club provides the target rifle and shooting jacket. For more information call Dr. Ramos at 679-6909 or Kristin Milu 830/429-1893.

Bexar County 4-H Shotgun Club

If 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.

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Helotes 4-H Booster Club - 4-H Fun Nite

Date: Saturday, August 5, 6:30 p.m.
Place: Helotes 4-H Activity Center
Cost: \$100 for two (2)

For more information and to purchase a ticket contact John at 695-3221.

Helotes 4-H Club Sign Up

Date: Saturday, August 19
Place: Helotes 4-H Activity Center
Time: 9 a.m. - 12 noon

CLUB NEWS

Alamo Metro -

We had many awards and elections for today. Our winners at the photography contest are: Rebecca Campbell, which placed 1st in Plant/Floral and 2nd in Special Effects and Victoria Campbell which placed 1st in Special Effects. Our new elected Alamo Metro 4-H officers are: Victoria Campbell-President, Rebecca Campbell-1st Vice President, Hannah Manifold-2nd Vice President, Bailey Magee-3rd Vice President, Della Manifold-Secretary, Fred Lohrman-Treasurer, Amber Mosholder-County Council Delegate, Reagan Cowan-Safety Officer and Josh Hall-Reporter.

CLOVERS TO

Many thanks to the Vaughan family (Andrew, Anna, Matthew, Madeleine and Samuel) and the Harmon family for helping to fold the June/July newsletter.

Congratulations 4-H Foundation Scholarship Recipients:

San Antonio Livestock Exposition - Chris Ripps - \$15,000
San Antonio Livestock Exposition - Kathryn Clegg - \$12,000
Houston Livestock Show & Rodeo - Ashley Krall - \$12,000
Houston Livestock Show & Rodeo - Anne Baring - \$12,000
Richard Wallrath Educational Foundation - Angela Grasso - \$10,000
Richard Wallrath Educational Foundation - Kelley Council - \$10,000
Star of Texas Fair & Rodeo - Joel Rice - \$10,000
Farm Credit Associations of Texas - Holly MacRossin - \$2,000
SALE School Tours - Kathryn Kirby - \$1,000
SALE School Tours - Andrea Moore - \$1,000
SALE School Tours - Wesley Fikes - \$1,000
SALE School Tours - Justin Fuller - \$1,000

Thank you to everyone who donated copies to the 4-H Program: Vaughan Vacuum & Supplies, Schott Family, Moran Family, Pruneda Family.

Joel Rice received the Silver Congressional Award medal.

Angela Grasso received the Gold Congressional Award medal.

Mark Miranda, Mitch Miranda, Fran Lewis, Amber Mosholder all placed 3rd at the District Grass ID contest. Mark Miranda placed 5th high point individual.

Texas 4-H Roundup Results:

Consumer Life Skills - Lillian Wren - 3rd
Health - Danielle Washington - 3rd
Horticulture - Whitney Larson - 2nd
Share the Fun/Vocal - Ashley Dixon - 1st

Kelly Council placed at the Texas 4-H Photography Best of Show for Artistic Quality with her Architectural Elements B&W photo.

Andrea Moore placed 1st at State Fashion Show in the Construction - Dressy division.

District 10 Horse Show Results:

Registered Mare 5 yrs & under- Cody Wooten - 3rd.
Registered Mare uner 5 yrs - Emitt Hall - 1st
Grade Gelding - Adriana Sanchez - 1st
Western Riding - Sarah Tedesco - 3rd
Pole Bending - Amanda Slaughter - 3rd
Barrel Race - Joshua Milikien - 1st
Stakes Race - Amanda Slaughter - 1st
Hunter Horsemanship - Sarah Tedesco - 3rd
Champion Timed Horseman - Amanda Slaughter

Thanks to everyone who helped Sort Recordbooks:

Brittnee Martin	Sharon Martin	Justin Martin
Melody Holtsford	Donna Council	Kim Decock
Katie DeCock	Kaci DeCock	Teresa Hamby
Paul Hamby	Debby Rice	Jane Vaughan
Sarah Sell	Esther Sell	Brenda Washington
Danielle Washington	Kelly Jonas	Ryan Jonas
Sandra Tondre	Braden Tondre	Savanna Keller
Jacob Ballard	Robert Harmon	Amber Harmon
Sharla Harmon	Rebecca Campbell	Vickie Carden

Thanks to everyone who helped Judge County Recordbooks:

Mary Stiegel	Melody Holtsford	Nan Masters
Debby Rice	Vickie Carden	Jean Manning
Kim Decock	Katie DeCock	Jim Moran
Sylvia Moran	Debbie DeWinne	Debra Butts
Donna Council	Shelia Boudreau	Elda Crenwelge
Sharla Harmon	Jamie Miranda	Matt Miranda
Sharon Martin	Brittnee Martin	Justin Martin
Brenda Washington	Danielle Washington	Rebecca Campbell
Sandra Tondre	Christine Boyd	Adina Boyd
Sandra Hevner	Paul Schattenburg	Terry Duncan
Beth Clegg	Vicki Walker	Denise Kellner
Kristel Quijano	Krystyna Padilla	Sonija Tedesco
Debi Phillips	Isabel Pruneda	Jane Vaughan

San Antonio Stock Show Fall Fest is September 29 & 30 at the Freeman Coliseum Grounds. Tickets are \$50 for Casino Night. Proceeds benefit the scholarship fund. Check out their flyer enclosed for more details.

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 2 weeks in advance of the event to advise us of the auxiliary aid or service that you will require.

STATE LAMB/GOAT VALIDATION-DUE TUESDAY, AUGUST 8



Lamb/goat validation for Bexar County will be in October. All lambs/goats to be shown in the major livestock shows must be validated. Ear tags, hair samples and nose prints will be taken. Cost will be \$8.00 per head for State tags and \$1.00 per head for County tags. Return the form below and total amount \$\$ by Tuesday, August 8. Make checks payable to **Bexar 4-H Fund**.

Name _____

Address _____ City _____ Zip _____

Lambs: _____ No. Head x \$8.00 = \$ _____

Goats: _____ No Head x \$8.00 = \$ _____

Lambs: _____ No. Head x \$1.00 - \$) _____

Goats: _____ No Head x \$1.00 = \$ _____

CALF SCRAMBLE FORM - DUE FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 1st

Name _____

Address _____ City _____ Zip _____

Phone# _____ Age _____ Date of Birth _____ Club _____

Show(s) where you want to scramble: _____ Ft. Worth _____ San Antonio _____ Houston _____ Austin _____ San Angelo

STATE SWINE VALIDATION TAG ORDER-DUE FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 1st

Swine validation for Bexar County will be in November. All hogs to be shown in the major livestock shows must be validated. Ear tags, blood or hair samples will be taken. Cost will be \$8.00 for major shows per head. Return the form below and total amount \$\$ by Friday, September 1st. Make checks payable to **Bexar 4-H Fund**.

Name _____

Address _____ City _____ Zip _____

No. Head x 8.00 = \$ _____

No. Head x \$2.00 = \$ _____

