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QUOTE THIS MONTH

"Life is not so short but that there is always time for courtesy." Ralph Waldo Emerson

QUALITY COUNTS

Showing with Sportsmanship

When we prepare our livestock for exhibition and take them into the show ring, we have the opportunity to demonstrate good character by the way we conduct ourselves. Sportsmanship is about exhibiting livestock with honor. Sportsmanship= livestock exhibition is a contest governed by high standards of integrity and ethics.

THANKS TO OUR SPONSOR!

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

IMPORTANT NOTICE

Trey Martinez Fischer - Thanks

Thank you for the poinsettia you brought to my office in December. I appreciate you thinking of me during the holiday season. Please let me know if I may be of service in the future. I am always glad to help anyone who strives to "Make the Best Better" in San Antonio. State Representative District 116.

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.

Newsletter Information

When we compile the newsletter articles, all there is room for is the basic information. It is impossible to put all the detailed information on each article or the newsletter would be 20 pages long. We want to make the newsletter as informative as possible, but not too lengthy. If you need more information or have any questions on any article, please give our office a call or visit our website.

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 formed 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.

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

Photography Contest - March 2006
County Roundup - Saturday, April 1, 2006 (NOTE DATE CHANGE)
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



2005-2006 4-H Council Budget

The 4-H Council met on January 19 and approved the proposed budget. A copy of the budget was included in the January newsletter. If you have any questions, give Shane a call.

LEARN AND HAVE FUN TOO!!!!

Ambassador Program - Youth

Ambassadors are spokespersons for the 4-H program. These are senior age (14 & up) 4-H members. Nothing sells the 4-H program better than 4-H members doing excellent work where the public and key people can see, hear and examine what you are doing. Next meeting is **Feb. 28**, 7 p.m. at the County Extension office.

Summer Staff Recruitment

Need a break from college? The Texas 4-H Center is seeking people to fill summer staff positions for May through August to work with youth at camps. To apply you must have completed one year of college by June 1, 2006 and be available May 15 - August 5. Applications are due by March 1 to Brownwood. For an application contact Pam.

County Photography Contest

Do you like to take pictures? Then you must enter this year's County 4-H Photography contest. If you are thinking of entering this contest, this is the time to start taking pictures. Photos must have been taken by 4-H members between the dates of January 1, 2005 and March 24, 2006. Divisions are: People, Animals, Still Life, Natural Landscape, Plant/Flora, Architectural Elements, Special Effects/Creative Effects, Story Board and Theme. Description and rules have been sent to your Club Manager and is also posted on our website. Photo's are due to our office by March 24th. (**NO LATE ENTRIES WILL BE ACCEPTED**).

County Photography Workshop

Date: Tuesday, February 21
Place: County Extension office S-208
Time: 7 p.m.

Mark your calendar and plan to attend this fun workshop.

County Roundup Training

(Educational Presentations and Public Speaking)

Date: Monday, March 20
Place: County Extension Office S-208
Time: 7 p.m.

Topics: Hands on activities to practice public speaking, enhancing visual aids for your presentations, review the new guidelines and more.

Project Show

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

The Bexar County 4-H Project Show is just around the corner. Get your photographs, artwork, baked goods, quilts and more ready! There will be wonderful projects to see and prizes to be won. Entry forms will be available in March.

SCHOLARSHIPS

4-H Foundation Opportunity Scholarship

Approximately 200 scholarships ranging in amount from \$500 to \$15,000 will be awarded to Texas 4-H members. Applications are available from our office or our website. There are some changes this year, please visit our website (example: Associate degree applications will not be accepted this year and more). Scholarships are due to our office by Wednesday, February 8th, 5 p.m. for signatures and verification of materials. **NO LATE APPLICATIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED**. If you are a graduating senior and are a **school tour guide**, you are eligible to apply for a school tour scholarship. You need to complete this same scholarship application and turn it into our office by February 8th. **NOTE:** you **cannot** apply for a FFA **and** 4-H scholarship, you must decide which organization you will apply through.

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.

Collegiate 4-H Scholarship

Students currently enrolled in a Texas college or university and will have successfully completed a minimum of 30 semester hours of college course work can apply for this scholarship. Applications are available from our office or our website. Scholarship is due March 1.

4-H Foundation Courageous Heart Scholarship

Courageous Heart is for graduating senior members who have medical/health condition obstacles, family situation obstacles and educational obstacles. For more information and a scholarship form visit our website. Scholarship are due to our office by Feb. 22, 5 p.m. for signatures and verification of materials. **NO LATE APPLICATIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED**.

Extension Educators Association Book Scholarship

The Extension Educators Association is offering a \$300 scholarship. The application is a recordbook. Criteria: be in 3rd year of 4-H, excel in home economics, leadership and personal development through 4-H, have not received a EEA scholarship. Scholarship is due to our office Feb. 1. For more information contact Connie Sheppard.

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.

ROUNDUP

County 4-H Roundup Contest

Date: Saturday, April 1
Place: Hopkins Elem. (Map on our website)
Time: 8:30 registration

One of the best assets youth gain from their 4-H experience is the ability to speak before an audience. Our members practice this skill while giving reports, running meetings, teaching peers, and in our formal 4-H Public Speaking Contest...this is called Roundup. Don't forget the Share the Fun category, which includes-singing, dancing, poetry, playing an instrument and more. Read more about it in the Roundup Guide.

If you would like to try this project, start by reviewing the categories you can enter listed by the registration form. Decide if you would like to work with a partner or alone. Complete the registration form enclosed and return by Friday, March 10. See next article for more information on Roundup.

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 texas4-h.tamu.edu/roundup or from our website.

FAMILY & CONSUMER SCIENCES

San Antonio Stock Show Consumer Decision Making Contest

Date: Saturday, February 4
Place: Global Building on SALE grounds
Time: Registration 8:30 a.m.

The District contest is held in conjunction with the SALE contest.

Good Luck to Major Show Exhibitors!!

Fashion Show

Date: March 25
Place: TBA
Cost: \$2.00
Entry Names Due: March 3
Entry Forms Due: March 17

Do you like to sew? Then the Fashion Show is the place to be! No, you don't like to sew...then there's the Buying Division to participate in too...so shop 'til you drop!

If you are thinking of entering the County 4-H Fashion Show, let your Clothing and Textiles project leader know **NOW**. We need names of all 4-H members that are interested in entering the County 4-H Fashion Show to send them a "Declaration of Eligibility" and to plan for the number of judges needed. No form is needed to send in names. Clothing and Textiles leaders can fax, e-mail or mail names of members to Sheilah at the office by March 3. Entry information will be sent to Clothing and Textiles leaders in late February and will posted to our website. If you don't know who your Clothing and Textiles leader is contact your Club Manager or give Pam a call. There will be staggered judging times. **NOTE: NO LATE ENTRIES WILL BE ACCEPTED.**

AWARDS/RECOGNITION

Citation for Outstanding Service to 4-H

This award recognizes an individual or a business who has made an outstanding contribution to Texas 4-H programs ON A REGIONAL OR STATE BASIS. AWARDS ARE GENERALLY MADE BASED ON A LONG-TERM COMMITMENT RATHER THAN A ONE-TIME PROGRAM.

Texas 4-H Alumni Award

This award will recognize adults who have made significant achievements IN THEIR COMMUNITIES. Consideration is given to individuals who have demonstrated an outstanding record of achievements AS A 4-H MEMBER and who have shown evidence of 4-H's influence on their adult lives. Continued service to 4-H in adulthood is very important.

Texas 4-H Salute to Excellence Award

This award will recognize outstanding 4-H volunteers for their service to 4-H Programs and the impact they had on the lives of young people.

Leader's Legacy Award

This award will recognize 4-H leaders who have been an integral part of the 4-H and Youth Program for 20 years or more. The person who is nominated for this award may or may not be the person who is always in the spotlight, but is the one who makes an impact and a difference on the 4-H members with whom they work.

We have a lot of volunteers and businesses that deserve these awards, lets nominate them and show all of Texas, Bexar County 4-H has the best. Application deadline is Wednesday, March 8, to our office. Contact Pam or visit our website for a nomination form.

FUN AT THE STOCK SHOW

Texas Experience

4-H will have a booth in the Texas Experience Tent. Last year our exhibit was seen by over 100,000 people. Sign up times are available now 9 a.m. - 12 noon, 12 noon - 3 p.m. and 3 p.m. - 7 p.m. from Saturday, February 4 - Sunday, February 20. The most important times to man the booth are the 9 a.m. and 3 p.m. times. If you man the booth, you will onto the grounds **FREE**. Give Pam a call to sign up.

School Tours

If you signed up to school tour and you have **never** toured before, and **did not** attend a training (Jan. 24 or 26), you **cannot** tour. Graduating senior members are eligible to apply for a school tour scholarship. Application is the same as the 4-H Foundation application posted on our website. Applications are due to our office by February 8, 5 p.m. **NO LATE APPLICATIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED.** T-shirts are available in our office for \$7.50.

WHOA!!! HORSE NEWS

Horse Leaders Meeting

Date: Monday, February 27
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.

Qualifying Horse Shows

There will be three (3) qualifying shows this year:
1) January 6 - Bexar County Junior Livestock Show
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.

Horse Judging Contests

The qualifying contests for district are:
Heart of Texas Ft. Bend
Harris County Montgomery County
Johnson County Ft. Worth - Feb. 4

Each participant can judge at all events or a minimum of two (2) and the average of the two (2) highest scores will be the qualifying score. If you need information on any of these contests, contact Sheilah.

Mare/Foal Management Workshop

Date: Tuesday, Feb. 21
Place: Pearce Pavillion, Texas A&M, College Station
Time: 8 a.m.
Fee: \$40 includes breakfast, noon meal and materials
Due: Feb. 3

Topics: Nutrition, Reproductive function, Health Care, Dentistry and much more. For a registration form contact Sheilah.

Basic Horse Management 101

Date: Thursday, Feb. 23
Place: Pearce Pavillion, Texas A&M, College Station
Time: 8 a.m.
Fee: \$40 includes breakfast, noon meal and materials
Due: Feb. 3

Topics: Basic Management Tools, Safety, Horse Theft Awareness and much more. For a registration form contact Sheilah.

Performance Horse Owners Workshop

Date: Wednesday, Feb. 22
Place: Pearce Pavillion, Texas A&M, College Station
Time: 8 a.m.
Fee: \$40 includes breakfast, noon meal and materials
Due: Feb. 3

Topics: Immunizations, Dentistry, Hay Selection, Body Weight and more. For a registration form contact Sheilah.

Texas State 4-H Horse Show Rules and Regulations

The 2006 rules are currently being printed and will be available in early February.

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

Major Show Eligibility Forms

Major stock show (Houston, San Angelo, Star of Texas) eligibility forms have been mailed. If you signed up to exhibit at these shows and **HAVE NOT** received your red eligibility form, please contact Sheilah ASAP. Forms are due back to our office:

San Angelo	Feb. 6	Houston	Feb. 17
Star of Texas	Mar. 1		

Stock Show Passes

San Antonio and Houston show passes are available for pick up. You must sign for your pass. If you have any questions, contact Sheilah.

Attention BCJLS Participants

Thank you letters should be sent to buyers to let them know how much you appreciate their support. To receive your Bexar County check, it is your responsibility to write a thank you note to your buyers. Your Club Manager has a list of buyers, contact them for your buyers addresses. You must show a copy of your thank you to your Club Manager. Do this as soon as possible. Deadline to get this done is 60 days of the date of the show.

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.

Stock Shows

For arrival times and more information, visit their website listed below.

2006 San Antonio Stock and Rodeo - February 3-19, 2006
www.sarodeo.com

2006 Houston Stock Show and Rodeo - Feb. 28 - Mar 19, 2006
www.rodeohouston.com

2006 Star of Texas Stock Show and Rodeo - March 11-25, 2006
www.staroftexas.org

Weight Breaks & Show Schedules

We have received some of the shows weight breaks and show schedules and have posted them to our website.

Livestock Judging Team Qualifications

To be selected for the Senior, Intermediate and Junior teams for District 10 Livestock Judging contest the following are optional events for 2005-2006:

Guadalupe County	Aggie Fest - Texas A&M
Bexar County	Nueces County
S.A.L.E.-Feb. 19	
Houston-Mar. 5	

To be eligible to be on the district team, you must participant in at least two (2) of the contests and the average of the two (2) highest scores will be the qualifying score. All contest scores must be sent to the County Extension office.

Victoria Livestock Judging Contest

Date: Sunday, Feb. 26
Place: Victoria Jaycee Hall
Time: 12 noon
Due: Feb. 21

For entry form and map contact Sheilah.

No Pass, No Show for Stock Shows

Reminder, No Pass, No Show....If you are academically ineligible to exhibit, your livestock projects are ineligible as well.

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.

OUTDOOR FUN

Field & Stream Range & Wildlife Workshop

Date: Saturday, March 18
Place: Government Canyon State Natural Area
12861 Galm Rd.
Time: 9 a.m. - 1 p.m.
Cost: \$6
RSVP: March 1 to Kelly Haile 830/324-6716

Join the District 10 4-H Field and Stream Committee for a fun and exciting day. Programs include: wildlife tracking, plant ID, bats, camps and more. If you need a copy of a map contact Sheilah for a flyer or visit our website.

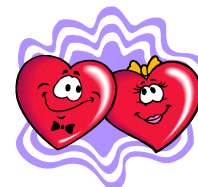
3 Position Shooting Sports

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

If you are interested in shotgun shooting (Skeet, Trap, and 5 stand) and in learning proper techniques associated in shooting sports and proper care and respect for firearms, then this is the club for you. Our meetings start in January, with competition starting in March - July. For more information contact Tom Locke at 210/490-1405 or email tlocke@leasedirect.com.



National Rifle Association Youth Education Summit

Date: June 19-25
Place: Washington D.C.
Due: April 1

Free summer program for high school sophomores and juniors. Only 40 students will be selected. Program is free, you must pay for transportation to and from Washington DC. For an application and more information on this program visit www.nrafoundation.org/yes/application.asp.

Shooting Sports Information

If you need to know what is going on with the Texas Shooting Sports program visit texas4-h.tamu.edu/ss/ for up to date information.

ETC. ETC....

Bexar County 4-H Outreach Recycling Fundraiser

The 4-H Outreach Program has embarked on an exciting new fundraising effort. 4-H Outreach clubs will be collecting empty inkjet, laser, copier and fax cartridges for recycling and earn money at the same time. Did you know, in one year there has been enough ink cartridges, laid end to end, thrown away to cover a distance of 24,000 miles-long enough to circle the Earth. They are inviting you to donate your ink cartridges and help protect our environment and assist in the fundraising needs of the 4-H Outreach Program. You can drop your ink cartridges off at our office. If you have any questions or need more information contact Mike or Gayle in our office.

Miss Rodeo Austin Scholarship Contest

Applicant must be 15-22, be active in their community and enjoy meeting people, must furnished their own horse and more. Deadline is Feb. 1. For more information contact Pam.

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. There are two recordbook trainings scheduled for: Monday, March 27, 6:30 p.m. in Medina County and Tuesday, March 28, 6:30 p.m. in Kerr County (more details in your next newsletter).

Curriculum and Videos

If you are looking for a publication, please visit the Texas A&M Bookstore at tcebookstore.org. There are also videos available for check out at av-library.tamu.edu.

CLUB NEWS

Southside - Jenna Jones

Our meeting was held Tuesday, January 10 at 6:30 p.m. Roll call was taken, officer reports were given. Total in attendance; 19 members and 18 adults. We discussed old business; new business and stock show results. All Bexar County Livestock Show exhibitors stood up and reported on their placing. Congrats goes to the following participants: Casie Aldrich for placing 37th with meat pen rabbits, Cheyenne Fernandez for placing 10th with Photography and 2nd in Horse poles, Casie Horner for placing 2-1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4-1st and Junior Showmanship Buckle, Jenna Jones for placing 2nd in American Heifer Show with her Simbrah, Brittnee martin for placing 2nd with Breeding Doe, 6th with Market Buck and 1st in Food Show, Justin Martin for placing 4th with Boar Goat, Ryan Maspero for placing 1st in Horse Barrels, 2nd in Horse Figure 8, and 9th, 1st & Grand Champion in Photography, Stephanie Pena for placing 1st in the American Heifer Show with her Simbrah, Leslie Popham for placing 12th with Swine Gilt, Tiffany Smith for placing 2nd in Food Show. Sign up sheets were available to sign up for our booth at Youth Day and Texas Trails Tent. Next meeting will be held February 21 at 6:30 p.m. Meeting was adjourned and refreshments were served.

Boysville - Beth Dikes

The Connell Center at Boysville put on a "mini-rodeo" for the peewee's and the pre-juniors. The 4-H members competed in Barrel Racing, Stake Race, Pole Bending, Dummy Roping, Ribbon Pull, Goat Milking, Bronc Riding, and Bull Riding. Everyone had a great time and went home with at least one trophy.

Randolph Youth Program

The Randolph Youth Center has been very active in our community. Our staff prepared a lazanga dinner for the Fischer House residents. The Fischer House is located on Ft. Sam Houston. It houses soldiers that are well enough to leave the hospital but not well enough to return to their base and also their family members. Our children also made these families goody bags for the holidays. In addition to this, our School-Age program adopted several marines serving in Iraq. Staff, along with parents donated food and hygiene items for troops. Our children also wrote letters to these soldiers and enjoyed the letters they received back from the soldiers. Our older children also participate in a Good Deeds Club. This club bakes cookies, makes cards and banners for different community agencies. Such agencies to receive visits from our Good Deeds Club are the Randolph AFB Fire Dept. The guards working the gates, transportation and the Security Forces. Lastly, our Staff have decided to adopt a couple of children from Boysville for the holidays. These children make wish lists. Instead of our traditional gift exchange, we will be putting the money used for gifts together to purchase gifts for children of Boysville.

Randolph Youth Program

Since September the kids at Randolph Youth Center have worked on different projects. We started out in the midst of the Hurricane season. Our first project was to chart Hurricane Katrina. We had Hurricane Tracking paper donated us from Walmart. Everyday we would write on the chart the date, where Katrina had been, what damage she caused, and what category she was. We continued the chart until her wrath ended. After Hurricane Katrina we decided to chart other hurricanes that were popping up. We also charted Hurricane Opelia and Hurricane Rita. Another project we worked and had fun with was celebrating National Hispanic Heritage Month. We created a word find for the kids with Spanish Speaking Countries. It was fun to see the reactions of the kids who didn't know how many countries spoke Spanish. We also created an English to Spanish word match with common Spanish words. In addition, we conducted a Scavenger Hunt with common Hispanic Artifacts. The kids had a wonderful time with this game and it spawned a rematch. Continuing on with our next project we decided to study Native American Heritage. For this project first we made a chart with the current 10 largest Native American Tribes with the actual population using the 2000 census. Next we created a map of the United States, listed all the tribes where they were/are located, and finally if any of the kids had native American ancestry then we put the names of the kids on the map leading to the tribe from which their family was a part of. Next, we created a crossword puzzle with general Native American trivia. The kids really had fun learned new trivia about Native Americans. And lastly we learned about the different methods and techniques used to record events and the different styles of writing that were used.

Southwest Roughriders - Tiffani Shuler

The Southwest Roughriders held their annual Christmas/Awards Banquet on December 13 at Southwest High School. A meal of turkey, ham and many dishes prepared by club members was enjoyed by 80 members, parents and guests. Awards were given to members in recognition of their 4-H achievements. Prior to the Banquet, our club project show was judged. Ribbons were awarded for 54 projects. On December 17, members showed their animal projects at the Southwest FFA Livestock Show. Everyone should remember to bring their goats and swine to the project workdays so they can be sheared for BCJLS.

Haven - Leah Marvel

We began with the call to order, the pledge to the flag lead by Sarah Senger, the 4-H motto and pledge lead by Jakie Binder and the introduction of guests. The new guest was John Senger, father of Sarah Senger. Then we listened to the reading of the minutes, the treasurer's report and the installation/officer training report. Also, we listened to the food & nutrition and vet science project reports. We then discussed old business which was the chocolate sale and new business which was the youth day booth, other youth day activities and the budget. The activities we decided to do for youth day are the fish pond, balloon animals, and face painting. Then we had the Christmas Party. There was lots of food including chips, tamales, cookies and cupcakes. Also there was craft for making candy cane ornaments. All you needed was beads, a pipe cleaner and your imagination.

Haven - Leah Marvel

We began the meeting as usual, with the call to order, the pledge to the flag lead by Mark Miranda and the 4-H motto and pledge lead by Leah Marvel. The new guests were Mr. and Mrs. Sanchez and their children. Then we listened to the reading of the minutes and Jackie Binders health and safety report about news year's resolutions. As an activity to go with the health and safety report, almost everyone made a new year's resolution. Also we listened to the vet science report by Leah Marvel. Mrs. Jamie Miranda discussed the arts and crafts project, and Kelly Council lead the BCJLS report. After that we talked about old business which was the youth day booth activities and the passes/booth sign up. Also we talked about new business, which was group t-shirts and the February meeting. Then the announcements were made. The announcements told us what was happening in 4-H from Jan. 19th, 06 to June 9th, 06. After the announcements were made the program started. The program was making balloon animals, practicing for the rodeo. We made lots of balloon animals like dogs, giraffes, and hats. There was a lot of popped balloons at the end, but everyone had fun.

Encino - April Johnson

Our Encino 4-h monthly meeting was held on Wednesday, January 11 at the Mac Arthur Park Church of God. We discussed our upcoming community service to be held at the Habitat for Humanity. Then we voted on our new budget. At the end of our meeting Andre and Moriah Jones gave us a special swing dancing presentation. For our program Shane Browning gave a presentation on how we need to prepare for scholarships.

Sam Houston Youth Riders - Anna Haines

Call to order, pledges, members were asked to answer the question "What is Showmanship", next show March 25-Sheriff Posse Arena, ideas for fundraisers; volunteering at Brighter Days on Jan. 16; showmanship clinic.

East Central - Lexie Ricks, Jr.

We met on Jan. 9, our first meeting after the B.C.J.L.S. Opened with reports from treasurer and checked on new and old business then Mr. Bettice and others adult leaders gave their congratulations to all participants in the Bexar County show. This 4-H group is very proud of their success and participation in the B.C.J.L.S. Congratulations also to all other participants in the show. E.C 4-H results are as follows: Lane Tate....Grand Champion Market Rabbits Sarah Ledwig..Reserve Grand Champion Market Rabbits,also in market rabbits; Rose Garcia,..Jr. Showmanship. Mason Krause 5th,Heather Aniol..6th, Frank Aniol..9th, Brett Scheinder..13th,20th. and 4th place in food show cookies. Ethan Scheinder..19,21st,22nd and 2nd place un-iced cakes. Amber Recio..34th. Lexie Ricks..38th, Sammantha Respondek..39th and in food, 1st in div. And Reserve Grand Champion with her Cobbler. Alyssa Koenning..40th and 8th with her cookies. Matthew Alexander..2nd baking. Courtney Kellner...Reserve Grand Champion Pullets, Champion Cockerels, Grand Champion overall (with cockerels), and 6th with her drop cookies. Jordan Hevner..3rd,5th,broilers..1st American steer, 19th livestock judging. Levi Hevner.. Champion Pullets,Reserve Champion broilers, 16th broiler cocks. 1st ,3rd,and Reserve American steer, Jr. showmanship, 18th livestock judging.

Michael Moczygamba.. barrow Duroc 5th Meagan Van Der Knaap..6th Duroc, and showmanship. Trevor Moczygamba..13th Duroc. Haleigh Ricks..11th Duroc, Garrett Golla..6th, Brittny Golla..13th. Cody Henderson..1st breeding duroc,2nd Hamp. 2nd,5th,11th market swine, 9th turkey. Todd Bettice..1st Heavy Exotic steer,5th medium. 12th pre jr. livestock judging. Tony Galvan..2nd, 3rd Heifer. Ashley Linerode..All around Sr. timed event horseman., 1st sr. barrels,1st sr. Pole bending. 2nd stake race. Josh Milikien.. 3rd all around horse timed. Lexie Ricks.. 7th in poles,10th in barrels.

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Our State Consumer Decision Making Team (Kelly Jonas, Joel Rice, Chris Ripps and Holly MacRossin) attended National Western Roundup in Denver Colorado and placed Grand Reserve Champion with only 1/2 point difference from 1st place. They also won 1st at Group Think and 1st in Team Overall Reasons. Kelly Jonas placed 1st in Individual Reasons, 3rd in Individual Overall and 5th Individual Placings.



Parent's 4-H Pledge

I pledge my HEAD to give my child the information I can, to help them see things clearly and to make wise decisions.

I pledge my HEART to encourage and support my child no matter whether they have successes or disappointments.

I pledge my HANDS to help my child's club; if I cannot be a leader, I can help in many equally important ways.

I pledge my HEALTH to keep my child strong and well for a better world through 4-H, for my child's club, our community, our country, and our world.

**Happy
Valentines Day!**



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