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QUOTE THIS MONTH

“The quality of a person’s life is in direct proportion to his or her commitment to excellence.” Vince Lombardi

QUALITY COUNTS

Proper Care of Livestock

Any medicine or feed you give your animals will affect their health in some way, either positively or negatively. Ultimately, the health of your animals may affect consumers. When deciding how to care for your animals, you must make ethical decisions so that you do not harm the animals or consumers. One of the most important things you must learn is how to read feed tags or medication labels. Labels have lots of critical information including the expiration date, special warnings, application method, and active ingredients. You must follow the directions on the label. **ONLY** a veterinarian can change the instructions on the labels of medications.

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IMPORTANT NOTICE

What is a Project Leader

A project leader is a adult or teen volunteer who becomes acquainted with the project and related activities (shows or contests), record keeping, demonstrations and talks, and other resources. It is the responsibility of PARENTS to help conduct projects within each 4-H club. Countywide meetings and project trainings are offered to supplement projects on the club level. Printed materials (if available) are provided from the Extension office. We are committed to helping identify other resources that may be available in the county.

Project leaders conduct project meetings and other activities such as tours, showmanship or practice clinics for their project groups; assist members with record keeping and provide opportunities for 4-H members to participate in other activities and events.

IMPORTANT NOTICE: A member who actively participates in project meetings and other club events usually maintains greater interest than one who does not. Help your children and other children in your club by volunteering to provide them with a positive learning experience.

Office Procedure

All visitors, including 4-H volunteers and members, 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 to 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 form 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 you 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

Council & Adult Leaders Meeting - January 19, 2006
School Tour Training - January 24 or January 26, 2006
Photography Contest - March 2006
County Roundup - Saturday, April 1, 2006 (**NOTE DATE CHANCE**)
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



2006 Proposed 4-H Council Budget

The proposed budget is enclosed in this newsletter. Voting on the budget will be held at the Thursday, January 19 Council and Leaders meeting. We would like to thank you for your efforts and participating in raising funds to support your 4-H council programs.

4-H Council & Adult Leaders Meeting

Date: Thursday, January 19
Place: ENP office (96 Crossroads)
Time: 7 p.m.

The meeting will start promptly at 7:00 p.m.....due to a full agenda. Please attend this important meeting as there will be a vote to accept the proposed budget for 2006 enclosed in this newsletter. Club Delegates should attend this meeting to vote on the budget. Every club should have two delegates, if your club has only one delegate, the other delegate position defaults to the President of the club. If neither of these positions can attend the council meeting to vote, a substitute can vote, please call Pam with their name. If any adult leaders have ideas, suggestions or concerns you are welcome to attend the Adult Leaders Meeting to discuss them. Many thanks to the finance committee for their work in preparing this proposed budget.

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 Jan. 31, 7 p.m. at the County Extension office.

Summer Staff Recruitment

The Texas 4-H Center is seeking young people to fill summer staff positions for May through August. 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. Photos are due to our office by March 24th. (**NO LATE ENTRIES WILL BE ACCEPTED.**) There will be a photography workshop Tuesday, February 21, 7 p.m. at our office, S-208.

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.

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.

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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.

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.

FAMILY & CONSUMER SCIENCES

Dates Set, Mark Your Calendar

Consumer Decision Making contest - January 6, 2006
County 4-H Fashion show - March 25, 2006.



County 4-H Consumer Decision Making Contest

Date: Friday, January 6th
Place: Joe & Harry Freeman Coliseum, Dairy Barn
Time: 4 p.m.

This year the county contest will be held in conjunction with the Bexar County Junior Livestock Show. 2006 Study Guides are available at http://fcs.tamu.edu/money/your_money/cdm/index.pho.

District Clothing & Textiles Workshop

Date: Monday, January 9
Time: 6:30 - 8:30 p.m.
Place: Wilson County Showbarn, Hwy 97
Fee: \$10 for lunch and supplies

Topics will be fashion design techniques and more. RSVP to 830/393-7357 by Jan. 6.

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. Winners from the county contest will be eligible to compete at this contest as the District teams.

FUN AT THE SAN ANTONIO STOCK SHOW

Youth Country Fair - Baking Contest - February 4

Enter your favorite pie, cake, cookies, candies and bread in this contest. Entry form and information have been mailed to your Club Manager. Deadline to the stock show is January 13.

Fashion Show - February 4

If you are interested in showing off your sewn garment, enter the Fashion Show. Your Club Manager has been mailed information and entry form. Entry form is due to SALE by January 10.

Texas Experience Tent

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. Give Pam a call to sign up.

School Tours

If you signed up to school tour and you have **never** toured before, you **must** attend a training. There are two scheduled, Jan. 24 or Jan. 26 at our office, S-208, 7 p.m.

Stock Show Stampede Run/Walk

There will be a Run/Walk on Feb. 4 to benefit the SALE Scholarship Fund. The run is 4 miles and the walk is 1.6 miles. Fee is \$15 by Jan. 27 and \$20 after. Participants will get a t-shirt, taco and pass. For more information email sarodeorun@hotmail.com.

WHOA!!! HORSE NEWS

Horse Leaders Meeting

Date: Monday, January 23
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 - Jan. 14
Johnson County - Jan 7 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 mid January.

LIVESTOCK NEWS

Walter Gerlach and Major Show Eligibility Forms

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

Ft. Worth	Jan. 5	Walter Gerlach	Jan. 13
San Antonio	Jan. 23	San Angelo	Feb. 6
Houston	Feb. 17	Star of Texas	Mar. 1

Ted Kelley Charolais Heifer Program

Here is an opportunity to win a Charolais Heifer for free. This year they will be giving 6 away. To enter visit the Charolais website at: www.charolaisassociation.com. Deadline is Jan. 21.

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-Jan. 6	Due: Jan. 6
Nueces County-Jan. 20	Due: Jan. 15
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.

Bexar County Junior Livestock Judging Contest

Date: January 6, 2006
Place: SALE Showgrounds, Cattle Barn #2
Time: Registration 5 p.m., Contest 6 p.m.
Cost: \$5.00

No pre-registration is required.

Nueces County Livestock Judging Contest

Date: Friday, January 20
Place: Robstown
Time: Registration 5:30 p.m., Contest 6:30 p.m.
Cost: \$20/team \$5/individual

For more information 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.

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.
RSVP: March 1 to Kelly Haile 830/324-6716

If you need a copy of a map, 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.

ETC. ETC....

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.

CLUB NEWS

Braun - Karissa Milu

The Braun 4-H Shooting Club has been meeting weekly at the Blackhawk range for practice. This month we participated in a NRA match at the range hosted by the San Antonio Rifle and Pistol Club and the Lackland Saddle Clubs open house where we promoted 4-H and sold candy.

Sam Houston Youth Riders - Anna Haines

At our meeting, we started off by saying the 4-H pledge and the pledge to the American flag. Then we discussed the upcoming Christmas party. Members signed up to bring different foods. Awards for the chocolate fundraiser were given out. Results are as follows: Jennifer Hungerford-1st, Marian Anderson-2nd, Savannah Stewart-3rd and Charlie Sokolov-4th. Congratulations to our top 4 chocolate sellers.

Southwest Outlaws - Cecily Henderson

Talked about health papers and practiced on poles.

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Talked about what to expect on the shows, practiced on poles, barrels, etc.

Helotes 4-H LSO - Rianna Moos

Our meeting was Monday, December 12th at 7 p.m. Roll call was taken, officers gave reports. Club managers reminded members to turn in eligibility forms into the extension office prior to December 21st and also reminded members of dates and procedures for the upcoming Bexar County Stock Show. Project leaders answered last minute questions from members; the New Year's Eve dance was discussed and tickets were sold to help support the Helotes 4-H Auction Fund. December birthdays were announced and gift bags were given to each member. Candy canes were handed out by officers, the meeting was adjourned and Christmas dinner was served. We held our Annual Christmas Coat/Canned Food Drive to support the Samm's Shelter.

Harmony - Curtis McBlain

We started off our November activities with just one more October activity. Our Good News Lutheran Cake walk. Every one had a lot of fun and we walk for more than cakes, there were brownies, fudge and even some of the cooking for fun foods that were auctioned from the food show were given away. This month we worked on our community service items for Christmas and our Christmas party which will include tamales. Curtis brought chili that he made from his cow named "bub" it was moooooooooocho bueno.

CLOVERS TO

Congratulations to our District Food Show winner:

Breads & Cereals

Senior - Rebecca Campbell - 3rd
Intermediate - Jared Pieniazek - 3rd

Fruits & Vegetables

Senior - April Johnson - 4th

Nutritious Snacks

Senior - Danielle Washington - 4th
Intermediate - Chris Barber - 4th
Junior - Leah Marvel - 3rd

Main Dish

Senior - Mark Miranda - 1st
Junior - Jordan Hevner - 3rd

Congratulations to Ashley Krall for placing Best of Show, Hayley Sheehan for placing 1st Intermediate in Art-Handicrafts and Hannah Sheehan for placing 1st at the Texas 4-H Rabbit Show.

Thank you to Matthew Alexander, Levi Hevner, Joran Hevner and Courtney Kellner for helping to fold the December newsletter.

Salvation Army Christmas Stockings Community Service Project was a big success. Thank you to everyone that brought in stockings. Thank you to Chris Ripps for delivering them to the needy children at the Salvation Army.

Council Christmas Party was a lot of fun. Thank you to Chris Ripps for coordinating the party.

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.

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