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QUOTE THIS MONTH

Leadership and learning are indispensable to each other. **John F. Kennedy (1917 - 1963)**, speech prepared for delivery in Dallas the day of his assassination, November 22, 1963

ONLY SMART PEOPLE CAN

Conduct behavior that I could actually understand what I was doing. The phenomenal power of the human mind, according to a researcher at Cambridge University, it doesn't matter in what order the letters in a word are, the only important thing is that the first and last letters be in the right place. The rest can be a total mess and you can still read it without a problem. This is because the human mind does not read every letter by itself, but the word as a whole. Amznig huh? yeah and I awlyas tghuhot speling was ipmorantt!

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.

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 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.

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

San Antonio Stock Show & Rodeo was Great!

The Rodeo was a huge success this year! Many of our 4-H'ers participated in livestock project-related events as well as Youth Day, School Tours, and the Texas Experience. We had 14 tables at Youth Day. Over 100 4-H'ers served as School Tour Guides and another 70 4-H'ers volunteered at the Texas Experience 4-H Booth. Over 120,000 individuals and their families visited the 4-H booth at the Texas Experience. Thank you to each and every 4-H'er and Volunteer who promoted 4-H at the Texas Experience. Reminder, you get to put this in your recordbook under 4-H Promotion.

Youth Day Reimbursement

Another Youth Day is over and we appreciate you setting up on a Saturday to promote 4-H. If your club participated in the 2006 San Antonio Stock Show Youth Day, you are eligible to submit receipt(s) for reimbursement (maximum of \$25 per club) for activity costs. Money was budgeted for reimbursement by the County 4-H Council. Receipt(s) are due to Pam by Friday, March 10th.



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 Mar. 28, 7 p.m. at the County Extension office.

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).**

District Photography Workshop

Date: Saturday, March 4
Place: Comal County Extension office
Time: 9:45 a.m. registration
Cost: \$2 supplies & insurance
Deadline: March 1

This workshop will cover mounting, tinting and much more. RSVP to rolfe8@hotmail.com by March 1.

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.

County Project Show (Arts & Crafts)

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

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. We are needing **judges** to help evaluate the entries. If you are interested in judging, please give Pam a call.

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.

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.

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.

Texas 4-H Congress

Date: July 23-26
Place: Austin
Age: 15-18
Cost: \$200 (lodging, meals & registration)
Due: April 1

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.

Spring Dog Show

Date: April 1 & 2
Place: Triple Crown Dog Academy, Hutto
Cost: \$3 per entry
Deadline: March 17

Events include: showmanship, confirmation, obedience, costume and more. This event will help you learn and prepare for the Texas State 4-H Dog Show. For more information, agenda and entry form visit happytails4h.homestead.com.

Texas 4-H VOICE

Texas 4-H VOICE will be a technology based task force who will communicate via a designated message board. Questions or scenarios will be posted to the message board that the task force members will react to. Members will post their opinions/reaction to the discussion item just as if they were in a face to face meeting. This task force is intended to provide Texas 4-H with a visionary think tank to help guide the program into the future. For more information and application contact Pam at the office.

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.

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

Are you interested in running for an officer position for this year's County 4-H Council Officer Elections? If you would like to be considered as a candidate for this year's elections, please submit a short paragraph consisting of no more than 8 sentences (12 pt. font) what position you are running for, why you would like to run for office and why you should be elected. This is a great opportunity for you to showcase your leadership experiences so that others can take notice. Please submit your short paragraph to Pam no later than Monday, March 20 by 5:00 p.m.. Elections will be held at our regularly scheduled County 4-H Council Meeting on April 20 at the ENP office.

How about you 4-H Volunteers? Which one of you will be our next Volunteer Adult Leader's Association President, Vice-President, Secretary, or Treasurer? If you would like to nominate yourself or someone else to fulfill the above mentioned officer duties, please submit a short paragraph consisting of no more than 8 sentences (12 pt. font) on what position, who and why. Please submit your short paragraph to Pam no later than Monday, March 20, by 5:00 p.m.. Elections will be held at our regularly scheduled County 4-H Council/Adult Leader's Meeting on April 20 at the ENP office.

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

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 in this newsletter. Decide if you would like to work with a partner or alone. Complete the registration form enclosed and return by Friday, March 10. For more information on Roundup your club manager has a copy of the 2006 Roundup Guide.

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.

Sing National Anthem at Texas 4-H Roundup

Can you sing? If you would like to sing the National Anthem at Texas 4-H Roundup in June contact Pam for the guidelines. You can enter as an individual or group. Information and tape are due to A&M by March 31.

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.

Roundup Videos

If you are new and want to find out more about Roundup, we have several videos of past Roundup contests that are available for check out, contact Pam at the office.

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

Fashion Show

Date: Saturday, March 25
Place: TBA
Cost: \$2.00
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. Your clothing leader has all the entry information and eligibility forms. Information is also posted on 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.

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. For more information on how to nominate someone, contact Pam at the office.

RECORDBOOK INFO

Recordbook Trainings

Date: March 27 - Medina Valley High School, Castroville
March 28 - Kerr County Extension Office, Kerrville
Time: 6:30 p.m.

District 4-H Specialist, Cheryl Newberry will conduct these trainings.

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).

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 send to each club. The handbook is on our 4-H website.



WHOA!!! HORSE NEWS

Horse Leaders Meeting

Date: Monday, March 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.

Texas 4-H Master Horse Volunteers

The Texas 4-H Master Horse Volunteer Training was conducted on December 5-7th in Amarillo. Three horse project leaders, Mark Elizondo, Janie Milikien, and Sonija Tedesco attended. 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 - 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.

Entry forms for the March 25 show have been mailed to horse leaders and is available on our website. Deadline to enter this show is March 8.

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.

Texas State 4-H Horse Show Rules and Regulations

The 2006 rules are currently being printed and are available at [tce.bookstore.org](http://4-tce.bookstore.org) for a fee or you can print a copy from <http://4-h.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

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.

Star of Texas (Austin) Passes

Star of Texas passes are available in our office. You must sign to receive your passes.

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. Watch for validation dates to be announced in the upcoming newsletters scheduled for June.

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 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.

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

CORE Program Restarting

Our office is planning to restart the CORE Program. CORE stands for Conservation of Resources and Ethics/Education. We are looking for any members or adults who are interested in taking the lead to promote and coordinate the activities. This educational program is a good opportunity to learn and experience Natural Resources Management with topics such as wildlife, fishing, hunting, ecology, entomology, ethics and much more. If you are interested, give us a call at 467-6575 and ask for Nelson, Shane or Rick or send an email to

nadiarte@ag.tamu.edu to get on a list for the upcoming planning meeting in March.

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.

Go Wild This Summer!

The Texas Brigades are seeking high-achieving, motivated 13-17 year old youth interested in wildlife, fisheries and natural resources. Bass, the popular game fish, bobwhite quail, white-tailed deer, and wild turkey form the nuclei for the award-winning camps that arm participants with communications skills, leadership development, and a healthy dose of wildlife management.

Buckskin Brigade dates and locations are:

South Texas, Carrizo Springs	June 11-15
North Texas, Albany	July 23-27

Bobwhite Brigades dates and locations are:

Rolling Plains, Lueders	June 17-21
South Texas, Pleasanton	June 25-29

“Feathered Forces” Brigade, Lufkin July 20-Aug. 3
(focuses on quail and turkey)

Bass Brigade June 4-8

You **DO NOT** have to be a 4-H member to participate in any of these brigades. Applications are due April 1st. For more information, contact Helen Holdsworth at 210-826-2904, ext. 120 or 1-800-TEX-WILD. You can also log onto www.texasbrigades.org.

Shooting Sports Leader Certification Workshop

Date: April 28-30
Place: Lubbock
Cost: \$100 (onsite meals and Shooting Sports Guide)
Deadline: March 29

This workshop is for senior 4-H members and adult leaders. When training is complete you will qualify for National Rifle Association certification. Workshop will cover archery, pistol, rifle, shotgun and more. For more information and a registration form contact Pam.

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. Mark your calendar for their next meeting on Saturday, March 11, 10:30 a.m. at the San Antonio Gun Club. 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....

Spring Fling 06

Date: April 24-28
Place: Texas 4-H Center
Cost: \$180 (Meals, lodging, refreshments)
Deadline: April 14

This year Spring Fling is Mardi Gras! This event is for 50 and over, featuring five exciting days with tours, crafting, variety show, costumes and much more. For more information and an application contact Pam at the office.

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.

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

Harmomy 4-H - Curtis McBlain

We usually do not have a meeting in February because we meet to work on club projects for the San Antonio Stock Show and Rodeo kids day. During kids day we did our usual hat booth and it was a great success. We also participated in the Wagons and Wheel Barrows Parade. Our entry was a bucking horse and though we did not place, we had a great deal of fun both preparing and walking in the parade. Other members were part of the trail drives that rode to the stock show. Members please be aware that due to conflicts with the Houston Stock Show, our monthly meeting will be moved up one week to Monday 6th, March. The Moran's will bring snacks in March. Please bring your ribbons and all your stories of your stock show activities. Have a safe show season.

Alamo Metro 4-H - Fred Lohrman

The meeting was started by Fran at 4:36 p.m. We talked about old and new business. New business included: Adopt a Highway meetup, Vet Science dog training meeting, Optimist essay contest, photography contest, and about the 4-H technology team. Many people went to District Spectra and Joel and Chris won state and placed 2nd at nationals at Consumer Decision Making.

4JC FROGS 4-H - Craig Akin

We had our meeting, did community service by volunteering a Elf Louise, then had Christmas Party @ Chick-fil-A 410 & McCullough.

4JC FROGS 4-H - Craig Akin

We had our meeting, then had recordbook workshop.

Haven 4-H - Leah Marvel

The meeting began with the pledge to the flag lead by Mitchell Miranda and the 4-H Motto and pledge lead by Leah Marvel. The guest this month were the Bruner Family and they will be joining 4-H this year. After that we listened to the reading of minutes by Lillian Wren and the Treasurers report by Page Wren. Then Miss Jamie talked about the Public Speaking meeting and the Photography meeting. Also, Brian our co-president lead the Youth Day report. Then for Old Business we discussed t-shirts a little. And for New Business, Mark Miranda talked about the Pet Fair and Mitchell Miranda talked about the Project Show. Then Mitchell Miranda lead recreation, when kids play games. While the kids played games, the adults talked. The kids played games like "I Never" and "Magic Carpet". After recreation, the program began. The program was about what roundup is. We got to see old presentations that Mark and Mitchell Miranda did for roundup. Congratulations to these winners in the Youth Day Rodeo contests: Baking-1st place-Kelly Council-shaped cookies, 2nd place-Mitchell Miranda-shaped cookies, 2nd place-Paula Marvel-fudge, 2nd place-Page Wren-pie. Photography-1st, 4th and 5th-Jackie Binder.

Inner City 4-H - Justin Lowery and Carimey Junong

Inner City 4-H has been very busy in the community and the news this year. Express News interviewed our founder, Mr. Earnest Moore Jr., about how his dream is coming true with Inner City 4-H by helping youth in the community. On Thursday, January 12, 2006, Inner City 4-H had the most members present at the C.E.P. Banquet, and Carimey Junong received Most Outstanding Member of the Year. Justin Lowery and Whitley McKnight were both selected to attend the Rayla Rotary Club Leadership Conference in New Braunfels for the weekend of January 14, 2006. As the San Antonio Stock Show and Rodeo kicked off a lot of our members participated in some kind of event and placed. At Youth Day Thomas Minifee placed 3rd in the Senior Division with his pound cake, and Carimey Junong placed 2nd in the Senior Division with her chocolate meringue pie. Ryan Black won Grand Champion in the Junior Livestock Show and in the San Antonio Stock Show and Rodeo, he received 4th place, and his animal did well at the auction. Our club members participated in School Tours as tour guides for the year 2006. The president of our club, Olivia Williams, is the valedictorian of the senior class at Sam Houston High School. The seniors of our club have been accepted to many different universities. The year has just begun and Inner City 4-H have many other SURPRISES awaiting in the near FUTURE!!!

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East Central 4-H Club Community Service Paid Off

Sunday afternoon after leaving their home on Stuart Rd. in Adkins East Central 4-H members were approximately four houses down when their grandfather and sister, Kristen, Brittney and Garrett Golla were told a fire was out of control and headed toward the two homes. They stopped and alerted the occupants, called the volunteer fire department and split up between the two houses and started stringing hoses fighting the fire around them. No was no damage to the structures or injuries. Thank goodness they were at the right place at the right time. After 2 ½ hours they went to feed their pigs and returned home with blackened faces and clothes, starving and exhausted, but very proud they could help.

District Horse Judging Results

Senior Team-2nd-Kristen Liesman, Valerie Castillo, Karissa Milu, Sarah Sell. Intermediate Team-2nd-Allison Gordon, Katie Hodges, Christian Sherwood, Angelica Frias.

District Consumer Decision Making Contest Results

Senior Team-4th-Andrea Moore, Wesley Oatman, Ashley Krall, Jacob Ballard. Intermediate Team-1st-Danielle Wilkins, Alexandra Hoskins, Brittany Byrd, Amber Harmon.

SALE Youth Day Photography Contest Results

Architectural Elements - B&W

April Johnson - 1st
Mark Miranda - 2nd
Jackie Binder - 4th

Animal - B&W

Callie Rainosek - 4th

Natural Landscapes - B&W

Angela Stevens - 1st

Plant/Flora - B&W

Kelley Council - 2nd

Still Life - B&W

Kelley Council - 1st
James Stevens - 4th
Jackie Binder - 5th

Animal - Color

Michelle Knox - 3rd
Shelbi Knox - 4th

Architectural Elements - Color

Mitch Miranda - 2nd

Plant/Flora - Color

Shelbi Knox - 2nd
Rebecca Campbell - 3rd

Natural Landscape - Color

Mitch Miranda - 1st
Angela Stevens - 2nd
Whitney Larson - 5th

People - Color

Della Manifold - 1st
Whitney Larson - 5th

Special Effects - Color

Victoria Campbell - 1st
Victoria Campbell - 2nd
Rebecca Campbell - 3rd

Still Life - Color

Jackie Binder - 1st
Whitney Larson - 4th

Good job with your placings. Hope to see your entries in the County Photography Contest.

Congratulations to our 1st place winners at the San Antonio Stock Show Consumer Decision Making Contest- Joel Rice, Holly MacRossin, Kelly Jonas and Chris Ripps. Holly was High Point Individual and won the belt buckle along with a \$6,000 scholarship.



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