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QUOTE THIS MONTH

An intellectual is a man who takes more words than necessary to tell more than he knows. Dwight D. Eisenhower

WORLD'S MEANEST MOTHER

"I had the meanest mother in the whole world", this anonymous person wrote. While other kids ate candy for breakfast, I had to have cereal, eggs and toast. When others had coke and candy for lunch, I had to eat a sandwich. As you can guess, my dinner was different from other kids."

"My mother insisted on knowing where we were at all times. You'd think we were on a chain gang. She had to know who our friends were and what we were doing. She insisted that if we said we'd be gone for an hour, that we would be gone one hour or less."

"I am ashamed to admit it, but she actually had the nerve to break the child labor law. She made us work! We had to wash all the dishes, make beds, learn to cook and all sorts of cruel things. I believe she lay awake nights thinking up mean things to do to us."

"She always insisted on us telling the truth, the whole truth and nothing but the truth. By the time we were teenagers she was much wiser, and our life became even rougher".

"None of this tooting the horn of a car for us to come running. She embarrassed us no end by making our dates and friends come to the door to get us. I forgot to mention, while my friends were dating at the mature age of 12 and 13, my old-fashioned mother refused to let me date until I was 15 or 16."

"My mother was a complete failure as a mother. None of us has ever been arrested, or beaten a mate. Each of my brothers served his time in the service of his country. And who do we have to blame for this terrible way we turned out? You're right, our mean mother".

"Look at all the things we missed. We never got to take part in a riot and a million and one things that our friends did. She made us grow up into educated, honest adults."

"Using this as a background, I am trying to raise my children. I stand a little taller and I am filled with pride when my children call me mean. You see, I'm thankful I have the meanest mother in the whole world."Written by Orien Fifer in the Phoenix Gazette

THANKS TO OUR SPONSOR!

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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.

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. If you win at District contest, only seniors will advance to State level. Our office will send you entry information on the state 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.

Night Drop Slot

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 upcoming 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

Welcome New 4-H Club

We have a new club, SACH (San Antonio Christian Homeschoolers). They are located inside Loop 410 near Talley Rd. area. If you would like to visit them or welcome them, give Linda a call at 595-8823.

Dates Have Been Set, Mark Your Calendar

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



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 May meeting. Lots of important dates and information (validation dates, contest dates, workshop dates, etc.) will be announced in the upcoming newsletters, make sure you re-enroll to continue receiving your newsletters.

Happy Mothers Day

TAKS Testing Scheduled During Stock Show

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

Who's Who Among American High School Students

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

LEARN AND HAVE FUN TOO!!!!

District 10 4-H Council Officer Election

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

National 4-H Calendar Photography Contest

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

District Photography Contest

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

County Project Show (Arts & Crafts)

Date: Saturday, May 13 (early drop off, Friday, May 12, 6-8 p.m.)
Place: Helotes 4-H Activity Center (map on our website)
Due: May 1



The Bexar County 4-H Project Show is just around the corner. If you love to display your arts & crafts items, this is the show to enter.

Get your photographs, artwork, baked goods, quilts and more ready! There will be wonderful projects to see and prizes to be won. This show is open to anyone, they **DO NOT** have to be enrolled in 4-H. Spread the word to your friends, school and anyone you think would like to show off their creative skills. Entry form and money are due to our office by May 1. If you need an entry form contact your Club Manager or our office or visit our website. You can drop off your entries **early** on Friday, May 12, 6-8 p.m. or Saturday, May 13, 9-10 a.m. We are needing **judges** to help evaluate the entries. If you are interested in judging, please give Pam a call. **YOU DO NOT NEED AN ELIGIBILITY FORM FOR THIS CONTEST.**

Texas 4-H Congress

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

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

District 4-H Vegetable Show

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

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

Texas State Dog Show

Date: July 14-15, Triple Crown Dog Academy, Hutto
Cost: \$8
Due: June 9

Classes include Conformation, Showmanship, Obedience, Costume and Drill Team. For more information, schedule and entry procedure give Sheilah a call or go to their website at: www.tx4hstatedogshow.com.

SCHOLARSHIPS

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.

ROUNDUP

Method Demonstration & Illustrated Talks Tips:

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

Swine Skill-A-Thon Contest

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

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

Honor Military Personnel at State Roundup

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

2006 Roundup Guide

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

FAMILY & CONSUMER SCIENCES

Important Message - Please Read

If you are signed up to participate in FCS (Family and Consumer Sciences) projects, such as foods, clothing and consumer decision making, I would like to encourage each and every one of you to become involved with the FCS Committee. The fashion show, food show and consumer decision making contests should be your contests, not mine, not Ms. Sheppard's (County Extension Agent) nor any other leader's. Earlier this year when the planning meeting for fashion show was held Ms. Sheppard and myself were the only ones there. 4-H members are missing out on the leadership opportunities that we are trying to offer you. I feel that this lack of leadership is one of our biggest downfalls when it comes to being competitive on the district and state levels. We need to be conducting countywide trainings and project meetings that are coordinated by different clubs with the help of the FCS agent for both members and leaders from all over the county. Members, parents and leaders, we need your input and support. Please put July 6th, 6:30 p.m. at the County Extension office on our calendars and come help us plan these activities for the upcoming year? Thank you - Shelia Harris - FCS Committee Member.

Family & Consumer Project Planning Meeting

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

At this meeting, we will plan all the Family & Consumer Sciences (Food Show, Fashion Show, Quiz Bowl and Consumer Decision Making) events for this upcoming 2006-2007 year including any contests, leader trainings or county field trips. We will also discuss adding new activities, develop an FCS calendar and appoint project development teams. RSVP to Sheilah for pizza.

AWARDS/RECOGNITION

Club Scrapbooks

Put all your photos together and get that scrapbook done. Scrapbooks are due to our office by Monday, June 26th, 5 p.m. There will be cash awards for 1st - 3rd placings. Scrapbook guidelines were given to Club Managers in August. If you need a copy, give your Club Manager a call or visit our website. **NO LATE SCRAPBOOKS WILL BE ACCEPTED.**

Bronze, Silver and Gold Star Awards

These awards are for 4-H'ers **11-18** years old. If you are wanting to apply for these awards, please see your Awards & Recognition Handbook for qualifications. Every family should have a copy of the handbook, if not, visit our website.

Awards and Recognition Handbook

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

RECORDBOOK INFO

Recordbook or Project Form Deadline

All recordbooks or project forms are due to our office Monday, June 26th by 5 p.m. **NO LATE RECORDBOOKS OR PROJECT FORMS WILL BE ACCEPTED.** Reminder, we have a night

drop in the front door for your use. An 11"x13" envelope will fit through it.

When completing a Recordbook, a member receives a year pin and a project medal. When completing a Project Form, a member receives a year pin.

Help Needed!

We need your help on Tuesday, June 27th to sort recordbooks for judging. We will begin at 1 p.m. Please give Pam a call if you can help.

County Recordbook Judging

Date: Thursday, June 29th, County Extension office
Time: 9 a.m.

Judges are needed. If you have never judged this is a great opportunity to learn more about recordbooks. If you would like to help judge, please give Pam a call. A wonderful lunch will be provided for judges.

Recordbook To Do List

- ✓ Recordbook forms must be signed by a Club Manager or a Project Leader before they are turned in. **UNSIGNED forms in your recordbook will not be accepted.** Project forms require a leader's signature.
- ✓ A 3" x 5" information card must be completed and stapled to the outside center top front of each Recordbook cover. Project forms **do not** require the 3" x 5" card. Your Recordbook Leaders has some 3" x 5" information cards.
- ✓ 2006 4-H Member Recognition Application form (pink) must be clipped to the outside front cover of your Recordbook or attached to the front of the project form. The 4-H Member Recognition Application form must be signed by your Club Manager or it **will NOT be accepted.** A member receives a year pin by submitting a project form only. If you need a copy of the Member Recognition Application contact your Recordbook Leader or visit our website.
- ✓ Complete the top portion of the Recordbook Check Sheet (beige). Clip it to the inside of the front cover of your Recordbook. Project forms **do not** require this sheet. (Our District is 10). If you need a copy of this form contact your Recordbook Leader or visit our website.

How to be a Good Recordbook Judge

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

Recordbook Information

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

Video - Two Recordbook trainings are available on video. Videos can be checked out from our office.

Recordbook/Project Form Guideline Booklets - These are very helpful and are available at our office.

Recordbook Tutorial - This tutorial takes you through all the steps to complete a recordbook in about 22 minutes. Tutorial website http://uvalde.tamu.edu/xtension/4-H/Program_Resources/ProgramResources.htm.

The Texas 4-H 2005-2006 Clover Handbook

The Texas 4-H Clover Handbook has a list of all categories you can do a recordbook/project form on, plus objectives. One copy of the Texas 4-H Clover has been sent to each club. The handbook is on our 4-H website.

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District 10 Leadership Lab

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

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

SpecTra '05

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

Spectra is for youth (age 14-18) to enhance project knowledge, expand leadership skills, explore careers, and strengthen their self-image. Sessions include: Natural Resources, Recreation Leadership, Culinary Arts, Photography and more. Adult chaperones are needed and will receive a discount if they attend. **REMINDER: APPLICATIONS MUST HAVE AN AGENT'S SIGNATURE.** For information and registration form, contact Pam or visit our website.

West Region 4-H Junior High Leadership Lab

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

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

Prime Time '05

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

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

Operation Purple Summer Camp

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

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

H.S. Estelle 4-H Youth Camp

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

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

Career Awareness & Youth Leadership Laboratory

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

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

Texas State Youth Water Camp

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

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

Wildlife Conservation Camp

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

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

Adventure Trek Camp

Date: June 25 - July 1
Place: Texas 4-H Center, Brownwood
Cost: \$295 (meals, lodging, insurance, kayak fees)

This camp is for ages 14-18 and is open to 4-H and **non 4-H** youth. Topics: team building, backpacking, outdoor cookery, kayak safety and much more. Camping will be at the Colorado Bend State Park on the Colorado River. For more information, agenda and registration contact Pam.

Adventure Challenge Camp

Date: July 30-August 5
Place: Lake Brownwood, Brownwood
Cost: \$285 (meals, lodging, insurance, kayak fees)

This camp is for ages 14-18 and is open to 4-H and **non 4-H** youth. Topics: team building, backpacking, outdoor cookery, kayak safety and much more. For more information, agenda and registration contact Pam.

River Sleuths Summer Camp

Date: June 26 - 30
Place: Medina River Natural Area
Time: 8:30 a.m. - 12 noon
Cost: \$25
Ages: 7 - 11

Be a detective and help us unravel the ecological secrets of the Medina River Natural Area. Learn about birds, mammals, critters and more. Pre-registration is required with limited space of 25 participants. For more information and to register call 210/624-2575.

Junior Scientist Program Camp

Date: June 5 - 9
Place: Medina River Natural Area
Time: 8 a.m. - 12 noon
Cost: \$25
Grades: 9 - 12

Are you interested in wildlife? Come explore and learn about wildlife & plant ID, animal tracking and more. Pre-registered with limited space of 25 participants. For more information and to register call 210/624-2575.



WHOA!!! HORSE NEWS

Horse Leaders Meeting

Date: Monday, May 22
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.

District Horse Show Mandatory Meeting

Date: June 7
Place: County Extension office, S-208
Time: 7 p.m.

If you are entering the District Horse Show, this is a mandatory meeting for you. If you have any questions, contact Sonija.

New Horse Project Certification Form

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

Team Roping School

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

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

Somervell County 4-H Horse Camp

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

For more information and an application, contact Sheila.

Stock Horse of Texas Awareness Clinic & Schooling Show

Date: May 6 & 7
Place: Cibolo Livery Stables
Cost: \$125

For more information and an entry form, contact Sheila.

Texas State 4-H Horse Show Rules and Regulations

The 2006 rules are currently being printed and are available at <http://4-h.tamu.edu/events/> 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

Steer Validation

Steer Validation dates have been set:
June 23, Boysville, 2 - 6 p.m.
June 24, Bill Zigmund, 8 - 11 a.m.

If you are exhibiting a steer and have not purchased a validation tag contact Jerry.

Attention BCJLS Participants!

The BCJLS Board has NOT been able to collect all monies enabling them to write checks to exhibitors. Please check with your buyer to make sure they have sent their payment. When checks are issued, they will be sent to your Club Manager. The Board's goal is to mail checks to Club Managers by mid May.



Turkey Order

We have not received final information on turkey orders for the Bexar County show and any major shows. Watch the June newsletter for a quick turn around time.

State Fair of Texas (Dallas) Swine Validation Tags

The cost is \$7 per hog tag for State Fair of Texas. Deadline to send in the enclosed order form is Tuesday, May 9.

Texas Master Swine Volunteer Training

Date: August 18-20
Place: Nueces County Fairgrounds, Robstown
Cost: \$100 (meals, refreshments, materials, insurance)

This training will provide leaders with resources from which to build and support families in our county who are new to the swine project. For more information on this training contact Sheila.

West Texas Youth Veterinary Science Workshop

Date: June 25-29
Place: Sutton County 4-H Civic Center, Sonora
Cost: \$175
Due: June 2

This workshop is to expose youth (14-18 yrs) to careers in veterinary science. Topics: zoology, toxicology, anatomy, health management and more. For more information and application contact Sheilah.

Bexar County Junior Livestock Show Website

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

OUTDOOR FUN

CORE Program

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

3 Position Shooting Sports

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

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

Bexar County 4-H Shotgun Club

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.

Kerr 4-H Skeet & Trap

Date: June 2 & 3
Due: May 15

For application and more information contact Sheilah.



Texas Youth Shooting Sports Camp

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

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

Frio County Big Blast

Date: July 1 & 2
Place: Pearsall
Due: June 10

Trap, Skeet, Whiz-Bank and Sporting Clays. For more information and an application contact Sheilah.

Johnson County 4-H Buckle Shoot Fandango

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

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

ETC. ETC....

Walk Across Texas!

Get together with seven other people and start walking, jogging, or even biking across Texas! You can walk together or individually, just keep track of your miles. Try to walk 830 miles "Across Texas". You need to get your team signed up at walkacrosstexas.tamu.edu/wat_group/sq14hcap_regist.asp. For a packet of more information contact Sheilah or contact Hannah if you have any questions at 695-6659. There will be a end of walk celebration on Tuesday, June 13 at MacArthur Park from 6-8 p.m.

Community Mapping Institute for Educators

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

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

National 4-H GIS/GPS Leadership Team

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

All Competitive Events Need Eligibility Forms

No eligibility forms will be needed for events occurring during the summer (i.e.: State Roundup, Camps). If you have any questions, please give us a call.

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.

CLUB NEWS

Sam Houston Youth Riders - Anna Haines

Talked about our fundraisers, officer elections, officer positions, recordbooks, posse arena, show/district, end of the year party and insurance.

Team K - Erica Hogan

Usual business meeting. Our career speaker Mr. Tarpley gave a presentation explaining his profession, Chief Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetist.

4JCFROGS - Craig Akin

Held meeting and had a cake decorating demonstration. The students learned how to properly ice & decorate a cake for a child's party and a Valentines cake.

Haven - Leah Marvel

The meeting began with the call to order my Mark Miranda. After that Jackie Binder said the pledge to the flag, Kelly Council said the 4-H motto and pledge and Lillian Wren lead the reading of the minutes. Then the health and safety report was lead by Jackie Binder. Also Leah Marvel lead the vet science report. Page Wren lead the public speaking report and Mitch Miranda lead the photography report. Next came old business and new business. For old business Mrs. Miranda talked about t-shirts and for new business Mrs. Miranda talked about the pet fair and the project show. Then our County President, Brian O'Bannon lead the announcements. The announcements told what is happening in 4-H and varied from March 1st to June 9th. After announcements, the meeting was adjourned.

CLOVERS TO

Thanks to all the families that came by and took the April newsletter home to fold.

Many thanks to everyone who helped judge or was a superintendent at County Roundup. We could not have done it without you.

Special thanks to our County Photography judges, who judged 435 photos.

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

4-H Outreach Staff Receives Award
Mike and Gayle Shockey, Outreach Program Director and Program Assistant, were honored as the "2006 Volunteers of the Year" at the Cyndi Taylor Krier Juvenile Correctional Treatment Center. They received this award at the Bexar County Juvenile Probation Department's Volunteer Appreciation Banquet held on April 4, 2006. The Outreach Program was recognized for its efforts in supporting youth at this facility in the areas of leadership, character development, community service, life skills, horticulture, and the arts. Mike and Gayle received a beautifully framed landscape print with engraved plaque which was presented by Glenn Faulk, the Special Activities Coordinator at the Juvenile Facility.



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STATE FAIR OF TEXAS SWINE VALIDATION TAG ORDER-DUE TUESDAY, MAY 9

Swine validation for State Fair of Texas will be in June. All hogs to be shown in the State Fair of Texas (Dallas) show must be validated. Cost will be \$7.00 per head. Return the form below and total amount \$\$ by Tuesday, May 9. Make checks payable to **Bexar 4-H Fund**.

Name _____

Address _____ City _____ Zip _____

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