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QUOTE OF THE MONTH

“Success is the ability to go from one failure to another with no loss of enthusiasm.” Sir Winston Churchill

National 4-H Week and Texas 4-H Centennial

The Texas 4-H and Youth Development Program will celebrate our 4-H 100th Anniversary this year. It was the fall of 1907 that Tom Marks met with 12 young men, in Jacksboro, Texas to form a Corn Club. There are now 4-H’ers in 254 counties in Texas learning life skills, leadership, volunteer service, self confidence and commitment to Country.

Each day these more than 640,000 youth change their lives, their future, and the future of our state. In Texas, as everywhere, our youth are our future.

How we strive to develop and encourage hard work and dedication of our youth will determine the leaders and citizens of the future, not only for Texas, but for the nation and the world. The Texas 4-H Centennial celebration is to honor 4-H’s past and secure its future.

Today, 4-H creates opportunities for urban, suburban and rural youth to develop into mature adults and engaged citizens through partnerships with caring adult volunteers.

National 4-H Week is October 7-13. Each year we celebrate by inviting youth to join 4-H. You can promote 4-H by selling chocolate, hand out 4-H brochures, wear your 4-H t-shirt and much more.

4-H’ers participate in learn-by-doing projects, group meetings and exhibits that focus on healthy lifestyles, citizenship, and science, engineering and technology.

Take some time to think of ways your club could help to promote 4-H and celebrate our 100 years of 4-H in Texas. Don’t forget to have your club reporter send in your monthly report on how your club promoted and celebrated 4-H Week.

DATES HAVE BEEN SET



4-H Week 10/7-13
 CORE Program 10/13
 Council/Adult Meeting 10/18
 Spurs 4-H Night 10/20
 Recordbook Training 10/23
 Horse Leaders Meeting 10/29
 Scholarship Training 10/30
 Bexar County Entries DUE . . . 11/1
 County Roundup 11/3
 County Food Show 11/10
 Major Show Entries DUE . . . 11/15

To provide quality, relevant outreach and continuing education programs and services to the people of Texas.

THANKS TO OUR SPONSOR!

This month's newsletter is sponsored by Bexar County Junior Livestock Show "Las Vegas Night". Check out their flyer enclosed.

HERE'S THE LATEST

Bexar County 4-H End of the Year State Report

Total 4-H Clubs - 57

Total 4-H Member Enrollment - 2108

Total 4-H Leader Enrollment - 452

Total Youth Reached by 4-H - 25,723

This is the report we sent to the State letting them know how many youth we touched in Bexar County.

New This Year! - Project Exhibits

Several awards in the Awards and Recognition Handbook list "Project Exhibits - County Level" as one of the criteria items to apply for the award. This year you will have the opportunity to do at least one exhibit (poster board or form board) on your project and display it at any County contest. One of your first opportunities will be at County Roundup on Nov. 3 or the County Food Show on Nov. 10. The project exhibits are not a competition and there is no entry form or fee. It is a chance for you to show off your 4-H project and what you have learned. All you need to do is notify our office if you will need an easel. There will also be tables available if you have an exhibit that will sit on a table.

Chocolate Sale Has Started!

The Bexar County 4-H Chocolate fundraiser got off to a great start at our annual Kick-Off Pizza Party. We are pleased to announce that we have many wonderful prizes for all chocolate sellers. Thank you to all the Chocolate Sale Chairpersons who are organizing this event within each club. Good luck to all the clubs with your sales.

Each person selling \$50 puts their name in a drawing for prizes. If you sell \$100 your name goes in twice, \$150 three times and on and on.

Recordbook/Project Form Training

Date: Tuesday, Oct. 23

Place: County Extension Office S-208

Time: 7 p.m.

It's never too early to start learning about how to put a recordbook/project form together. Starting to keep records now and learning how to put them together will help you complete your recordbook/project form in June. This training will provide you with all the information you need to take back to your club and conduct a training.

Project Forms

Lots of activities are coming up that you could keep record on your Project Form. Vet Science Workshop, Rabbit Workshop, CORE Program, Chocolate Sale and more. Get started now by completing a project form for every activity you participate in. If you need a project form ask your club manager or contact Pam at the office.

Spurs 4-H Night

Date: Saturday, October 20, 7:30 p.m.

Spurs vs the Detroit Pistons

4-H package includes your ticket with a free hotdog, soda, chips and a post game free throw on the Spurs basketball court. Deadline is Oct. 11 at a first come, first serve basis, tickets will go fast at this special. See the enclosed flyer for complete details. Mark your calendar and make plans to attend.

Re-Election for Council Delegate

The 2nd Council Officer Delegate position will be open for nominations at the October 18 County Council Meeting. If you are interested in running for this position, please visit our website for criteria or call Pam.

Council/Adult Leaders Meeting

Date: Thursday, October 18

Place: Helotes 4-H Activity Center

Time: 7:00 p.m.

This will be the first meeting for all newly elected club presidents and club delegate officers to attend and make some important decisions. There will be leadership activities, a program and business to be voted on. Please mark this meeting on your calendar. The community service for this meeting is "100 Pennies for 100 Years". Club delegates should collect pennies from your members and bring them to this meeting. Future meeting dates are January 17 and April 17.

Texas 4-H Clover Handbook

The Clover Handbook is a great informational handbook about 4-H projects and opportunities. It is available on our website.

4-H OFFICE POLICIES & INFORMATION

Office Procedures

All visitors must check in with the receptionist on duty. Our office hours are Monday-Friday 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. **Lunch is noon 'til 1 p.m.** If you are planning to visit our office during the lunch time, call in advance so that your information will be ready to pick up with the receptionist.

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. **NO LATE ENTRIES WILL BE ACCEPTED.** If you mail your forms, entries, etc, it **your** responsibility to verify that we received it. Please read your newsletter 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.

Night Drop Slot

There are a lot of deadlines coming up in the next couple of months. To help you meet those deadlines, there is a night drop slot in the front door of our office. An 11"x13" envelope will fit through it. Please use this drop slot to help you meet deadlines.

Newsletter Sponsors Needed

If you know of someone that would be interested in helping the 4-H Program defray the cost of postage for this newsletter, we are in need of sponsors. They can insert an 8 ½ by 11 page of information. Cost is approximately \$120 and is mailed to over 1,000 families. If a sponsor needs more information, please contact Pam at 467-6575.

LEARN AND HAVE FUN TOO!!!!

District 10 Spectra

Date: November 17-18
Place: T Bar M Ranch, New Braunfels
Cost: \$100
DUE: Oct. 27

This camp is ages 13 and older. This is a fun leadership and career exploration camp. For more information on District 10 Spectra camp, visit our website or call Pam.

Fall Leadership Retreat

Date: November 16-18
Place: Texas 4-H Center, Brownwood
Cost: \$110 (lodging, meals, program materials)
Age: 14 years & older

This retreat is designed for members to enhance their leadership skills in the areas of public speaking, service to others and more. If you are interested in attending this retreat visit our website or call Pam for an agenda and registration information. Deadline to enter on 4-H Connect is Nov. 9.

Southern Region Teen Leadership Conference

Date: Sept. 6-9
Place: Crossville, Tennessee

This conference is to bring together teens and adults to empower and inspire them to make a positive change. For more information, contact Pam.

Junior Leadership Retreat

Date: November 9-11
Place: Texas 4-H Center, Brownwood
Cost: \$110 (lodging, meals, program materials)
Age: 8-13 years of age

The retreat will focus on basics such as communication skills, leadership, team building, community service and much more. If you are interested in attending this retreat, visit our website or call Pam for an agenda and registration information. Deadline to enter on 4-H Connect is Nov. 2

School Tours

It is that time to be thinking if you would like to be a School Tour Guide at the 2008 San Antonio Stock Show in February. To be a school tour guide, you must be willing to tour small children around the grounds of the stock show, attend a School Tour Training and be academically eligible. Age criteria is 13 and above. If you are interested in touring, contact your Club Manager to sign up. Names are due to our office by Thursday, November 15.

Vegetable Workshop

Date: Saturday, Jan. 12
Place: Helotes 4-H Activity Center
Time: 1 - 5 p.m.

Topics are: What vegetables to grow when?, how to get your vegetables ready for the Vegetable Show and what the judges look for and more.

FAMILY & CONSUMER SCIENCES

Gear Up and Get Started

Foods and nutrition project, clothing project and consumer projects. In September club project leaders should be forming their groups. *In **foods and nutrition** you learn about healthy eating, staying active and how to prepare great recipes. ***Clothing** teaches you how to buy or sew clothes, how to care for your clothes and ways to plan a fantastic wardrobe. ***Consumer** teaches decision making and great shopping skills. Does any of this sound FUN....sign up with your club project leaders now. No project leaders? Then do a project by yourself!

Food and Nutrition Project Community Service

Cooking Kits and Parties in a Box

This year we are working with the families at Fairweather Family Lodge, a transitional living facility to support their residents. We are putting together "start up" kitchen sets for families moving out of the facilities and birthdays in a box for youth in shelters. Annette has a list of what goes in each box. If you want to add to one or "adopt a box" with your club, contact Connie.

Consumer Decision Making

What is it? The consumer project teaches decision making and great shopping skills. This year the County Consumer Decision Making Contest is March 1. 4-H Leader, Sharla Harmon is the team leader in charge.

Consumer Decision Making Workshop

Date: Sunday, Oct 14

Place: Helotes 4-H Activity Center

Time: 2 - 4 p.m.

This will be a workshop designed to start your consumer skills. Watch the next newsletter for details, but hold the date! This is a fun project and will teach you lasting life skills.

San Antonio Stock Show Consumer Decision Making Contest

San Antonio Stock Show Consumer Contest entries are due to our office by Nov. 15. For an entry form contact Annette.

County Nutrition Quiz Bowl

There will **not** be a County competition for this contest. All County teams in each age division will get to advance to District competition. The Nutrition Quiz Bowl is a fun foods project activity where teams study nutritional sources and compete in a game show format. If you are interested in entering this contest and need more information, contact Annette. District Contest is December 8.

Texas Food and Nutrition Project Development

Team

This team (adults or youth) coordinates learning events related to the food and nutrition project. Members must be 14 years and older. Deadline to apply is Oct. 11. For more information and an application form, contact Annette.

County Food Show

Date: Saturday, November 10

Place: Nimitz Middle School, 5426 Blanco

Due: Paperwork due Oct. 29

Time: 8:30 - 9 a.m. registration

The foods and nutrition project teaches you about eating healthier and making good choices for your health. At the food show, you bring a dish you prepared at home and complete an interview on what you learned in your foods project. You can make a main dish or a vegetable or a dessert or a bread. Get with your club foods leader and start planning your project meetings to get ready for the Food Show.

This year's food show is hosted by the Food & Nutrition Project Development Committee. 4-H Leader, Sylvia Moran is the team leader in charge. Information packets and entry forms for the Food Show are available from our office. If you are interested in participating in the Food Show, contact Annette at the 4-H office for a packet. **Information letter will be available on our website.**

Bexar County Junior Livestock Show Foods Contest

The Bexar County Junior Livestock Show in January has a foods category (baked goods, jellies/jam, etc.) that anyone can enter. Visit their website at www.bcjls.com for rules on this contest. Entry forms are available on their website or our office. **NOTE:** they also have categories on clothing, artwork, crafts, photography and more. **Check with your club leader on club entry deadline.** Clubs enter as a group. No individual entries will be accepted by the show. Club leader deadline is Nov. 1 to the stock show.

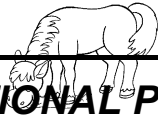
Volunteer Voice

The Texas 4-H Program has set up a blog site that provides volunteers the chance to give feedback to the 4-H Family and Consumer Science program. Volunteers are invited to participate in "Volunteer Voice", however, in order to post comments, you must sign up as an author by emailing Courtney Dodd at cfdodd@ag.tamu.edu with your name, county and email address. She will then email you an invitation, which you must accept in order to become an author and be able to participate on the blog site (<http://texas4hvolunteervoic.blogspot.com>).

Clothing Resources On-Line

There are two very educational Clothing and Textiles curriculum on line, "Clothes that Click" and Clothing Capers". Visit the site (<http://texas4-h.tamu.edu/project/clothingandtextiles.htm>) and print chapters that you would like to share with your members.

Many thanks to Bexar County Junior Livestock Show "Las Vegas Night" for sponsoring this newsletter. Make plans to attend their event on Saturday, October 20.



ROUNDUP - EDUCATIONAL PRESENTATIONS & PUBLIC SPEAKING

County 4-H Roundup Contest

(Educational Presentations and Public Speaking)

Date: Saturday, Nov. 3

Place: Joe Hopkins Elementary - 2440 Ackerman Rd.

Time: 8:15 a.m. 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...which is called Roundup. **There is also a Share the Fun category, which includes: singing, dancing, poetry, playing an instrument and more.** For a short training (20 minutes) on the Share the Fun contest visit <http://uvalde.tamu.edu/xtension/4-H/westregionindex.htm>.

Click on Program Resources, then click on Share the Fun Training. Read more about any educational presentation or public speaking in the Roundup Guide. If you would like to try the public speaking 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 County registration form enclosed and return to the 4-H office by **Wednesday, Oct. 24**. Everyone that participates in County Roundup will be eligible to compete at District Roundup. You **do not** have to compete at County level to go to District level, but it is highly recommended because you get to show you participated in county level in your recordbook, get a county ribbon and will receive creative comments to improve your presentation. If you chose to participate in District Roundup, deadline is Nov. 19 on 4-H Connect. Contact Pam for more information on County or District Roundup. There are several booklets available from our office on public speaking.

Community service this year for County Roundup will be placements for the Jimenez Thanksgiving Dinner. There will be materials available at County Roundup if you would like to make a placemat. If you prefer to make your own at home, please use 12"x18" construction paper, your design and signed "Handmade by Bexar County 4-H". Please turn them into the 4-H office by Nov. 12.

County Roundup Critique

(Educational Presentations and Public Speaking)

Date: Tuesday, Oct. 23

Place: County Extension office S-208

Time: 4-6 p.m.

If you would like to have your presentation critiqued come by the office between 4 - 6 p.m.

Roundup Videos

(Educational Presentations and Public Speaking)

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.

2007-2008 Roundup Guide

(Educational Presentations and Public Speaking)

Anything you want to know about Roundup is in this guide. The guide is now available from the Texas 4-H website at http://texas4-h.tamu.edu/roundup/08_Roundup_Guide.pdf or from our website.

Club Managers receive updates once a week on all 4-H happening. Contact your Club Manager for up to date information.

Horse Leaders Meeting

Date: Monday, Oct. 29, Nov. 26, Dec. 17

Place: County Extension Office



Time: 7 p.m.

These meetings are to plan the upcoming year with horsemanship activities. Adults and members interested in the horse program mark your calendar to attend these meetings.

Bexar County Junior Livestock Show Horse Entries

BCJLS horse show entry form is available at www.bcjls.com or from our office. **Check with your club leader on club entry deadline.** Clubs enter as a group. No individual entries will be accepted by the show. Club leader deadline is Nov. 1 to the stock show.

In addition to your horse entry form, you will need to turn in one (1) copy of Coggins plus, if a registered horse-one (1) copy of registration papers, if a grade horse - one (1) copy of Grade Horse Identification & Certification Form (Grade Horse form is on the BCJLS website).

Qualifying Horse Shows

There will be three (3) qualifying shows this year:

- 1) January 4, 2008 - Bexar County Junior Livestock Show
 - 2) March 15, 2008 - Posse Arena
 - 3) April 19, 2008 - Posse Arena
- Raindate - May 10, 2008

You must attend at least one of these shows to be eligible for the district contest and end of the year awards. March and April are open to anyone that would like to attend.

Halter Horse Clinic

Date: Saturday, Oct. 6
Place: Retama Equestrian Park
Time: 11 a.m.

Limited amount of horses will be allowed on property, please RSVP by Wednesday, Oct. 4 to Sonija. Current Negative Coggins mandatory.

Whoa!!! Watch for It!

Watch your upcoming newsletters for dates on clinics and workshops in the planning stages. Save the dates: Nov. 11 and Nov. 25. Some topics will include: nutrition & body scoring, proper attire and tack, horse theft prevention and other exciting topics.

Jackpot Playdays

Date: Oct. 13, Nov. 10, Dec. 8 and Jan. 12
Place: Bexar County Sheriff's Mounted Posse Arena
Time: Oct. - books open 4 p.m., show 6 p.m.
Nov, Dec, And Jan - books open 9 a.m. show 11 a.m.

For a copy of the flyer and more information, contact Annette.

Bluebonnet Horse Expo

Date: Saturday, Oct. 20
Place: Silver Hills Stables, Austin
Cost: \$5/person

This will be an educational day for any horse lover! For more information, contact Annette for a copy of the flyer.

Timed/Speed Classes Clinic

Date: Sunday, Nov. 11
Place: Bexar County Sheriff's Mounted Posse Arena
Time: 2 p.m.

First come, first serve basis, limited amount of horses will be allowed on property. RSVP to Sonija by Nov. 7. This clinic will be on Timed/Speed classes and Proper Tack and Attire. Current Negative Coggins is mandatory.

English & Western Classes Clinic

Date: Sunday, November 25
Place: Retama Equestrian Center
Time: 2:00 p.m.

First come, first serve basis, limited amount of horses will be allowed on property. RSVP to Sonija by Nov. 22. This clinic will be on English & Western classes and Proper Tack and Attire. Current Negative Coggins is mandatory.

Horse Judging Contests

The qualifying contests for district are:
Heart of Texas - Oct. 6 Johnson County - Jan 19
Ft. Bend - Dec. 8 Montgomery County - Jan 13
Ft. Worth - TBA

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 Annette.

Horse Judging

Anyone interested in learning all the aspects of Horse Judging, please call John Farrell at 822-5554.

Horse Information

If you would like to know what is going on with the Horse Program visit <http://animalscience.tamu.edu/ansc/index.htm> then click on CEA Horse Newsletter or go to http://animalscience.tamu.edu/main/academics/equine/cea_newsletter.htm.

LIVESTOCK NEWS

SALE, Houston and Star of Texas Broilers

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

Broiler & Turkey Clinic

Date: Saturday, Oct. 6

Place: Wilson County Showbarn, Floresville

Time: 8 a.m.



Topics include: housing, feeding and more. RSVP by Oct. 2 to Jonathan at 830/393-7357.

Validations (Lambs and Goats)

This Validation Program will meet our identification requirements. Major shows include the following statement in their 2007-2008 Premium List: "To be eligible to exhibit in the 2007-2008 Junior Market Show, all lambs and goats must be validated in the Texas 4-H and FFA Validation Program. Each entry must have been recorded on a 4-H or FFA Validation Master list completed by the "County Validation Committee".

Goat/Lamb Validation Dates:

Saturday, Oct. 13	Helotes 4-H Bldg.	10 a.m. - noon
Monday, Oct. 15	East Central	3-6 p.m.

You must take your goat/lamb to one of these locations for validation. At the validation site there will be a list with your name and how many tags you purchased. You must fill out a validation form with your child's SS# and signatures (exhibitor and parent). Please remember to bring your child's SS#. If you have more than one child, from the same family, with the same animal, it is suggested to put all names on the form. For example, **Susie or Mike** which will allow either to show the animal.

Swine Validation Dates:

Thursday, Nov. 8	Walter Gerlach Grounds	12 - 5 p.m.
Sunday, Nov. 18	Kirby Farm	2 - 5 p.m.
Monday, Nov. 26	East Central	3:30-6 p.m.

Validation Tags

We had several calls about ordering goat/lamb/swine tags after the deadline. Our office ordered a couple extra tags at \$10 for state tags and \$4 for county tags. This is on a first come-first serve basis. Call Annette for more information. Several clubs ordered extra tags, check with your club.

Bexar County Junior Livestock Show Website

Check out their website at www.bcjls.com. **2008** Bexar County Rules and entry forms are posted on their website or available from our office. **Check with your club leader on club entry deadline.** Clubs enter as a group. No individual entries will be accepted by the show. Club leader deadline is Nov. 1 to the stock show. Our office emails Club Manager weekly with up to date information, always check with them for any changes. You can exhibit animals at this show, but don't forget you can also show off your baking, photography or craft skills. Check out the rules on these categories.

The Bexar County Junior Livestock Show is looking for businesses to advertise on their website, for more information visit their website at www.bcjls.com. There is also an Events Calendar with scheduled board meeting dates, locations and times.

Bexar County Junior Livestock Show Raffle Tickets

Raffle tickets were mailed to members who exhibited at last year's show. If you have sold all your tickets, please turn the tickets and money in to Bryan Bettice (378-7096). If you need more tickets, need helping selling your tickets or need more information about the raffle contact Bryan. The raffle is for a 42" Cub Cadet Riding Lawnmower, a 18' Flatbed Trailer and a lot more. Tickets are \$5 each and will benefit the BCJLS building fund for the new facility. Final deadline to get the tickets in the drawing is Dec. 15th.

Lamb/Goat Showmanship Clinic

Date: Saturday, Oct. 13

Place: Helotes 4-H Activity Center

Time: 8:30 - 10:00 a.m.

Topics will include selection, health, feeding and preparing for show.

Swine Workshop

Date: Saturday, Nov. 17

Place: Boysville

Time: 9-11 a.m.

Topics will include selection, feeding and preparing for show.

Texas Master Swine Volunteer Training

Date: Oct. 26-28

Place: Bell County Expo Center, Belton

Cost: \$100 (meals, refreshments, materials)

Topics are: Selection, facilities, health, showmanship and management. Deadline is Oct. 24. For more information on this training contact Annette.

Texas Show Pig Sales Trail

The Show Pig Trails are available. Call Annette if you would like a copy or go to the Show Pig Sales website at: www.texaspork.org.

Helotes Clover Classic

Date: Saturday, Nov. 24

Place: Walter Gerlach Show Grounds

Watch for more information in the next newsletter.

Rabbit Clinic

Date: Wednesday, October 17

Place: County Extension Office S-208

Time: 7 p.m.

This clinic will teach you about housing, selection, showmanship and much more. Tattoo dates are set for Monday, Dec. 3 at East Central, Tuesday, Dec. 4 at Madison and Wednesday, Dec. 5 at the Helotes 4-H Activity Center.

Texas 4-H Rabbit Extravaganza

Date: Saturday, November 10

Place: Bell County Expo Center, Belton

For rules and entry form contact Annette or visit their website at 4hrabbitevents@ag.tamu.edu. Deadline Oct. 25.

Steer & Heifer Clinic

Date: October 14

Place: Boysville

Time: 2:30 p.m.

Topics will include feed & nutrition and showmanship. You are welcome to bring your animal.

Livestock Judging Team Qualifications

To be selected for the Senior, Intermediate and Junior teams for District 10 Livestock Judging contests, the following are optional events for 2007-2008:

Guadalupe County-Oct. 6

Aggie Fest-Nov 3

Due: Oct. 26

Bexar County-Jan. 4

Due: Jan. 4

Nueces County-Jan. TBA

Due: Jan. TBA

S.A.L.E.-Feb. TBA

Due: Nov. 15

Houston-Mar. TBA

Due: Nov. 15

Victoria-Mar. TBA

Due: Feb. TBA

To be eligible to be on the district team, you must participate 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. There is a great website that has Livestock Judging publications for your use at <http://animalscience.tamu.edu/main/youth/pubs.html>.

Stock Shows

We have received entry information on:

2008 Bexar County Junior Livestock Show - Jan. 1-5, 2008

www.bcjls.com

We have NOT received entry information on:

2008 Ft. Worth Stock Show & Rodeo - Jan. 11 - Feb. 3, 2008

2008 San Antonio Stock Show & Rodeo - Jan. 31-Feb. 17, 2008

www.sarodeo.com

2008 San Angelo Stock Show - February 21 Mar. -2, 2008

2008 Houston Stock Show & Rodeo - Mar. 3 - Mar 22, 2008

www.rodeohouston.com

2008 Star of Texas Stock Show & Rodeo - Feb. 29 -Mar, 15, 2008

www.staroftexas.org

Please mark these dates on your calendar.

Major Stock Show Processing Fee

Families entering one or more major stock shows are asked to make a \$5 per family donation which would be paid with your major show entry. It helps pay for postage, copies and handling costs.

Major Show Entry Workshop

Date: Thursday, November 8
Place: Helotes 4-H Activity Center
Time: 7 p.m.

If you have any questions or need help filling out your major show (San Antonio, Houston, Ft. Worth, Star of Texas, San Angelo stock shows) entry forms, this is the workshop to attend. The workshop will start promptly at 7 p.m. All major show entry forms will be available if you need one. If you don't want to make a trip to our office, you may turn in your entries at this workshop. Major show entries are due to our office on or before Thursday, November 15th, 5 p.m. If you submit your entry after November 15th, a \$25 late fee will be charged. **NO LATE ENTRIES WILL BE ACCEPTED AFTER MONDAY, NOVEMBER 26TH, 5 P.M.** It is the individual exhibitors responsibility to turn in major show entry forms, not your club.

MAJOR SHOW ENTRY FORMS HAVE A DUE DATE OF DECEMBER 1ST PRINTED ON THEM, THIS IS THE 4-H OFFICE DEADLINE TO THE MAJOR SHOWS. We require time to check animal information, signatures, entering 4-H entries on line and more before mailing entry forms to the major shows.

Major Show Entries and Judging Contest Entries

All major show entries (San Antonio, Houston, Ft. Worth, Star of Texas) and judging contests (Livestock, Horse and Consumer Decision Making) are due before or on Thursday, November 15th to our office, 5 p.m. If you submit your entry after November 15th, a \$25 late fee will be charged. **NO LATE ENTRIES WILL BE ACCEPTED AFTER MONDAY, NOVEMBER 25TH, 5 P.M.**

To enter any major show, you must fill out the entry form, our summary sheet (pink) and pay the entry fee. It is the responsibility of each individual exhibitor to complete the entry forms and turn it into our office by or before Thursday, November 15th, 5 p.m.. If you need an entry form you can visit the show's website listed in this newsletter or give Annette a call at 467-6575.

We **DO NOT** handle **OPEN SHOW ENTRIES**, unless you are double entering your animal. If you are double entering, the open show entry form must be attached to the junior entry.

If your entry form is not filled out correctly, it will be returned to you. Please make sure all signatures are complete. Some shows require the entry form to be notarized, **WE DO NOT HAVE A NOTARY IN OUR OFFICE.** Checks should be made out to

Bexar 4-H Fund.

REMINDER, there is a night drop in the front door of the office. If you submit your entry after the due date (Thursday, November 15th), a \$25 late fee will be charged. **NO LATE ENTRIES WILL BE ACCEPTED AFTER MONDAY, NOVEMBER 25TH, 5 P.M.**

Las Vegas Night

Date: Saturday, October 20
Place: Norris Conference Center, Lower level CrossRoads Mall
Time: 5:30 p.m.
Cost: \$100 per couple

The Bexar County Junior Livestock Show (BCJLS) is hosting its annual "Las Vegas Night" fundraiser. This fundraiser helps raise money for youth of Bexar County. There will be music, dancing, open buffet and bar, silent and live auctions, raffles and prizes.

If your child exhibits at the BCJLS, you can show your support by attending the event, or make a donation for the silent or live auction. For more information, contact Tom Fletcher at 827-8076. To purchase tickets you can contact a 4-H or FFA Director.

Prospect Shows

- Judson FFA Goat/Lamb Show, Oct. 13, Judson Show Barn
- Y'all Come Back Fall Classic, Oct. 20-21, Floresville
- Silver Dollar Swine, Lamb & Goat Classic, Nov. 3, Monahans.
- Silver Dollar Steer & Heifer Show, Nov. 4, Monahans.
- Triple L Cowboy Classic, Dec. 8, Atascosa County Showbarn

Contact Annette for more information on these prospect shows.

Farm Service Agency Rural Youth Loans

These loans are available for youth ages 10-20 to finance their livestock projects. Contact our local office at 210/472-6748.

Our sponsor helps us defray the cost of postage:

Many thanks to the Bexar County Junior Livestock Show "Las Vegas Night" for sponsoring this newsletter. Check out their flyer enclosed. There are a lot of great auction items. Mark your calendar and happy bidding.

OUTDOOR FUN

CORE Program

The CORE (Conservation of Resources and Ethics Education) next program is at the Medina River Natural Area (15890 Highway 16 South) on Saturday, Oct. 13, 8:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. This program will teach you more about Quail than you ever wanted to know. Please RSVP to Nelson by Oct. 8 to make sure we have enough refreshments. If you need a ride, our County van will be available. This is on a first come, first serve basis due to limited seating. Email Nelson to get your name on the seating list. Watch the newsletter for future CORE program activities. If you have any ideas for activities or questions on any of the activities, call Nelson or send an email to nadiarte@ag.tamu.edu.

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. For more information email Don Stephens at dstephens@masonclamims.com.

Shooting Sports Website

If you need any information on any shooting sports contests or events visit <http://shooting sports.tamu.edu>.

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Scholarship Training

Date: Tuesday, Oct. 30
Place: County Extension office S-208
Time: 6:30 p.m.

If you are going to be a graduating senior (2008) and plan to apply for a 4-H Foundation Scholarship, mark your calendar and make plans to attend this training. Topics will include: Scholarship Eligibility, Sample Formats, Rules for Completing Applications and more.

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.

Resources for Club Planning

Club Ed is a great resource for Club Managers. There are suggestions on planning your club monthly meetings, club officer installation ceremonies and more. Visit <http://texas4-h.tamu.edu/clubed/>.

2007 Source Book

We have the Source Book (4-H Catalog) available in our office. You can order ribbons, awards, certificates, curriculum anything 4-H related from this catalog. Come by anytime to pick one up or order from their website: www.4-hmall.org.

COMMUNITY SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES

Prudential Spirit of Community Awards

This award recognizes youth in grades 5-12 on their volunteer activities. If you feel you have made a positive difference through a volunteer activity during the past year, contact Pam for an more information and an application. Applications are due to our office by Oct. 26. Awards include \$1,000 and a trip to Washington DC.

Let's Say Thanks

Saying thanks to our members of the armed services. Visit www.lets say thanks.com where you pick out a thank you card and Xerox will print it for free and send it to a soldier. You can't pick who gets it, but a soldier serving in Iraq will receive it.

100 Pennies for 100 Years

The Texas 4-H and Youth Development Program will celebrate our 4-H 100th Anniversary beginning September 1, 2007. Bexar County 4-H Council officers selected this idea as our first community service opportunity. You can bring your pennies to the any event 4-H has scheduled .

Handmade Placemats

The Jimenez Thanksgiving Dinner is in need of handmade placements for their annual dinner. Placemats should be made from 12"x18" construction paper, your design and then signed "Handmade by Bexar County 4-H". Please turn in your placemats to the 4-H office by Nov. 12.

Birthday Party in a Shoebox

Collect items such as cake mixes, candles, balloons, everything that would be included for a birthday party. Decorate your shoebox by wrapping the top and bottom separate. These boxes will be distributed to shelters for youth and senior citizens for those that may be forgotten on their special day. For a suggested list of items to put in your shoebox visit our website or call Pam.

Las Vegas Night Donation

This event raises money to purchase animals at the Bexar County Junior Livestock Show Auction. It does not matter if you exhibit at this show or not, you can help by donating an item for the silent or live auctions. Crafty items, homemade items, baked goods are all great for a silent auction item. If you have anything you would like to donate contact Tom at 827-8076. Items can be dropped off at the 4-H office.

Bexar County 4-H Outreach Recycling Fundraiser

The 4-H Outreach Program has an exciting fundraising effort. 4-H Outreach clubs are collecting empty inkjet, laser, copier and fax cartridges for recycling and earn money at the same time. 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 in our office.

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

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

4-H CLUB NEWS

Helotes Only - Ethan Walz

Helotes 4-H LSO met on Monday, Sept. 10th. The meeting was called to order at 7 p.m. but the club managers. New officers were introduced and the meeting was continued by this years president, Makenna Lange. The pledge and motto were said. A moment of silence was taken to remember all of the 9-11 victims. The club kicked off it's first community service project - Coin Drive benefiting the Fisher House. This community service project will be one of ten for the year. Project leaders were introduced and each spoke to members about projects and upcoming events. Madelyn Schott spoke to the group about the history of Helotes 4-H and what the club has accomplished over the years. She also explained to the group that Helotes 4-H is one of the few clubs in the state to own its own facility and the importance of parent participation to keep the building and things running smoothly. Parents were than asked to attend a short meeting with club managers while members stayed to play games. Parents were informed about specific validation dates and the importance of meeting these dates, registering for stock shows, booster club and how the club needed more parent involvement. The September meeting was adjourned.

East Central 4-H - Michelle Berry

We held our monthly meeting on Aug. 20 at Mesquite Hall. The meeting was called to order by Ashley Morales. Then the new officers were introduced and new members were recognized. Members announced their placings in shows they participated in. Sign up sheets were available for members interested in showing rabbits and enrollment forms were handed out. Next meeting is Sept. 10, 7 p.m. at Mesquite Hall.

East Central 4-H - Michelle Berry

We held our monthly meeting on Sept. 10 at Mesquite hall. The meeting was called to order by Ethan Schneider. Then Haleigh Ricks read the Treasurer's report. New members were introduced and recent awards were announced. Sign-up sheets were available for the chocolate sale and livestock judging. The awards for recordbooks were given to members. We discussed the selling of raffle tickets for the building fund and the entry forms for Bexar County. Some community service projects that are coming up is the Lone Oak Picnic on Sept. 16 and the Ronald McDonald House on Oct. 14. Next meeting is Oct. 1, 7 p.m. at Mesquite Hall.

Leon Springs 4-H - Samantha Gerlach

We recognized our old members and introduced our new members. Went over events coming up. We had an amazing bagpipe artist play for opening and closing ceremonies. When the meeting was over we had refreshments.

CLOVERS TO

Many thanks to Santanna & Tony Duron, Jasmine Garcia, Veronica Juarez, Marion Maldonado, Makenna Lange & family and Esther & Sarah Sell for helping to fold the September Newsletter.

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

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ROUNDUP (PUBLIC SPEAKING) NOVEMBER 3, 2007

CONTEST CATEGORIES

Agronomy	Family Life	Housing & Home Environment	Safety & Injury Prevention
Beef	Farm & Ranch Economics	Meat Science	Sheep and/or Goats
Clothing & Textiles	Food & Nutrition	Natural Resources	Share the Fun (Vocal,
Companion Animals	Health	Open	Musical, Dance and more)
Computer & Technology	Horse	Promote 4-H	Shooting Sports
Consumer Life Skills	Horticulture	Public Speaking	

ROUNDUP REGISTRATION FORM

Individual Name/Team Names: _____

Circle Age Category: *Junior (8-10)* *Intermediate (11-13)* *Senior (14-19)*

Contest Category: _____

Circle One: *Individual Presentation* *Team Presentation*

Title of Presentation: _____
