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QUOTE OF THE MONTH

“All truths are easy to understand once they are discovered; the point is to discover them.” Galileo Galilei

National 4-H Week and Texas 4-H Centennial

The Texas 4-H and Youth Development Program will celebrate our 4-H 100th Anniversary beginning September 1, 2007. 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**



- Rabbit Workshop 9/12
- Chocolate Sale Kick Off 9/25
- Vet Science Workshop 10/1
- Council/Adult Meeting 10/18
- 4-H Week 10/7-13
- Spurs 4-H Night 10/20
- Recordbook Training 10/23
- County Roundup 11/ 3
- County Food Show 11/10

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This month's newsletter is sponsored by San Antonio Stock Show Fall Fest and Silpada Designs. Check out their flyers enclosed.

HERE'S THE LATEST

Re-Enroll Now....

You must re-enroll in 4-H by September 30 for the 2007-2008 year. You can re-enroll starting at your next meeting. To be eligible to compete in activities beginning in October you need to enroll in September. After September 30, if you have **NOT** re-enrolled you will be removed from our mailing list and no longer receive this newsletter. 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.

Adult leaders that had background screening completed in 2004-2005 must have a new screening completed. Screening are good for 3 years. Background screening is \$10, unless you have had one done through another organization within the last three years (work, church, girl scouts, etc.). If you have any questions, please give our office a call.

County 4-H Awards Program

This was an exciting night, all county awards and college scholarships were presented. There were over 400 youth, volunteers and guests in attendance. If you could not attend, our office has your award/medal/pin. Come by anytime to pick up your award. The silent auction was a big success thanks to all of you. Over \$2,000 was made. Special thanks goes to everyone that donated items and everyone that participated in the silent auction. We also tried something new this year, which was a plant sale. Everyone raved about the beautiful baskets and seemed to enjoy trying to decide which basket to buy.

Club Manager Training

We had a great turnout at both Club Manager trainings. If you **were not** able to attend one of these trainings, we have club manager packets available at the office. Club charter packets are due to our office by September 26. The CD we handed out last year was updated with the current Awards & Recognition Handbook, Newcomer Handbook, Recordbook Forms and more. Contact our office to set up an appointment to review all paperwork for the new year.

New This Year! - Project Exhibits

Several awards in the Awards and Recognition Handbook list "Project Exhibits - County Level" as one of the criteria items 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. Your first opportunity will be County Roundup on Nov. 3. This is 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.

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.

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.

Club Officer Training

Fun was had by all that attended the training. Officer's learned more than they ever wanted to know about running a meeting. If you hold an officer position at your club and **did not** attend the training, we have officer packets available at the office. Contact our office to set up an appointment to review your officer packet.

-If you are the President, you should have a Club Officer packet

-If you are the Secretary, you should have a Club Officer packet and the Secretary Handbook

-If you are the Treasurer, you should have a Club Officer packet and the Treasurer Handbook

-If you are the Reporter, you should have a Club Officer packet and the Reporter Forms

Chocolate Sale Kick-Off

Date: **Tuesday, September 25**

Time: 6:30 p.m.

Place: County Extension office

Club chocolate chairpersons or club managers are invited to attend to eat (pizza) and haul away your chocolate. Funds earned are divided between the 4-H Council and the clubs. Your club earns \$10 for every case of chocolate sold. Every

person selling \$50 puts their name in a drawing for prizes. Watch the next newsletter for a list of prizes. Each club needs to send their chocolate chairperson to this kick-off. There will be a list of locations (Walmart, Sams, etc.) to sign up to sell your chocolate. Get with your club to find out how much chocolate you would like to order. The mixed cases sold very well last year, so were going for it again. This year they are adding dark chocolate to the mixed case.

Rural Youth Award

This award is for youth who have shown outstanding leadership in 4-H and the community.

- must be 16 and a high school junior Aug. 31, 07
- active member at least 3 years
- must degree in an agriculture, life science major
- and much more

For complete criteria and application give Pam a call or visit our website. Application due to the District office by Sept. 15.

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 make some important decisions. There will be leadership activities, a program and business to be voted on. Please mark this meeting on your calendar. Future meeting dates are January 17 and April 17.

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

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 deadline, 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!!!!

Salvation Army Doll/Bear Auction

The Annual Doll/Bear Auction will benefit the Salvation Army. You can help by dressing the dolls/ bears. Clothing should be hand crafted, creative and imaginative. Call ahead to order your dolls/bears from Cathy at 352-2000. Dolls/bears are due by Friday, Sept. 21st. For detailed information on instructions and categories contact Pam

Texas 4-H Technology Team

Applications are now being accepted for the state technology team. This team is open to youth (ages 14 and up), volunteers or parents. The teams objectives are to improve communication throughout the 4-H program through websites, email lists, newsletters, and other electronic media. For more information and an application contact Pam. Applications are due to A&M by Sept. 15.

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.

Veterinary Science Workshop

Date: Monday, Oct. 1
Place: County Extension office S-208
Time: 7 p.m.

This workshop is the first of a learning series to help youth met their required learning lessons in the veterinary science project. Mark your calendar.

Life Skills & Leadership Institute

Date: Thursday, Sept. 27
Place: Incredible Pizza
Time: 8 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.

This program is for youth 13-19 years of age. You will explore career choices, strengthen your leadership and communication skills, learn time management and much more. The first 20 participants who turn in their registration form will receive a free lunch. Otherwise, lunch is a \$6 buffet. For more information and a registration form contact Patrice.

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.

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

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.

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 your self!

Fun Foods Training

Foods projects teach about healthy eating, staying active and how to prepare great recipes. The project highlight is the County Food Show and Nutrition Quiz Bowl. This year the food show and quiz bowl will be held on November 10, place to be announced, watch your next newsletter for location. Entry deadline for the Food Show is October 29. If you need a packet of information and entry forms, contact Annette. This year Sylvia Moran is the foods team leader.

MyPyramid and the Dietary Guidelines

Date: Wednesday, Sept. 19
Place: County Extension Office, S-208
Time: 6:30-8:00 p.m.

This training is for adults and teen leaders 12 and up. We will go in-depth on the Pyramid and Dietary Guidelines.

RSVP to Annette by Sept. 18 to make sure we have enough handouts.

Thanks to our sponsors:

-San Antonio Stock Show Fall Fest
-Silpada Designs

Leaders “Learn and Teach”

Date: Saturday, September 22
Place: Expanded Nutrition Office - 96 CrossRoads
Time: 9:00a.m. -12:00p.m.

This training is for adults and teen leaders to learn new ideas and recipes to take back to club and project meetings. RSVP to Annette by Sept. 19th so we can plan for food and handouts.

Food and Nutrition Project Community Service

Cooking kits and Parties in a Box

This year we are working with the families at 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 those in the shelter. 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: TBA
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.

Women love Silpada jewelry! Great idea as a fundraiser for your club. Call Janice for more information on the flyer enclosed.

County Nutrition Quiz Bowl

Date: Saturday, November 10
Place: TBA
Time: 6:30 p.m.

If you are interested in entering this contest and need more information contact Connie. Deadline to enter is Oct. 29.

County Food Show

Date: Saturday, November 10
Place: TBA
Due: Paperwork due Oct. 29

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 project. 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 our the 4-H office. **Information letter and forms will also be available on our website.**

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 efdodd@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://texas4hvolunteervoice.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://texas4h.tamu.edu/project/clothingandtextiles.htm>.) and print chapters that you would like to share with your members.

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...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 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 registration form enclosed and return by Wednesday, Oct. 24. For more information on Roundup there are several booklets available from our office or contact Pam.

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 will be available late September. You can print one from the Texas 4-H website at <http://texas4-h.tamu.edu/roundup> or from our website.

HORSE NEWS

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 should make every effort to attend this meeting.

New 2007-2008 Horse Leader Officers

President - Marshall Milikien

Vice President - Mary Stiegel

Secretary - Gail Sanchez

Treasurer - Jamie Milikien

Show Secretary - Marshall Milikien

Show Supervisor - Danny Sanchez

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 Park

Time: 11 a.m.

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

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: Sept 8, Oct. 13, Nov. 10, Dec. 8 and Jan. 12

Place: Bexar County Sheriff's Mounted Posse Arena

Time: Sept, 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.

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.html.

LIVESTOCK NEWS

Bexar County Broilers

Orders are due September 8th, 5 p.m. to our office. Please submit your order in writing with the following information: Name, address, club, exhibitor SS#, phone number and number of birds you are ordering. Cost is \$1.25 per chick. Each exhibitor or family must purchase a minimum of 25 or a maximum of 50 per exhibitor. REMINDER: You **CANNOT** show these broilers at SALE or Houston shows only at the Bexar County Junior Livestock Show. Make your check payable to Bexar 4-H Fund. The entry fee to exhibit your broilers is a separate fee which will be paid with your Bexar County entry form fees due in November.



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.

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
TBA	East Central	TBA

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, TBA	East Central	TBA

Bexar County Junior Livestock Show Website

Check out their new website at www.bcjls.com. **2008** Bexar County Rules are now posted on their website. Entry information will be available from our office and their website by late September. Your Club Manager will have up to date information weekly, always check with them.

Rabbit Clinic

Date: Wednesday, September 12
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 Activity Center.

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.

Steer & Heifer Clinic

Date: November TBA
Place: TBA

Watch your next newsletter for date and location.

Stock Shows

We have **NOT** received entry information on:

Dates have been set for these stock shows:

2008 Bexar County Junior Livestock Show - Jan. 1-5, 2008
2008 Ft. Worth Stock Show & Rodeo - Jan. 11 - Feb. 3, 2008
2008 San Antonio Stock Show & Rodeo - Jan. 31-Feb. 17, 2008
2008 San Angelo Stock Show - February 21 Mar. -2, 2008
2008 Houston Stock Show & Rodeo - Mar. 3 - Mar 22, 2008
2008 Star of Texas Stock Show & Rodeo - Feb. 29 -Mar, 15, 2008

Please mark these dates on your calendar.

Texas Show Pig Sales Trail

The Show Pig Trails will be available around September 17th. Call Annette if you would like a copy or go to the Show Pig Sales website at: www.texaspork.org.

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 2006-2007:

Guadalupe County-Oct. 6	Due: Sept. 28
Texas A&M-TBA	Due: TBA
Bexar County-Jan. 4	Due: Jan. 4
Nueces County-Jan. TBA	Due: Jan. TBA
S.A.L.E.-Feb. TBA	Due: Nov. TBA
Houston-Mar. TBA	Due: Nov. TBA
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.

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 it's 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

-DeWitt Steer & Heifer Weekend Blowout, Sept. 8 & 9, Cuero.

-Medina County Fair Meat Goat & Lamb Show - Sept. 15-16, Medina County Fairgrounds, Hondo. Deadline Sept. 8.

-Comal County Fair - September 25-30, New Braunfels.

Deadline Sept. 13.

-Howard County Fair - Sept. 26 - 30, Big Spring. Deadline Sept. 15.

-Ft. Bend Fair Heifer Show - September 27-October 6, Rosenberg. Deadline Sept. 17.

-Guadalupe County Fair & Rodeo - October 11-14, Guadalupe County Fairgrounds. Deadline Sept. 28.

-Silver Dollar Swine, Lamb & Goat Classic, Nov. 3, Monahans.

-Silver Dollar Steer & Heifer Show, Nov. 4, Monahans.

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.

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.

San Antonio Stock Show Fall Fest is September 28-29. There is a Casino Night, Brisket Cook Off and Mutton Bustin. Check out their flyer enclosed for more details.

OUTDOOR FUN

CORE Program

The CORE (Conservation of Resources and Ethics Education) next program is at the Bracken Bat Cave, Tuesday, Sept. 11, 5:30 p.m. There will be a convey leaving the Wendy's at IH35 North & FM 3009 at 5:30 p.m. to the bat cave. The Bracken Bat Cave is home to 20-40 million Mexican free-tailed bats. Once the program begins no one will be allowed to enter or leave. Program will last approximately 2-3 hours. Please RSVP to Nelson by Sept. 7 to make sure we have enough refreshments. Other activities are planned for Saturday, Oct. 13, 8:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. at the Medina River Natural Area. If you have any questions on any of the activities call Nelson or send an email to nadiarte@ag.tamu.edu.

Fall Shooting Sports Leaders/Coaches Workshop

Date: Sept. 28 - 29

Place: Kerrville

Cost: \$160

This workshop is for adults and members age 14 up. Choose one discipline from Archery, Rifle, Pistol, Shotgun and more. For a registration form contact Pam. Deadline is Sept. 12.

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://shootingsports.tamu.edu>.

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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.

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.

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/>.

COMMUNITY SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES

District 10 Community Service - Operation Holidays

Operation Holidays is the promotion of health, morale and welfare for our soldiers of the United States of America deployed overseas by sending them care packages for **any** holiday. Our district has been assigned a list of needed items. Please visit our website or call Pam for a copy of the list. Donations can be dropped off at our office.

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 .

Let's Say Thanks

Saying thanks to our members of the armed services. Visit www.lets saythanks.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.

Contact your Club Manager for up to date information on any activities.

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.

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.

CLOVERS TO

Thank you to Rebecca & Victoria Campbell, Ben & Josh Hall, Kelly & Ryan Jonas, Promise King, Roy Womack and Kathleen Alonso for helping to fold the August Newsletter.

Congratulations to the SALE \$12,000 Scholarship Recipients:

Melissa Barnett	Justin Lowery
Paul Hamby	Amanda Martinez
Robert Harmon	Matt Phillips
Ariel Johnson	Tim Pursell
Fran Lewis	Karen Sullivan

Bronze Star Award Recipients:

Avery Burkholder	Sarah Newman
Sarah Ledwig	Katalina Pruneda
Leah Marvel	Tiffani Shuler

Silver Star Award Recipients:

Frank Aniol	Katie Jagge
Casey Carpenter	Dillion Oatman
Levi Hevner	Jared Pieniazek

Gold Star Award Recipients:

Justin Adams	Victoria Campell
Jacob Ballard	Rob Harmon
Brooke Byrd	April Johnson
Rebecca Campbell	

Congratulations to our 1st placing senior recordbooks moving on to the Texas 4-H Leadership Conference in Washington DC: Matt Phillips-Housing & Home Environment, Rebecca Campbell-Leadership and Rob Harmon-Sportfishing.

State Recordbook Judging Results

David Daniel - Aquatic Science	3 rd
Victoria Campbell - Communication/Expressive Arts	3 rd
Whitney Larson - Gardening/ Horticulture	8 th
Karissa Milu - Horse	9 th
Matt Phillips - Housing/Home Environment	1 st
Rebecca Campbell - Leadership	1 st
Kaci DeCock - Poultry	6 th
Bryan Scarberry - Public Speaking	9 th
Andre Jones - Recreation	5 th
Rob Harmon - Sportfishing	1 st
Jackie Binder - Veterinary Science	4 th
Kristin Wilkes - Wildlife/Fisheries	2 nd

Thanks to everyone who donated to the Awards Program Auction:

Sea World	George Strait
Katalina Pruneda	Carpenter 4-H Family
Martin 4-H Family	Nan Masters
Angelique's Jewels & Treasures	Jim's
Phillips 4-H Family	Tarpley 4-H Family
Alamo Metro 4-H Club	EZ's Restaurant
Southwest Airlines	Carlos Kelly's Restaurant
Bandit Golf Club	Harmon 4-H Family
Sheila Harris	Frost Bank
Spurs	Hard Rock Café
Texas Roadhouse	Retama Park
Boudro's	Marvel 4-H Family
Alamo Café	Hevner 4-H Family
Golden Wok	Bexar County 4-H
Republic Golf Club	Kersch 4-H Family
Harmon 4-H Family	Washington 4-H Family
Six Flags	IHOP
Sea Island	Forsight Golf
DeWinne 4-H Family	Stiegel 4-H Family
Tondre 4-H Family	Stevens 4-H Family
Matt's Granite Creations	
National Wildlife Turkey Federation	
Bexar County Junior Livestock Show	

County Scrapbook Results:

St. Hedwig-1st, Southwest Roughriders -2nd, Team K - 3rd.

2006-2007 Honor Clubs:

Alamo Metro	Randolph Youth Programs
East Central	Southside
Encino	St. Hedwig
Lackland Youth Programs	Team K
Leon Valley	Western Wranglers

Thank you to this months sponsors:

San Antonio Stock Show Fall Fest

Silpada Designs

Thank you for helping us to defray the cost of postage. Check out their flyers enclosed.

4-H CLUB NEWS

St. Hedwig 4-H - Allison Moore

St. Hedwig held its meeting on Aug. 2, at the American Legion Hall in St. Hedwig. Members filled out registration forms. New members were welcomed and were reminded about the upcoming officer training and awards ceremony. The members who did a recordbook will receive a \$20 incentive. The Salvation Army bears were handed out and the community service project, 100 Pennies per 100 Years was discussed. The next meeting will be on Thursday, Sept. 6,7 p.m. again at the American Legion Hall.

Bexar County 4-H Horse Judging - Esther Sell

We held the end of the year party. Discussed the upcoming year and Paint World. 3 members and 1 adult went to A&M Horse Judging Camp for 3 days.

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

Jerry Warren

County Extension Agent-Ag.

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Patrice Hertzock Barnes

Extension Agent 4-H, CEP

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We will seek to provide reasonable accommodations for all persons with disabilities for our events. We request that you contact our office 2 weeks in advance of the event to advise us of the auxiliary aid or service that you will require.

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: _____

Due to Bexar County 4-H Office by 5:00 p.m. on Wednesday, October 24.