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## April 2007



### QUOTE THIS MONTH

"The Earth laughs in flowers," Ralph Waldo Emerson  
Remember Earth Day is April 21

### THANKS TO OUR SPONSOR!

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### EARTH DAY

On April 22, 1970, 20 million people across America celebrated the first Earth Day. It was a time when cities were buried under their own smog and polluted rivers caught fire. Now Earth Day is celebrated annually around the globe. Here are ways to make your home Green.

#### Reduce Energy Usage

Turn off appliances and lights when you leave the room.  
Use the microwave to cook small meals. (It uses less power than an oven.)

Have leaky air conditioning and refrigeration systems repaired.

Cut back on air conditioning and heating use if you can.

Insulate your home, water heater and pipes.

Keep in mind that every trip adds to air pollution.

Replace incandescent light bulbs with Energy Star qualified Compact Fluorescent Light bulbs (CFL). If every household in the U.S. replaced one light bulb with a CFL, it would prevent enough pollution to equal removing one million cars from the road.

[http://www.energystar.gov/index.cfm?c=cfls.pr\\_cfls](http://www.energystar.gov/index.cfm?c=cfls.pr_cfls)

#### Use less water

Don't let the water run while shaving or brushing teeth.

Take short showers instead of tub baths.

Scrape, rather than rinse, dishes before loading into the dishwasher; wash only full loads.

Wash only full loads of laundry or use the appropriate water level or load size selection on the washing machine.

Water the lawn or garden during the coolest part of the day (early morning is best).

Water plants differently according to what they need.

Set sprinklers to water the lawn or garden only – not the street or sidewalk. .

#### Recycle:

Recycle paper (printer paper, newspapers, mail, etc.), plastic, glass bottles, cardboard, and aluminum cans. If your community doesn't collect at the curb, take them to a collection center.

Compost food scraps, grass and other yard clippings, and dead plants. Close the loop - buy recycled products and products that use recycled packaging. That's what makes recycling economically possible.

### DATES HAVE BEEN SET

County Council/Adult Leaders Mtg.-April 12

Project Show - May 12

County Recordbooks DUE -June 25

Gold Star Interviews - July 12

Scholarship Interviews - July 17

Club Manager Training - Aug. 6 or 7



### VISIT OUR WEBSITE

#### Email Addresses

The office website address is: [bexar-tx.tamu.edu](http://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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#### New 4-H Blog Site

Check out the Bexar County 4-H Update Blog site. We will use the this blog as a tool to keep 4-H families updated on any changes or new information that we have received after the monthly newsletter has been printed. We will post our updates every Friday afternoon. You can find the blog on our 4-H website <http://bexar-tx.tamu.edu/4H/index.htm> Look under links section for Update Blog. You can also find the blog at <http://bexar4hupdate.blogspot.com>.

#### Newsletter Information

When we compile the newsletter articles, we have room for only the basic information. There is no way we could put all the detailed information on each article or the newsletter would be 20 pages long. We want to make the newsletter as informative as possible, but not to lengthy. If you need more information or have any questions on any article, please give our office a call or visit our website.

### HERE'S THE LATEST

#### District 4-H Council Officer Applications

Due: May 1 to the District Office

Any 4-H'er who has served as a member of a District 4-H Council as a voting delegate is eligible to seek an office on the District 4-H Council. If you were a voting delegate at one time and are interested in applying for a position, contact Pam for officer descriptions and application.

## SCHOLARSHIPS

### San Antonio Livestock Exposition Cooperative Extension Program Scholarship

SALE and Cooperative Extension Program (CEP) will award 2 four year scholarship for \$10,000 each. These scholarships will be awarded to outstanding minority students who are seeking a Bachelor of Science degree at Prairie View A&M University in any area related to agriculture and human sciences. For list of degrees and more information give Patrice a call. Scholarships are due to our office April 5.

### Norman Vestal Memorial Scholarship

The Rotary Club of San Antonio will give four (\$500) scholarships to 2007 graduating seniors who plan to pursue a career in agriculture (to include agribusiness). Requirements include: school transcripts, three letters of recommendation and an essay limited to 1000 words. Deadline is April 2nd, 5 p.m. This is open to all Bexar County graduating seniors. **NO LATE APPLICATIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED.** For a copy of the criteria contact Annette at the office.

### Alamo Community College Scholarship

The Alamo Community College District (ACCD) Foundation and the San Antonio Livestock Exposition are seeking students who wish to pursue challenging and rewarding careers in one of the following program areas: Agribusiness, Agriculture, Allied Health, Nursing, Pre-Medicine, Veterinary Technology and more. Call Pam for an application and list of program areas. Application is due by April 13 to the Alamo Community College District.

### Bill Wyche, Jr. Memorial Scholarship

The Texas Section of the Society for Range Management is offering \$1,000 college scholarships to deserving high school seniors who are interested in range management studies. Call Annette for an application and guidelines. Application is due April 30<sup>th</sup>.

### 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](http://collegefortexans.com) or [fastweb.com](http://fastweb.com).

### Preparing for College

Here is everything Texans need to know about preparing for college. Visit [www.collegefortexans.com/default2.cfm](http://www.collegefortexans.com/default2.cfm).

## COUNCIL CANDIDATE

### Candidate Opportunity

Listed below are those interested in being considered as a candidate for this year's County 4-H Council Officer Elections. Be sure to read each candidate's summary. Elections will be held at our regularly scheduled County 4-H Council Meeting Thursday, April 12th. **Nominations will also be taken from the floor the day of the meeting.** Bexar County 4-H Council By-Laws states criteria to run for office:

✓Officers shall be elected from present or past membership of the Council (any year previously attended as a Club President, Council Delegate or Committee/Task Force Member).

✓A member must have completed two (2) years of club work, including the current year, to be eligible for a council office.

✓A member may run for office after their 13<sup>th</sup> birthday. Officers may not have passed their 18<sup>th</sup> birthday before August 31, of the year in which they are elected.

✓No member can hold the office of District Delegate during the 4-H year in which he/she graduates from high school.

Whomever, wins the officer position of Council Treasurer, one of their parents will become Adult Treasurer.

**Who votes for your new County Council Officers?** In each club, you voted for your club officers along with two (2) club delegates. Your club delegates attend the Council Meetings and represent your club and vote. If you only have one (1) club delegate the other defaults to your club president. Club delegates, make sure to mark your calendar for the April meeting to cast your vote for your new 2007-2008 County Council Officers.

### Jacob Ballard

I am 16 years old and attend Antonian High School. I have actively participated in 4-H for 8 years with my major projects being Beef Cattle, Goat, Public Speaking and Consumer Decision. I am running for the office of Vice President or District Delegate. I would be the best candidate for this position because I actively attend all meetings and report back to my club and projects at the monthly meeting. I am also the Chairman of the Bexar County Youth Advisory Board. Please vote for me so I may represent you at the meetings.

### Nathan Brooks

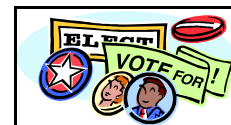
I am 15 years old and have been homeschooled since the 1<sup>st</sup> grade. I have been a member of 4-H for 8 years with the Braun Club and now the Encino Club where I presently hold the office of alternate Council Delegate. The projects I am involved in are: Shooting Sports, Foods, Clothing & Textiles, Photography, Horticulture, Public Speaking and Citizenship. I have learned many wonderful things through 4-H and would like to have the opportunity to run for an office in the Bexar County Council and give back to 4-H some of what it has given to me.

### County 4-H Council/Adult Leaders Meeting

Date: Thursday, April 12<sup>th</sup>

Place: Expanded Nutrition Program Office,  
96 Crossroads

Time: **6:30 p.m.**



This meeting will begin promptly at **6:30 p.m.** a little earlier due to Council officer elections. Every club delegate has a vote to decide who will be on the 2007-2008 County 4-H Council. Make your calendar and make plans to attend this meeting. There will be elections and many things to discuss.

## AWARDS/RECOGNITION

### Gloria Barron Prize for Young Heroes

The Barron Prize recognizes outstanding young people (ages 8-18) who have shown leadership and courage in public service to people and our planet. 4-H members are doing incredible things to make a difference in our community, the Barron Prize wants to honor them. A \$2,000 cash award is given to the winner. Deadline is April 30. For more information on how to nominate someone, contact Pam at the office or visit their website at [www.barronprize.org](http://www.barronprize.org).

### 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.

## 4-H OFFICE POLICIES & INFO

### 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 the lunch time, call in advance so that your information will be ready to pick up with the receptionist.

### Making Copies

Our copy allotment is limited, so if you need a copy of a form for your file, please make copies before turning forms into our office.

### 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 1/2 by 11 page of information. Cost is approximately \$110 and is mailed to over 795 families. If a sponsor needs more information, please contact Pam at 467-6575.

### Clarification On Event Entry Forms & Eligibility

We would like to clarify between event entry forms and eligibility forms.....event entry forms and paperwork (ie: stock shows, food shows, fashion shows, round-ups, etc...) vary in nature, depending on the event. They have strict deadlines and will **not be** extended.

Second, an eligibility form, required by the state of Texas "no pass, no play" rule for competitive events, is another issue. On several events, we ask that all forms be turned in at the same time so that we can have time to review them before the event....**but** we also understand that since we have so many different grading periods in schools and districts, that some eligibility forms do not get signed by the due date. We will work with you and your school, so if you are having trouble getting eligibility forms to us, please call to let us know and we will work with you.

In all cases, you would not be able to participate if we do not receive the eligibility form before the event. We hope this helps. If you have any further questions about this, please let us know.

### All Competitive Events Need Eligibility Forms

Please be reminded that all competitive events require eligibility forms, even if conducted during the holidays - ie: consumer decision, livestock show, etc. If you have entered a contest and within 10 days of the contest have **NOT** received an eligibility form to take to your school, call our office right away. It is your job to get the formed signed by the school and turned into our office before the event.

There are some circumstances that non-competitive events will also require eligibility forms ie: school tours, etc. due to the fact you will need permission to be out of school. If you have signed up to participate in these types of events, please keep an eye out for your form.

### If You Win....

If you win at a county contest, you will advance to the district contest. Our office provides entry information on the district contest to you which includes how to enter on line on the 4-H Connect program and deadlines. It is then your responsibility to complete the entry by the due date or it will not be accepted.



### Deadlines

Due dates and times are important. Our due dates are decided upon according to District and State due dates. Deadlines will be according to office hours 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. Monday-Friday. **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 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.

## LEARN AND HAVE FUN TOO!!!!

### District Photography Contest

This contest will be held in conjunction with the District Fashion Show on April 28 in San Marcos. Pre-registration is required via 4-H Connect at <http://texas4-h.tamu.edu/> and click on 4-H Connect from April 1-17. Photos must be mounted and 8x10. Entry fee is \$5per 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.**

### National 4-H Congress

Date: November 22-28  
Place: Atlanta, Georgia  
Cost: \$1,400  
Deadline: April 18

This program is for ages 14-19 and touches on youth issues, leadership, appreciating diversity and community service learning. For more information and how to register contact Pam or visit our website ([bexar-tx.tamu.edu](http://bexar-tx.tamu.edu)).

### Project Show

Date: Saturday, May 12  
Place: Helotes 4-H Activity Center  
Due: May 1  
Fee: \$3 per entry



The Bexar County 4-H Project Show is just around the corner. Get your photographs, artwork, baked goods, quilts and more ready! There will be wonderful projects to see and prizes to be won. This show is open to anyone, they **DO NOT** have to be enrolled in 4-H. Spread the word to your friends, school and anyone you think would like to show off their creative skills. If you need an entry form contact your Club Manager or our office or visit our website. **YOU DO NOT NEED AN ELIGIBILITY FORM FOR THIS CONTEST.** You can drop off your entries on Friday, May 11 between 6-8 p.m. or Saturday, May 12 between 9-10 a.m. **YOU DO NOT NEED TO BE PRESENT FOR JUDGING.** Awards presentation of ribbons is at 1:30 p.m. We need judges to help evaluate the entries. If you are interested in judging, please give Pam a call.

### District 4-H Horticulture Show

Date: Saturday, May 26, 9 - 10 a.m. registration  
Place: Alzafar Shrine Temple, 901 North Loop 1604  
Cost: \$5 per member, due on May 26

There are 35 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.

**Thank you Dorazio Enterprises for sponsoring this newsletter, check out their flyer enclosed.**

## **ROUNDUP**

### **Texas 4-H Roundup**

Date: June 5-8  
Place: College Station

If you are a senior (14-19) and participated in District Roundup and placed in your contest you get to advance to Texas Roundup. We will be mailing out Texas Roundup Packets in early April, if you don't receive your packet by mid April, please contact our office ASAP. Registration to enter Texas Roundup begins April 18 - May 9. Deadline to enter Texas Roundup is May 9<sup>th</sup>.

### **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

### **2007 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.

## **CAMPS, CAMPS AND MORE CAMPS**

### **District 10 Leadership Lab**

Date: June 28-30  
Place: 4-H Conference Center, Brownwood  
Cost: \$150 (lodging, meals, insurance)  
Age: 13 (as of June 28, 2007) - 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 13- June 1. If you need more information about the lab and how to register contact Pam.

### **West Region 4-H Junior High Leadership Lab**

Date: June 14-16  
Place: 4-H Conference Center, Brownwood  
Cost: \$130  
Due: Registration forms due to our office by May 10

This lab is open to 4-H members going into the 6-8 grade this fall. Registration is on 4-H CONNECT from April 23 - May 11. There will be fun activities to include: swimming, costume contest, treasure hunt and more. For more information, registration forms and agenda contact Pam.

### **Operation Purple Summer Camp**

Date: July 30 - Aug. 3 (grades 3-5 as of Sept. 1, 2007)  
Place: Texas 4-H Center, Brownwood

Date: July 29 - Aug. 3 (ages 14 - 18 years old)  
Place: YMCA Camp Hamman Ranch, Bandera

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. Registration is now thru May 1. For more information and registration visit their website: [www.operation.purple.org](http://www.operation.purple.org).

### **H.S. Estelle 4-H Youth Camp**

Date: June 25-29 or July 9-13  
Place: Huntsville  
Ages: 3<sup>rd</sup> grade - 17 years  
Cost: To be Determined  
Due: To be Determined

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 12-14  
Place: Prairie View A&M University  
Cost: To be Determined  
Ages: 14-19  
Due: To be Determined

Explore careers in Ag & Natural Resources, Communications, Entrepreneurship, Health Careers and more. Contact Pam or Patrice for an application packet or visit our website.

### **SpecTra '07**

Date: July 24-28  
Place: Texas 4-H Center, Brownwood  
Cost: \$285.00

Spectra is for youth (age 14-18) to enhance project knowledge, expand leadership skills, explore careers, and strengthen their self-image. Sessions include: Outdoor Education, Photo Technology, Leadership, Culinary Arts and more. Adult chaperones are needed and will receive a discount if they attend. Applications are taken on a first come, first serve basis. **Registration will be on line via 4-H Connect** at <http://4-h.tamu.edu/> and click on 4-H Connect. For more information on this camp visit <http://texas4h-ctr.tamu.edu>.

### **Prime Time '07**

Session 1 - July 15-18 (age 12-13)  
Session 2 - July 18-21 (age 9-11)  
Place: Texas 4-H Center, Brownwood  
Cost: \$183.00

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. Activities include: swimming, canoeing, crafts, climbing and more. Applications are taken on a first come, first serve basis. **Registration will be on line via 4-H Connect** at <http://4-h.tamu.edu/> and click on 4-H Connect. For more information on this camp visit <http://texas4h-ctr.tamu.edu>

### **Mission Possible**

Date: June 20-22  
Place: Texas 4-H Center, Brownwood  
Cost: \$115.00

This camp is for youth who are physically or learning disabled, or developmentally delayed ages 9 - 18 years. Activities include: swimming, canoeing, archery, crafts, fishing and more. Applications are taken on a first come, first serve basis. **Registration will be on line via 4-H Connect** at <http://4-h.tamu.edu/> and click on 4-H Connect. For more information on this camp visit <http://texas4h-ctr.tamu.edu>.

## RECORDBOOK INFO

### Recordbook 101 Workshop

Date: Monday April 16  
Place: Hays County Extension Office  
Time: 6:30 p.m.

Recordbooks are a complete account of your 4-H career, experiences, and activities. This information can be used for scholarship applications, award applications and much more. Mark your calendar to attend this workshop. Please RSVP by April 13 to 512/393-2120 or re-parrish@tamu.edu.

### County Recordbook Training

Date: Tuesday, April 24  
Place: County Extension Office S-208  
Time: 7 p.m.

Mark this date on your calendar. We will cover anything and everything you need to know about doing a recordbook.

### 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\\_s\\_files/Default.htm](http://agfacts.tamu.edu/D11/Extension/4H/Video/JudgingRecordbook_s_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.

### The Texas 4-H 2006-2007 Clover Handbook

The Texas 4-H Clover Handbook informs all 4-H members about Project Categories and Recordbook Guidelines. The handbook is on our 4-H website.

## FAMILY & CONSUMER SCIENCES

### District 10 Invitational Consumer Decision Making Contest

Date: Saturday, March 31  
Place: Texas State University - San Marcos  
Fee: \$10 per person  
Registration: Feb. 15-Mar 1. on 4-H Connect

This contest is open to all 4-H'ers across the state. Registration will be done on line on the 4-H Connect program. If you need more information, contact Annette.

### 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](mailto: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.

## HORSE NEWS



### Horse Leaders Meeting

Date: Monday, April 16  
Place: County Extension Office  
Time: 7 p.m.

These meetings are to plan the upcoming year with horsemanship activities. Adults and members should make every effort to attend this meeting.

### Qualifying Horse Shows

There will be three (3) qualifying shows this year:  
1) January 5 - Bexar County Junior Livestock Show  
2) March - 24, 2007 3) April - 21, 2007  
Raindate - May 12, 2007

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. Watch the next newsletter for more information on the March & April shows.

### Whoa! Horse Clinic

Date: Saturday, April 28  
Place: Retama Equine Hospital, 17555 Old Evans Rd., Selma  
Time: 1 - 3 p.m.  
Cost: FREE

Everyone is welcome to attend. Topics will be on equine nutrition, vaccinations and dentistry. Our host is Dr. Betsy Mikkelsen. Please RSVP to Sonija at 467-6575 by April 24<sup>th</sup>.

### Jackpot Playdays

Date: April 7, May 5, June 2 and July 7  
Place: Bexar County Sheriff's Mounted Posse Arena  
Time: April - books open 9 a.m., show starts 11 a.m.  
May, June & July - books open 4 p.m., show starts 6 p.m.

For a copy of the flyer and more information, contact Annette or visit our website.

### Team Roping School

Date: May 31 - June 3  
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 Annette at the office. \

### Horse Project Certification/Validation Form

Please be aware that this form (Certification/Validation 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. You must also submit a copy of the horse's registration papers or copy of the grade horse certification form with the Certification/Validation form. The form must be turned in to our office by May 1. The form is available in our office. If you have any questions, give Sonija a call.

## HorseQuest

HorseQuest provides internet visitors with reliable up to date horse information. It features Frequently Asked Questions, Ask the Experts, News, Events and Learning Modules. Visit the site at [www.extension.org/horses](http://www.extension.org/horses).

## Horse Information

Whenever you need to know what is going on with the Horse Program visit <http://animalscience.tamu.edu/ansc/index.htm> then click on CEA Horse Newsletter.

## Texas State 4-H Horse Show Rules and Regulations

The 2007 rules are currently being printed and are available at <http://animalscience.tamu.edu> or <http://tcebookstore.org>.

## Horse Information

Whenever you need to know what is going on with the State Horse Program visit the A&M website [http://animalscience.tamu.edu/main/academics/equine/cea\\_newletter.html](http://animalscience.tamu.edu/main/academics/equine/cea_newletter.html).

# LIVESTOCK NEWS

## State Fair of Texas (Dallas) Validation Tags

The cost is \$7.00 per lamb/goat tag for State Fair of Texas (Dallas). Deadline to send in an the order form for lambs/goats is Monday, April 16. Late tags may be ordered for \$20 A validation order form is enclosed in this newsletter.

## Steer Validation

Steer Validation will be held in June. Watch the next newsletter for confirmed date. All steers (NOT HEIFERS) that will be exhibited at the Bexar County and major shows must be validated. Cost will be \$8 per head for major show. Complete the Steer Validation form (enclosed) and return it to our office by Monday, April 16<sup>th</sup>. Make your check payable to Bexar 4-H Fund. Watch for validation dates to be scheduled for June announced in the upcoming newsletters .

## San Antonio Stock Show Floor Checks

**SALE floor** checks were recently mailed to exhibitors from our office. If you did not receive yours, give Sheila a call. .

## Howard College Goat Camp

Date: June 3-5  
Place: Big Spring, Texas  
Cost: \$85 (lodging, meals & awards)  
Deadline: April 30 (on a first-come, first serve basis)

Topics: Selection, showmanship, feeding and more. For a flyer and entry form, contact Annette.

## Howard College Lamb Camp

Date: June 17-19  
Place: Big Spring, Texas  
Cost: \$85 (lodging, meals & awards)  
Deadline: April 30 (on a first-come, first serve basis)

Topics: Selection, showmanship, health and more. For a flyer and entry form, contact Annette.

## East Texas Beef Camp

Date: June 14-16  
Place: Van Zandt County Fairgrounds, Canton  
Cost: \$80 (meals, t-shirt, materials)

Topics include: Selection, safety, breeding, fitting, health and more. For more information and an entry form, contact Annette.

## Master Sheep & Goat Volunteer Training

Date: July 20-22  
Place: George West  
Cost: \$100

Topics: Selection, Feeding, Health, Exercising, Classification and more. For more information contact Annette. Deadline to enter is May 31.

## Market Lamb Classification Clinic

Date: April 25  
Place: Tom Green County 4-H Building, San Angelo

This clinic is to educate leaders on changes made to the standards. Deadline to enter is April 18. Contact Annette for an agenda and more information.

## 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.

# OUTDOOR FUN

## CORE Program

The CORE (Conservation of Resources and Ethics) will have its next program this year at Braunig Lake on Saturday, April 21<sup>st</sup>, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.. We will be attending project trainings on sportfishing, wildlife/fisheries, food & nutrition and much more. We will also be working on a community service project of helping to construct a nature trail for the park. You can attend half the day or all day. Please RSVP to Nelson ([nadiarte@ag.tamu.edu](mailto:nadiarte@ag.tamu.edu)) by April 18 to make sure we have enough refreshments. Also, reserve Saturday, May 26<sup>th</sup>, at the Medina River Natural Area. We will identify plants, sample water and a go on a guided hike.

## Blazing Trails at Braunig Lake District Workshop

Date: Saturday, April 21  
Place: Braunig Lake

This workshop is sponsored by the Bexar Youth Advisory Board. Projects include: Horticulture, Entomology, Ornithology, Photography, Leadership, Sportfishing, Food & Nutrition and more. Community Service will include construction of a nature trail. Here's a chance to create your project and give back to your county! We need your "brawn" at Braunig Lake. Work times are 9 a.m. - 12 noon or 1-4 p.m. 12 noon - 1 p.m. is lunch and project trainings. For more information and to volunteer to sign up call Pam at 467-6575.

## Go Wild This Summer!

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

Buckskin Brigade dates and locations are:

South Texas, Carrizo Springs June 10-14  
North Texas, Albany July 22-26

Bobwhite Brigades dates and locations are:

Rolling Plains, Lueders June 16-20

"Feathered Forces" Brigade, Lufkin July 15-19  
( focuses on quail and turkey)

You **DO NOT** have to be a 4-H member to participate in any of these brigades. Applications are due April 1<sup>st</sup>. For more information, contact Helen Holdsworth at 1-800-TEX-WILD x120. You can also log onto [www.texasbrigades.org](http://www.texasbrigades.org).

### 3 Position Shooting Sports

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 Kristin Milu at 830/429-1893.



### Bexar County 4-H Shotgun Club

If you are interested in shotgun shooting (Skeet, Trap, and 5 stand) and in learning proper techniques associated in shooting sports and proper care and respect for firearms, then this is the club for you. Mark your calendar for Saturday Feb. 24 at the San Antonio Gun Club, 10:30 a.m. For more information email Don Stephens at [dstephens@masonclamims.com](mailto:dstephens@masonclamims.com).

### Shooting Sports Website

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

## ETC, ETC....

### Sing National Anthem at Texas 4-H Roundup

Can you sing? If you would like to sing the National Anthem at Texas 4-H Roundup in June contact Pam for the guidelines. You can enter as an individual or group. Information and video are due to A&M by April 15.

### Spring Fling 06

Date: April 23-27  
Place: Texas 4-H Center  
Cost: \$180 (Meals, lodging, refreshments)  
Deadline: April 13

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

### Community Service Opportunity

When I think of people that are willing to give of their time to help others, I think of 4-H members. The San Antonio Chapter of the National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) is holding its first ever **NAMI Walks San Antonio** on Saturday, **April 14th** in Brackenridge Park. NAMI is looking for 4-H youth who would like to help by handing out water to the walkers, working at registration tables or in first aid. New **walk teams** are also needed to help raise funds. NAMI is a grassroots organization that supports people with mental illness and their families through education, research, and advocacy. Perhaps you know someone whose life has been touched by major depression, an eating disorder, mood disorder, ADHD, schizophrenia, or suicide. To volunteer, please contact: Janice MacRossin [paws1@toast.net](mailto:paws1@toast.net) or ph. 210-258-9718. For more information on NAMI Walks San Antonio visit: <http://www.nami.org/namiwalks/TX/SanAntonio>

### Curriculum and Videos

If you are looking for a publication, please visit the Texas A&M Bookstore at [tcebookstore.org](http://tcebookstore.org). There are also videos available for check out at [av-library.tamu.edu](http://av-library.tamu.edu).

### Bexar County 4-H T-Shirts

We now have Bexar County 4-H t-shirts available in our office. Sizes vary from medium to x-large and are in a limited amount. T-shirts cost \$8.75.

### 2007 Source Book

We now 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](http://www.4-hmall.org).

## COMMUNITY SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES

### Children's Day In The Garden

Volunteers (adults or members) are needed to work at this year's "Children's Day In The Garden" held at the San Antonio Botanical Gardens on May 1, 2 and 3. 4-H youth will demonstrate Healthy Snackin' to school-age groups during the hours of 9 a.m.-2:30 p.m. each day. Materials will be provided and members may put this in their recordbook for Promoting 4-H and Community Service. If interested or if you have questions call Mike at 467-6575 ext 222.

### 3rd Annual Spurs 5K Run/Walk

Volunteers (adults or members) are needed to assist with the 3rd Annual Spurs 5K Run/Walk on April 7th. Ages 12 - 18 youth will help with set-up, hand out water to participants, and be assigned other duties as needed. Volunteers will need to show up at the AT&T Center at 7:30 a.m. The race begins at 9:00 a.m. and should be over at approximately 10:30 a.m. An awards ceremony will follow the race and volunteers are invited to attend. This is another great Community Service opportunity. All volunteers will receive a commemorative t-shirt in appreciation of their work. If interested call Mike at 467-6575 ext 222 as soon as possible.

### 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.

### 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.

## 4-H CLUB NEWS

Helotes 4-H - Amber Harmon

The March meeting was held on March 5, 2007. The meeting was called to order at 7:00p.m.. The officers gave their reports for the month. We had a judge come to our club meeting and talk to us about elections and campaigning. We then had our officers tell the members what their position is and the job description of that position. After the meeting we had officer election sign-up. Elections will be held at the April meeting. Recordbooks, and the upcoming Banquet were also talked about. The Banquet will be formal with a Hollywood style

theme, to be held in May. Good Luck to all the nominations for officer, and to those going to the Houston and Austin Livestock Shows.

East Central 4-H - Courtney Kellner

East Central held its monthly meeting on March 5, 2007 at Mesquite Hall. The meeting was called to order by Cody Henderson. Members announced placing in shows they participated in. The seniors in the club were asked for their e-mail addresses so that Mrs. Aniol could forward them information about scholarships. Also, the seniors were reminded to check the newsletter for information about scholarships. At the next meeting, nominations will be made for officers and voting will be in May. We discussed the end of the year party with suggestions for Green Acres or bowling. Tickets will be available at the April meeting for the PWC dance. The club was reminded of the upcoming rabies clinic April 14 (tentative date) at Mesquite Hall from 1-4 pm. For those who made the auction at the BCJLS, the checks may be available in April. NEXT MEETING: 4/2/07, 7:00 pm, Mesquite Hall.

St. Hedwig 4-H - Allison Moore

St. Hedwig held its monthly meeting on March 1 at the American Legion Hall in St. Hedwig, Texas. Our 4-H donated 250 dollars to the American Legion Hall as a thank you for letting us use the hall for our meetings. We talked about the fashion show being held on March 24<sup>th</sup>. Our community service project for April is a book drive. The Bexar County and San Antonio Livestock Judging Results were announced. We also talked about the Bexar county photography contest. We discussed the scrapbook and the need for pictures. We also discussed about having a scrapbook meeting to work on the scrapbook. Member's parents were reminded about the upcoming PWC dance to be held on April 28<sup>th</sup>. Our next meeting will be held on April 5<sup>th</sup>.

Haven 4-H - Jonathan Vorheis

We had a Christmas party and played games, then we ate pizza and chicken. We also had a ornament exchange and made ginger bread cookies.

Haven 4-H - Jonathan Vorheis

We discussed many project reports. We talked about a garage sale that will be held in April. We had a very good and interesting program about manners.

Dover Connection - Amona Blackwell

Disussed future of club. Set calendar, scheduled 2 meetings, scheduled members to attend CORE program next month.

Team K -

The Team K monthly business meeting was held Feb. 1. The meeting was called to order at 2:03 p.m. Matthew Vaughan led the pledge to the American flag, and Rachel Walker led the 4-H pledge. Tim Pursell read our inspiration. Micah Walker took roll call. There were no new

members or guests. Micah Walker read last months minutes; there was one correction. Andrew Tarpley reported that our current bank balance is \$662.32. Bethany Walker, our county council delegate, reported that at the last meeting, the council approved the budget. For projects: Mrs. Walker announced that the project show will be March 24. Mrs. Kelly said that she and Chris Barber were planning a trip to the food bank downtown Feb. 15. In the Consumer Decision Making contest, Logan Kelly got first place, and Joshua Butts got second place in their respective categories. Mrs. Butts is still planning on taking a field trip to Austin for the Citizenship project. Mrs. Hamby plans to have a photography meeting at Trinity immediately following the scrapbook committee meeting (see below). Mrs. Barber said that she was trying to organize a camping trip, and asked who, if any, would prefer to sleep in a cabin rather than a tent. Mrs. Pursell said Public Speaking would be in May, with a focus on Roundup-Up (for next fall). For Committees: For community service, the club is collecting cell phones and inkjet printer cartridges. Also, the vet clinic we visited needs old towels. The scrapbook committee has a meeting at the Pursell's house at 2:30 p.m. on Feb. 8. For business: The gavel is available (right after we decided not to order it) so now we are going to order it, as was the original intent. Everyone is encouraged to read the newsletter for any announcements missed in the meeting. Tim Pursell moved to adjourn the meeting, Andrew Tarpley 2<sup>nd</sup>. We adjourned at 3:03 p.m.

## CLOVERS TO

Thank you to the Babcock North 4-H Club (Briana Terry, Brianna Rojas, Amari Russell, Alexa Herridge, Promise King, Laura Hanson Alicia Russell) for helping to fold the March Newsletter.

Congratulations to Danielle Washington for receiving the District 10 Extension Educators 4-H Scholarship.

### San Angelo Horse Judging Contest Results

Senior Team, 1<sup>st</sup> Overall

Senior Judging -Karrisa Milu - 2<sup>nd</sup>, Sarah Sell 3<sup>rd</sup>, Kristin Leisman 5<sup>th</sup>.

Junior Team, 5<sup>th</sup> Overall

### District Horse Judging Results

Senior Team, 1<sup>st</sup> Overall

Senior Judging - Karrisa Milu 1<sup>st</sup>, Sarah Sell 2<sup>nd</sup>, Kristin Leisman 3<sup>rd</sup>

Junior Team, 4<sup>th</sup> Overall

### SALE Consumer Decision Making Results

Senior Team-Helotes 4<sup>th</sup>

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

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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.

**STEER VALIDATION FORM**

All Steers to be shown at Bexar County Junior Livestock Show and major livestock shows must be validated. Cost will be \$8.00 per head for major shows . Make your check payable to Bexar 4-H Fund.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Club: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

# of tags: \_\_\_\_\_ X \$8.00 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

*Due to Bexar County 4-H Office by 5:00 p.m. on Monday, April 16, 2007  
Please make check payable to Bexar 4-H Fund*

**Have a Great Fiesta!!!!**



**STATE FAIR OF TEXAS (DALLAS) LAMB/GOAT VALIDATION-DUE WEDNESDAY, APRIL 12**



Lamb/goat validation for State Fair of Texas (Dallas) will be in June. All lambs/goats to be shown at the State Fair of Texas (Dallas) must be validated. Ear tags, hair samples and nose prints will be taken. Cost will be \$7.00 per head for tags. Return this form and total amount \$\$ by Monday, April 16 Make checks payable to **Bexar 4-H Fund**.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Lambs: \_\_\_\_\_ No. Head x \$7.00 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Goats: \_\_\_\_\_ No Head x \$7.00 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_