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QUOTE THIS MONTH

“The key to realizing a dream is to focus not on success but significance - and then even the small steps and little victories along your path will take on greater meaning.” Oprah Winfrey (1954 -), O Magazine, September 2002

THANKS TO OUR SPONSOR!

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Newsletter Sponsors Needed

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IMPORTANT NOTICE

Change at the 4-H Office

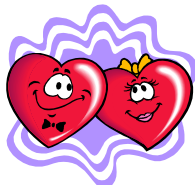
Annette and Pam's office has been moved to the first office near the front door. This move is to help 4-H visitors have a more private visitation with Annette and Pam. There is more room to pick up needed forms and to fill out the forms. Annette's new phone extension is 230 and Pam's is 207. Stop by and check out their new office.

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>.

DATES HAVE BEEN SET

- Photography Contest - March 16
- County Fashion Show - March 24
- Project Show - May 12
- County Recordbooks DUE - June 25
- Gold Star Interviews - July 12
- Scholarship Interviews - July 17



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VISIT OUR WEBSITE

Email Addresses

The office website address is: bexar-tx.tamu.edu. If any club has a website, let us know, and we will link it to ours. 4-H staff e-mail addresses are:

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HERE'S THE LATEST

2006-2007 4-H Council Budget

The 4-H Council met on January 18 and approved the proposed budget. A copy of the budget was included in the January newsletter. If you have any questions, give Shane a call.

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.

SCHOLARSHIPS

A letter was sent to all graduating seniors concerning these scholarships and upcoming scholarships. If you are a graduating senior and did not receive a letter, please call Pam.

4-H Foundation Opportunity Scholarship

Approximately 200 scholarships ranging in amount from \$500 to \$15,000 will be awarded to Texas 4-H members. Applications are available from our office or our website or on <http://texas4-h.tamu.edu>. There are some changes this year, please visit our website. Scholarships are due to our office by Wednesday, February 7th, 5 p.m. for signatures and verification of materials. **ORIGINAL PLUS ONE COPY OF EVERYTHING is needed.** If you are a graduating senior and are signed up to school tour, you are eligible to apply for a school tour scholarship. You need to complete this same scholarship application and turn in to our office by February 7, 5 p.m. **NOTE:** You cannot apply for a FFA and 4-H scholarship, you must decide

which organization you will apply through. **NO LATE SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED.**

education programs and services to the people of Texas.

Collegiate 4-H Scholarship

Students currently enrolled in a Texas college or university and will have successfully completed a minimum of 30 semester hours of college course work will be eligible to apply for this scholarship. Applications are available from our office, on our website or on <http://texas4-h.tamu.edu>.

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 in early April.

Extension Educators Association Book Scholarship

The Extension Educators Association is offering a \$300 scholarship. The application is a recordbook. Criteria: be in 3rd year of 4-H, excel in home economics, leadership and personal development through 4-H, have not received a EEA scholarship. For more information contact Connie Sheppard. Due to our office by Feb. 1.

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.

4-H OFFICE INFORMATION

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.

LEARN AND HAVE FUN TOO!!!!

County Photography Contest

Do you like to take pictures??? Then you should enter this year's County 4-H Photography contest. If you are thinking of entering the this contest, this is the time to start taking pictures. Photos must have been taken by 4-H members between the dates of January 1, 2006 and March 10, 2007. Get with your Club Manager on all the

different divisions you can enter or visit our website. Description and more information on the contest will also be available on our website. Photo's are due to our office by March 10. **(NO LATE ENTRIES WILL BE ACCEPTED).**

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.

Project Show

Date: Saturday, May 12
Place: Helotes 4-H Activity Center

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. Entry forms will be available in March.

4-H POLICIES AND ELIGIBILITY

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.

Office Assistants Job Responsibilities

If you need information on 4-H Livestock, Food Show, Fashion Show, Consumer Decision Making and Nutrition Quiz Bowl, please contact **Annette**. If you need information on any other 4-H event, enrollment, etc. contact **Pam**.

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 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.

FAMILY & CONSUMER SCIENCES

County Fashion Show

Date: Saturday, March 24

Place: Hopkins Elementary

Cost: \$2.00

Entry Names Due: March 5

Entry Forms Due: March 19

Do you like to sew? Then the Fashion Show is the place to be! **NO**, you don't like to sew...then there's the Buying Division to participate in too...so shop 'til you drop!

Spring brings new life and new looks...start thinking about what you might sew or shop for to enter into the Fashion Show.

If you are wondering what Fashion Show is all about, it's a contest where you sew or buy garments. You are judged on how well the garments are constructed, how well they fit and your knowledge of textiles. You wear your garment in front of judges who ask you what you learned, why you sewed or bought this garment.

If you are thinking of entering the County 4-H Fashion Show, let your Clothing and Textiles project leader know **NOW**. We need names of all 4-H members that are interested in entering the County 4-H Fashion Show to send them an "Declaration of Eligibility Form" and to plan for the number of judges needed. No form is needed to send in names. Clothing and Textiles leaders can fax, e-mail or mail names of members to Annette at the office by March 5. Entry information will be sent to Clothing and Textiles leaders in late February and will be posted to our website. Remember we have clothing curriculum, games and activities for your club to check out. If your club would like to check out a sewing machine, contact Annette.

If you don't know who your Clothing and Textiles leader is contact your Club Manager or give Annette a call. There will be staggered judging times. **NOTE: NO LATE ENTRIES WILL BE ACCEPTED.**

County Textile Show

Date: Saturday, March 24

Place: Hopkins Elementary

Cost: Free

Entry Names Due: March 5

Entry Forms Due: March 19

Entry Limit: Three per member (doesn't matter which divisions)

This is a new contest. You can enter items made from fabric that is not a garment. Divisions you can enter are: Household Item, Kitchen Item, Jewelry/Accessory Item, Embellished Item, Holiday

Textile Item. Examples: accessory to a garment, blanket, apron, any holiday item, hair bow, etc.

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If you don't know who your Clothing and Textiles leader is contact your Club Manager or give Annette a call. **NOTE: NO LATE ENTRIES WILL BE ACCEPTED.**

Sewing Machines Available for Check Out

Our office has six sewing machines available for check out for the upcoming Fashion Show in the spring. Please call Annette if your club is interested in checking one out. First come-first serve basis.

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.

Fabric Available for Give Away

We have miscellaneous pieces of fabric available in our office if anyone would like to check it out for their Fashion Show project or for a community service project.

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.

AWARDS/RECOGNITION

Citation for Outstanding Service to 4-H

This award recognizes an individual or a business who has made an outstanding contribution to Texas 4-H programs ON A REGIONAL OR STATE BASIS. AWARDS ARE GENERALLY MADE BASED ON A LONG-TERM COMMITMENT RATHER THAN A ONE-TIME PROGRAM.

Texas 4-H Alumni Award

This award will recognize adults who have made significant achievements IN THEIR COMMUNITIES. Consideration is given to individuals who have demonstrated an outstanding record of achievements AS A 4-H MEMBER and who have shown evidence of 4-H's influence on their adult lives. Continued service to 4-H in adulthood is very important.

Texas 4-H Salute to Excellence Award

This award will recognize outstanding 4-H volunteers for their service to 4-H Programs and the impact they had on the lives of young people.

Leader's Legacy Award

This award will recognize 4-H leaders who have been an integral part of the 4-H and Youth Program for 20 years or more. The person who is nominated for this award may or may not be the person who is always in the spotlight, but is the one who makes an

impact and a difference on the 4-H members with whom they work.

WE HAVE A LOT OF VOLUNTEERS AND BUSINESSES THAT DESERVE THESE AWARDS, LETS NOMINATE THEM AND SHOW ALL OF TEXAS, BEXAR COUNTY THE BEST. Application deadline is Friday, March 23, 2007. Contact Pam or visit our website for a nomination form.



Thank you to Dorazio Enterprises for sponsoring this newsletter.

WHOA!!! HORSE NEWS

Horse Leaders Meeting

Date: Monday, March 19
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.

Equine Health and Nutrition Clinic

Date: Tuesday, Feb. 27
Place: West Feeds, 13758 Hwy 181 S
Time: 6 p.m.

This is a free clinic on proper nutrition, vaccinations and wellness for your horse. This clinic is hosted by West Feeds, Inc and sponsored by Fort Dodge Animal Health. RSVP to West Feeds at 210/635-8004.

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.

Horse Judging Contests

The qualifying contests for district are:
Heart of Texas Bexar County - Jan. 5
Ft. Bend Montgomery County - Jan 14
Johnson County - Jan 10 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.

Mare/Foal Management Workshop

Date: February 20 & 21
Place: Pearce Pavillion, Texas A&M, College Station
Fee: \$75 - includes breakfast, noon meal and materials
Due: Feb. 2

Topics: Reproductive function, Foal Handling & Neonatal Care, Economic Impact and much more. For a registration form contact Annette.

Horse Management 101 Workshop

Date: February 21 & 22
Place: Pearce Pavillion, Texas A&M, College Station
Fee: \$75 includes breakfast, noon meal and materials
Due: Feb. 2

Topics: Handling and Safety, Forage Selection, Weight Estimation and much more. For a registration form contact Annette.

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 will be available in February.

LIVESTOCK NEWS

Major Show Eligibility Forms

Major stock show (Houston, San Angelo, Star of Texas) eligibility forms have been mailed. If you signed up to exhibit at any of these shows and **HAVE NOT** received your lime green eligibility form, please contact Annette ASAP.
San Angelo-Feb. 8 Houston-Feb. 16
Star of Texas-Feb. 28

Stock Show Passes

San Antonio and Houston show passes are available for pick up. You must sign for your passes. If you have any questions, contact Annette.

Attention BCJLS Participants

Thank you letters should be sent to buyers to let them know how much you appreciate their support. To receive your Bexar County check, it is your responsibility to write a thank you note to your buyers. Your Club Manager has a list of buyers, contact them for your buyers addresses. You must give a copy of your thank you to your Club Manager. Do this as soon as possible. Deadline to get this done is March 1st. If you don't write a thank you to your buyer, you **will not** receive your check.

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.

Stock Shows

For arrival times and more information, visit the stock shows

website listed below:

2007 San Angelo Stock Show - February 15-25, 2007

www.sanangelorodeo.com

2007 Houston Stock Show and Rodeo - Feb. 27 - Mar 18, 2007

www.rodeohouston.com

2006 Star of Texas Stock Show and Rodeo - March 9-24, 2007

www.staroftexas.org

Please mark these dates on your calendar.

Weight Breaks and Show Schedules

We have received some of the shows weight breaks and show schedules, they are posted to our website.

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

Bexar County

S.A.L.E.Feb. 18

Victoria-Feb. 25

Aggie Fest-Texas A&M

Nueces County

Houston-Mar. 5

Contact Jerry about information on the above contests. 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.

No Pass, No Play for Stock Shows

Reminder, No Pass, No Show....If you are academically ineligible to exhibit, your livestock projects are ineligible as well.

OUTDOOR FUN

CORE Program

The CORE (Conservation of Resources and Ethics) will have its first program this year at Friedrich Park on Saturday, March 24th. from 9 a.m. to 12 noon. We will be doing the following: Discuss cactus uses with various cacti plants and parts and plant products; introduce oak galls, -Brief hike to collect oak galls and view cactus, - Grind oak galls and prepare ink for writing, -Clean and prepare nopales for tasting, -Brief discussion of food and medicinal uses of these plants. Friedrich Wilderness Park is located at 31395 Milsa Drive, San Antonio, TX. 78256. Take I-10 West, exit on Camp Bullis Rd and take left under I-10, and then a quick right on the access road. Watch and follow the Park signs to Milsa Drive which is on your left. There will be a \$2.00 donation to collaborate with the "Friends of Friedrich Wilderness Park". Please RSVP to Nelson by March 21st to make sure we have enough refreshments. Reserve Saturday April 14th. to go to Government Canyon State Natural Area and Saturday April 21st for Earth Appreciation day at Woodlawn Lake.

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.

Shooting Sports Website

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

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.

District 10 4-H T-Shirts

If you are interested in ordering a District 10 4-H t-shirt to wear at District 10 events (roundup, food show, fashion show, etc.), you can order them for \$10. Contact Shane for more information.

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.

COMMUNITY SERVICE

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. Did you know, in one year there has been enough ink cartridges, laid end to end, thrown away to cover a distance of 24,000 miles-long enough to circle the Earth. They are inviting you to donate your ink cartridges and help protect our environment and assist in the fundraising needs of the 4-H Outreach Program. You can drop your ink cartridges off at our office. If you have any questions or need more information contact Mike in our office.

4-H CLUB NEWS

East Central-Courtney Kellner

East Central 4-H held its monthly meeting on January 8, 2007 at Mesquite Hall. The meeting was called to order, Treasurer' report by Ethan Schneider and Todd Bettice, minutes read by Michelle Bailly, and new members introduced. Club member Ashley Linerode had surgery. Members signed a get well card that will be given to her. Each member announced placing for projects in recent shows they participated in. The members were commended for all the hard work and success achieved. Mr. Bettice solicited the club for a new club manager. Shane Browning from the extension office attended the meeting and spoke to the club about the responsibilities of the club manager as well as offered training. Bexar County 4-H was given 2/5, 2/6, 2/7, 2/8, and 2/13 for School Tours at San Antonio Livestock Show. Members that did not sign up for these dates must get with the extension office immediately to change dates. Mr. Bettice revisited the purpose of the eligibility forms for show participation. Our club will

do face painting and the wagon wheelbarrow parade at Youth Day on 2/3 at the San Antonio Livestock Show. Members were asked to sign up to participate in these activities. Club reminder of the rabies clinic tentatively planned for 1st week in April. Community Service project for this month is making welcome bags and baked goods for the Ronald McDonald House. Members were asked to participate by baking, donating items, and taking items on 1/27/07. A suggestion was made to also Adopt-a-Soldier. NEXT MEETING: 2/5/07, 7:00 p.m., Mesquite Hall

Southwest Roughriders-Braden Tondre

The Southwest Roughriders had their annual Awards/Christmas Banquet on Dec. 12. Members received awards for 4-H projects and participation for the club year 2005-2006. Braden Tondre was named High Point Individual and received the club's George Myrick Memorial Trophy. Turkey, ham and all the trimmings were served. We also had our Project Show judges awarded ribbons for 46 projects. Knydall Snider had the Grand Champion project. On Dec. 16, members of our club entered their livestock projects in the Southwest FFA Show. Savanna Keller had Grand Champion Swine and Braden Tondre showed the Reserve Grand Champion Swine. Tiffani Shuler had the Reserve Grand Champion Goat.

Team K-

The Team K monthly business meeting was held Nov. 2, 2006. The meeting was called to order at 2:05 p.m. Logan Kelly led our pledge to the American flag; Anna Vaughan led our 4-H pledge. Jacob Pursell read our inspiration, and Michal Walker took the roll call. There were no new members or guests. Micah Walker read last month's minutes, they were approved as read. Andrew Tarpley reported that our current budget was \$497.55. County council delegate Bethany Walker reported that at the council meeting they discussed Youth Day, Elf Louis, the Christmas Party and elected an alternate council delegate. For projects: Mrs. Walker said that she would collect the Christmas ornament for community service at Elf Louise. Mrs. Kelly reported on the tour of the Whole Foods factory. Tim Pursell announced that the Consumer Life Skills project would begin the next Thursday. Mrs. Walker announced that the Leather Tooling project might possibly be Jan. 17. Paul Hamby said there was a possibility that a tour of a vet clinic could be arranged, but no date was set. Mrs. Barber announced the county Roundup results, Micah and Rachel Walker both got first place in their respective categories and Chris Barber and Andrew Tarpley got second in their respective categories. Candy sales selling dates were announced. Chris Barber moved to recess the meeting for our icebreaker; Andrew Tarpley 2nd. There was no old business. For new business, we recognized our new Health & Safety officer, Matthew Vaughan. We also voted on our Christmas Party proposal. Micah moved, Jacob Pursell 2nd. The motion passed. Announcements on future competitions were made, also we learned that 4-H T-shirts are available at the extension office for \$8.75 a piece. Chris Barber moved to adjourn the meeting, Matthew Vaughan 2nd. We adjourned around 3:10 p.m.

Team K-

The Team K monthly business meeting was held Dec. 14, 2006. The meeting was called to order at 2:05 p.m. We met outside Faith Presbyterian Church because the carpets were being cleaned. Chris Barber led to pledge to the American flag, Bethany Walker led the 4-H pledge. Tim Pursell read our inspiration and Micah Walker took the roll call. There were no new members or guests. Micah Walker read last month's minutes, there was one minor correction. Our club manager, Mrs. Barber, announced that our bank account was \$1,477.55, however, the money for candy had not been deducted yet. Mrs. Walker said that anyone who made bibs could bring them to the January meeting, and she would donate them to the Agape Pregnancy Center. She also said that Mr. Walker would lead a leather tooling project Jan. 17. The leaders for Food and Nutrition, Consumer Life Skills, and Photography all announced upcoming contests. More

information can be found in the newsletter. Mrs. Pursell said that she would accept the donations for the Food Bank and Operation Holiday after the meeting. There was no old or new business. The January business meeting will be Jan. 11, and the Consumer Decision Making Contest will be the following Saturday, the 13th. Chris Barber moved to adjourn the meeting, Madeline Vaughan 2nd. We adjourned at 2:40 p.m.

Young Achievers-Claudette Lewis

The Young Achievers did their community service project "Breakfast with Santa" at the Eastside Boys and Girls Club for over 50 boys and girls. The Achievers distributed over 50 presents and "Santa" posed for pictures with the kids.

Sam Houston Youth Riders-Maria Anderson

We discussed what community service we would do in March-care/clean Brighter Days. Discussed future fundraisers. Jennifer Hungerford placed Senior Reserve Grand Champion at the Bexar County show. Ana Haines and Jennifer Hungerford taught a mini clinic on horse show events. Presented gift cards to top 2 candy sellers-1st Savanna Stewart and 2nd Jennifer Hungerford.

Health Careers-

The last meeting took place at the Lawson residence of members Samuel, Jonathan and Benjamin Lawson. President, Katie DeCock reported on her 1st place fish handling she sewed for the Bexar County show. Kaci DeCock reported on her and Katie's numerous awards for cookies and photography at the Bexar County show. Vice President Kristin Wilkes showed rabbits and baked goods at the Bexar County show. Travis Hayden received 16th place for his rabbit and entered Rabbit Showmanship. Katie and Kaci DeCock and Kristin Wilkes reported on showing Raptors-hawks and showed farm animals and supplied a hay ride for the Thornton Elementary Fun Festival. Refreshments and pizza was served and then the club processed all the extra chickens from the Bexar County show. Jennifer Rumpf showed breeding rabbits and showed her hose.

Leon Valley-Brittanie Colon

The meeting was called to order by our President-Colleen Williams. To begin, the Pledge of Allegiance was led by Alexander Colon, and the 4-H Pledge was led by Mollie Kaarlsen. We then had our inspiration read by Benita Maldonado. During the officer reports, our treasurer, Ms. Katie informed us that we had made over \$200 in chocolate sells. Next we heard about the upcoming meeting for our club delegates, Colleen and Shelby. We had a new amendment to our bylaws passed which will require every member to complete a recordbook or a project record form in order to gain credit for participating in 4-H for the year and to retain membership. Following that, we discussed the upcoming Wagon Parade in which the Leon Valley 4-H plans on having multiple wagons to represent different projects. Before adjourning two of our members presented speeches. One talked about his experience at the Bexar County show and the other talked about First Aid necessities and Safety Kits.

Inner City 4- Justin Lowery

As we say Good-bye to the BCJLS, Inner City wants to congratulate Justin Lowery and Ryan Black. Justin for being a Bexar County Junior Livestock Show Scholarship recipient and Ryan for placing 1st and 3rd with his light and heavy weight exotic steers. He did very well at the auction as well. Hello SALES! Inner City will proudly participate in Youth Day Activities and the School Tours. Justin and Ryan will show their market steers. Ryan will also be showing in Ft. Worth Stock Show and Rodeo. Good Luck Guys

Alamo Metro-Josh Hall

We began the meeting at 4:30PM on Friday, January 19th with the treasurer's report. Then Ben Hall gave the Pennies for Progress report. We talked about the baking contest on Youth Day. We had the

community service report by Rebecca Campbell. Amber gave the grass team report, and Rebecca gave the food & nutrition and photography reports. We talked about the Bexar County Junior Livestock Show, and Rebecca gave a report on the Teen Retreat in Brownwood. Victoria talked about Public Speaking and Expressive Arts. Rebecca talked about Chocolate sales and the Youth Advisory Board Project. We talked about school tours and about manning the 4-H booth in the Texas Trails Tent. We talked about scholarship opportunities through the Optimist Essay and Oratorical Contests. The meeting was adjourned at 5:10 p.m..

CLOVERS TO

Thank you to the Moran 4-H Family and Campbell 4-H Family for helping to fold the January newsletter.

Results of the Bexar County Junior Horse Show:
There were 217 entries in the Horse Show comprised of Bexar County 4H and FFA members.

Grand Champion Halter Mare - Morgan Harper
Reserve Champion Halter Mare - Heather Knowlton
Grand Champion Halter Gelding - Heather Knowlton
Reserve Champion Halter Gelding - Kristen Liesman
High Point Champion Senior Judged Performance - Katherine Stiegel
Reserve High Point Senior Judged Performance - Jennifer Hungerford
High Point Champion Junior Judged Performance - Hallie Bell
Reserve High Point Junior Judged Performance - Kristina Howell
High Point Champion Senior Timed Performance - Joshua Milikien
Reserve High Point Senior Timed Performance - Brooke Keller
High Point Champion Junior Timed Performance - Heather Knowlton
Reserve High Point Junior Timed Performance - Morgan Harper

Montgomery Horse Judging Results:
Karrisa Milu - 4th Overall Performance
Karissa Milu - 5th Overall Everything
Kristen Liesman-9th Overall Performance
Team placed 2nd Overall (Katie Hodges, Ashley Dixon, Karissa Milu & Kristen Liesman)

Helotes 4-H Livestock Judging Results at Bexar County:
Dillon Oatman-1st Junior Division
Brooke Byrd-15th Senior Division
Brookell Schott-4th Junior Division
Jamie Carpenter-5th Junior Division
Dustan DeWinne-17th Senior Division
Wesley Oatman-12 Senior Division

Parent's 4-H Pledge

I pledge my HEAD to give my child the information I can, to help them see things clearly and to make wise decisions.

I pledge my HEART to encourage and support my child no matter whether they have successes or disappointments.

I pledge my HANDS to help my child's club; if I cannot be a leader, I can help in many equally important ways.

I pledge my HEALTH to keep my child strong and well for a better world through 4-H, for my child's club, our community, our country, and our world.



**Happy
Valentines Day!**

Hug Someone You Love!

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

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Dorazio Enterprises wishes “Good Luck to all 4-H Exhibitors at the San Antonio Stock Show and Rodeo”.