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QUOTE THIS MONTH

Try not to become a man of success but rather to become a man of value." --Albert Einstein

THANKS TO OUR SPONSOR!

This month's newsletter is sponsored by Dorazio Enterprises. They are a general contractor doing industrial type of work. Check out their flyer enclosed. Thank you for helping us defray the cost of postage.

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.

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 9
County Fashion Show - March 24
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



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

San Antonio Stock Show & Rodeo was Great!

The Rodeo was a huge success this year! Many of our 4-H'ers participated in livestock project-related events as well as Youth Day, School Tours, and the Texas Experience. We had 17 tables at Youth Day. Over 100 4-H'ers served as School Tour Guides and another 40 4-H'ers volunteered at the Texas Experience 4-H Booth. Over 100,000 individuals and their families visited the 4-H booth at the Texas Experience. Thank you to each and every 4-H'er and Volunteer who promoted 4-H at the Texas Experience. Reminder, you get to put this in your recordbook under 4-H Promotion.

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.

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.

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.

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.

Scholarship Opportunities

Visit our website for over 50 scholarship opportunities. If clicking on the link doesn't work, you will have to type in the website address.

More Scholarship Opportunities

Visit the Minnie Stevens Piper Foundation at 1250 NE Loop 410 in the Frost Bank Tower (210/525-8494). Also, visit collegefortexans.com or fastweb.com.

Preparing for College

Here is everything Texans need to know about preparing for college visit www.collegefortexans.com/default2.cfm.

COUNCIL CANDIDATE

Candidate Opportunity

Are you interested in running for a officer position for this year's County 4-H Council Officer Elections? See criteria below to apply. If you meet the criteria and would like to be considered as a candidate for this year's elections, please submit a short paragraph consisting of no more than 8 sentences (10 pt. font) what position you are running for, why you would like to run for office and why you should be elected. This is a great opportunity for you to showcase your leadership experiences so that others can take notice. Please submit your short paragraph to Pam no later than Monday, March 19 by 5:00 p.m.. Elections will be held at our regularly scheduled County 4-H Council Meeting on April 12 at the ENP office.

Criteria to run for a council officer position members must have held an office on their club level (Club President, Club Council Delegate) or served on a Committee/Task Force, completed at least two (2) years of club work including the current year and be at least 13 years old by Aug. 31, 2006.

REMINDER: If you run for Treasurer and win, your parent will become the Adult Leader Treasurer.

How about you 4-H Volunteers? Which one of you will be our next Volunteer Adult Leader's Association President, Vice-President, Secretary, or Treasurer? If you would like to nominate yourself or

someone else to fulfill the above mentioned officer duties, please submit a short paragraph consisting of no more than 8 sentences (10 pt. font) on what position, who and why. Please submit your short paragraph to Pam no later than Monday, March 19, by 5:00 p.m.. Elections will be held at our regularly scheduled County 4-H Council/Adult Leader's Meeting on April 12 at the ENP office.

County 4-H Council/Adult Leaders Meeting

Date: Thursday, April 12th
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.

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 9. (NO LATE ENTRIES WILL BE ACCEPTED).

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://4-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.**

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. 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. If you are interested in judging, please give Pam a call.

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>.

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).

Happy Tails 4-H Spring Dog Show

Date: March 10 & 11
Place: Triple Crown Dog Academy, Hutto
Cost: \$5 per entry
Deadline: February 28

Events include: showmanship, confirmation, obedience, costume and more. This event will help you learn and prepare for the Texas State 4-H Dog Show. For more information, agenda and entry form visit www.happytailsdogclub.com.

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 14
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.

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 form 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 early March 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.

If you are thinking of entering the County Textile 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 Textile 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 early March and will be posted to our website.

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 4-H HAS THE BEST. Application deadline is Friday, March 2, to our office. Contact Pam or visit our website for a nomination form.

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.

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 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://4-h.tamu.edu/events/> (Click on Horse Show).

Horse Information

Whenever you need to know what is going on with the State Horse Program visit animalsciencetamu.edu/ansc/index.htm then click on CEA Horse Newsletter.

LIVESTOCK NEWS

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.

Stock Shows

For arrival times and more information, visit the stock shows website listed below:

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	Aggie Fest-Texas A&M
Bexar County	Nueces County
S.A.L.E.	Houston-Mar. 5
Victoria	

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 Milisa 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 Milisa 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.

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
South Texas, Pleasanton	June 24-28

"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 1st. For more information, contact Helen Holdsworth at 1-800-TEX-WILD x120. You can also log onto 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.

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 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. 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. 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

Lackland 4-H

The Lackland School-Age Programs serves children, ages five to twelve years of age. The children are familiar with the meaning of deployment because many of them have a parent who has been or will be deployed. During the holiday season the children and staff decided to make place mats for the troops recovering at Brooks Army Medical Center. These place mats would be used for their dining during the holidays. The mats were filled with heart felt phrases written by the children such as "Thank you for protecting our country", "Hope you feel better" and continuously thanking them for all their dedication in serving our country. They also created Christmas cards that were sent to the troops now serving in Iraq, again voicing their warm wishes to the troops and thanking them for all they do for us on the homefront. The troops did receive the cards in plenty of time to enjoy them and proudly displayed them during their holiday feast. The troops are our hero's today and always! Lackland School Age Program Staff and Families.

East Central 4-H - Courtney Kellner

East Central 4-H held its monthly meeting on February 5, 2007 at Mesquite Hall. The meeting was called to order by Brittany Golla. We had no new members this month. Each member announced placing for projects in recent shows they participated in. We discussed "Thank You" letters for buyers at the BCJLS. Also, volunteers are needed to work in the Texas Experience 4-H booth at the San Antonio Livestock Show. Reminded members of Livestock Judging 2/18/07, 9:00 a.m. Club reminder of the rabies clinic tentatively planned for 1st week in April. Community Service project for the Ronald McDonald House went well as we had great participation from the club. Newsletter folding at the end of March. We need a new adult leader for the pig project. We also discussed purchasing new animal clippers. NEXT MEETING: 3/5/07, 7:00 p.m., Mesquite Hall, will be led by Mrs. Schneider. Snacks & Drinks - Austin Osteen and Matthew Sanchez

Young Achievers 4-H - Imani Johnson

We had our meeting at Tommy's Café and took a gallery tour of all the black history memorabilia. We discussed the impact of African Americans, in our society and we had a black history trivia game. After that we had lunch, and talked.

Team K 4-H -

The Team k 4-H club met for its annual business meeting January 11. The meeting was called to order at 2:02 p.m. Madeline Vaughan led the pledge to the American flag; Andrew Tarpley led our 4-H pledge. Micah Walker took roll call. There were no new members or guests. Micah Walker read the minutes, they were approved as read. Andrew Tarpley announced that our current bank balance was \$477.55; however, \$200 still needs to be deposited. Joshua Butts said that he needed pictures from any projects, as he wanted to get a head start on the scrapbook this year. For projects: Mrs. Walker said that whenever the bibs are done she needs to get them. Mrs. Kelly announced that there will be a baking contest at the Stock Show February 3. Mrs. Pursell announced the Consumer Decision Making contest January 13. Mrs. Butts said that for citizenship, she planned a field trip to Austin on one of the Capitol days, on March 14. Mrs. Walker announced that the leather tooling project would be hdl January 25, at the Walkers'. The cost will be \$4.00. Mrs. Hamby said there were no dates set yet for photography, however, there will be a contest at the Stock Show on Youth Day (Feb. 3). Mrs. Barber asked if anyone would prefer fishing or camping for the field and stream project, neither predominated. Mrs. Hamby said the Vet Science tour would be the 16th of January. Mrs. Pursell said Public Speaking was planned for May, but no dates were set. No committees had announcements, but Mrs. Givler said she had four boxes of candy to sell. For business: The gavel we ordered last year still hasn't come in yet. Therefore Andrew Givler moved that we cancel the order and that he and Paul Hamby shop around locally for a gavel in the same price range. Madeline Vaughan 2nd; the motion passed. Tim Pursell moved to amend the policy we have for officer pins. We will receive our pins at each meeting from the County Council delegate and return them also. Madeline Vaughan and Micah and Rachel Walker were appointed to design a badge for each pin to attach to. Tim also moved to adopt the plan of making fortune tellers for our Youth Day booth. Andrew Givler 2nd, the motion passed. Then Rachel Walker moved that we accept a Spurs theme for our "float" in the Wagon & Wheelbarrows parade. Jacob Pursell 2nd, the motion passed. There was only one announcement: the Consumer Decision Making contest will be Saturday, January 13. Tim Pursell moved we adjourn; Lindsay Givler 2nd. We adjourned at 3:00 p.m.

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Thank you to the Oak Valley and Colonial Hills 4-H Clubs for helping to fold the February Newsletter.

Bexar County Junior Livestock Show Results

<u>Grand Champion</u>	<u>Reserve Champion</u>
Ariel Seitzer-Breeding Goat	Amber Harmon-Breeding Rabbit
Kyndall Snider-Goat	Ethan Schneider-Rabbits
Madison Simon-Rabbits	Kristan McGowan-Sheep
Kyle Shadrock-Swine	Alyssa Hacker-Swine
John Maldonado-Gardening & Hort	

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